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From the President's Corner

by Kathleen Flaherty

Fall is right around the corner. Having had a long, hot summer perhaps some of us will be happy to see cooler breezes and fall colors.

One thing we can always count on is change. The same is true for our league. We have had many changes on our LMA board and one more position is waiting to be filled. Joyce Eesley has been a terrific newsletter editor and has been part of our board for many years. As of September she will no longer be in that position and there will only be a fall newsletter if one of our members steps up to take her place. I'm hoping it will be you!

Thank you, Joyce, for your dedication to LMA and all the effort you put into the newsletter and being a vital voice on our board.

I'm excited about this upcoming year! My goal of achieving my Master of Arts in Education has been accomplished. Now I'll have more time to pick up my brushes once again and paint with all of you. See you all on September 11th.

A Visit from Valerie Christell

Valerie J. Christell lives, works and maintains a studio in Milwaukee. She is Gallery Director/Founder at Merge Gallery in the Third Ward, and has taught a variety of classes at Alverno over the years. She is a member of Alverno's Art and Environment Committee.

Valerie creates art in a variety of media, including drawing (clayboard, charcoal and pencil), found objects, digital photography collages, art/poetry collaboration and installation. Through these media, she continues to express the concept of the process of life and its impact on one's humanity through visual metaphors. These metaphors involve images from nature (land, volcanoes and trees) intertwined with those of the human figure (bones, muscles and veins).

At the May 2010 LMA meeting, Valerie demonstrated her process for creating digital photography collage, and worked with input from LMA members to create the digital collage pictured at left. We can all be proud of the finished result.



The League of Milwaukee Artists' Psychology
Collaborative Art created with V. J. Christell
May 8, 2010

Thank
You

SPECIAL THANKS to Sponsors for the Gallery 110 North Exhibit

Jim and Mary Shields of Plymouth - Furniture

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Space, postcards and refreshments



AWARDS:

Gallery 110 North Exhibit - "Doors"

Honorable mention

Dagmara Costello "Serendipity"

Joyce Eesley "Doorway to Worship"

Sandra de George "The Flower Shop"

Award of excellence

Pat King "Crossing Over"

David P. Klein "Shakespeare Balcony Scene"

Steve Ohlrich "Forget Me Not"

Best of show

Thomas Shea "The Other Side"



photos of Plymouth Gallery 110 North Exhibit courtesy Dagmara Costello

CEDARBURG CULTURAL CENTER EXHIBIT - "Could Have Been an Award Winner"

1st place

Roxanne Hanney

2nd place

Jim Maki

3rd place

Kristin Gjerdsen



The Raven Gallery in Pewaukee has space available to rent as part of their artists' co-op. You can call Troy Tatlock at the gallery during business hours at 262-695-1501 for more information. This is a great opportunity for artists who want to exhibit their work in a friendly, professional gallery setting, and the rental prices are very reasonable.

Attention LMA Artists! Internationally known Artist/Instructor **Tony Couch** will have a 5-day Watercolor workshop in Nashotah, Wisconsin on August 1 - August 5th, 2011. Reservations are on a first-come basis. Deposits are fully refundable minus \$25.00 service fee up to July 1, 2011. For an application or further information please contact Pat Siok, patsiok@ameritech.net or phone: 262-567-87655 Home or 414-840-5908 Cell.

MEMBER NEWS

Joyce Eesley was accepted into the 49th National Annual aqueous media painting exhibit Watercolor U.S.A. which was held at the Springfield Art Museum in Springfield, MO. The exhibit ran from June 11 through August 8. Her painting received an award and was purchased by a patron before the opening reception on June 11th. Because of exhibiting in this show she was approached to join (and accepted) the prestigious national Watercolor Honor Society.

Joyce has another watercolor that has been accepted into Philadelphia Water Color Society "Works on Paper" 110th Anniversary International Exhibit which runs September 26 to November 14, 2010 in Reading, Pennsylvania. Joyce is a signature member of PWCS.

Joyce has resigned as editor for Open Canvas with this issue being the last one she will be editing. It is not a hard position to hold and she will be willing to help the person who takes over the position. Knowing how everyone enjoys reading Open Canvas gaining valuable information about the current and upcoming LMA events it would be a great loss for all members if we do not have Open Canvas. Please do your part and contribute to the organization by volunteering to fill this position.

Jim Maki is presently exhibiting in Door County at the Katie Gingrass Gallery in Egg Harbor. (1st multi-colored building on the left as you enter from the south). He won a 1st place at the WVA show at the Uiehlien Peters Gallery at St. Johns on the Lake at the April-May show. He is presently exhibiting at the Shorewood Library, with other Shorewood artists and received an award (3 of us tied for 2nd). Jim also received a 2nd place award at the Cedarberg Cultural Center Exhibit.

Liz Minz entered the Rain Barrell painting contest which was part of the Gathering of the Waters Festival in June. Her entry, "Raccoon Mischief" was selected as the winner.

Steve Rademan has been awarded an exhibit at the Leenhouts Gallery, 1342 N. Astor St., Milwaukee, WI. The opening reception is from 1:00 - 3:00 pm on Sunday, October 24th.

Chris Sommerfelt was invited by Interfaith to exhibit six paintings during July and August at The Reuss Federal Building along with nine other artists. Chris was also the featured artist in August at C'est la Vie Salon at 1913 S. 60th St.

Plein Air Opportunity

*Artists are invited to
participate in
Plymouth Arts Center
Premier Event "Paint
the Town" en Plein Air*



SAVE THE DATES

Thursday, Sept 30 - Saturday, October 2, 2010

A unique opportunity to paint the beauty of the Plymouth Area - landscapes, buildings, gardens, points of interest, etc. This is a fundraising event for the Plymouth Arts Center. A gala opening party with wine tasting, hors d'oeuvres, live music, dancing and a silent auction will take place from 6-9 pm on Saturday, Oct. 2. There will be awards and a salon exhibit for the three top winners.

Entry fees:

\$30 for "Paint the Town" Thursday and Friday

\$15 for Saturday, Quick Paint only

\$40 for "Paint the Town" and Quick Paint

Salon Show Awarded to the top three winners!

Cash Awards.

**For more information, contact
Host & Coordinator, Kitty Lynn Klich
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NEWSLETTER INFO . . . The next deadline is October 15th. Email articles to Nancy Kolar at nck1@sbcglobal.net. Use the title *LMA News* or *Open Canvas* somewhere in your subject line to avoid accidental deletions. In lieu of email, mail them to Nancy Kolar, 7441 S. Clement Ave., Oak Creek, WI 53154.



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Meeting Information

Meetings begin at 9:30 a.m. and will be held in Helfaer Hall, Mount Mary College, 2900 Menomonee River Parkway.

September 11, 2010
 October 9, 2010
 November 13, 2010

December 11, 2010
 January 8, 2011
 February 12, 2011

March 12, 2011
 April 9, 2011
 May 7, 2011

September 11, 2010
Fred Bell: Self-Portrait
Demonstration in Acrylic

October 9, 2010
Thomas Buchs:
Plein Air Demonstration

November 13, 2010
Joye Moon:
Watercolor Demonstration