

Minnesota Artists Association Newsletter - September 2011

Welcome back! Hope you have all had a great summer and that you were able to participate in some of the paintouts. Information on the two remaining paintouts will be at the end of this newsletter.

Welcome new members, **Tom Dimock**, **Rick Mittelstadt**, and **James DeSimone**. Hope you will join us at our upcoming meeting!

Our opening meeting will be Tuesday, September 20, 2011 at the Bloomington Center for the Arts from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. It will be a Potluck/Show & Tell/Paint if you like meeting. Please bring a dish to share, a painting, and whatever painting materials you would like to use for an open studio night. You can also bring a friend who might be interested in joining MAA! Come enjoy the fellowship of other artists!

Bloomington Theatre and Art Center is located at the Bloomington Center for the Arts:

1800 W. Old Shakopee Rd. Bloomington, MN 55431

From interstate 35W, exit at 98th Street and head west. Continue on 98th past Old Shakopee Rd. to Logan Avenue. Turn left onto Logan Avenue and then left into the parking lot. Enter the building at the North end of the building closest to 98th Street. We meet upstairs in one of the classrooms.

Thanks to Jeanne Emrich for creating our beautiful brochure. She recently placed the brochures at the art centers in Edina, Bloomington, Hopkins, Minnetonka and Banfill-Locke hoping to encourage other artists to join our association.

Our **membership dues are due in September** for the current year (September 2011–August 2012). Please send \$25. (individual) or \$40. (family) to our treasurer, Diane Gilbertson, 5275 Oxford St. No., Shoreview, MN 55126. Thank you for keeping current on your dues.

You **must be a member to enter our Fall Juried Exhibition** which will be held at the Colonial Church of Edina. We will be hanging the show on Wednesday, November 9 with take down on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 after 3:15 pm. Our reception will be on our usual 3rd Tuesday,

November 15, at 6:30 pm. Our juror will be David Feinberg, Professor of Art at the University of Minnesota. The official entry form will come with the October Newsletter.

In Memorium

Eleanor Bishop Conrad, February 24, 1919 - August 18, 2011

Our dear friend and fellow artist, Eleanor, passed away at the age of 92 this past August. Art was an interest throughout her long life. She was a free lance commercial artist for fifteen years. Later, she received a Master of Arts degree from the University of Minnesota. She taught in a variety of locations, including the Conservation of Human Resources Program at Augsburg College and at New College at the University of St. Thomas. She was a participating member of the MAA, and as recently as last year, could stand and speak with considerable authority and clarity about both art and literature. Her personal philosophy was that "each artist, whether aware of it or not, is also a reporter who sees and records many aspects of the environment and culture. It is recorded for future generations, and sometimes our only knowledge of an ancient civilization has come to us through its art. The visual arts were as a universal language transcending time and place." Many of us who saw Eleanor's exquisite renderings of flowers in the cards and other art she shared with us know that she was herself a faithful and talented "reporter." Eleanor, whose faith was strong, told her pastor, William Chadwick, that she was ready to "graduate." She had given away her beloved cat, Beauty, and longed to go. She died peacefully at the N.C. Little Hospice on August 18. She is survived by her daughter, Elizabeth and members of her extended family.

(Thank you to Jeanne Emrich for writing the obituary.) Many thanks to MAA member Juliet Anderson for all the love and care she has given to Eleanor over the years, but most especially, during her final days. Eleanor will be greatly missed.

Member News

Jeanne Emrich and Judy Lieber are in a two-women show of about 30 paintings at the Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 715 Minnetonka Mills Road, Hopkins, MN 55343. The show runs from September 1 to October 30, 2011. There is no opening, but please feel free to visit any time during the churches normal business hours and, of course, Sunday morning, during the entire run of the exhibition.

Congratulations to **Judy Lieber and Marjorie Moody** for their acceptance into the Minnesota State Fair Art Exhibition! MAA members **John Fleming, Richard**

Mittelstadt, and **Ron Wilson** have paintings in the Salon 300: Minnesota State Fair Overflow Show at Hopkins Center for the Arts.

Paintouts

SEPTEMBER 10 St. Anthony Main <http://stanthonymain.com/> Park in the St. Anthony Falls Ramp on 2nd Ave. SE. and 2nd St. SE., just East of Central Ave. and just South of University Ave. The nearest bridge across the river is the 3rd Ave. Bridge. Attractions included numerous vistas of the Mississippi River and the Minneapolis skyline, the Stone Arch Bridge, Nicollet Island Inn and Park, Old St. Anthony (including Our Lady of Lourdes Church, café scenes, people everywhere, and horse-drawn carriages. After you have parked in the St. Anthony Falls Ramp, walk directly down to the river front and meet us under or near the 3rd Ave. Bridge at 10 AM. By the way, if you want to sketch, paint or photograph the horse-drawn carriages, you will have to come back at night, since they are available from St. Anthony Main each Spring through Fall every evening from 6:30pm - 12:00am. Jeanne Emrich may not be able to attend this one due to a schedule conflict.

OCTOBER 8 Hastings: Vermillion River Falls Park, historic old town, Levee Park, LeDuc Mansion (a gem with glorious trees framing it!) and numerous other historic homes, marinas along the Mississippi River. Meet at Vermillion Falls Park at 10 AM. Directions: From the Highway 61 Bridge, follow the highway (also named Vermillion Street) south several blocks. Turn left on 21st Street East and left into the park parking lot. We have permission to paint in the parks and also on the grounds of the LeDuc Mansion (also on Vermillion Street). There will be some highway construction in progress around the Highway 61 Bridge, but you definitely can get through. Just follow the signs. For a park and trails map, go to

<http://www.ci.hastings.mn.us/Parks/Documents/PKPksTrailsMap.pdf>