

## In Memorium

Longtime MAA member **Frank B. Evans** passed away Sunday, March 24, 2013 at the age of 92. He is survived by loving companion of 35 years, Barbara Webb; 4 children, 10 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren. Frank was not only a wonderful artist but he played the harp, the harmonica and wrote poetry also. After serving in the Army as a medic for four years, he attended St. Paul School of Arts and began a career in Commercial and Fine Arts. Frank and Barb played tennis and enjoyed their travels to Europe, Mexico and winter months in Florida. The memorial service on March 30 at the First Unitarian Society was a wonderful tribute to Frank. Several poems from his book were read along with a showing of his many wonderful paintings inspired by nature. About twelve MAA members were among those who attended the service.

Here are a couple of stories that fellow members shared about Frank:

Ron Wilson shared this story:

Frank was painting on the north shore off Hwy 61. He had his easel set up above the highway and was part-way through the painting when he left the easel set up and went down to his van on the highway for lunch. He didn't remember that he had a bag of peanuts in his easel. When he came back a bear was at the easel. He threw a stone at the bear, and the bear ran into the woods. He resumed painting, but the bear kept returning and Frank kept throwing stones at it to chase it away until he finished his painting. When he told the story back home, people said it was dangerous to just throw stones at the bear, that he should have firecrackers and matches in his easel, which he did after that, instead of peanuts. Is that a dedicated artist or what?!!

A story from Judy Lieber:

Frank & I used to hop in his car to go looking for a great place to paint. He was easy to please but I kept urging him forward to keep looking for the perfect spot. He'd keep driving. "Here?" he'd ask. "Here?"

When a compromise was finally made, we parked the car but kept the radio on. Soon, hearing great music, we'd quickly cast our brushes aside to "trip the light fantastic!"

"Nobody cares how hard we have to work," he'd say as we picked up our brushes once again.

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Thanks for the stories, Ron & Judy. Frank was full of fun and always cheerful and will be dearly missed.

## Spring Exhibition & Reception

Our April meeting will be our Spring Exhibition & Reception at **The FrameWorks gallery** on **Saturday, April 13, 7-9 p.m.** Our juror, Jeff Hurinenko, will be there to speak about the show & present the awards. Please remember to deliver your paintings to the gallery on Tuesday, April 9, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. or Wednesday, April 10, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m, 2022 Ford Parkway in Highland Park, St. Paul. Hope to see you all at the reception!

## March Meeting

Thanks to **Emmy White** for the following review:

On March 19th fourteen artists met at the Bloomington Art Center to hear an excellent presentation by **Jack O'Leary** who discussed his history with abstract art. Jack brought samples of his work and explained the intelligence and stories behind these complicated paintings. Jack then demonstrated how he uses a combination of white acrylic paint with watercolors and aggressively attacks the watercolor paper with a variety of brushes including stencil & foam brushes. He uses sand blocks to smooth edges and a metal plaster spatula tool to create straight edges. It was fascinating to see this artist at work and to get a glimmer of how these finished projects come to be.

## Member News

**Rebecca Wood** is currently showing her hand colored photos at Curran's Restaurant. The display will be up until May 31.

**Bruce Palmer** will be showing new works during the St. Paul Art Crawl with the Old Town Artists in the ACVR Warehouse, 106 Water Street, 4th Floor. The dates and times are: Friday, April 26, 6-10 p.m., Saturday, April 27, 12-8 p.m., and Sunday, April 28, 12-5 p.m.

**Emmy White (321), Tom Dimock (Studio 183), Judy Lieber & Sylvia Rudolph (Studio 185), Rita Corrigan & Marjorie Moody (392)** will be open for **First Thursday** at the Northrup King Building (1500 Jackson St. NE Mpls) on **Thursday, April 4, 5-9 pm.**

**"Keep Painting - Art Saves Lives"**  
(quote from Bruce Palmer)

