

Attending: Gisela Alpert, Sue Breeyear, Heidi Chamberlain, Alana Lambert, Cathy LaClair, Betsy Finstad, Mary Ann Godin, Jen Kenney, Christina Lesperance, Lorraine Manley, Ray McClure, Jeff Pelchat, Christian Poupart, Sharon Radtke, Christian Schoenig, Joyce Shepard, Raquel Sobel, Linda Stech, Claudia Stoeffler, Felix Swétel, Jessie Swétel, Judy Taylor, Gary Walz, Trine Wilson, Bernhard Wunder

- Introductions were given.
- Joyce Shepard, from Milton Rescue, spoke about the upcoming Health & Safety fair for kids. She needed an artist to help with the beanbag toss game construction; Alana Lambert volunteered. The free event is on May 18th from 11 – 2 pm and features a bike rodeo, car seat inspection, tours, CPR refresher, and fun activities.
- Gisela gave a recap of the first quarter earnings of the gallery, the P&L statement was passed around to members. She asked that members refresh their inventory in the gallery, and to offer items appropriate to spring.
- Members were asked to view the mural done by Rebecca Chomyn (bathroom wall). Gary Walz did the wall preparations for the chalk drawing. It will be changed with the seasons.
- We would like to do a 'selfie' wall, a backdrop for photographers, such as the butterfly mural at Bombardier Park. Implementation ideas are being discussed.
- Cathy LaClair said that we are expanding the workshops and bringing in new artists. We will also be moving to semester-based programming; we will post well in advance for season's offerings. There will be a fall, a winter, and a combined spring/summer posting. We are offering skills based, educational (marketing, Etsy, Instagram, google groups) classes, and homeschool classes. If anyone is interested in teaching a class, please contact Cathy at magvtworkshops@gmail.com.
- Jessie Swétel and Corina Thurston offer the Art Biz Peer Support group every 3rd Tuesday from 6 – 8 pm. The group meets for networking, learning, and sharing challenges of running a business. Join us for food & discussion.
- Outdoor project – in past years we've sponsored the Gardener's Supply and the Bombardier Dugout project. Gisela has been in talks with Green Mountain Power. They would like a mural painted on the route 7 brick building at the dam.
- There will be a mural painted at the Milton Elementary school, and an outdoor mural project is in discussions = more information will be announced.
- There is a Plein Air workshop on June 15th at Claire Payne's studio, space is limited to 20 participants. There will be a live demonstration by Eric Tobin. Please bring a dish to share. A reception follows. Spring Open Studio Weekend is May 25th and 26th. The gallery will be on the Vermont Crafts Council map. Please consider doing a demonstration of your art on one or both days, a signup sheet was passed, and there will be one at the gallery as well. If you participate, please be prepared to sell. Christian Poupart is setting up a wood cutting demo. On Saturday only, Carol Ann Jones will be providing the music. Ray McClure will pick up the maps but we need volunteers to place the signs. Longina Smolinski, Cathy LaClair, and Sherry Corbin are participating at their own studios. Some of our members will be showing at Artists in Residence, St. Albans.
- Sharon Radtke did an art program where children ages 4 through 10 made pictures of birds. Their art will be displayed at the gallery with a reception on May 19th from 1 – 3 pm.
- Window displays at the gallery – Thank you to Pilar Paulsen and Julie Griffis!
- Photography Club – Bernhard Wunder said that this week's class is on camera basics, and getting more technical. Next month's meeting is a field trip for photos to Sharon Radtke's Pond House property. The group meets every 4th Sunday afternoon from 3:30 – 5:00 pm, and is open to everyone.

(My notes say 3:30 – 5, but the website says it goes to 5:30, not sure which is correct)

- Gisela asked if there was interest in a whittling club; if so, please contact Gisela. We are looking for more ideas for clubs within the guild; please contact Gisela if you have a suggestion. There was a suggestion for a birding club.
- Jessie suggested 'make' sessions with odds and end of donated supplies; where members would meet and create something out of the materials.
- There will be additional ukulele classes and harmonica classes coming. There was a request for guitar classes and sewing classes.
- Cathy LaClair said that we were looking for someone with graphic design skills to help with the workshop poster; Christian Schoenig volunteered.
- Gisela announced a contest to grow the master mailing list. For each five new names submitted, the member's name will be put into a drawing for \$100 which would be drawn on May 6th. Members may make multiple submissions. Please ask for the person's address, email, and permission. As always, the list is private within the MAG and will never be shared. Please send the entry to Gisela, ytsnowgise@gmail.com. (I had May 5th on the board meeting notes, but May 6th was announced)
- Linda Stech is working on the Milton High School Scholarship. This year's award is \$400 and will be given to a graduating senior pursuing a career in art. Linda contacted the art teachers first in January, then again at the beginning of April. The deadline for submissions to the guidance counselors is May 1st. Ray McClure will work with Linda to choose the recipient; the presentation of the scholarship will be at the upcoming high school awards ceremony.
- The Jay Summer Festival signups are full. Christian Poupart will announce the dates of the planning meetings closer to the August 10th event.
- The first Senior Tea will be on April 25th. These are held on the 4th Thursdays from April to October. These are free for the seniors to attend, light refreshments are served with the tea. The guests are given an art demo and make a project to bring home. Trine Wilson has four of the eight months already booked. Please contact Trine at oscarmom2458@gmail.com if you can do a demonstration or suggest a group.

Show & Tell

- Linda Stech challenged the members to create a piece based on the word ECOLOGY at the March meeting. Next month's challenge word is WET.
- Jessie Swétel brought a diorama of an underwater scene with swimming fish.
- Judy Taylor showed her Tree of Life pendant; this will be in an upcoming workshop.
- Linda showed a painting of a cow; it had an unfortunate wrinkle in its execution, unsure if it could be saved.

The next monthly meeting is Thursday, May 16th from 10 – noon.

Respectfully submitted by Christina Lesperance