

March Meeting

Jack O'Leary will do the painting demo at the upcoming monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 19, at the Bloomington Art Center. While Jack is principally a non-objective painter, he occasionally paints the human figure and cityscapes. He will explain his choice of subject matter and the structural nature of abstract art.

Jack attended The Layton School of Art in Milwaukee, The Minneapolis School of Art & Design and graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1956 with a degree in Art Education. He has been an active, exhibiting artist since 2001. Along with acrylic and watercolor paintings, his principal media for expression, Jack also does digital art.

We'll have refreshments at 6:30 p.m. and Jack will start his demo at 7 p.m.

Online Marketing

Last month **Nayla Yared** gave a fine presentation on marketing online. She had slides laying out her ideas which will be added to the email version of this newsletter. Nayla explained email and facebook marketing and spoke of the importance of having a personal website. There were many questions which she expertly answered. Some of us stayed after the presentation and enjoyed some painting time. (Note: Nayla recently sent an email saying do not use Yahoo as a host for your website.)

Nayla is moving with her family to sunny Florida this summer. We are sad to see her go but extremely grateful for her contributions to MAA in the last couple of years. She made our website look so professional and got us the opportunity to have the group show at the Plymouth Art Fair. Nayla was so kind to find a new webmaster for us, Jim Geisenger. Thanks so much, Jim, for taking on the job! We wish you well, Nayla, in life and art - you have been a joy and a blessing!

Spring Juried Exhibition

Our Spring Juried Exhibition will be at The FrameWorks Gallery in Highland Park, April 13 - May 18, 2013. This time they are giving us the whole gallery so please note that you may enter 3 paintings. Please send the entry forms to Marjorie Moody by April 1st. All the information is on the enclosed entry form. Thanks to Jack O'Leary for making the form!

Member News

Congratulations to **Patricia Duncan** who received the Best of Show pastel award for her painting, "Early Morning Light", at the Arts in Harmony exhibition in Elk River. Her painting is now featured on the home page of our website: www.minnesotaartistsassociation.com. **Emmy White (321), Tom Dimock (Studio 183), Judy Lieber & Sylvia Rudolph (Studio 185), Rita Corrigan & Marjorie Moody (392)** will be open for **First Thursday** at the Northrup King Building (1500 Jackson St. NE Mpls) on **Thursday, March 7, 5-9 pm.**

Rick Mittelstadt will be participating in a four person exhibition at the ArtReach St. Croix in Stillwater. The show is scheduled for April 18- May 25. The other three artists are Steve King (stained glass), Megan Sorensen (watercolor) and Kevin O'Hara (pottery).

From June to July Rick will have the entire displaying area in the Colonial Church in Edina for a solo exhibition.

Tom Dimock is currently showing his art at Curran's Restaurant in Minneapolis. The exhibit continues until the end of March. Some MAA members meet there on Wednesday mornings about 8:30 a.m. for breakfast and art talk. Everyone is welcome!

Robert Genn has published **Terrie Christian** twice this month and she shares the following information:

<http://clicks.robertgenn.com/beyond-judgment.php>

Terrie says, "The link to Beyond Judgment is a wonderful conversation with many artists about realism and abstraction. It is many views and some facts shared by others he published that add to the understanding of abstract work. I wrote a couple of the instant responses as well. To read the whole conversation people must page down toward the bottom. One response by Peggy Su has a link to some science regarding human response to Jackson Pollock's work. I found this fascinating. I consider these bi-weekly blogs to be part of my own ongoing art appreciation and education."

<http://clicks.robertgenn.com/personal-touch.php>

"The personal touch link explores copying of art. In each of these Robert has published one of my paintings which is always an honor." Congratulations, Terrie!

Welcome New Members

We welcome new member **Darlene Brooks**. We hope you will join us for the March meeting so that we can get to know you!

Happy Painting & Hope you enter the show!