



Prospectus 2023 MAA Show at Oasis Art Gallery, Bethesda, MD

We are delighted to return to the Oasis Art Gallery at Westfield Montgomery Mall. This show is the fifth MAA-Oasis collaboration.

Show dates: January 9-April 21, 2023. The gallery is open weekdays from 10am – 4pm.

Location: Washington Metropolitan Oasis and the Oasis Art Gallery are inside the Macy's Home Store at Westfield Montgomery Mall, 7125 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817.

About the Oasis Art Gallery: [Washington Metropolitan Oasis](#) and the Oasis Art Gallery are part of the national, non-profit Oasis education organization dedicated to enriching the lives of adults age 50 and older through lifelong learning, health and wellness promotion and volunteer opportunities including Intergenerational Tutoring. Oasis brings people together to learn, lead, and contribute in their communities. Weekdays, the Oasis offices and Gallery are busy with Oasis class attendees, registrants, art lovers, as well as Macy's shoppers.

Media eligible for exhibition: Oil, acrylic, watercolor, mixed media, pastel, encaustic, drawing/ink mediums, and 3D works that can easily be wired and hung on a wall with picture hooks.

Subject: Artist's choice. There is no theme for this show.

Number of pieces allowed: Members may submit one entry. We can accommodate approximately 65 pieces. If you are interested in submitting a second work if additional space is available, please indicate such on the registration form. You will be contacted by the show manager in the order in which you registered.

Registration dates: Registration starts Wednesday, November 16, 2022. It ends Wednesday, December 14, 2022, at 11:59 pm ET, or earlier, if show capacity of 65 pieces is reached.

Entry fee: \$10 (nonrefundable)

Key Dates

Registration: November 16-December 14 (or sooner if capacity met)

Drop off: January 4-5 10am-4pm

Show hanging: January 6 10:00-noon

Show: January 9-April 21

Reception/Meet Artists: date is tbd

Pick up unsold works: April 24-25 10am-4pm

Dates subject to change; participants

Special Events: We are working with the Oasis Gallery to set up the following special events:

- Meet the Artists Reception. This will be an evening or weekend event in which the public will be invited, and artists can opt to be interviewed (on camera for Facebook Live!) about their art. Date is yet to be determined. Masks are required and no food/drink will be served.
- 1 to 2 Workshops are requested by Oasis. These will be Zoom sessions and therefore can be presented from your studio. These are provided to Oasis participants during Oasis hours (M-F, 2-4pm).
- We are looking to create an MAA Artist Studio Tour in which Oasis members will be invited to sign up to visit 1 to 4 MAA artists' studios. This will be set up in the March-April timeframe.

All special events will be available for signup during the registration for the Oasis Gallery show. Details will be shared with members as soon as available.

How to Register

Go to <https://montgomeryart.wildapricot.org/event-5025495>. Log in with your email address and password. You will be asked for:

- Artwork title using title case (example: River View)
- Media
- Framed size (width x height in inches)
- Optional: 1 image of your artwork (to be used for show promotional purposes)
- Volunteer opportunities, including participation in Special Events

Requirements

Entries: Entries submitted must be original work of the artist. The hand of the artist must be visible and dominant in constructing fine art works. Photographic and digitally manipulated images are not acceptable unless they are used in a secondary manner to the artwork as a whole and clearly described in the media description. MAA or Oasis Art Gallery reserves the right to refuse to display any Artwork it deems incompatible with the nature and environment of the Oasis Art Gallery.

Size: The framed piece must be no larger than 28"x28" framed, and no smaller than 9x12". Weight limit is 15 lbs.

Framing & Hanging: All works, including 3D art, must be framed and wired for hanging to professional standards. Use D-rings and weight-appropriate wire that is not visible when the painting is hung. Paintings on canvas do not require frames if the edges are painted or taped to professional standards. No wet canvases, saw-toothed hangers, or flimsy framing. [Learn more.](#)

Label: Securely affix a label to the back of your work with your name, phone number, and title of the artwork. This is for identification purposes – MAA will provide the display labels.

Sales: Entries must be priced and available for sale for the duration of the show, January 9-April 21. The artist will receive the full selling price but is encouraged to donate 30% to Oasis to support their nonprofit educational programs. Oasis will manage sales. Sales tax will be

collected on all sales and the artist will be responsible for reporting sales/filing taxes. Sold works must remain until the end of the show, except under extenuating circumstances. The Oasis Art Gallery will hold sold artwork for buyer pickup.

Drop-off: Drop off is Wednesday through Thursday, January 4-5, 10am-4pm. Please wear a face mask and follow social distancing guidelines. If you're unable to drop off at that time, we suggest posting a message on our [private Facebook group](#) to see if a fellow participant could drop off for you. (Volunteers who help to hang the show on Friday January 6 may bring their entries on that day at 10am.)

Pick up: Unsold works should be picked up Monday-Tuesday April 24-25 from 10 am-4pm. Please wear a face mask and follow social distancing guidelines. If you're unable to pick up at this time, we suggest you post a message on our [private Facebook group](#) to see if a fellow participant could pick up for you.

Volunteering: We are seeking volunteers to assist with the following. Indicate on your registration form if you are available for:

- **Curation and hanging:** 4-6 members would work together to curate the works in the gallery. You will need to arrange the works in pleasing design and hang them along with their labels.
- **Publicity:** 2 members are needed to assist with drafting a news release and submitting the show to local calendar websites and media outlets.
- **Meet the Artists Event or Reception:** 4 members are needed to assist with organizing the event. This will involve working with our Facebook page, handling the mic, and preparing the participating artists. There is no food/drink at this event.

Affirmation

By submitting an entry, registrants agree with the following: I certify that I agree to the rules of the show as presented here. Entries submitted are my own work and not in violation of any copyright, trademark or other similar laws and regulations. By uploading an image of my work on the registration form, I agree to allow the Montgomery Art Association ("MAA") and the Oasis Art Gallery ("venue") to use the image for the purpose of promoting this event and/or the organization. I will not hold MAA or the venue responsible for copyright infringements of the image of my artwork. I also understand that care will be taken by volunteers and personnel in handling, hanging, and securing artwork for the show. However, neither MAA nor the venue will be held responsible for any loss or damage, and I understand that I am well advised to have my own insurance.

Questions

Email show co-managers Helen Wood, helenmwood@gmail.com and Ella Soroori, elaha.soroori@gmail.com.