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Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, April 15 – 6:30 p.m. social time, oil demo by Dan Petrov at 7 p.m., Bloomington Center for the Arts, room 2020.

Monday, April 21 - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. pick up art at the Phipps.

Tuesday, May 27 – 6 p.m. potluck and show & tell at JuliAnne Jonker's home, 13602 Everest Ave, Apple Valley, MN 55124.

April Meeting: Dan Petrov Demo at the Bloomington Center for the Arts

Dan Petrov will share some of his knowledge of how to draw quickly and accurately. He will talk about ways to achieve a higher level of realism.

I took classes from Dan Petrov at Minnetonka Center for the Arts. Dan guided us through the process of doing realistic still-life paintings. He also gives little, interesting morsels of information about famous artists' lives, works, and techniques.

As a teenager, Petrov had a passion for creating realistic paintings. He traveled from his home in Serbia to spend summers in northern Italy studying classical art. After high school, he traveled extensively, learning Renaissance and Flemish techniques from European masters.

To avoid unrest in Serbia, Dan decided to move to Ontario, Canada, to continue painting. There he went to the studio of Sergio DePaoli, an Italian painter. Then in 2006, he moved to Lakeville.

Dan is efficient and prolific. Besides teaching in Minnetonka and Lakeville, he completes 50 to 100 paintings a year. –By Jim Geisinger

To see a time-lapse video of Dan painting, click here.

See more at www.danpetrovart.com

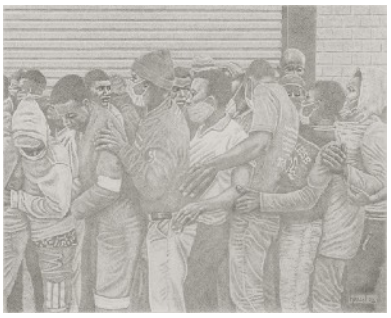
Spring Juried Exhibition

Our Spring Juried Exhibition at the Phipps Center for the Arts turned out to be a big success! The venue is a lovely space overlooking the river, and the Phipps provided refreshments for us and the four other solo artist shows that were going on at the same time. Seventy-nine artworks were juried into the show, and our juror, Bonnie Lauber-Westover, did a fine job speaking about the awards during our presentation. The show was well attended.

I'd like to thank the volunteers who made the show possible: Sandy Parnell, who did the Google sheet, made our name tags and greeted everyone; Laurie Jaramillo, Peggy Wright, Nan Foker, Letitia Little, and new member Wendy Peterson, who did the intake; Terrie Christian for arranging the artwork; Jim Geisinger, Rick Mittelstadt, Don Aggerbeck, Jane Pederson, Wayne Allison, and new member Diane Scully, who did the hanging. Everyone did a fabulous job, and our show looks terrific! If you weren't able to attend the reception I hope you will go see the show which continues until April 20. It's worth the drive and you can always enjoy a meal at Pier 500 right across the street with a view of the river!

Awards of Excellence

Jim Geisinger, *Chief*, oil on linen



Tom Hessel, *Lining Up*, silverpoint drawing

Marlene Miller, *Backyard*, charcoal

Dan Petrov, *Lake Hockey*, oil on canvas

Awards of Merit

Elizabeth Franklin, *Rise of the Millennial*, charcoal on toned paper

Julie Roles, *Hyacinth*, acrylic

Spring Juried Exhibition continued

Cheryl LeClair-Sommer, *Salmon Sky Over the Marsh*, oil on linen panel

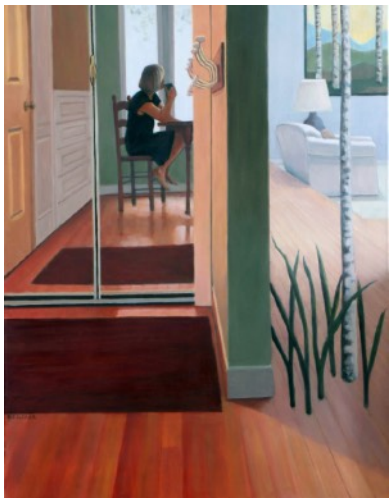
Christine Tierney, *The Blacksmith*, oil

Honorable Mention

Terrie Christian, *Leaf Fairy*, collage

Rita Corrigan, *Path to Superior*, pastel

Ronda Dick, *Geranium I*, watercolor on vellum



Barbara Lidfors, *Coffee Musings*, oil on canvas

A note from the President

Wow! What a great show at the Phipps! The quality and variety of the art are incredible! It was made possible by the dedication of the board members and volunteers. Please let me know who YOU feel would be an asset to our board. They can be on the ballot for our next election. By Jim Geisinger

A Painting of Gratitude and Empowerment

I believe it's a good time to share this painting I did that is an affirmation of the value of women.

The shape is a V for victory, and the face of Lady Justice is a Black city council member who helped me secure funding for lake cleanup. Her plump figure is a body shape often overlooked in our culture. She has no blindfold as she needs to see the truth. I gave the original painting to a woman lawyer who fought for me but refused to accept payment. By Terrie Christian

Wisdom is a woman

Member News

Don Aggerbeck received a Judge's Choice Award for his watercolor, *Goin' Down the Road* in the Northern Lights Exhibition at White Bear Center for the Arts. Don also had a watercolor accepted into the Minnesota Watercolor Society Spring Members Juried Exhibition at the Minnetonka Center for the Arts, April 10-May 16.

Jim Geisinger has a painting *Enero En Buenos Aires* in the Northern Lights International Show at White Bear Center for the Arts. It will be up until March 27th.

Jim's painting, *Out At First*, has been accepted in the juried show at the Plymouth Community Center called The Primavera. April 10 to May 23.

Sonja Hutchinson has a show opening at the Zeller Studio in Hopkins (April 1 - May 31) with the WaterArt Group. The artists' reception is May 15 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

During the show at the Zeller Studio, she will be hosting a two-day watercolor workshop on April 24 and 25. Register for the workshop here.

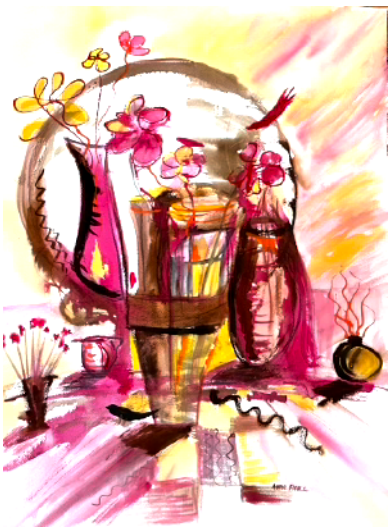
Sonja has a show at the Hallberg Center for the Arts in Wyoming, Mn. April 17 - May 17, opening April 17, 5:00 - 7:30.

Mary Anne Kinane received notice from the Allina Foundation. They awarded her the Tribute Card award for *Alpha and Omega*. The painting is mixed watermedia.

Three of her paintings, *Splendor of Fall, Old Smokey Waterfall,* and *Summer Garden,* are going into "Artsy & Artnet," an international juried art competition where she won the honorable mention award.

Ann Sisel *Good Karma - Circle of Life*, ink and watercolor, was accepted into the 2025 Minnesota Watercolor Society's spring exhibition, called Reflections.

John Salminen chose 70 paintings from the 166 entries. It will be held at Minnetonka Center for the Arts, April 10 through May 16, 2025. Please come to see all the artwork this spring.



Leny Wendel's painting, *On Her Way*, received special recognition in the Light, Space & Time Online Art Gallery Figurative Art Exhibition. Leny also had two paintings accepted, *Winter Light* and *Mush for a Cure on Gunflint Lake*, at the North Shore Health Services Hospital Spring Exhibition.

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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Update Your Presence on the MAA Website

It would be great for our artist pages to showcase artwork that truly represents each of us. You are welcome to request updates once a year if you'd like to refresh your page.

From my own experience, I received a commission inquiry last year through my website, but the client first saw my work on the Mosaic Guild website. This goes to show how important an online presence can be – you never know where a future customer might discover your art!

If you'd like to update your artist page, please send me the following to facilitate an update:

Up to four high-quality JPG images, without frame or glass. I will resize them for the website.

The title and size of each artwork.

An artist statement and an optional profile picture.

Your email address and your website, if you have one.

I'll do my best to upload them as soon as possible. I'm looking forward to seeing your updates! By Shakun Maheshwari

Remembering Dick Green

MAA is saddened by the passing of long-time member, Dick Green, age 90, on January 8, 2025. Born in Grand Rapids, Mn, Dick was a graduate of Bemidji State College. He taught art at Bloomington Kennedy High School from 1966–1993, where he also coached several sports and was inducted into the Bloomington Kennedy Fine Arts and Activities Hall of Fame. Dick was a talented watercolor artist who exhibited locally, regionally, and nationally, including the American Watercolor Society. He received numerous awards over the years, and his work was featured in several art publications. Our condolences to Dick's wife, Janet, also an MAA member, and their family.

Welcome New Members

Angela Bors
Tom Halseth
Darvia Herold
Tom Hessel
Alistar Jacques
Jean Johnson
Mary Anne Kinane
Barbara Lidfors
Heidi Nelson
Elana Nikonov
Doug Oudekerk
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