

Minnesota Artists Association Newsletter - January 2011

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at the Bloomington Center for the Arts from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (Please note the change from our usual third Tuesday to the second Tuesday.) Bring whatever painting materials you would like to use because we are having an open studio night. Feel free to bring a still life to set up, photos to paint from, your imagination, collage, whatever moves you! You can also bring a friend who might be interested in joining MAA! Hope we have a great turnout!

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.

Our exhibition at Bethesda Hospital Cafe looks fantastic! If you weren't able to attend the reception try to catch the show before the pick up date which is Wednesday, February 2, 2011. Thanks to Nancy Apfelbacher and Barb Piotrowski who did a great job hanging and jurying the show and speaking about the paintings at the reception. Congratulations to all the winners who follow:

Award of Excellence:

Kat Corrigan - Bing Sings
Lois Heim - Apple Orchard (Spring)
Judy Lieber - Dress Rehearsal

Award of Merit:

Rita Beyer Corrigan - Over Silver Bay
Diane Gilbertson - Cougar in the Pines

Jack O'Leary - Reclining Figure

Honorable Mention:

Robin Edgerton - Squares of Illumination

Jeanne Emrich - Orchard's Edge

Chi Chi Miller - See My Frog!

Our next exhibition will be held at the Edina Art Center. The dates of the show will be March 31-April 28, 2011. Drop off will be Monday, March 28, time to be determined. The opening reception will be Thursday, March 31, 5-8 p.m. We need new paintings for this show so come to the painting studios in January and February to work on a new piece.

Anne Spooner has written an article about us for the Edina Magazine which will hopefully bring us more exposure. Thanks to Eleanor Conrad and Lois and Harry Heim for helping me gather information for the article. Eleanor was kind enough to lend me her MAA International Review of the Arts magazine from 1976 which I shared with members at the Bethesda reception. There were photos of some of the artwork from members who participated in the MAA International show which was held in Germany in 1976. We are the oldest arts organization in Minnesota and we need to keep it alive!

As you can see this newsletter is not as fancy as Terrie Christian's letters used to be. I'm just getting the news to you but we really do need a newsletter editor so please consider volunteering for our group! We also need a President and Vice President! MAA is a fun group of people and service is important to keep the group going. Thanks to all of you who helped with the Bethesda show! Hope to see you on January 11th for an evening of painting and fellowship! Happy 2011!