

21 members attending: Gisela Alpert, Donna Blatchly, Doris Bergeron, Ann Bissonnette, Janice DeCooman, Heidi Chamberlain, Greg Drew, Claudette Eaton, Barry Genzlinger, Mary Ann Godin, Annette Hansen, David Lesperance, Tina Lesperance, Lorraine Manley, Ray McClure, Jane Morgan, Sharon Radtke, Linda Stech, Nicole Vance, Trine Wilson, and Jim Yolda

Mary Ann was thanked for hosting the meeting.

- Yearly dues were collected.
- Fundraising: MAG was given \$2100 from the Barnes & Noble event (November), and the sales of Hannaford tote bags (December) yielded \$44.
- Gisela opened a discussion about creating a recognizable logo, emoji, or quip to represent the MAG. Claudette's husband had offered to design a cartoon of whatever we had decided on at the meeting, but after discussion, it was decided that a cartoon would not be relevant as a representation of the guild, as no member works in that media. Brainstorming continued with the theme 'out of the box'. Comments were made that members liked the current logo which is used on the letterhead. The conversation then moved to creating a quip, to lines incorporating the initials of the guild; iMAGes, iMAGine, iMAGination, MAGic, where iMAGination meets . . . , where iMAGination and art meet. As we will need to order more tee shirts this year, the quip might be added the reverse side of new shirts.

#### Committees

- We need a volunteer to help with advertising our events. This volunteer would work with, and be a member, of the existing publicity committee. Duties include contacting local newspapers to determine where we can get the most impact for our advertising budget, emailing the ad (authored by committee members) to the newspapers' ad department, and follow-up to verify that it has been published in the manner that was agreed to. Any interested persons, please contact Gisela for more information.
- We need two volunteers for the Nominating Committee. These members cannot be in the running for any board positions. The duties include agreeing to receive and record nominations, contacting the persons nominated to verify their willingness to serve on the board, and then submitting those names to Mary Ann, who composes the ballot. The voting will take place at the annual meeting on June 15, 2017. Please contact Gisela for more information.
- We asked for help organizing workshops; Janice DeCooman volunteered. Jane Morgan has agreed to help this new committee organize. If any additional members would like to volunteer for this committee, please contact Gisela.
- We need a volunteer for a Holiday E-card committee, who will then ask 3 non-participating members to decide the winner from among the entries. The volunteer must have computer savy to accept all entries, choose a themed music and write a festive greeting. This committee is only active for a few weeks near Thanksgiving.

- Our newest member, Sharon Radtke, volunteered for the Events Committee as she has experience working with other organizations.

### Workshops

We are looking for additional workshop ideas. Workshops will be offered to both MAG members and non-members (at a higher cost). We are looking for a wide variety of workshops that will appeal to a wider audience. We envision that most workshops will have a fee to participate, and will have high quality, paid instructors. There was discussion regarding free vs. paid workshops. Some will still be free, as much as possible. There was an open discussion as to whether we should create a contract when working with instructors, whether it should be flat fee payment, or a commission per student.

### Upcoming workshops

- Market your art on social media - taught by Harjit Dhaliwal, February 4, from noon – 2 pm at the Milton Town Community room. This will be offered free to MAG members, non-members \$10 donation.
- Watercolor for beginners - taught by Kathleen Berry Bergeron, March 4. \$70 members, \$75 for non-members. A supplies list will be provided. Spaces for 6-12 students, 6 person minimum. An intermediate level class will be offered in April.
- Writing workshop, beginner's non-fiction – taught by Joy Choquette, May 4, 6 – 7:45
- Framing your artwork – more information to follow

### Cyto Expression – Biotek

Gisela asked that the deadline to sign up for the show is February 15. One piece per artist, any media, 2-D or if 3-D, must be hang-able. This will be a two month show, from March to April. There will be a catered reception with VIPs (the governor) and will be televised. The president of Biotek, Briar Alpert, will present a ribbon for the 'best of show', 'most original' and other ribbons. Gisela will send an email to participants regarding a specific format for the title, as the exhibit may be transferred to a Burlington City Arts venue following Biotek.

The outdoor sculpture exhibit project will be delayed until the summer of 2018 due to scheduling and artist preparation issues. The artists would have needed to provide photographs of their completed sculptures, which would then go before the selectboard.

The outdoor mural project work is still ongoing. We have 6 muralists and 5 sites. The 'Animating Infrastructure' grant was applied for, but we are still awaiting news of the decision.

### Exhibit Committee

The theme of the October exhibit at Frog Hollow will be 'Off the Wall'. This is a juried show, one piece per artist. 2-D and 3-D pieces are welcome. Please send a photo of the submission to the Exhibit Committee by July 14 for jurying. Frog Hollow takes a 50% commission on any pieces that sell.

The Exhibit Committee is meeting at the old Milton diner on Friday, January 27, at 9 am. Please send an email to Linda Stech to join the committee.

Important! Mark your calendars – there is a special meeting for all MAG members on Thursday, January 26, 6 pm, in the meeting room at the back of the town library. There is an important announcement and there will be voting. Notice of this special meeting has also been sent by U.S. Post.

#### Show & Tell

- Dave Lesperance showed a piece of digital art created from scratch. He has been doing color studies, and has offered to show others the process.
- Donna Blatchly showed a knitted poncho, her piece from the Changes on the Horizon show, and a piece of pebble art in a shadowbox frame.
- Greg Drew shared information about stone cairns that he watched being built at the Lake Road boat ramp.
- Ray McClure shared his story of how he came to be a member of MAG. He also shared a tribute book that he is writing about the love of his life, Yaeko, who meant so much to him.
- Janice DeCooman showed a weaving inspired by Van Gogh's Starry Night in blue, silver, and gold threads.
- Heidi Chamberlain shared a giraffe collage, a monoprint with embroidery, and her Biotek piece.
- Nicole Vance showed needle felted work featuring Pennsylvania Dutch designs mounted in embroidery hoops.
- Annette Hansen showed a wool jacket and an art piece using Golden's fiber paste with acrylic paint.
- Mary Ann Godin shared examples of framed cross stitch and of needlepoint. She also shared a pencil sketch of a piece that will be painted in watercolor.
- Sharon Radtke shared her photo of an eagle which won a prize offered by the VT Birding group. She said that she is working on creating bird silhouettes for greeting cards.
- Barry Genzlinger showed three of his larger turned bowls in maple, poplar, and cherry.

Respectively submitted by  
Tina Lesperance