



League of Milwaukee Artists

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Mel Tess and Pastel Artist Darron Lillian Address the League of Milwaukee Artists

The September and October meetings hosted our founding member Mel Tess who answered questions about the founding of our organization while displaying examples of his work spanning decades, and artist teacher Darron Lillian who discussed examples of his work and demon-

strated pastel painting in plein air. Both presentations were enthusiastically received by the club. Darron provided particular insights into his methods, including how the use of photography influenced his art, the teachers who influenced his notions of color, and value in the real

world versus photographs. He cautioned us to use pure colors, paint from the simple to the complicated, always rely on direct observation, and draw the pattern not the actual thing. Good landscape designs consists of the randomness of the arrangement, mimicking the image of Nature.

From the President's Corner

By David Klein

The League needs your help! Our open positions include the VP, Program Chair, assumes President's duty in president's absence and works with board to decide which months require outside personnel, contact presenters and co-ordinates with Mount Mary facilities director for equipment needs. Sometimes they need to provide assistance the day of presentation. We need someone with computer skills to help out as secretary for the organization. Also, we need someone to assist with the exhibitions that can make CD discs for submission to venues, create forms and address other issues that require computer expertise.

In the short term, next month we will need help with the check in of the

paintings for the jury of prospective new members, after our monthly meeting on November 12th—Pat Siok has agreed to help but more volunteers are needed. And we are seeking someone to take charge of the rummage sale of art supplies donated by our members.

Please step up and help your club!

In November we will be having our Fall Jury of new member applications, and remember to remind your artist friends they are welcome to apply for membership. The date is November 12, 2011, and all they need for consideration is a set of 3 paintings and a biography. Delivery is right after our meeting, from noon until 1:00 PM and pick up this year will be from 2:30 to 3:00pm. All prospective members will be notified by mail as to acceptance and appreciation.

NOTE TO MEMBERSHIP:

The proposed changes to the LMA Constitution and By-Laws were accepted by the membership at the October Meeting. For those of you who could not attend, we have reprinted the changes in full for your review on page 2 and 3.

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.

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.

THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY shall conduct the general correspondence of the League.

Proposed Change *Omit*

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 **five** 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. *(The following statement was voted to be eliminated – “Newsletters are \$5 payable with dues. If you choose to have them sent electronically or access them from the website there is no charge.”)*

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.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE LEAGUE OF MILWAUKEE ARTISTS

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

Section 3 Dues not paid by January 31st will be cause for the member to be dropped from the League.

Proposed Change *Drop this statement. It is covered later in the document.*

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 December 31st 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 31st. Members not paying dues by January 31st 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 **December 31st**. Members not paying dues by January 31st will be eliminated from the membership roster and the website roster. Dues not paid by the end of March 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.

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, 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 **November**, and shall hold their offices for the term of two years or until their successors are elected. They shall take office **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, 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.

LMA 2012 Spring Exhibition Information

Our Spring Show is April 20 to May 27 at the Suckow Family Art Gallery at the Schauer Arts & Activity Center, 147 N Rural St., Hartford, WI. The show is open to any artist member of good standing. All works must be originals and com-

pleted in the past 3 years, and approximately 50 works will be selected, each 36' X 36" or less, unframed. There is a \$10 fee to enter the show. Deadline: Mail your fee made out to LMA and list entries name, title, medium and

price to Donna Staats, 8016 W. Marion St. Milwaukee, WI 53222 before March 9, 2012. Delivery: April 18, 3 to 6 Pick-up: May 28, 3 to 6 Opening reception: Friday May 4th from 6:30 to 7:30. More info on website soon...



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Newsletter Info...

The next deadline is December 15th. Send articles and member news by e-mail to Jay@jbatistapaints.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 Patty Heibel, Membership, at patty@heibelgallery.com. For Newsletters via email, contact Pat at pat-siok@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 Nov. 12, Dec. 10, Jan. 14, Feb. 11, March 10, April 14, May TBD.

Program for November 12, 2011

Book Illustrator Carol Schwartz

Graduate of the Kansas City Art Institute and the Rhode Island School of design, Carol has illustrated Children's books since 1991 with her work appearing in over 40 publications. Her work has been selected for exhibition many times by The Illustrator's Club of Washington DC and honored by The EdPress Association of America. Carol's work is included in the Society of Illustrators permanent collection of Outstanding Female Illustrators of the Past 100 Years.

Program for December 10, 2011

Christmas membership Social!

Bring a painting, sketchbook or a work in progress. Among our membership we have many artists who are popular critics and judge for various art groups around the state. We are looking forward to fun, sharing and learning.