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Mark Your Calendar

Friday, March 14 – 6:30–8:30 PM MAA Spring Juried Show reception at the Phipps Center for the Arts, Hudson WI, March 14–April 20, 2025.

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

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

MAA Spring Juried Exhibition in Hudson, WI

Please join us for our 88th MAA Spring Juried Exhibition reception at the Phipps Center for the Arts in Hudson, WI, on Friday, March 14, 6:30-8:30 PM. Our juror, Bonnie Lauber-Westover, will be doing the awards presentation. There will be refreshments provided by the Phipps. There are four other artists having gallery receptions the same evening, so we should have a good crowd! Please invite your family and friends to join us for a fun evening.

Remember to drop off your artwork on Wednesday, March 12, 9:30 AM - noon. You can pull into the front entrance, bring your painting into the lobby, then park your car across the street by the river in the 4-hour free parking lot, then come back to the lobby and bring your painting upstairs to our designated gallery. Someone will watch your painting in the lobby while you park your car. No one can leave their car in the circular entrance driveway. Thank you for entering the show and for your cooperation!

Member News

Don Aggerbeck had a watercolor accepted in the Northern Lights Exhibition at White Bear Center for the Arts. The exhibition is on display February 17-March 27.

Marilyn Brown recently completed two commissions. The portrait of the couple is for a good friend whose husband died last year. They would send an amusing picture to their daughter, who was going through chemotherapy to cheer her up.

The kitty is for her great-niece to give to her boyfriend. Obi, the cat, died and it was devastating to both of them.

Andrea Canter invites you to Second Saturday Open Studios on March 8th at Casket Arts, 11 AM - 4 PM. Guest artists postponed from February include ceramicist James Reid (all day) and pianist Patrick Adkins (from 1-2:30). Come see new art from Andrea as well as a variety of work from Casket Artists. 681 17th Av NE, Minneapolis.

Marie Panlener is part of a three-artist exhibition, Unity Church-Unitarian presents "The Power and Wonder of Nature," held in the parish hall March 1 through April 27. It focuses on the positive forces of nature. Sometimes it is hard to see beauty in the crazy, chaotic world we live in, but the three artists participating in this two-month exhibit will open your eyes to nature's ever-present bounty. An artist's reception will be Saturday, March 8, 10-12, 733 Portland Avenue, St. Paul.

Dan Petrov Art Studio with Paradise Center of the Arts in Faribault opens a solo exhibition of oil paintings February 17 through March 29.

Diane Scully had a Solarplate work, *Elementary*, selected for The Fine Print Show at the White Bear Art Center. The show runs through March 27.

Diane also unveiled her new website last month at www.dianescullyart.com

Tom Stewart is currently working with students at De La Salle High School to design and paint a mural for the interior of the school. This project has been made possible with a generous donation from a fellow class of '72 alumnus.

Larene St Gabriel-Dargay is creating a tribute for artist friend and neighbor Roman Janezcko, a Polish sculptor. After studying at Krakow's Academy of Fine Arts, he earned his Master's Degree and taught sculpture. Living in Columbia Heights, Minnesota for over 20 years, he's been a close friend for 24 years. Self-motivated, he has a collection of about 50 sculptures. His website showcases his work, which has been featured in International Sculpture magazines as recently as 2024. He's twice participated in the Florence, Italy, Biennale, and visited the city with his wife, Anna. The tribute, planned by Anna, his son Peter, Larene, and a priest, aims to showcase his remarkable life and work. Larene will announce the exhibition soon. Enjoy his website while they plan .

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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Facts about Tracey Emin from our February Zoom Presentation

Meeting night was really cold, so we were happy that the MAA meeting was Zoomed. We could stay cozy at home and find out about artist number 4 in the series, Famous Artists You've Probably Never Heard Of.

Tracey was born in Margate, England and has a twin brother, Paul. Her mother and father were never married. Her father was a ladies' man who eventually fathered 23 children.

She's been homeless three times in her life, twice with her family and once on her own. Now she owns multiple properties, including a house and studio in Margate, her hometown; a house and studio on the coast of France, a mansion in London and a NYC apartment.

Tracey walked out of a live BBC TV art debate because she was drunk and bored and wanted to be with her friends.

She had a botched abortion that led to a six-year painting block. To exorcise the event, Tracey did a performance piece, painting naked in a Stockholm museum for three weeks.

Her master's thesis was on Edvard Munch. Years later, she won a contest to create a monumental sculpture for the new Edvard Munch museum in Norway.

She was diagnosed with bladder cancer during the COVID pandemic and recovered after a multi-organ surgery that left her needing an external bag to collect her urine. She no longer drinks alcohol and has quit her 50 cigarettes-a-day habit.

Tracey received royal awards, including becoming Dame Tracey.

She created an art school and residencies in her hometown of Margate in an old morgue and bath house.

Christie's sold a painting of hers for £2.3 million, which helps fund her school. – MP