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Welcome back LMA! Top news from summer 2011...

In the May 2011 meeting, David P. Klein was voted President of LMA. According to David, "I have been an active member of LMA for more than 7 years. Even if it means driving in from Campbellsport, I enjoy attending monthly meetings, valuing the excellent educational opportunities, the networking and sharing of ideas, as well as the opportunities to exhibit. The LMA keeps me abreast of current activities in the Milwaukee Art Scene. I served as an assistant to Exhibit Chairperson Judith Reidy and later served as chairperson of the Exhibit Committee.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to the officers

who are stepping down—I thank them for their dedication and helping the organization grow through their leadership: President, Kathleen Flaherty; Newsletter Design Editor, Nancy Kolar; Publicity Position shared by Marie Myler and Kris Reicher. We should all remember to call on these former officers for their help and guidance. I would also like to take the opportunity to welcome newly elected Editor Jay Batista and Publicity Chair Laura Easey-Jones. I look forward to working with them as the newly elected president of the LMA."

In other news:

—We are seeking a person to head the activity of selling or sharing our surplus art supplies. We would like to have this event at our November meeting. When someone steps forward to work out the logistics the activity will move forward. If interested, contact Program Chairperson Elizabeth Falter-Minz at 414-535-0053 or liz-minz@gmail.com

—Mt Mary charity Show has been canceled.

—Patty Heibel, 262-255-7702, pheibel@att.net is working with Dagmara Costello and will take over as membership chair, and Donna Staats, 414-466-8030, seger_57@hotmail.com will be working with Marcia Hero to take over the duties of the Exhibits chair in the near future.

NOTE TO MEMBERSHIP:

Please read proposed changes to the LMA Constitution and LMA By-Laws (Page 2-3) before the September meeting. If you have any concerns please email them to pippnn1225@yahoo.com and they will be read and discussed at the September meeting.

From the President's Corner

By Kathleen Flaherty

After serving on the League of Milwaukee Artist's board for the past eleven years it's time for me to step down. It has been my pleasure to represent all of you, first as membership chair and then as your president. I have seen many wonderful board members come and go and have made many new friends. It has been very enjoyable working with each and every one of them and I've learned a great deal in the process. I have been proud to work alongside so

many dedicated people.

When I became president I knew I had a successful model to follow, Alan Linqvist. Under Alan's watch snail mail transitioned into email and digital images were preferred over slides. Alan and Patricia Herbst were instrumental in establishing our first website. He also maintained LMA's historical information and worked closely with MARNE and various other art groups.

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PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE LEAGUE OF MILWAUKEE ARTISTS

ARTICLE III – FEES

Section 1	The annual dues for membership shall be \$35.00 per year.
Proposed Change	The annual dues for membership shall be \$35.00 per year; payable by December 31st. Payment after January 1 will be considered a late payment and will incur a late fee as determined by the Board.
Section 2	Annual dues are collectable and must be paid by January 31 st . Members not paying dues by January 31 st will be eliminated from the membership roster. Dues not paid by the end of June will be cause for the member to be dropped from the League. In special cases, arrangements may be made with the President to be passed by the Board.
Proposed Change	Annual dues are collectable and must be paid by January 1st. Members not paying dues by January 31st will be eliminated from the membership roster and the website roster.
Section 4	The eight elected Officers are exempt from paying dues during their term of office.
Proposed Change	The nine elected Officers are exempt from paying dues during their term of office. If a Board position is shared by two members, each member holding a half position will pay one half of the annual dues.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

Section 1	The Officers of this organization shall be: a President, a Vice President/Program Chairman (combined), Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Exhibit Chairman, Membership Chairman and Publicity Chairman.
Proposed Change	The Officers of this organization shall be: President, Vice President/Program Chairman, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Exhibit Chairman, Membership Chairman, Publicity Chairman, Newspaper Designer and Newspaper Editor.
Section 2	These Officers shall be elected at the annual meeting in March (or the meeting when the jurying for our annual Spring Show is held) and shall hold office for the term of one year or until their successors are elected. They shall take office at the general Board meeting in October.
Proposed Change	These Officers shall be elected at a meeting, preferably in the November, and shall hold their offices for the term of two years or until their successors are elected. They shall take office at the general Board meeting in January.
Section 3	The Board of Directors, or a Committee appointed by the President, shall nominate one or more candidates for each office at the general December meeting. Additional nominations from the floor may be made at this time. Consent of nominees to serve, if elected, must be obtained.
Proposed Change	The Board of Directors, or a Committee appointed by the President, shall nominate one or more candidates for each office at a general meeting in November. Additional nominations from the floor may be made at this time. Consent of nominees to serve, if elected, must be obtained.

ARTICLE V – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1	The Board of Directors shall consist of: the President, Vice President/Program Chairman (combined), Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Exhibit Chairman, Membership Chairman, and Publicity Chairman.
Proposed Change	The Board of Directors shall consist of: the President/Program Chairman, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Exhibit Chairman, Membership Chairman, Publicity Chairman, Newsletter Designer and Newsletter Editor.

ARTICLE VI – COMMITTEES

Section 1	Committees or Chairmen as may be deemed necessary to carry on the work of the League may be authorized and appointed by the Board of Directors, such as Invitation, Sunshine and Social.
Proposed Change	Committees or Chairmen as may be deemed necessary to carry on the work of the League may be authorized and appointed by the Board of Directors, such as Sunshine and Hospitality.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE BY-LAWS OF THE LEAGUE OF MILWAUKEE ARTISTS

ARTICLE I – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1	THE VICE PRESIDENT/PROGRAM CHAIRMAN shall preside in the absence of the President and shall succeed to the Presidency should a vacancy occur during the one year tenure. The Program Chairman shall arrange programs for the meetings.
Proposed Change	THE VICE PRESIDENT shall preside in the absence of the President and shall succeed to the Presidency should a vacancy occur during the two year tenure. The Vice President will also serve as the Program Chairman arranging programs for the meetings.
Proposed Change	THE TREASURER shall receive all monies due to the League, pay out the same on order of the President and present at all meetings a financial report of the previous month and shall submit to the Board a report of all receipts and disbursements at least two weeks prior to the December meeting.
Proposed Change	THE TREASURER shall receive all monies due to the League, pay out the same on order of the President, and present at all meetings a financial report of the previous month and shall submit to the Board a report of all receipts and disbursements. The Treasurer will also prepare an annual budget for approval of the Membership in February.
Proposed Change	THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY shall conduct the general correspondence of the League.
Proposed Change	<i>Omit</i> THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN and the Board or the juror or jurors designated by the Board shall decide on the acceptance or rejection of a prospective member. The candidate must submit three pieces of finished creative original work in any medium. (No craft work is acceptable). Work must be properly framed or mounted. The Membership Chairman shall update the membership roster for printing and distribution. Members who have attended two (2) meetings during the year prior to the judging date for the Spring Show will be eligible to enter the Spring Show. All others will be rejected. The Membership Chairman will record membership at all meetings but individual members will be responsible for the recording of their names at the meetings.
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Proposed Change	THE NEWSLETTER CHAIRMEN – this position consists of the NEWSLETTER DESIGNER and THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR. “Open Canvas,” the LMA Newsletter, is published four times a year both digitally and as a hard copy. THE NEWSLETTER DESIGNER collects and lays out the document. THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR proofs and mails out the newsletter both digitally and by USPS mail. Newsletters are \$5 payable with dues. If you choose to have them sent electronically or access them from the website there is no charge.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE BY-LAWS OF THE LEAGUE OF MILWAUKEE ARTISTS

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ARTICLE II – MEETINGS

Section 1

Regular meetings shall be held the second Saturday of each month from September through May at 9:30 AM.

Proposed Change

Regular meetings shall be held the second Saturday of each month from September through May at 9:30 AM. There will be no meeting held in January unless deemed necessary by the Board.

We extend our sincerest condolences to Mary Benson and M. Joy Kasun who both have lost their husbands this past summer.

Introducing Laura Easey-Jones, Publicity Chair...

Greetings, I am very excited to be the new chair of Publicity for LMA. I am happy to see lots of new faces stepping forward (and some old ones) in leadership positions. The first thing I would like to do is ask the membership a question. Do you have any suggestions for venues to further promote the League? Please e-mail Laura@Easeyjones.com.

I know we are all busy with our daily lives but getting together as artists to promote art is so enriching. It is recharging our creative batteries. Let me know if you have ideas you would like me to implement.

I am an artist in residence at Lincoln Center for the Arts, as well as curator for the Italian Community Center Gallery Nights. I am repre-

sented by Katie Gingrass Gallery. I paint murals, portraits and lots of other subject matter.

I have a show coming up of just my flower paintings on wood. The opening is Tuesday, August 23rd at the Coquette Café, 316 N. Milwaukee St. The opening reception is from 5 to 7pm. If you can't make the opening the show runs until October 8th.



"Rose" from Laura Easey-Jones show at the Coquette Cafe

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I hope I have left as strong a legacy as Alan and the other presidents before me. One of my goals was to listen to the needs of our membership and lead the meetings in a way to meet those needs. Networking, education and receiving productive criticism of their work seemed paramount. Therefore meetings were shortened to allow time for more "meet and greet." Our vice-presidents have done a

superb job in drawing in artists to demonstrate and share their expertise. We have continued, and expanded upon, the number of critiques we have after our meetings. Our board heard the concerns regarding lack of technology skills and called in Doug Haynes, our webmaster, to share his knowledge and increase our cyberspace comfort level. Our league is truly a

unique group of people. I have experienced warmth and acceptance, support and collaboration. We are united to help each other further our artistic goals and our members do it with style, grace and experiences they're willing to share with others. I thank you all.

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Newsletter Info...

The next deadline is October 15th. Send articles and member news by e-mail to Jay.batista@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.

Pat Siok is the editor in charge of proofing and mailing the newsletter. All address or email changes should be sent to Patsiok@ameritech.net and to Dagmara Costello, Membership, at Dagmaradagart@hotmail.com. For Newsletters via email, contact Pat at patsiok@ameritech.net or call 262-567-8655



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Meeting Information

Meetings begin at 9:30 AM and are held at Mount Mary College, 2900 Menomonee River Parkway. Dates scheduled in Helfaer Hall Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 10, Jan. 14, Feb. 11, March 10, April 14, May TBD.

Program for September 10, 2011

LMA 1944 and 2011

Mel Tess, the only remaining founding father of the original 1944 group will share stories of the Milwaukee Art Scene "back when" and bring examples of the variety of his art work, both abstract and representational. Also we can look forward to meeting the newest members and viewing their art: Jay Batista, Patty Heibel, Mary Prince, Margaret Schuman, and Joe Simon.

Program for October 8, 2011

Successful Landscapes

Pastel artist Darron Lillian will demonstrate his craft including a discussion of layout, design and organized color harmony. Darron will show examples of his prize winning work, most of which began as Plein Air sketches. Darron graduated with a fine art degree in Utah and moved to the Milwaukee area to start and operate his own printing business.