

MANCHESTER ART ASSOCIATION
MEMBER MEETING MINUTES
September 16, 2020 – 7 PM

President Sue Massé opened this first meeting of the year with a welcome to all participants who had joined the Zoom platform. 26 members had tuned in. She then asked for reports.

Treasurer Eric Vogel reported an approximate balance of \$14,400, with \$360 in membership dues to be deposited.

Membership Chair Deb Parker reported a total of 51 members thus far for the 2020-21 year. That number included 40 renewals, 6 new members and 5 honorary members.

Demo/Workshop Co-chair Carolyn Gimbrone reported on the evening's program with an introduction to Alan James, whose watercolor YouTube video was to be shown, and whose September 26 Zoom Workshop 8 people had signed up for. More were expected to sign up following the video presentation. She also previewed the next two member meetings: October - critique with Sandra Wakeen: November - interactive urban sketching with Agnus Wnuk.

Sue then made a number of announcements:

1. Exhibits – the Town Hall and Manchester Hospital exhibits would remain until COVID restrictions are relaxed.
2. The South Windsor Library member exhibit would be virtual only, in all likelihood. If the total number of entries are insufficient, the show will still be displayed online, but will not be judged.
3. Open Studio protocols were mentioned, along with the hope that October would see availability for MAA's use.
4. Thank you to Chris Larson for arranging and displaying online "A Time for Art" for 100 contiguous days. The program continues with less often posts.
5. Thank you to Carolyn Emerson for providing online challenges to accompany "A Time for Art."
6. Members were invited to send in photos of their studio work space for posting online.
7. A call was issued for member suggestions as to themes for future exhibits.
8. A request was made for video filming/editing experience from among the members or acquaintances of members.
9. An explanation was given of the focus during this COVID year. It is one that zeroes in on engagement for the members, and eschews fundraising. There are sufficient funds in the treasury to carry MAA through the year until such time as in person gatherings are permitted and safe again.

The Alan James video, "Cityscape Painting/Colour in Your Life," was then shown.

Meeting was adjourned at 8 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Emerson for Secretary Judy Burnham