



Minnesota Artists Association January 2017

Upcoming Programs — Mark Your Calendar!

January 17: Wire sculpture mini-workshop, 6:30-9:30 PM, Bloomington Art Center. See DIRECTIONS below..

February 21: Unleash your creative energy! A multi-media sampler.

March 11—April 8: MAA Spring show at the Banfill-Locke Art Center; March 21 Reception

April 18: Florence Hill presentation

How to Get to the Bloomington Art Center

By Car: From I-35W, exit at 98th St and head west on 98th St. for approximately one half mile to Logan Ave. S. Turn left onto Logan Ave. S. and then left into the first parking lot entrance. Enter through the doors on the northwest end of the building closest to 98th St.

Address: 1800 W Old Shakopee Rd, Bloomington, MN 55431
Phone: (952) 563-8575.

The Bloomington Center for the Arts (aka "Artistry") is home to the Bloomington Art Center and eight other resident arts organizations. These occupy the north side of the Bloomington Civic Plaza.

The Fine Art (and Fun) of Making Wire Sculptures



It's like doodling with wire—and almost irresistible to anyone with pliers. Come to the Bloomington Art Center on January 17, 6:30-9:30 PM, Room 2020 and try your hand at making whimsical wire art. The MAA will supply the wire. All you need to bring is needle-nosed pliers (and maybe an extra pair to lend to others if they need it). We'll watch a video on how to work the wire, and then we'll be on our own. This evening will be pure play. Don't miss it!



Notes from our Exhibition Chair:

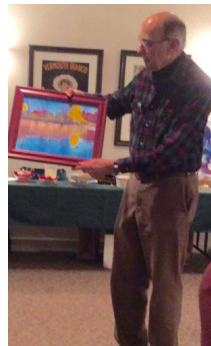
The **People's Choice Award** went to Jake Posey for his oil painting, "Golden". There were 91 total votes. Congratulations, Jake!

Our Spring Juried Exhibition will be here before you know it, so please start thinking about your entries. The entry form will be in the February newsletter. There will be a size restriction this time which will be included on the form. ~ *Marjorie Moody*

Any Ideas? MAA's 80th anniversary is April 14, 2017 and we are thinking that we should celebrate with a dinner out at a restaurant or something else special to mark this anniversary. If you have any ideas please let one of the board members know before January 18th when the board meets next time. (See MAA board telephone numbers on Page 3.)

A Night of Sharing Art at our December Holiday Party

From left to right below: Top: Ann Sisel, Wayne Sisel, Emmy White, Sheldon Stocksdale; Bottom: Judy Lieber, Bonnie Crouch, Ron Wilson, Poinsettias by Suzi McArdle. *Photos courtesy of Suzi McArdle*



Jack O'Leary (seen left here at our December holiday party) will be having a solo exhibition of his art work at the Edina Art Center. The opening reception is on **January 5, 2017, Thursday from 5:00 - 8:00**. The show will close on January 26. Friends and family will also belatedly celebrate Jack's 90th birthday which occurred on the 30th of December. No gifts please-- Jack has an over supply of stuff.



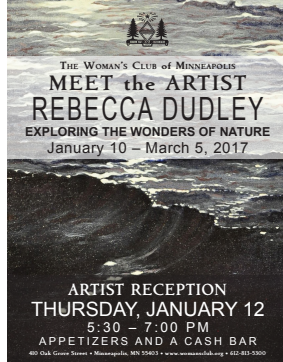
WELCOME new member, Carol Urness!

Happy 90th Birthday, **Jack O'Leary!**

Rick Mittelstadt and **Susan Kassin** will be exhibiting their paintings together during February and March, 2017 in the Bethesda Hospital Cafe.



Rick Mittelstadt reports that his painting, “A State of Uncertainty,” was juried into the 2017 Arts In Harmony International Art Show. “It started out as a non-objective painting--several times. Finally I decided to add some black lines to define some of the shapes which triggered the idea of windows and doors. By then I had to incorporate many of the first lines into railings which were already installed. Thus the reason for the disjointed perspective which apparently to many is the endearing aspect of this painting.”



MAA member Rebecca Dudley is having an exhibition at the Woman's Club of Minneapolis January 10-March 5, 2017. The artist reception is **Thursday, January 12, 5:30–7 PM**. Hope you can all come see Rebecca's show entitled "Exploring the Wonders of Nature".

The studios of Emmy White & Cal deRuyter (321), Tom Dimock, Mary Ann Morgan, Greg Lecker and Eileen France (183), Patricia Jacobsen (351), Rita Corrigan & Marjorie Moody (392), Laurie Salmela and Mandy Sadler (425) will be open for First Thursday on January 5, 5-9 PM at the Northrup King Building (1500 Jackson St. NE, Minneapolis).

Looking for a place to draw, paint, design? The Edina Art Center has an ongoing drop-in members' open studio in their spacious Studio 14 on Wednesdays, Noon to 5 PM. Use this time to work on any 2-dimensional art project you wish to start or already have going. There is no instructor, just friendly artists doing their thing. All skill levels are welcome. Annual individual membership is \$35. Studio time is \$3 per drop-in, or you can pay for the whole multi-week schedule. Another open studio on Wednesday and Friday afternoons meets in Richfield at no cost to participants. Call Ron Wilson at 612-243-1315 for more information.

Forgot to pay your dues? Please send a check made out to the MAA for \$25 and send it to Diane Gilbertson, 5275 Oxford St. N., Shoreview, MN 55126

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