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Member Spotlight

Jack O'Leary



Born in 1926 to a family of six boys, no girls, and reared in Michigan's beautiful Upper Peninsula, Jack was an inveterate sketcher (mostly airplanes and pilots) in his youth. He graduated from St. Ambrose H.S., Ironwood, MI in 1944.

He served in the U.S. Navy in WWII and attended, on the GI Bill, the Layton School of Art in Milwaukee, and the Minneapolis School of Art where in the early 50s where he met his future wife and talented artist, Florence. Florence and Jack had

three children, daughter's Lisa & Quinn and son Brian. Florence passed away in 2001.

Making the assessment, as a newly married man, that few fine artists could put "pork chops on the table", Jack enrolled at the Univ. of MN in the Art Ed program where he graduated, "with high distinction" in 1954. Jack taught arts and crafts at University High School in the 60s and also directed a closed-circuit TV, teacher training project. In 1965, Jack left U-High to teach art and serve as the Media Services Director for the Burnsville Public Schools. He retired in June, '88 and has been busily and happily involved in model aviation and painting to the present day. Jack is a member of the MN Artists Assoc. and the MN Watercolor Society.

Check out Jack's work at Curran's through the end of September. Some of his work is created in Corel Drawing program. Through out his life he is not afraid to try new technology.

Paintings by Jack: **Geisha** upper right corner, **Reclining** middle left.

MAA Board Member News

President: We want to thank **Charlie Breems** for serving a 2 year term as our President. We advertised last year for a VP to replace Charlie. We got no volunteers. This summer a few of us got together to take paintings over to the fair. We had a discussion and decided that the organization can function with all the other board members. We would welcome a volunteer for President if one of you feels so moved.

Treasurer: Last April **Diane Gilbertson** became our new treasurer. We have changed our procedure slightly for membership renewal. We are starting our new year which goes from September to May. Dues are payable now. In this issue you will find a form to send in your payment.



Exhibition: **John Williams** has been our exhibition chair for the last 2 years. John has booked exhibition space for our group out 2 years! John is ready to turn the job over to someone new and has made it easy for someone to step in. He has worked on making records of contacts for other new venues as well as setting up an easy to follow guide for organization of the tasks.

Our next Exhibition will be in December at Bethesda Hospital Gallery in St. Paul. Marjorie Moody is in charge of the event.

Newsletter: Due to health reasons this will be my last newsletter. I have enjoyed doing the newsletter and will be happy to help a new person learn my method, or a new person can try something entirely new. We have about two thirds of our members now getting the newsletter on e-mail. I get about 30 copies printed in black & white to send in regular mail for members who are not using computers. **Bonnie Crouch**, our membership chair provides me with a document for labels. I send this with the newsletter by e-mail to the printer so it makes it very easy. The printer also folds the newsletters for the middle fold.

The program that I have been using to design the newsletter is Microsoft Publisher, and I turn the document into a PDF so everybody can read it.

Terrie Christian

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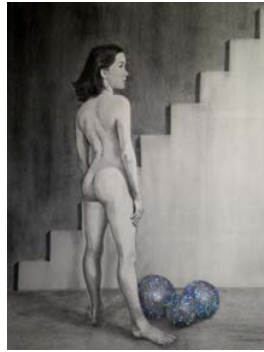
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Bonnie Crouch, Diane Hass, Rachel Trockman and Terrie Christian are all part of a group called the **Art Circle**. There are 6 women artists in the group who have supported each other in art and life for the last 10 years. The group currently has an exhibit at the Robbin Gallery until the end of September.



First Thursdays at the Northrup King Building

Emmy White and Marjorie Moody both have studio space at the Northrup King building. Every month the entire building has open studio night. Stop in and see what the artists are doing!

The following **MAA** members were accepted into the Minnesota State Fair: **Cat Corrigan**, Acrylic on canvas, **Bonnie Crouch**, Watercolor on Yupo, **Barbara Lanzo** Watercolor on Arches paper, **Judy Lieber** Acrylic on gessoed illustration board and **Chichi Miller**, Oil.

In Addition, **Ron Merchant** gives a \$500 award to an oil painter of his choice.



"Spills" KILL! By Bonnie Crouch

Kathy Braud's, Lily Wonderful, a day lily watercolor was included in the Garden Party show held at the Bismarck Center for the Arts July 29 - August 28, 2010.

Artists - check out this new website!! www.livelovepaint.com

This is the ultimate artist consortium, showcasing and selling many original paintings from artists across the country. Get your artwork seen beyond the Central US area! No website fees, contract or subscription required, flat 9% commission rate on sold items, set your own prices and ship your own paintings. Facebook friendly. A great new way to market your own talent. Contact Kathy Braud for my take on it.

"Big Pike on the Hunt" is Kathy Braud's 2010 submission to the MN State Fair. This 22 x 30 watercolor, big pike painting #3, of a series, is the result of a continued exploration of a topic, abstraction and pushing the value contrast. Feel free to share your thoughts with me. braud@fallsnet.com A painting series is a good way to gather new ideas and eventually produce something entirely new and different. One can always dip into watermedia to aid the process.



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Dues are Due
In September!
Membership form inside.



September 5 to October 31st
Gethsemane Lutheran Church
Fireside Gallery
715 Minnetonka Mills Road
Hopkins, MN
952-953-1753 Please Call in advance

Reception will be held on
Sept. 26 in the church gallery
9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Gallery hours 9 am to 4:30 p.m.
weekdays and 10:30 to noon Sun-
days.

September Program
Member Meeting & Show & Tell
Tuesday, September 21, 2010
Bloomington Art Center
6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

October Program
Jill Ewald
October 19, 2010
Bloomington Art Center
6:30 to 9:00 p.m.