

**MANCHESTER ART ASSOCIATION  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 21, 2021  
(VIA ZOOM)**

President Sue opened the meeting welcoming new members, old members and guests.

She said Chris is looking for Time for Art presenters as this feature is continuing online. Carolyn Emerson was asked to come up with a few more challenges for this feature which she agreed to do.

We think we have a line on an Open Studio/Workshop place; the Y just won't work out due to the lack of handicapped accessibility. More information on this new potential will be imparted in the newsletter just as soon as we have details. The Historical Society hall will be available for regular membership meetings when the time comes.

After some consideration, the lack of fundraiser events and workshops, costs of improving our dues and workshop payment system, and continued scholarship program, the Board has opted to increase membership due from \$30 to \$35 per individual member and \$40 to \$45 for family memberships. If any member finds this a hardship, please let the president or a board member know as assistance can be available through our scholarship program.

Approval of the March minutes as posted was moved by Deb Parker, seconded by Carolyn Emerson and so approved.

TREASURER'S Report: Eric Vogel said it has been another quiet month ending with \$14,007.63 in the bank. The only activity has been a few test deposits for the new online system and four photo workshop registrations.

An audit will be done in June with Bob Bowsza. This had been planned for last June, however, once again Covid 19 interfered.

SCHOLARSHIPS: The awardees will be selected later this week and awarded next month.

MEMBERSHIP: Deb Parker said we have 89 members; 5 honorary, 13 new and 71 renewals. New tonight are Bill Gould who specializes in woodworking and Molly Getchel who paints and does art and craft projects. Welcome to you both.

WORKSHOPS: Emilie said the demos scheduled are May 19, Peter Millett, Lives of Cheney Artists, and a pastel demo by Janet Schwartz on September 15. The upcoming workshop is for plein air photography on June 5<sup>th</sup> (rain date June 12) with Tom Ouellette which still has a few openings. The next one workshop for pastels by Janet Schwartz will be September 25 and 26.

EXHIBITS: Judy reported the 'Mixed Bag' exhibit is now on the website with 58 pieces. The full list of winners in each category is available online with the show. Thanks to all who participated, it is a great showing of our artistic abilities.

With the potential of our state reopening May 19, we will check with the Town of Manchester as to their plans for public spaces. Hopefully we will be able to get into the areas that have been closed and get the exhibits at town hall and the hospital moving again. We do have the South Windsor Library booked for October. So get to work all, we will be looking for your art work to go live again soon.

NOMINATIONS: Carolyn Emerson read the slate of nominations for the upcoming year. We will need a 40% vote from the membership to meet quorum requirements so please vote. The notice will be online tomorrow and open for voting until May 17. Nominations from the floor will be accepted. Please contact Carolyn if you have a nominee (with his /her permission).

Joyce Armentano tried to introduce Jan McCollum to show us his studio of dioramas and creative miniatures. Due to the electronic phantom, we lost Joyce, but finally got Jan working and enjoyed a delightful tour of his talents. Thank you, Jan, for the fascinating insight to your wee world.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Burnham, Secretary