



## Minnesota Artists Association May 2015

Time for Our Popular MAA Spring Potluck  
Show and Tell!  
Come for good company, good food, and good art!

Tuesday, May 19, 6- 9PM  
at Sylvia Rudolph's Party Room  
Nokomis Square  
5015 35th Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55417

Bring your latest work and a dish to share.

**SOLD!**

The big news from our 2014-2015 MAA year is that our last two shows have resulted in SALES for our members! Jim Geisinger sold his cat painting, "Intense," and Martin Owings sold his "Schmidt Brewery" at the Ames Center last fall, and at our ongoing spring show at Bethesda Hospital, Mary Ann Morgan sold "Quiet Commotion" to a private collector and Gary Carabio sold "Beating the Heat" to the hospital itself. Congratulations to you all! If any of you sold paintings from these shows that we've overlooked, please let us know ("us" being [jemrich@aol.com](mailto:jemrich@aol.com) and/or [marjoriemoody@aol.com](mailto:marjoriemoody@aol.com)). We'd be proud to show them here!



## Our Spring Show Opening Reception



We had 43 entries this time, which meant that every painting had its own gallery light and with ample spacing. Our judge, Bonnie Lauber-Westover, gave a detailed critique of the winners (that's her, critiquing Gary Carabio's painting on page 1) and afterwards stayed to comment on any painting should the artist request it. Our "People's Choice" ballot box had a count of 43, which means that just about everyone voted for their favorite painting and which resulted in a first place and a tied second place for a total of three winners. All in all, it was a very satisfying evening!

### Awards of Excellence



Gary Carabio  
"Beating the Heat" - Oil



Marian Alstad  
"Fire & Ice" - Acrylic



Rebecca Wood  
"Lily Pads" - Digital Photo

### Merit Awards



Jeanne Emrich  
"A Creek of Many Colors"  
Pastel



Jeanne Emrich  
"Almost Autumn" - Oil



Diane Gilbertson  
"Pica" - Pastel

### Honorable Mention Awards



Edie Karras  
"Summer" - Digital



Marjorie Moody  
"Peace Garden #2"  
Oil on paper



Jack O'Leary  
"City Center" - Watercolor

# The People's Choice Awards

By Terrie Christian

For this spring's show, the board decided to try something new for our group by implementing People's Choice Awards. Ours is a possibility of up to 5 awards being given to artists receiving the most votes depending on the amount of participation and if there were clear winners, so we are a little different than some other groups. Many groups give only one People's Choice award to the artist with the most votes.

At this venue, we could not leave a vote box out for the duration of the show, so we opened it only to those who attended the night of our reception. Three awards were given and we congratulate the winners: Jack O'Leary, Joe Mahoney, and Gary Carabio. We hope to have a voting box out for other upcoming shows for all lovers of art who come to see our work.

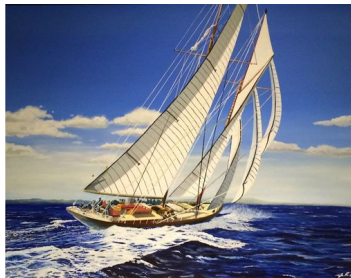
Some benefits of having this are: more awards in general to affirm the artists, more active participation from those picking their favorite work, more feedback for our group on what our audience likes separate from a jurist who is often an art educator, and a little experience for all of us in being a judge which is not an easy job.

We hope that our members will think about excluding themselves from choosing their own work, much as a judge who hangs their work in a show as an example of their art, but does not include their work among their choices to exclude bias. Also to tell friends and family members to choose which ever work in the show speaks to their own heart. That way, your guests are free to choose yours or another artist whose work they love. In this way if your work is chosen by others it is a most valuable honor.

## People's Choice Winners



Jack O'Leary - "Motherlode"  
Digital



Joe Mahoney - "Sail Away"  
Tied for 2nd People's Choice



Gary Carabio -  
"Beating the Heat" - Oil  
Tied for 2nd People's Choice

## Members' News

COMING IN SEPTEMBER! Don't miss this! Lake Country Pastel Society is hosting a talk by Joe Paquet on "Creativity and Authenticity" in September at the New Brighton Family Center. It will be our first meeting of the calendar year. MAA and OPM are helping to sponsor this exciting event! Members of the three sponsoring groups will be able to attend the event for FREE. Joe Paquet is a well respected and well known plein air artist who teaches, does workshops, and gives talks all over the country. Many thanks to Patricia Duncan who has worked hard to make this event happen!

Interested in a solo or group show at Curran's Restaurant in South Minneapolis? Many of our MAA members will be exhibiting there this year. Here's the line-up:

Ron Wilson - April-May

Edie Karras - June-July

Vera Kovakovic - August-September

Art Circle - October - November. Includes Terrie Christian, Rachel Trockman, Bonnie Crouch Diane Haas

Greg Lipelt December-January

Anyone wishing to exhibit after Greg Lepelt should contact him at [glartistatlg@yahoo.com](mailto:glartistatlg@yahoo.com) (Note: In return for showing your work at the restaurant, the manager of Curran's asks that you also recruit the next artist to show there after you.)

The studios of Emmy White (321), Tom Dimock (183), Rita Corrigan & Marjorie Moody (392), Laurie Salmela and Mandy Sadler (425) will be open for First Thursday at the Northrup King Building (1500 Jackson St. NE, Minneapolis) on Thursday, May 7, 5-9 p.m.

## This and That

The NorthStar Watermedia Society is sponsoring a national show at Hopkins Center for the Arts September 8 - October 18, 2015. Judge and juror will be Jack Richeson founder of Jack Richeson & Co., Inc., a world-wide manufacturer, importer, and distributor of quality artists' materials. Over \$4000 in cash and other prizes will be awarded. Entries accepted April 1 - July 1. Register online through [callforentry.org](http://callforentry.org) After signing in to caFE, click on View all Calls. Then, under Search - Keyword, type in Northstar. Details can also be found at [northstarwatermedia.com/exhibitions](http://northstarwatermedia.com/exhibitions). Reception will be September 13, 2-4 pm with awards at 3:00 pm.

The annual event, Art-a-Whirl, is coming up at the Northrup King Building. Mark your calendars for Friday, May 15, 5-10 p.m., Saturday, May 16, Noon-8 p.m., and Sunday, May 17, Noon-5 p.m. A good time to visit MAA members and see the diversity of artists and styles we have in the Twin Cities!

The Dow Art Gallery, 2242 University Ave. W., St. Paul, MN 55114 will give artists a discount on framing. Also, owner Khahn Tran rents a 10 foot wall for \$100 per month and is currently not taking a commission on sales. Khahn Tran can be reached at (612) 607-9203. A couple of MAA artists currently have work at the gallery.

Join Nancy Patrick Carney Tuesdays(1pm-3:30pm) at Gallery G and on location for "new inspiration to kick-start your creative process." These are weekly pay-as-you-go classes (\$25/class or \$100 for five classes) with a demo each week and time to work on your own. Pre-register by e-mailing Nancy Carney at [natmpc@yahoo.com](mailto:natmpc@yahoo.com) or by calling her at 612-961-7075. Gallery G is located in the Northrup King Building, Studio #256, 1500 Jackson Street NE, Minneapolis, MN 55413.

QUITE A FIND! Have you visited the Big Stone Mini-Golf and Sculpture Garden? It's right next to Gale Woods Farm in Minnetrista. (7110 County Rd 110, Ext. Minnetrista, MN 55364). Both the golf course and the surrounding grounds feature the work of sculptor Bruce Stillman. Besides the sculpture, there's a big barn, houses, farm animals, ponds (with sculptures in them) and fields. There's a feeling of enchantment about the place you will love! Afterwards, plan a visit to Gale Woods Farm next door and bring your sketchbook!

We are holding ELECTIONS during our May 19th meeting. We need someone to act as vice-president this time. Please consider running for this office! (All other offices are filled and continuing into the next two year term.) We also need someone to be our program chair (possibly the most interesting of all the positions because it gets you out in the arts community meeting new people and discovering opportunities in the vibrant culture we have here in Minnesota! Also, keep in mind that the board meets in the summer to plan the programs so the program chair doesn't have to come up with all the ideas for programs on his or her own). We also need a co-chair for exhibitions. Let's keep our wonderful association, with all its many opportunities, inspirations, and friendships strong. Please consider volunteering your talents, know-how, and time to the MAA you count on for being there for us all!

THANKS to everyone who helped make our spring exhibition a success, including those who sent photos of the event for this newsletter. Together, we put on quite a show!

KEEP IN TOUCH! Please send news, announcements, and low res.JPGS of your latest work to Jeanne Emrich, your newsletter editor, at [jemrich@aol.com](mailto:jemrich@aol.com) or by snail-mail to Jeanne Emrich, 6566 France Avenue South, #508, Edina, MN, 55435). The deadline is the 20th of the month.

