

June 16, 2016
Annual Meeting
Barry and Maureen Genzlinger's Residence

Attendance:

Gisela Alpert, Maureen and Barry Genzlinger, Christina and David L'esperance, Elisabeth Finstad, Nicole Vance, Pilar Paulsen, Jane Morgan, Gary Walz, Lorraine Manley, Annette Hansen, Heidi Chamberlain, Lori McLaughlin, Linda Stech, Mary Ann Duffy Godin, Frank and Cheryl Alwine, Frank and Sue Mason, Michael Purcell, Rochelle Allen, Anne Bissonette, Amy Cook,

Votes were cast for the new Board of Directors and Officers. The results are as follows:

President: Gisela Alpert
Vice President: Linda Stech
Secretary: Lori McLaughlin
Treasurer: Maureen Genzlinger
2 Year Director: Doris Bergeron
1 Year Directors: Elisabeth Finstad and Gary Walz

Congratulations to all!

As elected President, Gisela gave a brief history of the MAG and welcomed the new members we have gained. Two of the newest members came as a result of attending the workshop given by Mandy Hotchkiss about small business marketing earlier this month. We also have tremendous growth in "likes" on Facebook. This is important because it gives us greater presence and visibility on a free marketing platform. Our Guild is unique and we want to see it grow!

A big thank you was given to all who have helped with committees, to all volunteers, and to all who participate in helping our organization run!

Art Updates

September 17th is the finalized date for our "Come As You Art" outdoor art event at the Bear Trap Nursery.

The deadline for the **Holiday E-Card** is September 21st! Please submit your images to Gisela to be entered in the juried contest with great prizes! Holiday themed, no religious ties please. Past prizes have included a \$50 gift card of your choosing.

The **Annual Holiday Show** at the Grange in Milton is sign up deadline is September 1st. It is \$25 per booth. In order to stand out and encompass the spirit of the event we have decided to rename it the MAG Holiday Art Festival.

Exhibition Committee

New members have volunteered to be on the exhibition committee. We have a couple of details for the guidelines for exhibiting:

--The Biography Sheet will now need to be printed on MAG letterhead to maintain consistency

--Please use Easy Peel Labels. Frank has come up with an easy to use template that is available to anyone who needs it. Amazon (please use the Smile! for the Guild) has these labels, 100 for \$14.84 or 1000 for \$43.28

The point is to look professional and consistent.

--Art needs to be labeled on the back of the piece with the white paper label. The sticky label is for the wall.

Local Inspirations is the name of our group show at the State Attorney's Office in Burlington that begins September 7th, 2016 through February 2017. Please get the title, artist, medium, and price information to both Linda Stech and Jim Yolda as they are organizing this exhibit. Also a brief 2-3 short sentence description of the inspiration for your piece (needs to fit on the Easy Peel Label). **The deadline for this is July 15, 2016!** There is no size limit at this time as there is plenty of room there. Drop off will be at the Milton Library on September 17th. Please protect your piece with bubble wrap, etc for transport.

Other Exhibits

We are booking into 2017! Our current list:

Milton Public Library

LCATV

The Community Gallery (Milton Town Offices)

The Law Offices of Matthew Little

Biotek

Build-A-Bagel (St Albans)

North Western Medical Center

Recent Sales by Members:

Annette Hansen sold an original piece from her library exhibit.

Judith Taylor was offered an opportunity to teach a workshop after someone saw her beautiful jewelry display, also at the library.

Doris Bergeron sold one of her pieces from her Biotek exhibit

New Venues

A few new opportunities have presented themselves.

Frog Hollow on Church Street has a potential group show available to us in 2017. They are normally 1 month at a time but during the winter months there are 2 month slots available. There was the option of Jan/Feb, April, or October 2017 and the group voted to choose October for the fall foliage traffic that potentially would come in. During the winter they try to do extra promotional work to get local people in. There is 3D space such as pedestals and tables available. For hanging art they have a 12'x12' wall and a 3 sided tower. If we do this, we would want to pick a theme for continuity. They take a 50% commission on sales.

New Moon Cafe on Cherry Street may be a future venue. Linda is checking into it and the manager is looking for art from what she can tell.

The new Biotek group exhibit will be in March/April of 2017. This will be located in their new addition. The theme is "Cyto-expression". This will be an artist's interpretation based on images of microscopic cells. The images were taken with Biotek's instruments and are available through Gisela. There will be no size restrictions, however any art piece must be able to hang on a wall.

Blue Paddle Bistro in South Hero is having a fundraiser in August on a Sunday from 4-7pm. There will be a barbecue, live music by Tammy Fletcher, and Mandy Hotchkiss (owner) will give us a tent to set up under. The fundraiser involves artists painting/decorating wooden paddles to raffle off for a cancer charity. We can also sell our own art with a portion donated to the charity. Mandy is one of our new members and is a photographer. She has also offered to discuss giving wall space to MAG artists in the future for exhibition.

Pilar is in charge of the new Cathedral Square senior living apartment building and wants us to have an artist rotation exhibit there. They will be building an art room into the plans and the opportunity to teach classes and workshops may arise. More information will be available next June when construction is complete.

Amy Cooke and her husband just refurbished a beautiful cottage in Milton, and are looking to rent it out to artists who are looking for a quiet place to be. Please contact her if you are interested!

The Genzlingers are hosting the Vermont Handcrafters "Meet the Artist" weekend at their house this weekend, June 25 and 26th. Hours are 10am to 5pm.

July 8th through the 10th is the Open House and Farm Tour in the Islands.

Submitted by Elisabeth Finstad

