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Presidential Perspective

LMA President's letter, January, 2021

Judy Gahn Murphy LMA President

January typically is a time for new beginnings, a time to start life with a fresh perspective or to make a resolution to make something better in your life. I am just trying to maintain what I have and hold on until we can all meet in person again. I say this half tongue in cheek.

I know our Board has worked overtime trying to bring you interesting programming and exhibitions to keep our organization alive during the pandemic. We had hurdles with getting zoom and YouTube meetings up and running. Hopefully you have been able to see the meetings either live or at a later date on YouTube. Our fellow League member artists are outstanding in their talents and willingness to share them with us.

We are very fortunate to have three exhibitions this year for you to show your work. As the pandemic subsides and/or we get vaccinated hopefully our group will start to meet in person and we can reacquaint ourselves with each other once more. Our purpose is more than just to provide you with programming and exhibition opportunities, we also are here for mentoring and making friends!

All the best to you in 2021,

Judy



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LMA Meeting Information

This year our meetings will all be held on the virtual video platform Zoom.

YES! We are still having meetings and they are still at 9:30 on the 2nd Saturday of the month. This year, however, all our meetings will be on the virtual meeting site Zoom. Here is the link for all meetings: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83374691314?pwd=N1JvRkloUGNqRExscRkxS2VMa29ydz09>

Meetings will then be posted on our new YouTube Channel accessible via a unique link that will be sent to you by email. This protects our meetings from being viewed by non-members.

This being a most unusual year due to Covid-19, all meetings will have a guest artist who is also one of your colleagues in LMA! Our Vice President Marcy has created a new activity called: **KNOW YOUR FELLOW ARTISTS.**

Just for the 2020-2021 year, we will pay **\$100** to any of our **OWN fellow artist members** to present a **30 minute or so presentation** following an outline that will be provided. This will include samples of your work and a Q and A as well. Presenters will simply be a part of our Zoom meetings. We know that we have a very talented membership, so let us REALLY get to know you and your work AND get remunerated for your effort. Please send your response to mweinsheim@gmail.com to get on the roster as soon as possible or click here for more information: <https://www.milwaukeeartists.org/know-your-fellow-artists.html> **Our Next presenter is:**

Jack Pachuta



Most of you know Jack as our LMA President for many years. You may also know him from his award winning prints. From his website:
“The world is a magnificently complex mixture of color, light, textures and shapes! Look closely at what's around you and you'll see a universe of inspiration. Every day you'll find something new to stimulate your imagination. That's what I do via my monoprint and collagraphs - I make people see things they might not otherwise see. When viewing my work, you'll see an enhanced reality - tones, hues and shadows that prompt you to go beyond your existing perspective.”

Come join us on January 9th when Jack will present for us!

Artist Opportunities

Here's an organization based in Green Bay offering some shows-currently "The Athletes Exhibition Call For Art"

<https://theartgarage.org/collections/artist-opportunities>

Check out Artshow for some opportunities: <https://artshow.com/juriedshows/midwest.html>

Here's a new website I found offering tons of opportunities. It's called "Entry Thingy for Artists"

https://www.entrythingy.com/forartists_calls

According to "My Modern Met" these are 12 of the Best Art Competitions to Enter in 2021

<https://mymodernmet.com/best-art-contests/>

This site, café, has tons of opportunities from all over the place.

<https://www.callforentry.org/>

For all these sites you need to do a bit of shopping, but you never know what you'll find!

Member Doings

Here are several current exhibitions members have let me know about.



The Wisconsin Pastel Artists' FALL 2020 ONLINE EXHIBIT - "Silver Linings" will be posted from November 28, 2020 to February 27, 2021 at

<https://www.wisconsinpastelartists.com/page/26219/fall-2020-exhibit>

Members exhibiting are: **Jeanne Brill, Bonita Bruch, Debbie Callahan (Third Place Award), Audrey Dulmes (Best of Show Award), Marcia Gorra-Patek, Julia Pagenkopf (Honorable Mention), and Colette Ody Smith (First Place Award).**



The Racine Art Museum is hosting "Watercolor Wisconsin 2020" until April 24, 2021. Members showing are: **Judith Murphy, Alice Struck, Julie San Felipe (Award of Merit) William Davis, and Carolyn Simpson.**

Tom Smith will be showing in the Sheboygan Visual Artists Christopher Gardens Plein Air Art Show (online only) starting Jan 15, 2021. See:

<https://sheboyganvisualartists.org/>

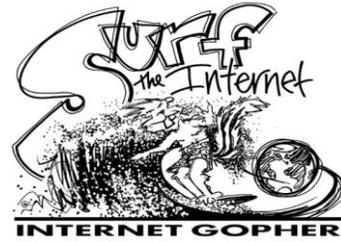
Tom will also be a part of the January MARN Virtual Gallery Show which will run from January 9 – 17. See: <https://marnvirtualgallery.com/>

Five LMA artists won solo shows at the Anderson Arts Center. The featured artists are: **Colette Ody Smith, Susan Steinhafel, Joyce Eesley, Chuck Weber, and Jack Long.** Also, with special presentations for sale in the remodeled Anderson Gift Shop are **Donna Tronca and Terri Lockwood.**

Around the Web

Surfing the web!

Here you'll find a link or 2 to an interesting art related article, blog post, or whatever! You will need to put your cursor over the link and press CTRL, then click to read the entire post. Email me with any links you'd like to offer to share! Try something-you'll like it!



Disclaimer: some of these sites are commercial and may have the bane of pop ups or ads trying to get you to sign up for their newsletters, etc. They all are safe however and I've visited them and find them worth the look.



Here's a fun article and your winter challenge! Make you email me with your photos!

<https://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/artist-creates-drawings-by-walking-in-snow/>



This long link takes you to the NPR site for some stunning photos!

https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2020/11/07/931370313/need-a-reminder-of-how-gorgeous-earth-is-peep-these-photo-award-winners?utm_medium=social&utm_term=nprnews&utm_campaign=npr&utm_source=facebook.com&fbclid=IwAR3ONWjH5Sf9Cv9HXQv1mwvngAfkBBFDck5Fap3aMMtXsvtNxmKv25GzHmM



I just discovered a site called "My Modern Met". You can easily get lost in it but here are a few short articles I thought were interesting. Curse at the pop ups but just use your cursor to x them out then you'll be glad you looked!

<https://mymodernmet.com/leonardo-da-vinci-discovery-tajan/>

<https://mymodernmet.com/uffizi-gallery-virtual-tour/>

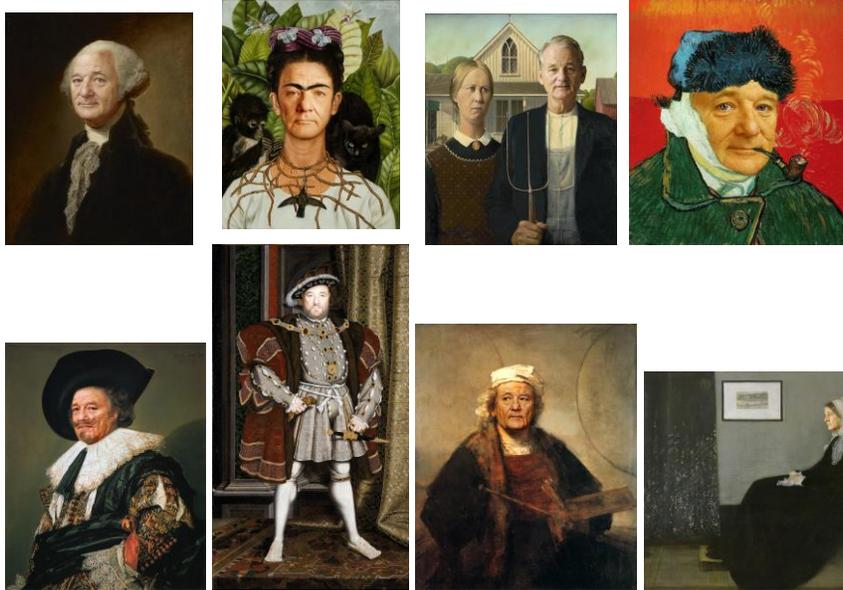
<https://mymodernmet.com/what-is-printmaking/>

<https://mymodernmet.com/michelangelo-sistine-chapel-ceiling/>

The homepage for My Modern Met can be seen here: <https://mymodernmet.com/>

The Funny Page!

Can you tell what these 8 paintings have in common?



More Bad Art Puns & Jokes. Just Really Bad ones

Where will you find an FBI sketch artist? In the bureau drawer.

What do you call an artist without a palette? Someone who makes paintings without taste.

Why did you fall in love with the Paris art museum? It was just Louvre at first site.

Why did the portrait artist take a side job as a census taker? Because he was great at canvassing people.

Why do old artists never die? They just withdraw.

Why are artists so temperamental? They have to get into the right frame of mind.

Why do old artists never die? They just put things in perspective.

Why did the origami artist win her court case? She was great at doing the paperwork.

Why did the girl decide to become an art dealer? Because she wanted more Monet.

What happened when the artist tried to draw a cube? He suffered from a mental block.

Why was the artist dying? He had painted himself into a corner.

How did the man become the head of the artist's union? He started by canvassing artfully.

What was the art teacher so bad? She could only draw blank faces.

Artist of the Month



Richard Lippold

This year I am going to search out artists who are from Wisconsin or have strong Wisconsin ties. I'll try to find artists that may not be entirely known to you (sorry Georgia) but that you may have heard of.

Richard Lippold (May 3, 1915 Milwaukee, Wisconsin – August 22, 2002) was an American sculptor, known for his geometric constructions using wire as a medium. He studied at the University of Chicago, and graduated from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago in industrial design in 1937. Lippold worked in Milwaukee as an industrial designer from 1937 to 1941. After he became a sculptor, Lippold taught at several universities, including Hunter College at the City University of New York, from 1952 to 1967. Most of Lippold's works were designed for suspension by anchor wires in the upper reaches of large rooms; *Variations in a Sphere No. 10: The Sun* (1953–56; gold wire), commissioned by the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, is a major example. Constructions from the 1960s appeared in all kinds of public buildings: *Orpheus and Apollo* (Avery Fisher Hall, Lincoln Center, New York City, 1961); *Flight* (Pan American [now MetLife] Building, New York City, 1963); *Baldacchino* (St. Mary's Cathedral, San Francisco, 1967); *Ad Astra* (Mall entrance of the National Air and Space Museum, Washington, D.C., 1976); and *Winged Gamma* (Park Avenue Atrium, 237 Park Avenue, New York City, 1981).

A quote from an art critic reads: "Lippold was an engineering genius, but we've been dealing with a piece that had reached the threshold of catastrophe,... People's mouths fall open when they see it going back up, like they're watching a spider spin a web of blazing gold,...The more that goes up, the more exquisite it gets."

The 14th and 15th of John Cage's famous *Sonatas and Interludes* for prepared piano are subtitled *Gemini - after the work of Richard Lippold*.



Exhibit News

A new Virtual Exhibit we are calling **“Regeneration”** is in the works. Applications will start On Jan. 1st and go through Feb. 15. The show will run in the month of March. The prospectus and form to enter is now up on our website!

Exhibit:Grohmann Museum ~ Juried Show ~ **Exhibition is postponed to 2021**

New Dates: May 21 to August 22, 2021

The League of Milwaukee Artists Present Recent Works

Gallery 110 North - Plymouth Arts Center

Exhibit Dates: August 13 - October 1, 2021 Deadline for submission is May 21st, 2021

Prospectus and entry form now on our website!

We Need you! The positions of **Vice President** and **Exhibitions Chair** are still waiting to be filled!

The Vice President position supports the President and takes his/her place in their absence. This position also is the Program Chair which secures speakers for the year's meetings. Finding speakers is a pleasant experience in that contacting people in the arts broadens your own knowledge of the arts culture in Milwaukee and the surrounding area. If you enjoy talking to people, this is the position for you to grow! The Exhibits Chair is responsible for finding show venues, organizing them, and creating the prospectus for each show. Much of the work is already done-with lists of past venues, templates, etc. Both positions can be eased into with the help of the board member who held the job, in the form of mentoring and transfer of information. Join our wonderful Board! It's not hard, won't take up too much time and is very rewarding! Contact anyone on the Board (see above) if you can volunteer for one of these positions. We need your help! It's only with volunteers that we can continue to run LMA as a premier organization. Many of the Board members have been “on board” for some years. We need new people to step up. Thank You!

Know an artist friend who should join LMA? Tell them to go to our website to find out how to join! The submission links for 2021 are on our website under the “Members” tab!

Upcoming New Member Jury Dates 2021

| Submission Deadline: | Announcement Date: |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1-22-2021 | 1-28-2021 |
| 4-23-2021 | 4-29-2021 |
| 8-20-2021 | 8-24-2021 |
| 11-19-2021 | 11-24-2021 |

Please continue to be safe and well