



Newsletter

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Manassas Art Guild Monthly Meeting

WHEN: Wednesday, February 19, 2025

WHERE: Bull Run Library, Community Room A
8051 Ashton Ave,
Manassas, VA 20109

TIME: 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

We will have a short meeting to discuss what direction we would like to take MAG. Do we want to do more shows, workshops, or other activities? We are looking for a new meeting location, such as a community room, club house that is free or does not cost a lot. If you any ideas please email me.

After our meeting we will have an art demonstration by artist and MAG member Michele Franz. She will demonstrate photo transfers from inkjet prints.

Photo transfers are a form of printmaking that is often used in collage and mixed media work. The process is simple and doesn't require many supplies. The possible uses for the resulting images are endless. Michele will also bring a few examples of work she has done using this process. Michele has a Bachelor in Art from Appalachian State University where she was introduced to a variety of printmaking techniques. It's been a fascination of hers ever since. She now teaches a variety of classes at the ART Factory in Manassas, and plans to include printmaking classes later this year.

Message from Laura Lavarney

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Manassas Art Guild President

Notes from the Meeting With HMI

Some members of MAG and other members of the Manassas Arts met with the HMI Board to discuss the Fall Gallery Walk and the Banner Contest. The following people were in attendance:

Jheanel Butler, HMI Board
Lisa Harlow, HMI Board
Mark Olsen, HMI Board, Olde Town Landscaping
Laura Lavarney, MAG president
Peter Smolens, MAG Treasurer
Maureen Guillot, MAG Board member
Valerie Larson, MAG member, Independent Artists
Jordan Exum, Curator Art Factory
Mike Flynn, Independent Artist, Art Instructor Art Factory
Mary Reilly, Owner of Creative Brush Studios

Discussed ways to improve the Fall Gallery Walk which included moving from first Friday to a Saturday afternoon. Discussed better advertisement of the event and creating good maps and flyers. Mary Reilly, Valerie Larson and Peter Smolens volunteered to work on these graphics. We are creating a committee of artists to coordinate matching artists to businesses, the committee will be Mike Flynn, Maureen Guillot, John Hart and Laura Lavarney. Also remembered the Balloons in front of stores hosting artists to be a popular way to identify businesses that were participating.

The Banner Contest for this year remains the same as \$50.00 per entry – stated by HMI that the cost for each banner is \$40.00 and there was no budget to do otherwise. Looking at ways to reduce the costs next year. Although I disagree with the high price, I may still enter 1 piece. It is up to individual artists if they feel they want to enter or not.



SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE FOR 2024

Wednesday, February 19	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Bull Run Library, Ashton Avenue, Manassas, VA
Wednesday, March 19	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Community Room Central Library
Wednesday, April 23	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Community Room Central Library



Artist of the Month for February Martha Wallenhorst

Martha studied at Adrian College in Michigan where she received a Teaching Certificate in Secondary and Elementary education and a BFA in Art and Art History. Her specialties are Painting, (watercolor, pastels, oil, gouache) pigment and paint chemistry, brush construction, as well as drawing and design, modern, and historical layout and paper making.

Martha worked in art restoration at the Detroit Institute of Art and the Toledo Museum of Art, where she taught classes in Medieval Art History and restoration techniques. She freelanced in restoration with the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the National Gallery, the Los Angeles Museum of Art, the Los Angeles County Public Library, and the Uffizi in Florence. She was the Director of the Stubnitz Gallery of Art and has worked at the Van Sicklyn Academy of Art for many years.

Martha has taught paper, pigment and brush making techniques in the US, Canada and Europe. She makes her own paper, pigments and brushes. She is a past president of the Manassas Art League, and Manassas Art Guild and a member of the ACC, AAL, IWG, PSA, and the SWS.

“I don’t remember a time I wasn’t painting or drawing.”

Stores where MAG displays:

MAG will start displaying art at Jirani’s Coffee shop and no longer display at Calico Jacks.

Jirani Coffee House - 9425 West St, Manassas, VA 20110

Ground Central Station - 9360 Main Street

Art Factory- 9419 Battle Street (Monday–Saturday 10:00 – 5:00 art no bigger than 11 x 14)

The Things I Love - 9084 Center Street

Black Metal Mercantile - 9105 Center Street

Volunteers for Artist of the Month

March

April

May

June

July

Please contact Laura Lavarney laura.lavarney@comcast.net.



There is the possibility of a Spring Art Inventory Sale at the Art Factory. More information to follow



DISCLAIMER

The Manassas Art Guild takes all possible care of your artwork. However, artists display at their own risk. None of the entities involved are responsible for any loss or damage to art work. This includes Manassas Art Guild and its members and the owner of the location where the event is being held.

Your entry in any show or event, constitutes that you agree and acknowledge the terms and conditions set forth in this show