

MONTGOMERY ART ASSOCIATION

# MAA News

## MAA MEETINGS

December's Meeting will be our annual Holiday Party. (see below)

## MAA Holiday Party

You are Invited to the MAA Annual Holiday Party

**Thursday December 10, 2009**

**6:30-9:30 P.M.**

**1894 Restaurant**

**10417 Armory Ave.**

**(right behind the Safeway)**

**Kensington MD**

**phone 301-962-1894**

**www.cafe1894.com**



- Come celebrate the holiday season with your Montgomery Art artist friends. We will be honoring 2 longtime contributors to the MAA legacy.
- Former Board member Donna Kenny, and past President Elizabeth Riorden.
- We will also have the customary holiday card contest and lots of door prizes.
- Please RSVP as soon as possible to Sara at thebeckers6400@verizon.net but not later than Monday December 7th.
- We will enjoy appetizers starting at 6:30 followed by a buffet dinner and light dessert. Cash bar is available.
- Cost is \$10.00 per member. Guests of members cost \$20.00 per person.

*Come and join the FUN!*

the steps necessary to organize your own art auction. Any artist who thinks he or she will benefit from our program is welcome to join. If you would like to attend a workshop, please register through [www.sifegwu.org](http://www.sifegwu.org) or call Bram de Roos, 202-725-2617.



## Are You an Artist? Are you looking for business?

**SIFE GWU is now offering FREE business skills workshops for artists!**

Go to [www.sifegwu.org](http://www.sifegwu.org) and register for the following workshops, taking place from 8pm until 10pm:

- **Jan. 7**—Communicating your uniqueness
- **Jan. 21**—Intellectual property rights
- **Feb. 4**—Fundraising
- **Feb. 18**—Pricing your art
- **Mar. 4**—Keeping track of payments
- **Mar. 25**—Maintaining customer relations
- **Apr. 8**—Combining your new skills
- **Apr. 22**—Application in practice: Art auction



Location to be announced  
Students in Free Enterprise  
George Washington University is a student driven organization that aims to stimulate entrepreneurship. Through the Picture your Future program we want to give artists the business skills they need to turn their creativity into cash. During every workshop, an experienced professional will share his tips and tricks and we will go through

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**A**s the year comes to a close the club has a lot of momentum to carry us into the New Year.

Six pieces have been sold at the Brookside show at Wheaton Regional Park and our new showing venue at Tables and Chairs in White Flint recently sold two pieces of work. The sales at our Kensington show were our best ever and we had no problems (as far as I know) with our credit card machine and sales. Besides sales our meetings have been well attended and we will be doing a few more outings that proved popular this year in the year ahead.

I would like to thank everyone that attended Rita Muscato's memorial service. It meant a great deal to her husband and family. I was also able to attend the funeral in Arlington on December 1. We will be showing some of her work as a special exhibit at Friendship Heights in 2010 and I am working on compiling a catalogue of her work for the show. It has also been suggested that we create a new prize in Rita's name for original use of materials and exceptional creativity which I think is a fine idea that we will take up at the next board meeting.

Speaking of the Board we have a few vacancies that need to be filled. We will be working on that in 2010. We also have a couple of Board members who wish to take on other challenges and we will be seeking those of you with an interest to keep our organization vital and meaningful to the membership.

Hope to see you at the holiday party.

Thanks in advance,  
Laura-Leigh Palmer  
President, MAA  
asap graphics, Kensington, MD 20895

## Reminder: Brookside Gardens Pick-up

Please pick-up your artwork on Saturday, December 12th from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m.

## From Sara Becker, VP Programs

What a great presentation we had from Vidya Vijayasekharan on "The past 50 years in Art" We saw many examples of interesting and thought provoking art.

Here's a tidbit from one of the artist's that we heard about. We viewed a painting by the super-realist and sculptor, Audrey Flack called, "Marilyn". From her book Art & Soul, Notes on Creating, Flack starts off with her credo:

*I believe in art.  
I do not believe in the "art world" as it is today.  
I do not believe in art as a commodity.  
Great art is in exquisite balance. It is restorative.  
I believe in the energy of art, and through the use of that energy, the artist's ability to transform his or her life and, by example the lives of others.  
I believe that through our art, and through the projection of transcendent imagery, we can mend and heal the planet.*  
— 1984, Audrey Flack.

## Nods to Newcomers



MAA member **Jim Haynes**, who was juried into the Baltimore Watercolor Society in October, showed 21 watercolors at the Wide River Gallery in Colonial Beach, Virginia. The show ran from November 13th thru December 5th.

## Newsletter Editor Needed

MAA is looking for someone to assume the role of newsletter Editor. The role of the editor would be to develop content, as well as assemble the stories and other contributions submitted by the membership. The assembled content would then be forwarded to Judith Levine, our Copy Editor, for editing. She, then, sends it to Natalie Falk for design and layout. The final document would be returned to the editor and President, Laura-Leigh, for final approval prior to distribution.

Presently, Laura-Leigh has been fulfilling these duties—as Sara did under the latter months of her presidency. While, not a monumental task for one person, editing the newsletter is an additional burden that the president should not need to assume.

In order for MAA to continue to be a vital organization it is important that we do not burden one or two officers with all the responsibility. It is equally important that every member contribute in some way. If you feel that you could help in this, please contact Laura-Leigh and volunteer.

### PROCEDURES FOR SUBMISSIONS

Temporarily, all submissions should be made to Laura-Leigh, electronically, **BY THE 15TH OF THE MONTH**. Please put in the subject line: **FOR MAA NEWSLETTER**. Be sure to include any images that would accompany your article.

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## Newsletter submissions for January newsletter due December 15th.