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2007 Downer Avenue Premier Plein Aire Painting Competition a Smashing Success

by Judith Reidy

The 2007 Downer Avenue Premier Plein Aire Painting Competition was a smashing success. We sold over \$15,000 in art, donated 30%, over \$4,000 to Artists Working in Education, a not-for-profit organization committed to the art education of children through involvement with active artists. The League's plein aire artists sold over \$5,000 in art while the exhibiting League studio artists sold over \$1,000 in art. According to outgoing League President Alan Linquist, sales for this event far surpassed League exhibits over the past 10 years.

Over 62 artists participated in the competition and submitted 96 pieces of artwork. We had artists coming from as far as Minneapolis, as well as regional and local artists, and some college art students. The art varied in style and content, from traditional landscape to a more contemporary visual combination of images taken from the area and reorganized on canvas. The artists painted within boundaries bordered on the north by Newberry, on the west by Prospect and on the south by Ivanhoe (Villa Terrace) and to the east by Lake Michigan's shallow waters. (i.e. if they had stilts or a boat, they could paint from in the Lake as well) On the day of the silent auction we had so many patrons in the gallery that many had to wait outside before they could enter to bid on a piece of artwork.

We had wonderful League volunteers co-ordinated by our three League subcommittee chairs: Kathleen Flaherty, Jill Verbick assisted by Julie San Felipe, and Katie Musolff. Individual merchants and several community representatives were supportive and active in their support and nurture of the event.

The League presence in the community has risen to a new level. The neighbors continue to ask when I paint out in the area, if this is part of the Plein Aire painters and are we going to have another exhibition soon. The community groups would like to take a more proactive role in spreading the word about the event next year. With many gallery owners living in the area wishing to be more active in the future, there are real possibilities for the League members to gain access to these galleries. I have made contacts with fundraisers and marketers in the Downer Avenue community that wish to assist in making the event even bigger next year.

As a first time event, we were not without challenges, which we managed with considerable effort. As we discuss the possibility of doing the event next year, these issues will be addressed with fresh insight and seasoned experience in order to make the event even better than this year's success.

I personally want to thank all you who participated and/or volunteered as well as urge other League members to come on board and experience the excitement and success of our next event.

Digital Submission Format for MWA Museum of Wisconsin Art Exhibit, Winter II “Gathering Before the Storm”

SHOW DATES: Jan. 2, 2008 – Mar. 2, 2008

FOUR STEP PROCESS

1. Artist will submit a digital image of their artwork to these specifications:

High resolution image, 300 dpi at 4 x 6 inches. This is 1200 x 1800 pixels. A photo taken full frame with a 3 mega pixel camera or greater at full resolution will result in an image of adequate or greater size.

Poor digital images can disqualify the entry.

Send Image File with Digital Submission for MWA:

- by email to judithreidy@sbcglobal.net by Nov. 10, 2007
- to David Klein by postal service, post marked no later than Nov. 6, 2007

2. Confirmation of entries by December

3. DROP OFF FOR JURYING Awards

Dec. 16 – 23, 2007 (closed Dec.17 – 18)
W-Sat 10 am to 4:30 pm, Sun 1-4:30 pm
Museum of Wisconsin Art
300 South Sixth Avenue • West Bend, WI 53095

4. AFTER SHOW ENDS:

Pickup: Sat March 5-9, 2008, same hours as above at MWA

Check Submission Guidelines on insert for more info.

TYPE YOUR INFORMATION FOR EACH ENTRY FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE BELOW.

YOU MAY SUBMIT TWO ENTRIES.

Smith
Joe
5720 South Heavens Door
Celestial Village, WI 53211
262-555-3333
Joe@joesmith.com

Entry # 1
Title of Artwork: Tornado
Medium: Mixed media
Framed Size HxW: 20x16
Year of Work: 2007
Price of Work: \$500
Value of work if NFS:

NOTE: When you provide your entry information, DO NOT type Title, Medium, Framed Size, etc. Provide that information without typing those headings.

ATTENTION MEMBERS: You will be notified in October of acceptance into the WAB exhibit in Madison. Drop-off for judging is Saturday, November 17th at Bergstrom Hall, Mt. Mary, 9-11AM. Forms needed for the judging of paintings that are accepted into the WAB exhibit are in the Summer 07 Open Canvas. If you no longer have that newsletter, you can download it on our website.

Calling All Plein Aire Artists

I am calling any and all plein aire Artists to email me about interest in the ongoing Plein Aire Painters Program and Exhibition Plan PAP-PEP and later submit and application for participation in the program. Participants gather to paint together targeting an agreed upon region (concentrated area) for a week and conclude that week with an exhibition open to the public in that area.

Judith Reidy, judith@judithreidy.com

LMA Requests Legal and Tax Advice

We are reaching out to our membership to have a member or spouse step up to help us with some tax questions and some legal questions. As a non-profit, we are hoping someone knowledgeable in these areas will volunteer their time to help us or would be willing to advise on a discounted basis. If you can, please call President Kathleen Flaherty, (262) 512-1835.

Member News

The new luxury Marcus Majestic Cinema, located off I-94 at Springdale Road in Brookfield features 5 murals totalling 110 feet by **Chuck Weber**. The neo-art deco murals were created by Chuck at 20% scale, scanned and reproduced on canvas at full size, and surround the showcase art deco lobby. Created in a style reminiscent of period artist Russell Patterson, Chuck's goal was to echo the "Golden Age" architectural design and interiors with period, narrative panels done in the "High Society" Deco style of New York in the late 1930's.



In addition to the theater project, LMA member **Chuck Weber** has completed an oil portrait commission of His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI, for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. The original was received by Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan on Friday July 6, 2007.

The painting will reside at the entry foyer of the Cathedral of St. John The Evangelist, in Milwaukee, opposite the portrait of Archbishop Dolan, previously painted by Chuck.

Judith Reidy has received her third historical home commission in one month. The latest commission for a framed drawing is by Dan Pauli owner of the historic

Trostel house on Terrace and Belleview of Milwaukee's eastside. Judith also won third place in the Oconomowoc Plein Aire Event held in August. The Plein Aire exhibition was held at the Griffin Gallery.

Audrey Dulmes' "September Road", a soft pastel painting, was accepted into the *Forward: A Survey of Wisconsin Art Now* exhibit. The show was held at the Charles Allis Art Museum from May 9-July 29, 2007.

Joyce Eesley received an award of first place exhibiting at Museum of Wisconsin Art in West Bend with Wisconsin Painters and Sculptors/Wisconsin Artists in All Media Southeast Chapter this summer.

Colette Ody Smith's painting "Life Forms" was also accepted into the *Forward 2007* exhibit at the Charles Allis Art Museum. Ms. Smith also had four paintings included in "Art Alfresco" at the Katie Gingrass Gallery. This garden-themed show was a fundraiser for the Park People.

Susan Hale will be a featured artist at Edgewood Orchard Galleries in Fish Creek, WI Sept 1 -25. Opening Reception Sat. Sept 1, 4-7pm, Artist Talk at 5pm. Susan recently won an "Honorable Mention" at the Cedarburg Plein-air Painting Competition, and her studio will be open as part of the Cedarburg Artists Guild Studio Tour/Arts Weekend October 12-14. Maps can be picked up at the Cedarburg Cultural Center.

Giclees of **Jack Pachuta's** monoprint "Jazz Series" will be featured for purchase by Joe's Unique Art Gallery and Gifts at the West Bend Jazz Fest, September 7 and 8. The series is a collection of three works, JAZZ Nightly, Cool JAZZ and JAZZ in the Park, celebrating the uniquely American musical art form. Crafted in a style reminiscent of art deco posters, the series blends textures and subtle colors in a tribute to the tones, nuances and creative forces of a jazz band.

J.J. Joyce has a solo exhibit August 5th through September 14th. She has also been juried into the Hidden River Art Festival, Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts, Brookfield on September 21-23

Newsletter Info

The next deadline is October 15th.

Send articles to **Chris Sommerfelt** at csommerfelt@wi.rr.com. Use the title LMA News or Open Canvas somewhere in your subject line to avoid accidental deletions. No verbal requests accepted. Email is preferred. In lieu of email, fax articles to 414-259-9233 or mail them to Chris Sommerfelt, 3214 N. 105th St. Wauwatosa 53222.

Joyce Eesley is editor in charge of proofing and mailing the newsletter. All address or email changes should be sent to her at joyce_eesley@msn.com. **If you wish to receive your newsletter via email, let Joyce know via email.**

Website Info

Check in on the LMA website www.leagueofmilwaukeeartists.com to see what's new! Remember to submit member news to Patrice Herbst, patrice@patriceherbst.com for posting on the web as well as to Chris Sommerfelt to post in the newsletter."

Address Correction to Roster

Michael Kutzer
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Bayview, WI 53207

REGISTRATION FORM

**League of Milwaukee Artists
Museum of Wisconsin Art Exhibit
"Gathering Before the Storm"**

EXHIBIT DATES: Jan. 2, 2008– Mar. 2, 2008

Image File with Digital Submission for MWA due by Oct., 26, 2007

Drop-off for Exhibit and for Judging Awards: Dec. 16 – 23, 2007 (closed Dec.17 – 18)

W-Sat 10 am to 4:30 pm, Sun 1-4:30 pm

Museum of Wisconsin Art, 300 South Sixth Avenue, West Bend, WI 53095

AFTER SHOW ENDS: Pickup: March 5-9, 2008, W-Sat 10 am to 4:30 pm, Sun 1-4:30 pm MWA

SNEAK PEAK FRIDAY: Friday, January 4, 10:30 am • RECEPTION: Sunday, Jan.13, 2008, 1:30 to 4pm

REGISTRATION CARD: Please complete legibly.
Cut on dotted lines and fill out one registration card for each entry.
Indicate number of entries: 1 2

Name _____
Phone Number _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Title _____ Date of Work _____
Size (H x W framed) _____ Medium _____
Sale Price _____ Value (if not for sale) _____
I, _____, in good faith, agree to the guidelines for
submission to the League of Milwaukee artist show, *Gathering Before the Storm*..
Signature _____ Date _____

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

Name _____
Title _____
Date of Work _____
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SUBMISSION GUIDELINES TO THE
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INFORMATION

■ **JURYING TO GET INTO THE EXHIBIT**

Submit a digital image of their artwork to the specifications found on page 2. Send image file with application:

Digital file with all information included following digital submission format on page 2 by email to: judithreidy@sbcglobal.net by November 1, 2007.

Digital file with all information included following digital submission format on page 2 to David Klein by postal service, post marked no later than October 26, 2007.

■ **SHOW ACCEPTANCE CONFIRMATION** by December 3rd

FOR WORK JURIED INTO THE EXHIBIT

■ **FILL OUT Registration Form** before drop off. Bring artwork to drop off after completing the two slips for each piece of artwork. Attach one to the upper right back corner of the artwork. The size listed should be the framed size.

■ **DROP OFF OF ARTWORK**

Where: Museum of Wisconsin Art MWA
300 S. 6th St. • West Bend, WI 53095
www.wisconsinart.org, 262-334-9638
Ask for Graeme Reid

Drop off: Dec. 16 – 23, 2007 (closed Dec.17 – 18)
W-Sat 10 am to 4:30 pm, Sun 1-4:30 pm

Where: Museum of Wisconsin Art

■ **AFTER SHOW ENDS:**

Pickup: Pickup at MWA: Saturday, March 5-9, 2008, same hours as above at MWA.

■ **THEME- “GATHERING BEFORE THE STORM”**

The general nature of the theme allows for CREATIVELY titled figure work, landscapes, still life, abstracts.

■ **GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION FOR THIS EXHIBIT**

1. The member can submit one or two pieces, first in the form of digital images for entry, second time in their original form for final jurying.
2. The member has attended at least 2 meetings in the last 12 months. New members exempt.

3. Juror can select one or both entries from an artist for admittance into the show, but only one award will be given to an individual artist. The Juror does not have to select either entry.
4. Entries cannot have been in a previous juried League of Milwaukee Artists' exhibit.
5. There will be a size limit of 52” x 52” framed.
6. Artwork must be ready-to-hang, framed or have Gallery Wrap edges (if canvas), and use picture wire.
7. Artwork must be original. Subject to review by juror and/or LMA officers.
8. Artwork should not violate copyright laws.
9. Artwork shall be completed in the last three years. The work must be completed anytime in 2004 or later.
10. Submitted artwork should follow the theme of the show: “Gathering Before the Storm.”
11. Your image may be used for publicity and promotional materials such as CDs, email, brochures and other print material to venues considering the League of Milwaukee Artists for exhibition, to venues who have already contracted for a show and would like to use awarded images for promotional material, and to publications and newspapers for publicity purposes. While some images need to be in a high enough resolution for reproduction purposes, whenever possible the League will submit images at the lowest possible resolution to protect copyrights, and will act in the best interest of each member. 72 dpi images, posted on the LMA website: www.leagueofmilwaukeeartists.com, are not considered to be of reproducible quality.
12. If any the images submitted to the Museum of Wisconsin Art are found objectionable, the Artist will be notified and required to omit this (these) work(s) from the show.

■ **COMMISSION/DONATION:** MWA assesses a 20.6% commission for sale of artwork.

■ **INSURANCE:** Museum of Wisconsin Art insures items during the time they are on their premises. The artists need to provide insured price or a value for insurance purposes even if the piece is not for sale.

SAVE THIS INFORMATION



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Milwaukee, WI 53220

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DEADLINE EXTENDED!

**for HIGH PROFILE Exhibit
at the Wisconsin Arts Board
in Madison**

“Winter Interlude”

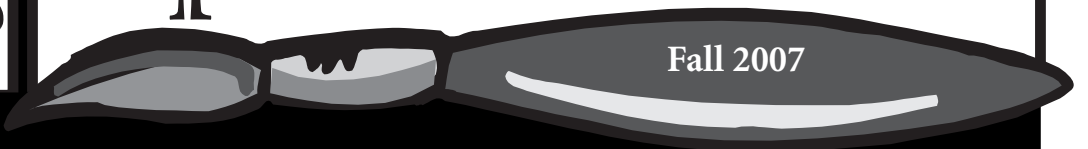
Details online and in the
Summer 07 Open Canvas

**Submit your digital files
NOW!**



League of Milwaukee Artists

Open Canvas



Fall 2007

MEETINGS: Dates & Places

SEPTEMBER

Saturday, September 8th – 9:30am
Stiemke Hall, Mount Mary College
2900 Menomonee River Parkway

Speaker:

Francis Ford will be our speaker and clue us in on how to photograph our work and manage digital files.

**PLEASE NOTE: LEAGUE MEETINGS ARE NOW ON
THE SECOND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH**

OCTOBER

Saturday, October 13th – 9:30am
Stiemke Hall, Mount Mary College
2900 Menomonee River Parkway

Speaker:

TBA