



# Manassas Art Guild

## NEWSLETTER

May 2011

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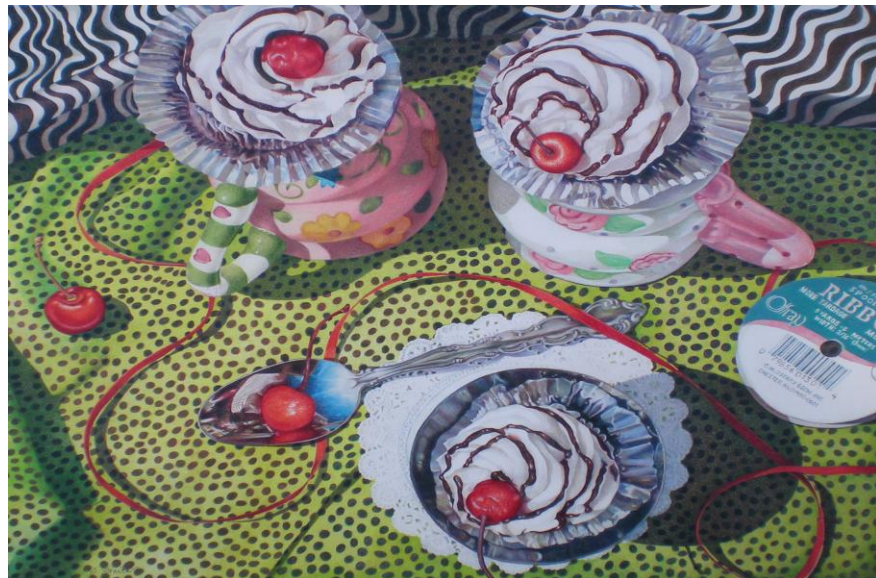
**Tuesday, May, 3 2011 7:00-8:45 pm**

**MAG Membership Meeting**

**Bull Run Regional Library 8051 Ashton Avenue,  
Manassas, VA**

### ***The Creative Potential of Colored Pencils***

Sherry Smith, a well-known teacher at the Workhouse Arts Center, will be doing a presentation on "The Creative Potential of Colored Pencils." If you've been lucky enough to see her work at Lorton, you know that she does the traditional still life in a very original way with vibrant colors, realistic style and unexpected subjects (you can get a sneak preview of her work at [www.sherrysmithart.com](http://www.sherrysmithart.com)). Since many of us have colored pencils at home but don't use them as often as we might like, I think it will be great to get some new ideas and techniques from Sherry. So I hope you can join us for our next membership meeting.



Artist: Sherry Smith



## SCHEDULE

### 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, Historic Manassas, Inc

**DEADLINE TO ENTER: April 30.**

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

**May 21:** (tentative): Battlefield Paintout. Details TBA

**May 28:** (tentative): Fresh Art at the Farmer's Market. Details TBA

### JUNE

**June 1-30:** Artist of the Month, Laura Lavarney

**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

**June 25:** (tentative): Fresh Art at the Farmer's Market. Details TBA

### JULY

**July 1-31:** Sesquicentennial art

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

**DEADLINE TO ENTER: June 18**

**July 23:** (tentative): Fresh Art at the Farmer's Market. Details TBA.

## Artist of the Month Michele Frantz

Michele Frantz of Arcadia Art Studio is a full-time working artist, a part-time art teacher, and president of the Manassas Art Guild. Her favorite activity is visiting local sites on a nice day, and painting the scenery while enjoying the weather. If you see her around town with her easel, stop by and say hello. Her work is featured at the following shops in Olde Town Manassas for the month of May : *Ashby Jewelers, City Square Cafe, Creative Crush Studio, Echoes at Manassas Museum, Opera House Gourmet, Simply Sweet on Main and Whimsical Galerie.*



### ART CLASSES TAUGHT BY MAG MEMBERS

[Exploring Color \(Acrylics\) \[Details\]](#)

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

**Member Cost:** \$90

**Non members** \$100

## News from MAG Members

**Roger Frey**, a Manassas Art Guild member, will be having a one man exhibition of his Diana Series in Flint Hill, Virginia at the Griffin Tavern Gallery, from June 11 through August 11, 2001. This will be the first time the entire 20 pieces of the Diana Series will be shown all together. Along with his MAG membership, Roger is a member of the Artists' Undertaking Gallery in Occoquan. A reception for the artist will be held at the Griffin Tavern Gallery on June 11, from 5pm to 8pm.

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### *Sent in by Patty Gullede:*

My daughter Laura Lee Gullede has a book! She didn't start out as a graphic novelist ... after graduating from JMU with a Masters in Art Ed, she taught middle school art for a few years and then started her own mural/faux finishing company in Charlottesville. But something was still missing, so in 2007 she moved to New York City. While free-lancing as a scenic painter for such companies as Lincoln Center and Macy's (yep, she did the famous Christmas windows), she made time to work on a book. And now her book, **Page by Paige** (drawn and written by Laura Lee), has just been published by Abrams. It's the story of a young woman who finds her way to young adulthood through art, and early reviews have been gratifying:

"Laura Lee Gullede crafts stories and panels with images that are thought-provoking, funny and emotionally resonant." (Abrams)

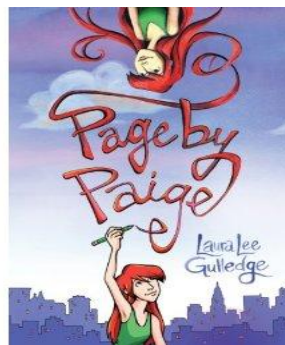
"A beautifully crafted and empowering exploration of art, identity and finding one's voice." (Courtney Summers)

"Her book is an "optimistic portrait of a young woman evolving toward adulthood." (Publishers Weekly).

So if you MAG folks know of any mother or teen-aged girl or artist who would be interested in this wonderful coming-of-age graphic novel, it is available on Amazon.

Thanks so much! Patty Gullede

Congratulations to Laura Lee Gullede on this accomplishment!



*Cover of the book*

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### *Sent in by Brent Lilly*

Donations of paintings were made by Brent Lilly to the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra and the McLean Symphony Orchestra in March. It is to remember that music is art, too.

# Photos of eARTh Festival 2011, Manassas, VA

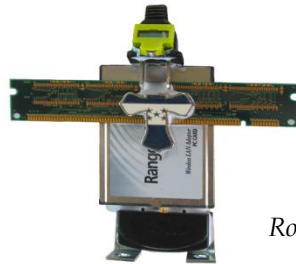
Photos: Michele Franz



*Alisha Anderson and her art work*



*Dad and Daughter making robot pals*



*Robot pal*



*Patron looks through artwork*



*Terry's Bonsai Trees*



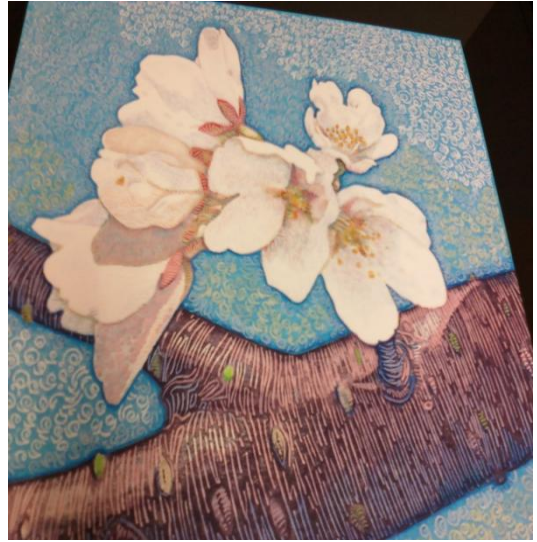
*Maria and Terry man the sales table*

**Thank you to all the volunteers who worked at the eARTh Festival!**



## Photos from the April 2011 MAG Meeting

April's MAG Meeting, "Multi-Dimensional Paintings and Drawings", demonstration by noted Torpedo Factory artist Matthew Harwood was very interesting. Below are some of Mr. Harwood's realistic but innovative watercolor portraits and landscapes.



*Photos: Maureen Guillot*