



# Open Carnivals

February 2015

## News from your President

### Welcome to 2015!

Your board continues to work with the Mount Mary University administration to find an affordable way to continue using their facilities for our meetings. However, because we need to control our costs, the first four meetings of 2015, February 14, March 14, April 11 and May 9, will be held at the Redemption Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 4057 North Mayfair Road, Wauwatosa, WI 53222. The church is located about a half mile East of Highway 45, the second building north of Capitol Drive on the West side of Mayfair Road.

As usual, our semi-annual LMA New Member Jury is planned to follow our April Members' meeting, and this year's schedule is 12 noon - 1pm: drop-off and registration, 1:00 - 1:30pm: jurying 1:30 - 2pm: artist pick up of work.

February 6 is the deadline for our Spring Show at the Arts Mill in Grafton. Please apply using the form on our web site under Opportunities

and let Donna know the art you can bring. The prospectus is included in this newsletter and also available through the web site. Our exhibition committee has met and fifteen of our members have volunteered to help—thank you for pitching in! We are investigating Madison venues and we intend to hang 4 shows in 2015. We will try to add some small venues this year, and we have confirmed the 2016 June 12 to July 31 show in Manitowoc at RAHR.

To increase community awareness, our board has committed to supply volunteers for the **Channel 10/36 PBS auction and fund raising event**. Our time slot is Sunday, April 26 from 6:30 until closing that evening, probably after 10 PM. Jack Pachuta, the 2015 PBS Auction featured artist, will be our main contact and we are expected to supply a minimum of 10 people—the board of directors has already committed to fill many of the spots. (Article continued on page 2)

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Chuck Weber has graciously offered to help with the board chair for newsletter editing, however this is not his calling and we are still seeking a person who can dedicate 3 hours every 2 months to assemble the news for our league. Are you computer savvy and have some time to contribute? Please contact the board for more information. THANKS!

(Presidents Message — Continued from Page 1)

We are trying something new this year—we have solicited 2 galleries and are seeking a third to sponsor “gallery awards” for our events, where a gallery owner can review our current shows and choose art that would work and sell in their particular venue. These artworks will be highlighted during the event. Once the LMA shows are finished, the artists who have won the gallery awards will have the opportunity to sign a contract with the gallery to hang their award paintings for a mutually agreed upon length of time. We hope this will allow local gallery owners to establish relationships with members of our league while giving your work more exposure and hopefully resulting in some sales.

After long discussions your board of directors has voted in favor of an increase in annual membership dues from the current \$35.00 to \$45.00 per year for 2016. This issue must be brought to the membership for a vote, so it will be raised at a future meeting for discussion and then at a second meeting for a vote. Reminders will be published in the newsletter. **Happy painting!**

## Announcing a contest!

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Want to help us promote our brand while raising some funds for our league? *Help us design a fabulous T-shirt!* The league seeks a T-Shirt design for our members and friends. We will be using Booster.com to sell the shirt design to our membership and our supporters, and as booster.com promotes these T-shirts around the world, the winning design has the chance to be spread far beyond Milwaukee. We intend wear these T-shirts at the April PBS auction—it’s your chance to help us build a great new image. We are looking for a design, a pithy artist quote, an image...let your creativity free! Submit your design concepts to [LMAexhibitions@gmail.com](mailto:LMAexhibitions@gmail.com) by March 1 to be included in the contest. Winner gets a shirt and bragging rights!

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Submitted by member Tom Buchs:

I'm a member of these 2 online jurying services that many shows around the country use, including the Lakefront Festival of Arts. If you go to these links and login as a new member they will send you emails about the shows. For all the events you can look at the prospectus and pick the show you might want to enter, and enter online by uploading your images for judging and paying the jurying fee, which varies from show to show. Notification is handled on their site and they tell you how to send pieces. Some of the shows are strictly online so you just have to upload images.

<[http://www.juriedartservices.com/index.php?content=home\\_new](http://www.juriedartservices.com/index.php?content=home_new)>

<<http://www.onlinejuriedshows.com/>>

**League of Milwaukee Artists****2015 Self-Juried Spring Exhibition February 20 – April 2, 2015****The Arts Mill 1300 14th Avenue Grafton, WI 53024**

**ELIGIBILITY:** Open to any LMA member in good standing (must have attended at least 2 meetings per year to qualify). New juried members are exempt from requirement. Forty to fifty pieces are needed. Ribbons and cash awards will be presented at the Artists' Reception.

- Works must be original and completed within the last 3 years.
- Compositions from published material, other artist's work, or from photographs not taken by the artist are not considered original works.
- Giclees are not eligible.
- Pieces must be properly wired, framed and ready to hang. No saw tooth hangers.
- Two-pieces per artist maximum will be allowed for submission.
- Size limit: 36" x 36". Weight not to exceed 30 lbs.
- Please attach card with name, title, medium, size and sale price to back of each submission.

**JUROR/JUDGE:** THIS IS A SELF-JURIED SHOW. NO ELECTRONIC IMAGES NECESSARY.

Judge: Kristen Gjerdset, Associate Professor of Art, Wisconsin Lutheran College.

**AWARDS:** \$250.00 in cash awards plus \$20.00 in gift cards will be presented at the Artists' Reception.

**LIABILITY:** A completed Consignment Form must be submitted with accepted artwork. Submission of an application form constitutes the agreement to all conditions listed in this prospectus.

**SALES:** LMA members are encouraged to offer their art for sale. The Arts Mill will sell the artworks at the retail price specified by the artist on the application form. The Arts Mill assumes all responsibility for Sales Tax, which will be added to the retail price. The Arts Mill will collect a 30% commission on the retail price of all sales.

**ENTRY PROCESS:**

Complete the online application form located on the LMA website, or the printed application form. If using the printed form, mail it to Donna Staats, Exhibitions Chair, 8016 W. Marion Street, Milwaukee, WI 53222 so it arrives before the deadline.

**For self-juried shows, no electronic submission is necessary!**

Winners will be announced at the show, on our web site and on Facebook.

**EXHIBIT CALENDAR**

Friday, February 6, 2015, Midnight – Submission Deadline

Friday, February 13, 2015, 11:00 am – 7:00 pm – Drop off Art

Saturday, February 14, 11:00 am – 5:00 pm – Drop off Art

Friday, February 20, 2014 – Show Opening

Sunday, February 22, 2015, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm – Artists' Reception

Thursday, April 2, 2015 – Last day of event

Friday, April 3, 2015, 11:00 am – 7:00 pm – Pick up Art

Saturday, April 4, 2015 11:00 am – 5:00 pm – Pick up Art

**The Arts Mill 1300 14th Avenue Grafton, WI 53024 262.377.3516**



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# Open Canvas



## LMA Meeting Information

Meetings held the second Saturday of the month, begin at 9:30 AM and are held at Redemption Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 4057 North Mayfair Road, Wauwatosa, WI 53222

## Newsletter Info...

The next deadline is March 15, 2015. Send articles and member news by email to [LMAexhibitions@gmail.com](mailto:LMAexhibitions@gmail.com) (use the title *Open Canvas* in your subject line) or by regular mail to: Jay Batista/LMA, 136 Preserve Ct, Grafton, WI 53024. Images of group interest in .jpg format accepted. Submissions may be excluded due to space limitations.

All address or email changes should be sent to [Beth.Stoddard.studio@gmail.com](mailto:Beth.Stoddard.studio@gmail.com) or call (414) 546-2617.

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## 2014 Calendar

February 14—Photographer Bill Lemke

March 14—To Be Announced