

**Happy New Year to all!
Congratulations to MAA on our 75th anniversary!!!**

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, January 17, 2012, 6:30-9:30 p.m.** at the Bloomington Art Center. We meet upstairs in the classrooms, usually in the last room on the right. Look on the schedule on the door to make sure you have the correct room. Bring your own media and we'll all paint whatever we choose. You can bring a still life to set up, a photo, paint from your imagination, whatever your little heart desires! We have fun painting together and enjoying the fellowship of other artists! There will be coffee and cookies for refreshments. Hope many of you will come!

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 21, 2012 - We will have a clothed model to draw or paint.

March 20, 2012 - We will have an interactive evening with Jill Ewald.

Both of these meetings will be at the Bloomington Art Center, 6:30-9:30 p.m. More details will follow.

SPRING AND FALL EXHIBITIONS

We try to schedule our exhibitions for April and October, however, this year we had problems getting the dates we wanted so that our shows are going to be really close together. Our Spring show will be at Robbin Gallery in June and our Fall show will be at the Edina Art Center in late August & September. Hopefully you are all painting up a storm and will have 4 new paintings ready for these shows! Since it is our 75th anniversary we want to really show our best work!!

MEMBER NEWS

Judy Lieber is teaching two classes at the Edina art center:

1. Pastels: A Three-Step Process - starts Tuesday, January 24, 2012
2. Quick Draw: Faces - starts Wednesday, January 25, 2012

Both classes are 6 sessions from 9-12. Contact the Edina Art Center at (952) 903-5780 or, for more information, contact Judy at (952) 884-1815 or email her at

judy@liebergroup.com.

Come to **First Thursdays at Northrup King Building** in NE Minneapolis, 1500 NE Jackson Street this **Thursday, January 5, 5-9 p.m.** MAA artists with studios in NKB: **Tom Dimock (Dock 5), Emmy White (Studio 321), Rita Beyer Corrigan and Marjorie Moody (both in Studio 392), Bruce Palmer (Studio 410).** There are about 200 artists in the building. It's a fun thing to do on a cold January night!

OUR NEW WEBSITE

Please be sure to check out our new website which has been beautifully designed by new member **Nayla Yared!** It is very easy to navigate and you can have 4 paintings of your own on it! Nayla will also make a link to your own website if you like. Nayla's email is: nayla@yared.info. Thank you so much, Nayla, for all your hard work!!

STAY WARM AND HAPPY PAINTING!