



Manassas Art Guild

NEWSLETTER

April 2011

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Thursday, April 7, 2011 7:00-8:45 pm
MAG Membership Meeting at Bull Run Regional Library
8051 Ashton Avenue, Manassas, VA

Multi-Dimensional Paintings and Drawings

The Manassas Art Guild presents "Multi-Dimensional Paintings and Drawings" with noted Torpedo Factory artist Matthew Harwood. An honors graduate from Virginia Tech's school of Architecture, Matthew uses those skills to create realistic but innovative watercolor portraits and landscapes. It's free and open to the public. For more information, contact Patty Gullede at 703-583-9226.

<http://harwoodart.blogspot.com> Website <http://www.harwoodart.com/index.htm>



Painting by Matthew Harwood

Meeting Agenda for April 7, 2011

7:00 pm - Vote for the new board members

The nominees are:

President: Michele Frantz

Vice-President, Programs: Laura Lavarnway

Vice-President, Promotions: Terry Hotz

Secretary: Rosemarie Wunderlich

Treasurer: Shane Williams

Members-at-Large: Marcia Marshall and Cathy Holt

7:05 - T-shirt orders. Who wants a t-shirt with the new MAG logo on it?

7:10 - Questions and sharing

7:20 - Break. Snacks and socializing.

7:30 - Program begins.



SCHEDULE

APRIL

April 1: First Friday in Manassas. Details TBA.

April 1-30: Artist of the Month, Jean Busby.

April 7: Membership meeting, 7 pm, Bull Run Regional Library.

TBA(Sometime in April): Bluebell Hike and Paint Out! Whenever the bluebells bloom.

April 8: Change art at HMI's continuing show, 2 pm. Theme: Spring!

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April 17: Board Meeting, 3 pm, location TBA.

April 23: 5th Annual eARTh , 10am to 3pm, Harris Pavilion, Manassas Va.

DEADLINE TO ENTER: April 9.

April 23: ART SUPPLY SWAP during the eARTh Festival. All artists are invited to bring any art supplies that they will never use again and swap them for someone else's cast off. Free.

DEADLINE TO ENTER: April 9.

April 30: Arts Alive, 11 to 4, County Complex.

DEADLINE TO ENTER: April 16.

Rain date: **May 1**, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

MAY

May 1-31: Artist of the Month, Michele Frantz

May 1-28: The Maine Event Exhibit, Bull Run Regional Library.

DEADLINE TO ENTER: April 23.

May 3: Membership meeting, 7:00 pm, Bull Run Regional Library

May 6: Gallery Walk, 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm, location TBA.

DEADLINE TO ENTER: April 30.

May 7: Bull Run Mountain Hike and Paint Out, 8am to 10 am. Details TBA.

JUNE

June 1-30: Artist of the Month, Laura Lavarnway

June 2: Membership meeting, 7 pm, Bull Run Regional Library.

June 4: Exhibit at the Railway Festival

DEADLINE TO ENTER: May 14

June 11 (tentative): Battlefield Paintout. Details TBA.

JULY

July 1-31: Sesquicentennial art

Dates TBA: Remains to Be Scene Exhibit at the Hylton Center

DEADLINE TO ENTER: June 18

Call for Entries: National Cherry Blossom Festival Photo Contest.

Calling all photography lovers everywhere: the National Cherry Blossom Festival and FotoDC are now accepting entries in the first annual **National Cherry Blossom Photo Contest** focused on cherry blossoms and the nation's greatest celebration of spring.

The contest runs now through April 10, 2011, and will accept entries in three categories: Landscape, People, and Festivities, taken during this year's Festival, March 26 - April 10, or taken within the previous two years (no earlier than February 1, 2009).

A distinguished panel of judges comprised of David Hicks, Kim Hubbard, and Jayme McLellan, will select outstanding work that will be announced and recognized just after the close of the National Cherry Blossom Festival with a celebration of the winners at a special event.

First-place winners of each category will receive \$500 in prize money, exposure on both organization's websites, and recognition through a special winners' celebration. In addition, winners and the top 100 images will be exhibited in print or projection form during FotoWeek DC's annual festival in November 2011.

Full contest details and submission information are available at cherryblossom.fotodc.org/.

April 4th through May 1, 2011: MAG member Roger Frey will be the featured painter at the Artist's Undertaking in Occoquan. This show also includes two basket weavers, Jimi-Lee Weber and Barbara Weber.

April 9 & April 10, 2011 (6 Hours: 2 - 5pm) - MAG member Jill Bradant will teach a two day workshop that focuses on creating fun and interesting compositions using the rose as the primary subject. The workshop will begin with a demonstration using real flowers, and then students will set-up their own still life. Students will examine the flower structure of the rose and paint the interplay of light upon the petals, stems and leaves. Students will learn how *to paint alla prima* focusing on color and edges. Register online at www.center-for-the-arts.org or call (703) 330-2787. [Class Supply List and Suggested Reading Material](#) can be found at [:http://www.jbrabantfineart.com/events.html](http://www.jbrabantfineart.com/events.html)
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FEATURED ARTIST OF THE MONTH!

MAG will present a guild member as a *Featured Artist of the Month*. This is a rotating show featuring art work of a different MAG member every month at undetermined locations in Olde Town Manassas. If you are interested please contact Patty Bell, PattyBell1@aol.com and put your name on the list. Plans are still being worked out...more information will follow in next month's newsletter.

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Beginning April 1, the Manassas Art Guild, with cooperation from Old Town Manassas merchants, introduces its new "Artist of the Month" series of exhibitions. Each month artwork by a different local artist will be featured in from six to ten Old Town businesses.

The Guild's first Artist of the Month is **Jean Busby**, photographer. Ms. Busby has been taking photographs since her older granddaughter was born, more than eighteen years ago. She calls herself a "photographer of beautiful things," who particularly likes to take pictures of flowers and "critters".

Jean retired from the Fairfax County school system, and has lived in Northern Virginia for more than fifty years. She now makes her home in Manassas with her own three "critters," and is an active member of the Guild, exhibiting and selling her photographs under the name Granny's Place Photography.

This month's participating merchants are: *Ashby Jewelers, City Square Cafe, Creative Crush Studio, Echoes at Manassas Museum, Opera House Gourmet, Simply Sweet on Main and Whimsical Galerie*. "They've all been very pleasant to work with," says Patty Bell, who is coordinating the exhibit for the Guild. "We're delighted they've given us this opportunity to showcase our local artists."

Visitors to the shops will find Ms. Busby's photographs displayed in easily spotted locations, accompanied by aof other shops to visit if they want to see more of her work. All of the shops are located within an easy walk of each other.



by Jean Busby

UPDATE FROM THE SHOWS COMMITTEE

The continuing show at Historic Manassas Inc. (HMI) will be changed on Friday, April 8 at 2 p.m. They've asked us to provide some springtime art! - so bring out your photos of flowers and paintings of leafy trees.

The art currently at HMI will be moved to the Economic Development office later in the month. If you have work at HMI and don't want it to be moved to EconDev, please make arrangements to pick it up on the 8th, or have someone pick it up for you. The HMI exhibit will stay up for two months, and then we'll be looking for art depicting local/regional places.

Volunteers are still needed to help with the children's activities at the "eARTh" festival on April 23. We need people for about 2 hours, to help set up the art supplies and assist the kids with their art projects. No experience necessary! Just a willingness to work with kids for an hour or two.

Entry forms for all of our upcoming shows have now been distributed; check the MAG schedule elsewhere in this newsletter to see which shows are coming up and the deadlines to enter. If you're missing an entry form, want to hang work in HMI's continuing show, or want to volunteer for the eARTh exhibit, contact Michele, 703-791-5767, myarcadia@juno.com. Entry forms are also available from our website, www.manassasartguild.com. Look under the events heading.

Many of the shows require a specific theme, so don't wait until the last minute to begin painting -- unless that's the way you produce your best work! One of the goals of the Manassas Art Guild is to encourage artists to continue producing new works so they can learn and grow -- creating something for a theme show can be a great way to kick start a painting session, or experiment by tackling a subject you might not have tried otherwise. We hope we'll see plenty of submissions to our upcoming shows.

michele frantz, shows committee chair

From the Prez

I've been burning the midnight oil lately, pulling together a list of publicity contacts, websites, etc. we can use to promote MAG's events. Now that I've got my nice little spreadsheet together, I'm wondering if I can recruit anyone to help me with this. Basically I need someone to write press releases, and/or handle the submissions to online events calendars. (You only have to type the press releases once, but the websites require multiple entries. So much for automation reducing one's workload.) I keep falling behind, so I thought I'd see if there's anyone out there with an interest in this kind of thing. Several someones would be even better! -- then I could start a newspaper and farm out all the work to the stringers. :-)

If you really want to take the pressure off me ... sign up for shows!!!! We've put a nice collection of exhibits together for the spring, and only one member has sent in an entry form so far! Wah, I'm such a failure.....

We've started implementing the new logo and have received several compliments on it from various sources. Thanks to everyone who showed up and voted! Also we had a nice workshop a couple weeks ago; some beautiful paintings of Maine hove into view as the day progressed. It was a lot of fun and I appreciate the time and enthusiasm of everyone who showed up.

Now that spring is approaching I hope we'll all get out and do a little en plein air painting. Keep an eye out for an email concerning the Bluebell Paint Out; several people have reported seeing little bitty bluebell buds peeking out of the ground, so it shouldn't be too much longer now.

Happy painting/drawing/photographing!

Michele



*Bluebells
Michele Franz*

MORE ENTRY FORMS!

It's going to be a busy Spring, better start setting up your calendar now. Attached to this news letter you will find two entry forms, one for the annual Sprint Gallery Walk, and one for a new event, Arts Alive! Arts Alive is sponsored by the Prince William County Arts Council, and they are organizing it to draw attention to the County's multitude of arts groups. There will be performances all day long, and MAG and other visual arts groups will be exhibiting indoors. Terrence Hotz will be coordinating some "Art Science" activities designed to engage the public. It should be a lot of fun.

Don't forget the eARTh 5 exhibit the week before. This is one of MAG's premiere events, so we hope MAG members will turn out in force to support it. We need extra staff, so don't hesitate to volunteer, even if you don't plan to exhibit.

The eARTh 5 entry form and all other entry forms can be found on our website, www.manassasartguild.org. Look under the events heading.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Prince William Forest Park is looking for a volunteer artist to create 4 animals painted on board with cut-outs for a child's face so that in photos the child's face is on the animal's body. (I'm sure there's a name for it, but I don't know what it is.) They will provide all the paints and other supplies; they merely need someone to create it.

This is for the annual "Paws in the Park" Event on April 30. For more information or to volunteer, contact Jenn Kays at Jenn_Kays@nps.gov Park Ranger – Interpretation Volunteers-In-Parks Coordinator Prince William Forest Park (703) 221-3943 (703) 221-7181

PHOTOSHOP ELEMENTS 8 CLASS

Having trouble figuring out your Photoshop Elements 8 software? I discovered a great on-line class! The best thing is you don't have to drive to it and can do it on your own schedule! Here's the info...

Class name: Photoshop Elements 8 for the Digital Photographer
Offered through Germanna Community College in Culpeper - www.ed2go.com
6 weeks long- 2 lessons per week (each to be completed in a 2 week period)
A new class starts every month..around the 3rd week
Cost \$109

Just go to their website for all the details. I'm not very computer savvy but I'm doing fine and learning a LOT!! Contact me if you have questions - PattyBell1@aol.com 540-972-1571

CLASSES TAUGHT BY MAG MEMBERS

Exploring Color (acrylics)

Learn to make your paintings sparkle in this series of classes which alternate between watercolor and acrylic media. The emphasis is on achieving fresh, appealing colors and harmonious color schemes. Students who are new to the medium will learn the basic tools and techniques, while more advanced students are encouraged to develop what they know and explore new directions. A different approach or subject matter is presented in each session.

Instructor: Michele Frantz
Ages: Teens & Adults

Dates: May 19 - June 16, 2011
Times: Thurs., 7-9pm
Location: Center for the Arts at the Candy Factory
Member Cost: \$90
Non members \$100
Supply Fee (if applicable):

Scenes from the MAG Meeting March 2011

"Creating Pop Art Portraiture" presented by noted artist Rosemary Gallick. Ms. Gallick is a professor of Art and Art History at Northern Virginia Community College in Woodbridge.

Thank you Ms. Gallick for a very interesting presentation!



Photos: Maureen Guillot