



# Open Canvas



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Dear LMA Artist,

Ideas! That word has a life of its own, one that should prompt LMA members to think about what our organization could be.

What new idea do you have that will benefit us all?

Your board is open to examining new ideas that will get us recognized in the Milwaukee market and that will make all of us better at what we do.

So.....come armed to the next meeting with a new idea that can be relayed to our membership. When excitement builds, things happen. Each of us has the ability to be the match that lights the fire that will be rewarding both personally and professionally.

Each of us has the opportunity to start something new. Then, of course, get involved with your idea so that it has an impact on the League. Ideas die without action.

Spring is right around the corner. It's the perfect time to let that idea take bud and bloom!

Artistic Regards,

***Jack Pachuta***

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## Villa Terrace Decorative Arts Museum

Take time to attend the show at Villa Terrace beginning this month in celebration of three premier organizations of greater Milwaukee artists: League of Milwaukee Artists, Cedarburg Artist's Guild and Wisconsin Visual Artists. Opening reception is Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 6-8 pm and the exhibit will be on display through May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016.



The Villa Terrace Decorative Arts Museum includes furnishings and works of art from the 15th through the 18th centuries. The mansion was originally the family residence of Lloyd R. Smith, president of the A.O. Smith Company. It was designed and built in 1923 by renowned architect, David Adler, in the style of a 16th century Northern Italian villa. It was originally called Sopra Mare, which means "Above the Sea."

## LMA Spring Show Deadline is Near Approaching

The LMA Spring Show will be held this year at the Arts Mill in Grafton with the show opening March 15<sup>th</sup> and running through April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Deadline is coming up, Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup> by midnight. You will find the prospectus in on the LMA website.



Housed in the Grafton Historic Mill, two flights up from where they began, the Arts Mill boasts a place for artists to do their art. A cooperative environment, artists have an opportunity to secure a space among other artists. Open to the public, it fosters a cultural appreciation of the arts in our communities. Community members can visit the second floor and watch artists in work. Students from NSAA are able to pursue mentoring opportunities with these professional artists. The space is also home to the Arts Mill Boutique, where local artists sell their work to promote the arts and the organization.

The third floor is a beautiful gallery, home to art shows and special events. Plan to be a part of this prestigious event.

## “Cooler By the Lake” applications are now available

Applications are now being accepted for the LMA 2016 Summer Show to be hosted at the Rahr-West Art Museum in Manitowoc.

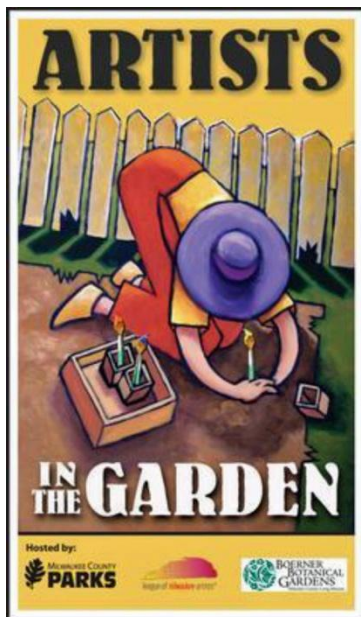
The exhibit runs June 12<sup>th</sup> through July 31<sup>st</sup>. Please note submission deadline will be April 29<sup>th</sup>. The prospectus is available at the LMA website at:

[www.milwaukeeartists.org](http://www.milwaukeeartists.org)



Donna Staats will be working on logistics and transportation of artwork and welcomes volunteers, ideas and drivers.

Please contact her at [serger\\_57@hotmail.com](mailto:serger_57@hotmail.com) or 414-466-8030.



### **ARTISTS IN THE GARDEN UPDATE**

In preparation for 2016 “Artists in the Garden” at Boerner Botanical Gardens, save the dates of August 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>. LMA volunteers are needed!!!

Applications will soon be available at the LMA website for participation in all segments of this event. Those with 4 works or less will have an opportunity to exhibit in the Gallery Tent.

There are also openings to exhibit an unlimited number of pieces in 10’x10’ booths, and openings available for the plein air competition. Remember, this event is open to non-LMA members so let your talented artist friends be made aware so that they can share in the fun.

The A.I.G. committee has been working diligently in an effort to make this a signature event for the League. With activities geared toward children, wider publicity, increase in size and a expansion of amenities (wider selection of food and beverages) we are hoping to make this even bigger and better than last year, although one can only say last year’s event was a smash in a perfectly idyllic setting.

*(Please contact Mary Prince for details on participation in plein air. Please contact Jack Pachuta for details on displaying and/or selling your art at Artists in the Garden. Contact info on Page 1 of newsletter.)*

## 2016 CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**LMA Winter Show** - February 25<sup>th</sup> – May 17<sup>th</sup> at Villa Terrace Decorative Arts Museum in Milwaukee. Deadline is January 29<sup>th</sup> at midnight. Opening reception is February 25<sup>th</sup> 5:30-8:00

**LMA Spring Show** - March 13<sup>th</sup> – April 17<sup>th</sup> at The Arts Mill in Grafton. Submission deadline is midnight February 18<sup>th</sup>. This is a self-juried show. There will be no theme.

**LMA Summer Show** – June 12<sup>th</sup> – July 31<sup>st</sup> at Rahr-West Art Museum in Manitowoc. Submission deadline is midnight April 29<sup>th</sup>. The theme will be “Cooler By the Lake”

**LMA “Artists in the Garden** – August 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> at Boerner Botanical Gardens in Hales Corners.

**LMA Fall Show** – October 7<sup>th</sup> – November 6<sup>th</sup> at Inspirations Studio & Gallery in West Allis. The title of the show is “POE-Etry: An Art Exhibition.” The theme is the poetry of Edgar Allan Poe.

## 2017 CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**LMA Winter Show #1** – Oconomowoc Art Center – Dates Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> – Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017, details to follow as they unfold.

**LMA Winter Show #2** – Cedarburg Cultural Center – Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Mar. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017, details to follow as they unfold.

**LMA Summer Show** – Anderson Arts Center – Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> – Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017, details to follow as they unfold.

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### LMA Meeting Information

Meetings are generally held the second Saturday of each month at 9:30 am, location is Redemption Lutheran Church at Highway 100 just north of Capitol Drive. Upcoming guests/topics on the 2016 itinerary:

**March 12<sup>th</sup>** - Andy Evansen, watercolor artist

**April 9<sup>th</sup>** – Carrie Suneja, hand bookbinding and paper marbling  
(please note April 9<sup>th</sup> is also next LMA jury date)