

# MuseLETTER

Minnesota Artists' Association since 1937

## Mark Your Calendar

**January 18** - Zoom meeting about public art by Jen Krava of Forecast for Public Art

**February 15** - Zoom art history slideshow on Jean-Michel Basquiat by Marie Panlener

**March** - Spring show scheduled at Banfill Locke Center for the Arts (now North Suburban Center for the Arts).

**April 19th** - In person class on iPhone photography by Charles Hezely, 1 hour & 30 minutes + Q&A

**May** - Spring pot luck

## January's Meeting: Learning About Public Art

We will learn about public art from **Jen Krava, Director of Programming + New Initiatives**, from Forecast Public Art. She holds master's degrees in public art & design, and landscape architecture, and approaches her work with a multi-directional lens to investigate contemporary issues in public art, placeknowing, and creative economies. Jen sets the vision for consulting work at Forecast and works on projects invested in community driven research and prototyping. She leads arts and culture planning efforts, facilitates equitable RFQ processes, curates public art projects, develops and facilitates customized training, creates online learning systems and content, develops regional capacity building, manages Forecast's artist grant program, and leads the Change Lab, which is focused on building equity in public art across the country.



Forecast is a non-profit arts organization founded in 1978 by and for artists working in public space. Based in Saint Paul, MN and working both locally and nationally, Forecast connects artists with cities, institutions and communities to courageously tackle the vital issues of our time. They

partner with decision-makers and stakeholders on arts and cultural planning efforts, and support public artists with funding, training and opportunities to create partnerships and advance their public art careers. They also help others find, select, curate, fund and commission public artists.

Forecast emphasizes access for artists of color, indigenous artists, and groups that are traditionally excluded.

## Member News



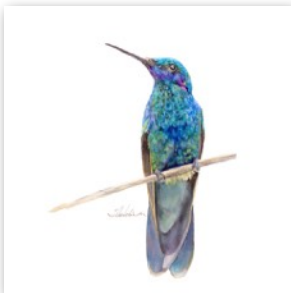
**Peggy Wright:** Arts North International 27 juried show at Hopkins Center for the Arts accepted "Majesty of Moss & Rocks," 18 x 12 inches, watersoluble wax pastels.

The show runs from Saturday, January 8 to Saturday, February 12,

2022. The opening reception occurs on Saturday, January 8, 2022 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm.



Cheap Joe's Art Stuff accepted "Spellbound," 11 x 14 inches, acrylics on Yupo, for its 2022 Cheap Joe's Art Stuff Reference Catalog.



**Sonja Hutchinson:** Two of my paintings, "Optics" and "Hummer" have been juried into the Arts North International Exhibition.

The exhibition is hosted by the Hopkins Center for the Arts from January 8 -

February 12.

The opening reception is Saturday January 8 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm.



### JuliAnne Jonker

JuliAnne's self-portrait is on the cover of the December Fine Art Connoisseur Magazine.

Her painting "The Gift"



will go to the Salmagundi Club in New York for the Figurativas Art Exhibit in January.

**Don Aggerbeck** had a watercolor accepted into the Extremely Minnesota exhibition at Robbin Gallery this fall. The exhibit can still be viewed on the gallery website. Don also had watercolors in both the Hopkins Center for the Arts and White Bear Center for the Arts members exhibits. The White Bear Center for Arts exhibit runs till January 7, 2022 and can be viewed online on the Center website. Don had a watercolor accepted into the Arts North International Exhibition at the Hopkins Center for the Arts which runs January 8-February 12, 2022 and will be available online.

On January 18th, we will have a guest lecturer for the first portion of the meeting. For the second part of the meeting, we would love to see your efforts on a **still-life painting**.

On February 15th, we'll have a Zoom art history slideshow on Jean-Michel Basquiat in the first part of the meeting. For the second part, we challenge you to **conceive a fantasy public art piece and present us with a rendering of your concept**.

## Mission

The mission of MAA is to educate, encourage, and inspire visual artists of all mediums and skill levels, offer fellowship and a supportive environment for creativity, and be a vital presence in the community through our programs and exhibitions.

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## Artists Making Merry

The MAA holiday party on December 21 was attended by about 20 people and we had a great time! The board provided the meal and cupcakes but a few members brought some special holiday treats which we all enjoyed.

Several members brought artwork for show & tell and each artist shared a story about the work. Jim Geisinger showed two paintings that were a collaboration with Annie Young for an upcoming exhibit. JuliAnne Jonker shared an oil painting of her daughter and Larene St. Gabriel-Dargay showed a drawing of her father. Ninety year old Marilyn Brown came with two beautiful paintings that were illustrations for books! What an

inspiration Marilyn is! Shelly Rottenberg had hand painted cards, Terrie Christian had multiple doodles, and several other artists had beautiful landscapes, still-lives, and figurative work. Several spouses attended also.

A big thank you to Jeanne Emrich for hosting the party at the beautiful Point of France party room! Jeanne also had a table full of free art equipment that the artists were able to take home including several table easels & a large paper cutter. Special thanks to Ann & Wayne Sisel for getting the lasagna and salad, heating it up & hauling it to the party and to Diane Gilbertson for providing the tablecloths and the centerpieces!



## Wayne Thiebaud American Promo-Pop Painter Dies Age 101



Tributes have been pouring in for the American artist Wayne Thiebaud

who died yesterday in Sacramento, California at age 101. His daughter Twinka Thiebaud made the following statement on Facebook, "Master painter, art professor, tennis player, joke teller extraordinaire, beloved husband, father, uncle and friend, Wayne Thiebaud has

packed up his brushes in search of new scenery to paint, new canvasses to conquer. He will always be our favourite Father Christmas. Rest in sweet peace, Papa. One hundred one extraordinary years on planet Earth! --RIP Wayne" -Artlyst

