

April Meeting

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, April 17** at the Bloomington Art Center, upstairs in the usual room. We have the room from 6:30-9:30 p.m. so plan to work on that painting you want to enter in our next show or whatever else you like. As usual we'll have coffee and cookies.

Last month we had a great meeting with Jill Ewald who showed us slides of her work including watercolors, drawings, acrylics, encaustic and collage. It was interesting to hear her talk about her work. She uses a lot of repetitive shapes and builds up many layers in her work. She then encouraged us to try our hand at painting or drawing with shape and line in an abstract way. We had 2 new members who attended!!

Upcoming MAA Exhibitions

As many of you know this is **MAA's 75th anniversary year!** Our organization came into existence on April 14, 1937. We will be having our usual Spring and Fall Exhibitions to celebrate our anniversary. Our **Spring Exhibition** will be at the **Robbin Gallery** in Robbinsdale for the month of **June**. The entry form with all the details will be included in the May newsletter. We will need people to help gallery sit for the show so that the public can view our exhibition but Robbin Gallery also has members who help with gallery sitting. Please let me know if you are willing to gallery sit, probably 3-4 hours. We will also need help hanging the show. Thanks in advance for your help!

The **Fall Exhibition** will be held at the **Edina Art Center August 9 - September 12** with the reception being on **Thursday, August 9**. I am sorry that our exhibitions will be so close together this year but these facilities could only accommodate us at these times. I am hoping that you are all prepared with 4 new paintings to enter in these shows! Please put these dates on your calendar!

Member News

Jeannie Stroth will be in the Pancakes and Booze Art Show Saturday April 14th @ The Barfly Downtown

Here is the

link: <http://pancakesandbooze.com/post/15624253936/minneapolis-april-14th>

Jeannie will also be participating in the St. Paul Art Crawl Friday-Sunday, April 27th - 29th at the Rossmor Building again.

A painting by **Patricia Duncan** was selected for the advertising for Art4Shelter benefit. Her work is the second one down (the Vietnamese lady picking flowers) in the attachment (email newsletter only).

Rick Mittelstadt will be having a one person exhibition of his acrylic paintings at the Paradise Center for the Arts in Faribault from April 20th (the night of the reception 6-8) to June 5th. His work will also be on display at the Owatonna Hospital from July 1st to October 31st.

Judy Lieber's painting "Spring - When the World is Mud Luscious & Puddle Happy" was accepted into the MNWS show. Great title, Judy!

Marian Alstad's painting "Rapids" was accepted in the MnWS spring show.

Jeanne Licari was juried into the "4 Seasons of Rochester" event March 16th at the Rochester Art Center. Artists created paintings from juried photographs, and then the paintings were sold by silent auction. All proceeds went to the University of MN Rochester to benefit students who were getting their Bachelor degree in 4 years.

Jeanne will also be in the juried Poet/Artist Collaboration Show at Crossings at Carnegie in Zumbrota, MN April 1-27. Juried artists chose a juried poem which inspired them to create a painting. The paintings will be shown along side the poems. At the artist reception, each poet will read their poem and the artist will speak about their painting in relationship to the poem.

Nayla Yared will be showing 3 paintings at the Primavera Art Show in Plymouth from April 13-16. Primavera is a major art event with more than 60 artists showing this year. There will be a theatre play, music entertainment, free children activities and a Literary night with the author Daniel James Brown, speaking of his book "under flaming skies". For a full schedule and details check www.plymouthartscouncil.org.

Tom Dimock's painting, "Mass Band of Bagpipers", won first place at the Northstar Artists for Abundance Exhibit last month. It is on display at Dock 5 in the Northrup King Building.

Tom will also be showing 3 watercolor paintings at Elk River during April: The Arts Alliance watercolor show April 11 to May 12. The reception will be Sat. April 21, 2-5. He is also teaching three classes: 2 watercolor, 1 acrylic starting April 2nd through Banfil Center for the Arts and Adult Enrichment at Columbia Heights High School.

Several MAA artists will be open for **First Thursday, April 5th** at the Northrup King Building: **Emmy White** (Studio 321), **Tom Dimock** (Dock 5), **Bruce Palmer** (Studio 410), and **Rita Beyer Corrigan & Marjorie Moody** (Studio 392).

Fun Side Story: MAA members **Lois & Harry Heim's** grandson got married and had their reception recently at the St. Paul Hotel and I (Ms. Moody) was happy to see them and honored to be their server! Lois & Harry both looked terrific and I heard that Harry had designed the Save the Date card - still producing art at 94!

Congratulations to all our fine MAA artists!! Happy Painting!