



League of Milwaukee Artists

Open Canvas

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From the President's Corner

By Kathleen Flaherty

I've been painting "plein air" during the Cedarburg Plein Air Event every June for years. During those ten day events, I have met artists from near and far, rejoiced if and when my painting(s) sold and then went through "plein air" withdrawal for the rest of the summer! That was history. Now artists can enjoy "plein air" events throughout the spring, summer, and fall, picking and choosing their favorite locations or participating in all. Below I have listed the many choices available to artists in 2009:

• Edge of the Rock Plein Air

Painting Event takes place June 4-13, in Beloit, WI. Plein Air workshops are offered May 15 and 16. <http://www.friendsofriverfront.com/calendar.html>

• Cedarburg Plein Air Painting

Competition takes place June 18-28. www.cedarburgpleinair.com/

• Wauwatosa Plein Air Affair

will take place from July 9-18. www.WauwatosaHistoricalSociety.org

• Oconomowoc Plein Air Event,

July 24-30, is hosted by Griffin Gallery and WIPAPA (WI Plein Air Painting Association). info@GriffinGalleryFineArtLLC.com

• Milwaukee Plein Air - The

Downtown Experience, September 10-19, is hosted by WI Visual Artists, and Milwaukee League of Artists.

For more information go to:

www.artinwisconsin.com/public/opportunities.php or www.leagueofmilwaukeeartists.com

• LMA artists who want a jump start, could sign up for the **Green Living Festival**, Sat., May 2, 2009, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., at the Mitchell Domes. For more info regarding this event, go to

www.county.milwaukee.gov/router.asp?docid=10360. Artists are welcome to paint indoors or out. Contact David Klein, LMA exhibit chair.

• Want to paint "en plein air" year round? WIPAPA - Wisconsin Plein Air Painters Association was organized last summer by Wendie Thompson (Griffin Gallery). Painters gather at interesting locations the third Saturday of the month. Critique and short meeting follows the completion of their brushwork. Wipapa.blogspot.com

Ross Merrill, the chief curator of conservation at the National Gallery of Art, in Washington, D.C. thinks

Plein Air Opportunities

plein air painting has become very popular because this type of painting reconnects a person with the history

of landscape painting, with the spirit and energy of nature, and with the opportunity to become completely engaged in the act of responding to a vital, yet diminishing, natural landscape. Ross is a professional artist, and a member of several artists' organizations, including the Mid-Atlantic Plein Air Painters Association.

Here is a basic list of standard plein air equipment:

- Collapsible easel and folding stool
- Lightweight paint box and tripod
- Clamp-on umbrella
- Paints, brushes, palette knife
- Solvent and painting medium
- Wet-panel carrier (or various sized pizza boxes)
- Paper towel or rags and small plastic trash bags.
- Bungee cords

If you have never painted outdoors my recommendation is to try it first with the equipment you have, or borrow from a friend. By the end of the event, having survived wind, rain, and possibly a heat wave, you will know if you're hooked. Viva la plein air!

■ I N V E N T O R Y ■

The LMA Inventory Listing is currently being updated. Maintaining a record of LMA inventory has been designated the responsibility of the Recording Secretary. Please advise Suzanne Eli-Germaine of whatever LMA properties you might have by calling her at 414-423-4335, or emailing her at cezanne0702@att.net. Please put "LMA Inventory" into the subject line. Thank you so much!

MID-SUMMERS BRUSH is seeking artists to enter competition in Mid-Summers Brush, Oconomowoc's Plein Air Competition held July 24 - July 30. 75 to 100+ artists are expected to compete this year. This competition is open to all! This event offers:

- * Juried Cash Awards totaling \$2750
- * Silent Auction of submitted work on Sounds of Oconomowoc Night: July 31st
- * Painting along side other artists July 24-30
- * Opportunity to submit two paintings for competition
- * Artist's reception: July 31st
- * Great Garden Quick Paint Competition: July 25th, a separate competition
- * Two Plein air Workshops by instructor Darron Lillian; July 24th
- * Kids Day Event: July 26

For more information or to register online go to <http://www.griffingalleryfineartllc.com/> Information will be updated regularly at <http://midsummersbrush.blogspot.com>

The **MITCHEL PARK DOMES** is looking for 5 to 10 artists to participate in their 2nd annual Green Living Festival Saturday, **May 2, 2009** from 9 AM to 9 PM. You can consider working together in shifts if you don't want to stay all day. We need 5 to 10 artists painting at all times. This event is free to participating artists. Your original prints or paintings are acceptable, and must contain some green. There is no commission for this event - all money will go to the artists. This is an experimental show at this time. Due to time constraints, please contact David Klein as soon as possible if you are interested.

MARN & the LMA

By Katie Musolff



We all remember how the LMA gave MARN (Milwaukee Artist Resource Network) some seed money to start a new website. Well, the website is up, and it is www.artinmilwaukee.com.

In exchange for the seed money, every LMA member receives a free one year subscription to be a MARN member. What does this mean? It means you can have your own page on the website where you load in images (up to 12) and information about yourself, you get discounts to lectures, and a member card that gets you discounts to art stores around the city. But most of all, it enables you to link up with other artists, galleries and companies in order to advertise yourself, ask questions and network.

So what now? Well, every member of LMA should have gotten a letter from MARN in the mail in early April or so with their card, login name and password. Go to the website, www.artinmilwaukee.com and click on LOG IN at the top on the right of the page and start loading in all of your info. If you have any problems, feel free to contact Melissa Musante. She is heading up this project and is our liaison. Her contact info is as follows:

Melissa Musante, Executive Director
Milwaukee Artist Resource Network (MARN)
414.305.2109
melissam@marnonline.com

BOARD POSITION OPENING: Katie Musolff, Vice President of the League, is not seeking another term on the board. If you are interested in filling this position, please contact Katie for more information at 414-651-3463, or pearjuggling@yahoo.com. Among other perks, board members pay no membership dues or costs for entering shows. Please consider stepping forward to help the group!

Member News

JILL VERBICK will be teaching at the Peninsula School of Art in Fish Creek, May 28-30. The name of the class is "Painting Your Story". Be sure to check out her new website at www.jverbick.com.

SUSAN HALE was juried into the "Little Show" at the Cedarburg Cultural Center, and also juried into 2 recent WVA Exhibits: "Wisconsin Visual Artists: 2009 Membership Show" at the Neville Public Museum in Green Bay, and the WVA/ Southeast Chapter Exhibit at the Bradley Gallery/ Lakeland College, in Plymouth.

Susan will be teaching "Painting Your Vacation Memories with Imagination & Color" at the Peninsula Art School in Fish Creek, WI, August 10-12, 2009. www.peninsulaartschool.com.

JOYCE EESLEY has a painting that was juried into National Watercolor Exhibit in San Pedro, CA that will be running from May 17th through June 27th. She also has a solo exhibit at Waukesha Civic Theatre from May 5th through June 1, 2009. Waukesha Civic Theatre is located at 264 West Main Street, Waukesha. If you get a chance, stop in to see it.

"Subject Matters: The Art of PATRICE HERBST, KATIE MUSOLFF & COLETTE ODYA SMITH" runs July 12 - August 30, 2009 at the Cedarburg Cultural Center in Cedarburg, Wisconsin.

Welcome New Members!

The following artists were juried into the League on April 18th:

Deborah Callahan	Marcia Hero
Linda Gerard Dzik	Donna Staats
Karen Felder	Paul R. Schultz
Gerline Gelina	Rhoda Tews
Burton Gross	Wendie Thompson
Roxanne Hanney	Marcy Weinsheim



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Meetings: Dates & Places

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Saturday, May 9th - 9:30 a.m.

Helpaer Hall, Mount Mary College
2900 Menomonee River Parkway

Dan Gerhartz will show his paintings and discuss methods and materials. Visit Dan's website at www.danielgerhartz.com.

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, September 12th

9:30 a.m.

Helpaer Hall, Mount Mary College
2900 Menomonee River Parkway

Remember to check the website this summer for member news and updates on coming events.

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EXHIBITION OPPORTUNITIES

ANDERSON ARTS CENTER EXHIBITION

121- 66th Street , Kenosha WI 53143

Phone: 262-653-0481

Exhibition date August 9- October 11, 2009

Drop off Sunday, July 19, 2009

1:00 to 4:00 PM at Anderson Arts Center

Opening reception Sunday, August 9, 2009

1: 30 to 4:00 PM

Pick up Sunday October 11, 2009

1:00 to 4:00 PM

Work should be picked up promptly to avoid a \$1 per piece per day for storage fee.

Works should be ready to hang (no saw tooth hangers). Wall pieces are limited to 50 pounds. Works should be appropriately framed and covered with glass or plexiglass if needed. If glass is used the Anderson is not responsible for breakage. The Anderson Arts Center reserves the right to exclude any work which presents complex exhibition problems. If in doubt call the Anderson. The Anderson gets a 40% gallery commission. Works are insured while on premises.

Juror is Yolanda Kurek.

E-mail forms and 2 digital images (jpg. format) of art made in the last 3 years to juror by June 19, 2009 to ykstudio@att.net. Include artist's name, title, date, size, media, and phone number in e-mail. Juror will e-mail acceptance by July 10, 2009 to artist. Juror will judge pieces for ribbons from actual works after delivered to the Anderson.

We need people to car pool to the reception to insure a crowd at the reception. Please call other league members if you need help to deliver your pieces to the Anderson , this is not the board's responsibility.

Food will be provided by the Anderson.

LEENHOUTS GALLERY

First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee

1342 N. Astor, Milwaukee, WI 53202

414-273-5257

The Leenhouts Gallery will jury work for the 2009 – 2010 exhibition season on **Saturday, May 9, 2009.**

Artists may drop off three works, a resume and an artist's statement between 10:30 - 11:30 AM; pick up work between 2:00 - 2:30 PM.

All work must be 2D only, original, gallery-ready, and no larger than 24" x 36" unless the work is lightweight, foldable or rollable fiber art such as quilts or hangings. Artists selected will be notified by mail as to the dates of their 6 week exhibition.

Contact Gallery Co-Chair Sue Haislmaier with questions at 414-352-2742.

GALLERY 110 has contacted us about exhibition for a theme show in **2010**. All works must contain a **door** in it someplace. It will run from **August 13 to October 3, 2010**. The reception is on August 13, 2010 to coincide with the Jazz festival. The event has grown over the last 5 years and they believe that there will be between 1,000-2,000 people for the event.

NEWSLETTER - Next deadline Aug. 10th

E-mail articles to Nancy Kolar at nck1@sbcglobal.net using the title LMA News or Open Canvas in the subject line. Remember to send address or e-mail changes to Joyce Eesley at joyce_eesley@msn.com and Dagmara Costello at dagmaradagart@hotmail.com. Let Joyce know if you would like to receive your newsletter via e-mail.

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Name _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Title _____

Date of Work _____ Medium _____

Sale Price _____ Value (if not for sale) _____

Size (H x W framed) _____

Signature _____

IDENTIFICATION LABEL: Cut and fasten securely to the back left upper corner of work.

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