

**MANCHESTER ART ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 17, 2021
(Via ZOOM)**

President Masse opened the meeting welcoming members and guests; we had 36 in attendance. She asked for a motion to approve the February 2021 minutes as presented online. Rhea Sutter moved to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Bonnie Lindland and so done.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Eric reported we have \$14,543. 75 with two new member checks being deposited. Expenditures include workshop fees and demonstration fees.

MEMBERSHIP: Deb said we have 85 active members; 68 renewals, 12 new and 5 honorable.

WORKSHOPS/DEMOS: Emilie reminded the group that Jane Penfield is doing a 'bootcamp' pastel workshop this Saturday. There is one spot open which must be filled by tomorrow (or she is taking it).

The committee is trying to put together an outdoor photo workshop for this spring and will forward information as soon as it becomes available.

EXHIBITS: Judy said the "Mixed Bag" exhibit is open for registration until April 9 and will go online April 15. This is an anything goes show that will be judged for ribbon prizes (one ribbon per entrant). Ribbons will be announced online and mailed to the winners.

Carolyn Emerson, Janet Heller and she visited Manchester Memorial Hospital this week to review the exhibit situation with them. Right now nothing can be done to open up the exhibit area due to Covid restrictions. When we can get into the meeting room area again, they will improve the lighting and add hangers/clips to the hanging system. They emphasize that this area under normal conditions has a large amount of inside and outside traffic and they would like us to continue the art program with them. We will continue this association until it can be reviewed again when the Covid rules are removed. Nijole Currie and hanging crew are asked to stand by.

Lisa Dumais asked about contacting Goodwin College in East Hartford to see if they are interested in an exhibit at their school when restrictions allow. She offered to speak to a contact there and report back to us. Other schools were also mentioned, but either they have their own art program or are out of our region.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Carolyn E. said the slate is set, but will remain secret until next month when published in the newsletter with online voting instructions at least two weeks before the annual meeting. She is very pleased with the incoming leadership and committee assignments.

UPDATES: Sue reported Open Studio will remain online for a while yet, the Y restrictions are rather tough to meet, i.e., registration to them the day prior, waiver signatures, no assisting up the steps by Y personnel, limited to eight people, distancing, etc. Meantime if anyone has thoughts of where we might hold the Open Studio at a reasonable price and distance, kindly contact Sue.

Sue then closed the business meeting and turned program over to Joyce Armentano who introduced artist/teacher, Amy Brnger. Amy presented a great demonstration of oil style, color and application that was appreciated by all. Details and more information on Amy's beautiful work can be found on her website, amybrnger.com. Thank you, Amy for the wonderful informative demonstration.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Burnham, Secretary