



Promoting the appreciation of art and fine crafts through workshops, lectures, demonstrations and exhibits

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Report from the Board

The MAG Board held its first meeting of the year on February 10, 2008.

Below are the highlights of the meeting.



1) "Alternative gallery" a possibility

The meeting was held at the new Javaroo coffee shop in Old Town Manassas, so the Board could meet owner Jeff Harwood and discuss exhibiting art in his shop. The shop is attractive, with several wall spaces, and he is very interested. However, MAG would need an exhibit organizer in order for this opportunity to become a reality. If a MAG member is willing to organize a "continuing" exhibit in this space, s/he needs to contact one of the board (contact info is listed elsewhere in this newsletter) -- NOW. Other artists in the area have also approached Jeff, so the space will not remain available for long.

2) Additions to MAG website

Shane Williams is updating the MAG website (www.manassasartguild.com), and it will soon have a new look. Members will be able to download any of the forms MAG uses, such as "Request for Reimbursement" forms and show entry forms. He also plans to post articles on the site, especially articles about software for artists.

He has also set up a blog on the site, where members can post images of their work, share ideas about art, or ask questions. Posting to the site is quick and easy. A few samples are online already if you would like to take a look. A training session has been set for April 7; members need to register. Register by contacting Rob Burkhard, 703-365-2467, rob.burkhard@comcast.net.

Check out the new blog on the site www.manassasartguild.com. Members can post images of their work, share ideas about art, or ask questions.

As can be seen by looking at the Calendar of Events included with this newsletter, MAG has several activities planned for 2008. More events are in the

Mark Your Calendar

MAG Meetings

Membership meetings will be held the first Thursday of each month.

March 6, 7:00pm
Artist Demo:
Dale Glasgow

works! Shane will post updates to the calendar on the website as they become available.

Finally, members are reminded that they can have a sample of their artwork displayed on the site, as well as a link to their own website. Contact Shane if you would like to be added to the site.

3) Workshops

Among the additional activities MAG would like to have are more one-day or even two-day art workshops. Therefore, we are seeking a Workshop Coordinator! This person's responsibility would be to identify and contact potential workshop teachers, establish costs and registration forms, book classroom space, collect information to send to the PR/Marketing Committee, and other activities related to organizing and promoting workshops. We'd like to sponsor at least 2-3 workshops every year. Members who are interested in organizing workshops, please contact a board member.

4) Meeting schedule confirmed

Members are reminded that the MAG Business Meeting is held on the second Sunday of every month, 2 pm, at the Panera Bread on Liberia Avenue in Manassas. This is where decisions about which activities to have, about raising and spending money, and about MAG's future in general are being made. Members are encouraged to attend these meetings and share their ideas or concerns, and just generally become more engaged in and committed to their Art Guild. As an added plus, both the food and the company are excellent! ✦

Clarification

You may have noted that some of the MAG entry forms say we "won't have any room for 3D art" this year. An alert member asked for clarification on this point.

At some venues, we have room to set up tables; at other venues, we don't. At exhibits where we do not have room for tables, all artwork has to hang on our display stands. However, it was noted that some "3D" art can be hung, such as jewelry, fiber art, etc.

So, effective immediately, we will be revising show entries to read "you may submit art in any media, as long as it can be hung on our display stands." The current size and weight limits will still apply.

MAG wants as many members as are interested to participate in our exhibits, but sometimes the type of space we have is beyond our control. Hope this helps to increase opportunities for all! ✦

Print and Save! Schedule of Events

Attached (in pdf format) with this newsletter you will find a special "Calendar of Events." Members are encouraged to make copies of this calendar and post it wherever possible, hand it out to friends, show it to coworkers, etc. You can also refer folks to the Calendar on our web site. And don't forget to tack a copy to your refrigerator!

Manassas ART GUILD

Calendar of Events Spring-Summer 2008

Unless otherwise noted, events are free & open to the public.

MARCH
3/6 - 7 to 9 pm - Membership Meeting: Artist Dale Glasgow
Dale's work can be found in National Geographic and Webster's Dictionary, among others. We will discuss creating and marketing fine and commercial art.
At Bull Run Regional Library, 8051 Ashton Avenue.

APRIL
4/5 - 2 to 4 pm - Membership Meeting: Mandala Magic!
Mandala art promotes designs, often used for spiritual reflections. Sandra Fox will introduce concepts to what she expects for June's Mandala Workshop.
At Bull Run Regional Library, 8051 Ashton Avenue.
4/26 - 11 am to 5 pm - eARTH 2
View and buy Earth-inspired art, or make your own art from recycled materials. Look for our booth on "Spring Cleaning" day, Harris Pavilion, Center Street.

MAY
5/11 - 7 to 9 pm - Membership Meeting: Portrait Painting
Acclaimed portrait artist Party Rico shows how she does it.
At Bull Run Regional Library, 8051 Ashton Avenue.
5/12 - 6 to 9:30 pm - Gallery Walk
Art and refreshments all over town! MAG's location TBA.
Throughout Old Town Manassas.
5/10 - 11 to 3 - Paint! Manassas - Artists' Day Out
Artists of our town, creating art! Meet the artists, watch them work. @Juni @J Through Old Town Manassas.
5/31 - 11 to 3 - Paint! Manassas - Exhibit & Sale
Artists from around the region exhibit work inspired by Manassas.
Across the tracks from the Train Station, between West & Bartle Streets. Continue thru June 1st at various locations, TBA.

JUNE
6/5 - 7 to 9 pm - Membership Meeting: The Unlimited Palette
Michele Frantz makes all the colors she needs from only six tubes of paint.
At Bull Run Regional Library, 8051 Ashton Avenue.
6/7 - 10 am to 5 pm - Railroad Art! Exhibit & Sale
Artwork featuring trains and railroads. Part of Old Town's Railway Festival. Look for our booth near the Train Station in Old Town.
6/15 - 11 am to 6 pm - Art, Jazz & Wine
Local artists exhibit at the Jazz and Wine Festival, sponsored by Old Town. Look for our display at the Harris Pavilion, Center Street.
Daytime TBA - Mandala Workshop
Learn to make your own mandala in this fun workshop with Sandra Fox. Fee & location to be determined.

On-going - MAG members exhibit
Office of Economic Development, 10530 Linden Lake Plaza, Suite 105: 9 to 5, M-F.
2nd & 4th Saturdays - Art at the Farmers Market!
Successful art - fresh from our studios! Look for our booth, West Street Parking Lot. 7 am-2:30 pm, 2nd & 4th Saturday of every month, June through September.

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Please note: any of the events listed on the calendar will require members to preregister. A few entry forms have been published already, more are to come. Including all of the entry forms in the newsletter would make the newsletter too large to e-mail, so these entry forms will continue to be published separately.

What follows is a list of the events requiring pre-registration, and the deadlines to enter them. If you missed an entry form, you can download them from MAG's web site, www.manassasartguild.com, or contact the shows committee chair, Michele Frantz. Check out the Calendar on MAG's web site for the most current updates.

Events Requiring Pre-registration (as of March, 2008)

Exhibits marked with an asterisk (*) open to MAG members only.

- * April 26, eARTH 2. Deadline to enter, April 1. (This entry form has already been sent out.)
- * May 2, Spring Gallery Walk. Deadline to enter, April 15.
- May 10-June 14, Paint! Manassas. Deadline, April 26. (Already sent.)
- June 7, Railway Festival. Deadline, May 1. (Already sent.)
- * June 15, Jazz & Wine Festival. Deadline, June 1.
- * 2nd & 4th Saturdays, June-Sept., Art at the Farmers Market. No deadlines; 1st come, 1st served.
- October 11, 3rd Fine Arts Fest. Deadline, September 30.
- * November 7, Fall Gallery Walk. Deadline, October 15.
- * December, Winter Theme Show. Deadline, November 15. Workshops: TBA.

“ Art is the elimination of the unnecessary. ”

—Pablo Picasso

Quotes



MAG Events

Continuing Show *Ongoing*

The Office of Economic Development
10530 Linden Lake Plaza
Suite 105
Manassas, Virginia

For MAG members only: The Office of Economic Development currently has a “Continuing Show” going on in their office in Manassas, Va. They will be rotating a series of solo exhibits as well as 2 and 3 person shows in the space. For more information and to participate, contact: Laura Lavarnway at 703.369.1081 or Laura.Lavarnway@ngc.com.

Membership Meeting—Artist Demonstration

Thursday, March 6, 7:00 pm
Bull Run Family Library
8051 Ashton Avenue
Manassas, Virginia
Demonstration by local artist Dale Glasgow.

Membership Meeting—Artist Demonstration

Saturday, April 5, 2:00
Bull Run Family Library
8051 Ashton Avenue
Manassas, Virginia
Demonstration by local artist Sandra Fox.

Spring Gallery Walk

Deadline to enter: April 15, 2008
Exhibit: May 2, 2008

eARTH 2!

Deadline to enter: April 1, 2008
Event: April 26, 2008
Harris Pavillion
Manassas, Va

Membership Meeting—Artist Demonstration

Thursday, May 1 7:00 pm
Bull Run Family Library
8051 Ashton Avenue
Manassas, Virginia
Demonstration by local portrait artist Patty Rice.

2nd Paint Manassas!

Deadline to enter: April 26, 2008
Paint Out: May 10, 2008
Exhibit: May 31 – June 14, 2008
Harris Pavilion
Manassas, Va

Manassas Railway Festival

Deadline to enter: May 1, 2008
Exhibit: June 7, 2008
Train Station, Old Town Manassas
Manassas, Va

Jazz and Wine Festival

Deadline to enter: June 1, 2008
Exhibit: June 15, 2008

Art at the Farmers Market

Exhibit: June - September, 2008,
2nd and 4th Saturdays

3rd Annual Fine Arts Festival

Deadline to enter: September 30, 2008
Exhibit: October 11, 2008

Fall Gallery Walk

Deadline to enter: October 15, 2008
Exhibit: November 7, 2008

December Winter Theme Show

Deadline to enter: November 15, 2008
Exhibit: December, 2008



Update Your Calendar

MAG Membership meetings will be held the first Thursday of each month at Bull Run Family Library.

Please bring a finger food to share at these meetings, it will make them even more fun!

Plan to Attend!

MAG Business Meetings, 2nd Sunday every month, 2 pm, Panera Bread, Liberia Avenue, Manassas. All members welcome.



"Allie" by Jonathon M. Linton
Oil 17"x26"

Upcoming Workshops

The **Fairfax Art League** is sponsoring two workshops: for more info/ to register, Contact: Pam McCaffrey, 6101 Edsall Rd, Alexandria, VA 22304, 703-370-9695.

May 10, Portrait Workshop with Jonathan Linton. \$80. Any medium. "Award-winning portrait & landscape artist, illustrator." Learn more about the artist at www.jonathanlinton.com.

April 19, Oil Painting Workshop with Robert Johnson. \$95. "World-renowned, award-winning artist, author and instructor." Learn more about the artist at www.robertjohnsonart.com.

The **Prince William Art Society** is sponsoring a "Painting With Oils" **Workshop** on the 29th and 30th of March 2008 at Tall Oaks Community Center in Lake Ridge, Va. Conducted by **Professor Todd Messegee** who teaches art at the Manassas Campus of NVCC. it will run Saturday from 9 to 5 and Sunday 1:30 to 6 Class participants will provide their own lunch and supplies which the instructor requires. PWAS will supply the paint and the drinks. Cost for the two days is \$120.00 for members and \$140.00 for non-members, please contact Alice LaBier at a.labier@occoquanriverstudio.com or 703 494-7708. Deadline is March 6, 2008. ♦



Azaleas and Oranges by Robert Johnson,
Oil 30" x 24"
Winner of the the Fine Art
Connoisseur Magazine Award of Excellence,
Oil Painters of America,
2007 National Juried Show,
Fredericksburg, Texas



"Knowledge-Takes-Flight"
by Todd Messegee
14 x 13" Oil on Panel

New and Returning Members

Please welcome our newest member, **Babs Bolger**, who says she is interested in watercolor, oil, needlepoint and pastels. Welcome also to returning member **Scott Webb & Family**. Scott makes jewelry.

Below is the contact info for Babs and Scott; please remember to add them to your membership directory. If you don't have a current directory, please contact the membership coordinator, Fred Lokay, 540-347-0521, fokay@infionline.net

Babs Bolger, 7382 Auburn Mill Road, Warrenton, VA 20187, 540-349-4616, babs.bolger@comcast.net

Scott Webb & Family, 10022 Moore Drive, Manassas, VA 20109, 703-330-0222, scott@blue-sunjewelers.com ♦

Upcoming Artist Demo

Patty Rice

Membership Meeting/Artist Demo

Thursday, May 1, 7:00 pm

Bull Run Family Library
8051 Ashton Avenue
Manassas, Virginia



"Caitlin" by Patty Rice
9 x 12" Oil



Patty McMahon Rice has been painting portraits on commission and teaching private drawing classes since 1994. Her work has won numerous awards and has been included in the Oatlands Plantation Calendar for several years.

Patty creates portraits and landscapes in graphite, pen and ink, pastel, watercolor, and oils. Patty really enjoys portraiture "I see God's handiwork in each face I paint."

The Washington Post selected one of Patty's recent shows in Virginia as Top Pick of the Weekend: "Rice captures people's likeness in portraiture by looking for spontaneous expressions rather than posed smiles, and different values of light and dark rather than simply capturing the subject's features."

A life-long student of art, Patty has studied most recently at The Corcoran College of Art in Washington DC, Daniel Greene Portrait Workshops in New York, and The Art League in Alexandria, Virginia. She is a member of the Piedmont Artists League and the Portrait Society of America.

Patty and her family have resided in Fauquier County Virginia since 1984. ✦

Tuesday Night Art Class

MAG member, **Michele Frantz** has recently had some seats come open in her Tuesday night "Open Studio" art class, which is held at 7 pm at Grace Methodist Church. Students are encouraged to explore any media and subject matter of their choice. On the first Tuesday of every month, Michele holds a "Tea and Demo;" students share tea and dessert while Michele demonstrates her art techniques.

The cost is \$15 per session; adults only, please. To register, contact Michele at 703-791-5767, myarcadia@juno.com. Michele also has openings in her Thursday morning "Open Studio", held in Lake Ridge.

Other Opportunities!

If MAG doesn't have enough art exhibits to keep you busy, here's a few more opportunities you may want to consider:
Deadline to enter:

Deadline: March 12. Fredericksburg Art Festival, May 17 & 18. \$75 booth space. Juried by slides or photos, \$1500 in awards. Contact: Fredericksburg Parks and Rec, 408 Canal Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401, 540-372-1086, fredprpf@fredericksburgva.gov, www.fredericksburgva.gov.

Deadline: March 21. Regional Exhibition, Fredericksburg, VA, March 30-April 26. Fee \$24-\$34 for 1-3 entries, 25% commission, unspecified awards. Contact: FCCA, Attn: Exhibitions Committee, 813 Sophia St, Fredericksburg, VA 22401.

Deadline: March 28. Multimedia Art Exhibition, Harrisonburg, VA, May 29-June 29. \$30 for 3 entries, no commission, juried by 5x7 photos only. \$4,000 in awards. Contact: Anne Finlayson, VMRC Art Exhibition Director, 1491 Virginia Ave., Harrisonburg, VA 22802, 540-564-3400, artexhibit@vmrc.org, www.vmrc.org/artsexhibition.

Deadline: April 23. Arts & Music Festival, Annapolis, MD, September 27 & 28. \$10 application fee, booth spaces \$100-\$200. Juried by CD or email. Contact: Festival at Quiet Waters, 600 Quiet Waters Park Road, Annapolis, MD 21403, 410-222-1777, festival@friendsofquietwaterspark.org.

Deadline: April 30. The Sub-conscious Unleashed, Gaithersburg, MD, June 13-July 8. Fee \$25 for 4 works, \$5 ea. add'l work, 50% commission. Cash awards. SASE to Capitol Arts Network, PO Box 7541, Gaithersburg, MD 20898, www.capitolartsnetwork.com. ✦

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Goals of the Guild

The Manassas Art Guild (MAG) is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation formed to encourage cooperation and interchange among artists and fine crafters, sponsor art and fine craft exhibitions, and promote the study and improvement of art and fine crafts.

The skills of our members include but are not limited to: drawing, oil painting, acrylic, watercolor, pastels, multimedia printing, graphic arts, film making, print making, jewelry making, pottery, sculpture, pottery. These are just some of the techniques and skills that you will be exposed to and can learn.

Manassas Art Guild
Create, grow, learn and enjoy!



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