



Open Canvas



Presidential Perspective

Dear Fellow Artists,

What a great time to be a member of LMA. Your Board of Directors keeps coming up with new ideas about how the League can make an impact on the arts scene in the Milwaukee area. Here are a few things you should know about.

Again this year, LMA members will be answering phones and taking bids at Milwaukee PBS's Great TV Auction. Sunday April 30th has been designated as "Arts Day" and art will be auctioned off during the entire broadcast. Our air shift is from 3pm to 7pm with training at 2pm for those who've never worked the auction before. Family and friends are also invited to be part of an event that is always fun. The Auction will even feed us, so no need to plan a meal that night.

A 'paint out' is in the final stages of planning for May. You'll receive an update at our March meeting. Let's just say that you'll be excited to hear about what is being coordinated by Publicity Chair Susan Steinhafel.

And, the procedures for an LMA scholarship to be named in honor of LMA founding member Mel Tess are under development. The scholarship will be a visible way for the League to promote the arts among high school students who will be majoring in a field of art in college.

Our March speaker, Barbara Joosse is a "don't miss it" children's author and now-playwright. In addition to talking about her career, she'll tell us how she works with artists to finalize her books. You'll be enthralled by what you'll learn. Plus, Barb is bringing her books to sell. Why not purchase a special gift for a young member of your family?

All this and more is coming up. Artistic regards,

Jack Pachuta,

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Another Workshop Turns into a Hit

Thank you, Kerry Kuntze-Tharp, for hosting an incredible mosaic workshop for our members. Kerry's workshop took place after the monthly membership meeting February 11th at Cardinal Stritch. The attendance was good and the sharing of knowledge and artistic outlet was well received by all.

Watch for more workshops to become available in the future. These are great opportunities for expanding your skills and enriching your creative processes.



LMA Winter Show #2 to be held at The Cedarburg Cultural Center

The LMA Winter Show #2 will be held at the Cedarburg Cultural Center, W62 N546 Washington Avenue in downtown Cedarburg. This facility features a beautiful venue for exhibition. The exhibit runs from February 23rd, 2017 through March 26th, 2017.

We are honored to have as our judge Graeme Reid, Director of Collections and Exhibitions at MOWA:

Born in Scotland, Graeme Reid graduated from the University of Glasgow and Indiana State University with Master's degrees in 1990 and 1993 respectively. With nineteen years experience in arts management/curatorial work he is currently Assistant Director at the Museum of Wisconsin Art having previously worked at the John Michael Kohler Arts Center (Sheboygan, WI), the Art Museum of Greater Lafayette (IN) and the Swope Art Museum (Terre Haute, IN). Over the years he has curated over 120 group and solo exhibitions as well as worked on the development and installation of institutional collections. He is an award winning writer on the arts, he has taught art history and the humanities at ISU and Purdue University and is a regular guest lecturer at various Wisconsin institutions.



www.wisconsinart.org

Below is a list of members who will be exhibiting in this exhibit. Opening Reception is Thursday, March 2nd from 5pm-8pm, be sure to attend and support your fellow league artists.

Michael Andryszczyk	Lance Johnson	J. Michael Tucci
John Bowers	David Klein	Chuck Weber
Thomas Buchs	Judith Kervin	Pat Zandron
Brian Buchberger	David Kurtz	
William Davis	Terri Lockwood	
Laura Easey-Jones	Nancy Lohmiller	
Joyce Eesley	Jim Maki	
Kathleen Donovan Flaherty	Paul Madura	
Janice Goff	Julia McMurray	
Janet Hudachek	Elizabeth Falter Minz	
Art Horn	Deb Mortl	
J.J. Joyce	Paulette Morrissey	
Kathleen Nelson	Mary Ellen Mueller	
Scott Olson	Sandra Zibro Rowlandson	
Gloria Olson	Julie San Felipe	
Jean Pascek	Margaret Schumann	
Jack Pachuta	Tom Smith	
Debra Patterson	Colette Ody Smith	
Donna Weise Pehoski	Carolyn Simpson	
Mary Prince	Chris Sommerfelt	
Thomas Pscheid	Donna Staats	
Cherie Raffel	Susan Steinhafel	
Jewel Riano	Beth Stoddard	

Notices, Awards and Opportunities

Jim Maki's work is currently exhibiting at Olson House in Shorewood, UC Gallery at Plankinton Bldg, GrandAve LL and Boerner Botanical Gardens.

Julie San Felipe's work can currently be seen in Watercolor Wisconsin and on "the Art's Page, click on painting to view episode #517. Her work is also available for sale at the Anderson gift shop.

Cheri Raffel's work is now available at the Cedarburg Art Museum's online gallery and also at the gift shop at Boerner Botanical Gardens.

Tom Pscheid has work in the "We Draw & Paint" statewide exhibit at Walker's Point Center for the Arts.

J.J. Joyce is currently the featured artist at the Anderson Arts Center in Kenosha and also her work is available for sale at the Boerner Botanical Garden's gift shop.

Gwen Granzow has a solo show opening April 9th, 2017 at the Anderson Arts Center, Kenosha.

Lynn Rix is part of a 2-person show, "Painting the Winter Muse" at the Cedarburg Art Museum through March 19th and will also be participating in the Grohmann Museum group show "Human Industry" which will run May 19th through August 20th.

Plan to attend the upcoming "Eclectic Meanderings" exhibit at the Oconomowoc Art Center beginning May 25th through June 17th, featuring the works of LMA members **Susan Steinhafel, Michelle Savas-Thompson, Lynn Rix, Jack Pachuta, Mary Mendla and Terri Lockwood.**

Kathleen Nelson's work can be seen at RAM Charles Wustum Museum "Watercolor Wisconsin 2016" which runs through April 22nd, 2017

Call for Artists! The Museum of Wisconsin Art's inaugural Art & Chalk Fest, a juried arts and crafts fair, will take place at the museum in West Bend on July 29–30, 2017. An Artist Reception on July 28 will open the fair with collegial fanfare. The event will feature sixty juried art and craft vendors and a chalk art exhibition. Apply via Zapplication. For questions or technical support while applying, contact Julia Jackson at 262-247-2269 or artfest@wisconsinart.org.

Call for Artists! Artists from across the country are invited to submit applications for the forty-seventh juried Midsummer Festival of the Arts at John Michael Kohler Arts Center. The Festival will feature live concerts throughout each day, family art-making activities, and food trucks. Just four blocks from Lake Michigan's shore, this dynamic event is set amidst the gardens surrounding the Arts Center. Deadline is March 31st. For more information, go to www.zapplication.org

Call for Artists! 9th Annual Richfield Art at the Mill - This juried art & fine craft fair is open to artists of all media. It is held in the Richfield Nature/Historic Park, a sensational wooded backdrop with many historic buildings including the renovated Messer/Mayer Grist Mill. Deadline is July 1st. For more information, go to www.richfieldhistoricalsociety.org

Call for Artists! The Plymouth Arts Center will be hosting its annual “Alive in the Arts” event opening May 12th, deadline is March 24th. To receive a prospectus, please call the Plymouth Arts Center (920) 892-8409, E-mail: info@plymoutharts.org, or applications may be downloaded from the PAC website at www.plymoutharts.org

Call for Artists! The 43rd annual Holy Hill Arts & Craft Fair is accepting applications with deadline of April 1st. This is a very well-run and well attended event. For more information, contact Sr. Therese Jasinski at 262-966-7172

Call for Artists! "Arts on the Avenue" highlights over 250 artists who bring their combined perspectives, skills, and thousands of works of arts to downtown **Historic Cedarburg** during **Strawberry Festival**. Deadline is April 30th. If you are an Artist interested in selling your handmade products or artwork at Strawberry Festival please consider applying to one of the following: CCC, CAM, OAC or CCSMA, all websites can be found at Cedarburg Strawberry Festival 2017 search.

Call for Artists! Bay View Art in the Park is a monthly outdoor fine arts event featuring Milwaukee artists. The festivals main focus is to celebrate local artists and help create connections to their community. Events are every second Saturday from May through September. For more information, go to www.bvartinthepark.com

Cedarburg Art Museum will be hosting “Awakenings” in conjunction with the **Wisconsin Watercolor Society** from March 22nd through June 4th, Opening Reception is Saturday, March 25th, 4:00- 6:00 pm. In its sixty-fourth year since its founding, the Wisconsin Watercolor Society continues to demonstrate and exhibit meaningful development in the medium of watercolor and to serve as a catalyst for those genuinely interested in watercolor. More than eighty members have the opportunity to enter this bi-annual exhibition of works in water media paints with the theme of “Awakenings.” Plan to attend.

Don't miss an opportunity to see a beautiful exhibit at **Villa Terrace Decorative Arts Museum** shown by the South Asian Women's Creative Collective called “**Ornate/Activate**” on exhibit through May 14th, 2017. *Ornate/Activate* examines the use of decorative arts and motifs, architectural elements, scripts, traditional materials, and other forms of pattern-making by artists of South Asian origin to create meaningful and critical content. The exhibition, organized by the South Asian Women's Creative Collective and curated by Alexander Campos, addresses themes such as inequality stemming from the global economy, loss of language and culture, gender violence, discrimination, segregation, and issues of equality and identity. The artists in *Ornate/Activate* recognize a need to reclaim tactile and decorative methods of making as a way to address social, political, and economic issues and also to confront the ever-growing presence of technology in everyday life.

Milwaukee Art Museum will be hosting the “**Art in Bloom**” exhibit March 23rd through March 26th. Spring comes alive at the museum with this annual event weekend. Stunning art-inspired floral installations will be set among three floors of Collection Galleries in the Saarinen and Kahler buildings, along with features in the Quadracci Pavilion. Inspirational and informative presentations focus on fashion, flowers, and food. Over 10,000 guests visit the Milwaukee Art Museum throughout the four-day event to view the magnificent colors of spring and experience the art in the Museum’s Collection in fresh ways. Don’t miss it; it will feed your soul to go.

2017 Art Preview - Great TV Auction Art Preview Exhibit - March 24 – April 2, 2017

Come to the 2017 Great TV Auction Art Preview Exhibit and get an advanced look at over 1200 pieces of the Auction’s Artwork, Antiques, Jewelry and Collectibles. Be among the first to see the 2017 Featured Art Collection and get a head start on your auction shopping by placing advanced bids on your favorite items! Raffle & sweepstakes tickets will also be sold. The show runs from March 24th – April 2nd and is held at the Wisconsin Expo Center in State Fair Park during the Home & Garden Show. For more information, go to www.greattvauction.com

(**FYI** - LMA will be answering phones and taking bids at the Great TV Auction's Arts Day on **April 30th**. Jack has reserved a 3pm-7pm shift, but our members don't have to be there the whole time. He will be "auctioneering" from 3pm-5pm. Volunteers welcome! To be a part of this monumental and fun event, contact Jack Pachuta at 262-377-7230.

Mark your calendars and save the date of **May 20th, 2017** as Susan Steinhafel is in the final stages of coordinating a “**Paint Out**” at **Concordia**, more to follow on this.

Plan to attend the exhibit of Tom Bamberger running from March 25th to May 21st, 2017 at the **Museum of Wisconsin Art** in West Bend. For the first time in MOWA’s history, all three changing exhibition spaces will be dedicated to the work of a single artist, Tom Bamberger. *Hyperphotographic* is the artist’s first major retrospective and a celebration of his recent gift to the museum of almost four hundred photographs.

“**Watercolor Wisconsin 2016**” celebrates 50 years. This year, 98 pieces from 71 artists are on display at Racine Art Museum’s Charles A. Wustum Museum of Fine Arts, 2519 Northwestern Avenue, Racine. This show exhibits from December 11, 2016 through April 22, 2017; do find the time to see these incredible works of art by many of your peers. For more information, go to www.ramart.org

War Memorial Art Show highlights Veterans Work – An all-veteran showcase of artistic talent comes to the Milwaukee County War Memorial Center on Thursday, March 2nd and will run through April 2nd. The idea is to highlight the contributions military veterans make to Milwaukee’s art and culture scene. The event coincides with the Milwaukee Repertory Theater’s run of “Grounded” a story of an ace fighter pilot who becomes grounded as part of a group flying drones over Afghanistan.

Stop at **The Pink Llama Gallery** in Cedarburg in March for the exhibit of **Donna Tronca**, fiber artist extraordinaire. Donna stretches the fiber boundaries to create beautiful works of art out of her Palmyra home. Tronca re-interprets life in texture and color via weaving, felting, braiding and fusing plastics, using both hand-made works and pieces she has re-imagined.

NEWSLETTER INFO: the next deadline is **March 15, 2017**, send articles and member news by email to terrilockwoodart@gmail.com. Images of group interest accepted in .jpeg format. Submissions may be excluded due to space limitations.

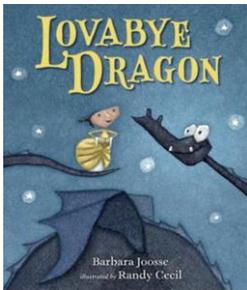
LMA Meeting Information

**Cardinal Stritch College
6801 North Yates Road
Milwaukee WI 53217**

**Joan Steel Stein Center for Communications & Fine Arts
ROOM 21** (Map available on LMA website www.milwaukeeartists.org)
Meetings start at 9:30 am (ending approximately 11:30 am)

(**Upcoming Jury dates for new member submissions* – February 11, 2017 and April 8, 2017)
Electronic submissions are now acceptable

March 11th meeting – speaker will be **Barbara Josse**. Barbara is an American children's writer. She has been writing for children for over thirty years. She has published thirty-eight books for children, both picture books and chapter books. Through her writing, she aspires to find the things that are the same, and the things that are different, between us all.



She has toured worldwide to promote her books, which have been translated into twenty-eight languages. Her book, *The Lovabye Dragon*, has recently been adapted as a new musical.



April 8th meeting - speaker will be Gary Niebuhr, an assemblage artist.

May 13th meeting – speaker will be James Kieselburg, MSOE Grohman Museum director.

Welcome David Kurtz



Please welcome David Kurtz as our new web designer for the LMA home web page. As a visual artist and full time professional photographer, David will bring these same skills and talents to maintaining a sharp, progressive image of our organization to the public as well as to our peers.

Please congratulate him at the next meeting when you see him and share your thoughts and ideas with him as we move into new directions for 2017.

2017 CALENDAR OF UPCOMING LMA EVENTS

LMA Winter Show #2 - Cedarburg Cultural Center, February 23rd – March 26th

- **Champagne Reception:** Thursday night, **March 2nd from 5:00 - 8:00 pm.**
From 5:00 - 6:00 pm complimentary champagne preview hour for CCC members and artists who are participating in the exhibit.
- **Public Reception:** 6:00 - 8:00 pm for the general public with a cash bar.

LMA Juried Summer Show - Schauer Arts Center - June 9th - July 9th

(Thus far, we know the theme to this show will be “Wilde About the Theatre” All pieces are not expected to be “Oscar Wilde-related” but should be relative to the theater in general so start your noggin cranking on ideas now and have fun with it!)

LMA Juried Fall Show - Anderson Arts Center - August 27th - October 15th

For additional information on LMA events, opportunities and league topics, visit the LMA website at:
www.milwaukeeartists.org