



Newsletter

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Manassas Art Guild September Membership Meeting

WHEN: Sunday, September 21, 2025

WHERE: Art Factory, *Second Floor Classroom*
9419 Battle Street, Manassas, 20109

TIME: 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

The Program

For this month's program, we are delighted to welcome Jordan Exum, gallery director at the Art Factory in Manassas since 2017. Drawing on her many years of experience selecting artists for exhibits, Jordan will share her insights on what galleries are looking for, how to approach them, what they expect from the artist, and more. There will be time for questions.

A North Carolina native, Jordan grew up going to art classes and volunteering in a nonprofit arts center, and eventually earned a Masters in Art History from GMU. She loves art of all kinds, noting that each decade and movement has something different to offer.

“The most challenging part of being an Art Historian is having to narrow down your interests, and choosing one concentration for your degree. I chose Modern Art because of its unlimited possibilities and the art history methods that accompany it as a study. I’m also a huge fan of Claude Monet, Paul Gauguin, and Henry Fuseli.” she said

For our September meeting we will have a quick business meeting on MAG board positions and how we can fill them.

October we will have our fun Halloween Musical Art, where we set up 3 different media stations: Acrylic, Colored Pencil and Watercolor and you paint on a piece and then switch when the music stops. Always fun.

Message from Laura Lavarney

Email: laura.lavarney@comcast.net.

Manassas Art Guild President



SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 21	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	MAG membership Meeting The Art Factory, 9419 Battle Street, Manassas
Sunday, October 5	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	MAG membership Meeting The Art Factory, 9419 Battle Street, Manassas
Sunday, November 16	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	MAG membership Meeting The Art Factory, 9419 Battle Street, Manassas
Sunday, December 14	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	MAG membership Meeting The Art Factory, 9419 Battle Street, Manassas

Membership fees are now due.

Dues are good for one fiscal year (September 1 through August 31)

If you joined after January, you are good for this year. You can pay at the membership meeting and I will bring the square. If you are not sure if you need to pay this year, you can email me and I can check when you joined.

Individual fee	\$30.00
Senior (60+)	\$20.00

If you can please bring dues to the next meeting or mail them to

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

I have been president since 2012 and have done many of the positions that have not been filled and would really like some help. Also, some of our members who have been filling jobs would like to step down. Maureen Guillot, who has been our newsletter editor since I believe 2012 would like to step down. We appreciate all the hard work Maureen has done and hope someone can step in to continue editing the newsletter. Michele Frantz, would like to step down as the Program Coordinator and if we can find someone to fill that position, she said she could do the newsletter. As the Program Coordinator, you find and activity or person to demonstrate for our monthly meetings. If we cannot find one, we may just do critiques or draw. Also, if you look at the board positions you will see that I am acting on many of the positions and would really appreciate some help here. So, look at what you think you could help out with and let me know.



Artist of the Month for September Meredith Moss

With the support of my artist mother, in high school I took advanced art classes which led to a Bachelor of Fine Arts in fashion design at the Fashion Institute of Technology. While working in New York City, I became a volunteer emergency medical technician in Hoboken, NJ which eventually transitioned to a career in emergency management that relocated me to Northern Virginia in 2003. In 2017 for the first time in more than 25 years, I took a drawing class. Working in graphite evolved to colored pencils and then watercolor. I've since branched out into oil painting. Immediately before COVID, I shipped off my first commission. While working through COVID as an emergency manager, I took full advantage of online art classes taught by prominent instructors. Now, I spend most of my time creating art and commissions based on special moments and favorite memories.

Manassas City locations where MAG displays:

Jirani Coffee House - 9425 West St, Manassas, VA 20110
Ground Central Station - 9360 Main Street
Art Factory - 9419 Battle Street Open Monday – Saturday 10:00 – 5:00
The Things I Love - 9084 Center
Black Metal Mercantile - 9105 Center Street

AOTM

October:

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



Welcome to a new MAG member!

Welcome Rebecca Neiss! Rebecca paints landscapes using acrylics and watercolor. Looking forward to seeing her art.

|Congratulations to Peter Smolens who sold an AOTM painting at the Art Factory



AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday, September 20, is the day for Paint Manassas “paint out” from 9:30 to 3:30; keep an eye out for artists (including some MAG members!) scattered around town busily creating artwork. It's not too late to get out and join them. Saturday is also the last day to register.

<https://form.jotform.com/252106464855156>. Get involved! It's fun!

Thursday, October 16	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Art Factory Reception “What The Walls Remember”
Sunday, September 28	5:30 pm	Submit Paint! Manassas for Jurying Show up Sept 28 – Nov 17
Tuesday, September 30	midnight	Deadline to enter “Autumn at Annaburg”
Saturday, October 4 To November 1		Call for Entry Small Works Show, Warrenton
Friday, October 24	5:00 pm– 7:00 PM	Annaburg Reception
Saturday, October 25	12:00 pm 4:00 pm	Annaburg Show
Sunday, October 26	12:00 pm 4:00 pm	Annaburg Show
Saturday, November 8	10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Fall Gallery Walk, Centerfuse
Sunday, November 16	5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Small Works Show drop off, Cast Iron Craft House 11 South 2 nd St, Warrenton, VA
Monday, November 17	10:00 am – 11:30 pm	Small Works Show drop off Cast Iron Craft House, 11 South 2 nd St, Warrenton