

MONTGOMERY COUNTY ART ASSOCIATION JANUARY E-NEWSLETTER

PROGRAMS

We encourage you to attend our monthly meetings for the most up to date and detailed information concerning MCAA and our activities.

Meetings are held at PLAZA-ART Materials, 1594B Rockville Pike and begin at 7:00 PM (In the Pier One plaza, behind Duron Paints and Twinbrook Metro access road. Opposite Congressional Plaza, east side of Rockville Pike). If you are traveling from the Beltway, leave an extra 15 minutes onto your traveling time to get to Plaza-Art. [As a courtesy to our guest presenters, be sure to come early to shop!](#) Our meeting begins promptly at 7:00 pm and concludes at 8:00 pm sharp, so your punctuality also allows us to maximize the time allotted.

Wednesday, January 9 – 6:30 pm **Laura-Leigh Palmer** will take us through everything you need to know about artist websites—why you should have one, and how to maximize its potential!

*****REMINDER***** The Miller's Framing & Gallery Show ends **Dec 31** and artists should pickup their artwork that day or make prior arrangements. If you have questions, please contact Alejandra Hucek at 301-588-2927, or richandalej@verizon.net

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Abstract Art Workshop -January 5th, 2008 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Montgomery Art is sponsoring a workshop on Saturday, January 5th, 2008 from 1 to 5 pm at Plaza Art in Rockville. The cost of the workshop is \$20 for MCAA members. This one day workshop will be available on a first-come, first-served basis with pre-registration required. Our instructor, Michael Sastre is a Montgomery College professor who will take us to new skill levels as we learn to incorporate abstract elements into realistic and figurative artwork. The medium will be acrylic or oil if you prefer and a full supply list will be available from the Plaza Art store. This workshop will include a lecture and slide presentation as well as a hands on guided demonstration. Please send you registration request to Sara Becker thebeckers6400@verizon.net. The workshop can accommodate 20 participants and is already near capacity.

The supply list (all materials are available at Plaza Arts):

Acrylic, Oil or other paints.

Illustration Board, Canvas or watercolor paper sized minimum 11x14 or no larger than 16 x 20.

Paint brushes, palette, palette knife.

Ruler, tape, pencil and eraser.

Cleaning solvent, rags or papertowels.

3-5 realistic images from magazine's or photographs.

Message from the President, Sara Becker:

We had a wonderful opening reception/holiday party at Miller's Framing on December 8th. The crowd enjoyed lots of delicious foods, drinks and desserts as they viewed the artwork and mingled with the guests. It was great to see Barbara Leyba again and hear the memories she and Ruth Ellsworth shared with us as the honored guests. Long time member Rita Moscato could not be with us but there was information about her past activities and stories to pass down that were interesting to hear. Just ask Dan Ranhardt, and he'll happily tell you some great stories. The three ladies received gifts of engraved clocks

as a symbol of MCAA appreciation for all their hard work and commitment over the years. We were happy to be able to honor them in this small way.

For the show, there were about 45 works of art from 24 artists represented. Everyone pitched in to help make it the lovely evening it was. New member Edward Rowan was the first to sell his artwork, a gorgeous sculpture of a woman's head. There were 5 cards for the Holiday Card Contest and Jacques Bodelle and Susan Moses tied for 1st prize. Glenn Reichard kindly donated a very nice door prize gift certificate for the door prize raffle. We are grateful for having this opportunity to show and sell our work at Miller's Framing and Gallery. Don't forget to pick-up any unsold work on December 31st.

I am really looking forward to the abstract workshop with Michael Sastre on January 5th. He promises an interesting and enlightening day of art. I hope you can join us. On January 9, we have our 1st monthly meeting of the new year with our webmaster Laura-Leigh Palmer who will show us around the world-wide web and give us some tips on developing our own website pages. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Happy New Year to you all!

Upcoming Shows

Friendship Heights Village Center Show: June 2008

Save the Date: Possible MCAA show Saturday May 17th, 2008

Kensington Labor Day Paint the Town Show: August 29-September 1, 2008

Brookside Gardens Oct. 31 - Dec. 12, 2009

Venues: Lobby, Information Desk, Library Show Title: "Scenes of Autumn"

Plants should be the primary focus of all of the works. Landscapes, seascapes (including vegetation), floral arrangements, botanical studies, etc. are all appropriate for exhibition. We reserve the right to reject on the day of installation any works whose quality or subject matter, as judged solely by the exhibitions coordinator, is not consistent with Brookside Gardens exhibition standards.

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