The Past Presidents of the Gallery Council are launching a Challenge Fund to encourage members to contribute to the Centennial Campaign. From now on, every pledge of $100 or more received by June 1 will be matched dollar for dollar from this Fund. Current President Mary Sue Jack has joined the effort with an extra gift. “We are blessed with this extraordinary support from our Past Presidents to help us reach our goal of $250,000!!” she said.

**Campaign Reaches $200,000**
The campaign has crossed the $200,000 mark with just $50,000 more to raise. To reach this amount, the Council Board approved the transfer of $60,000 from the Council Centennial Fund. That $60,000 represents the profits over and above budgeted amounts from Council fundraisers during the 2010-1011 and 2011-2012 fiscal years. The balance of the $200,000 has been raised by donations from Council members. To date, almost 100 members have given money to help the Gallery Council name the Centennial Garden.

**Watch Your Mailbox**
If you have not yet contributed to the Campaign, you will receive a letter and pledge form within the next 10 days. “We hope Council members will take advantage of this challenge to increase the value of their donations,” says Campaign Chair Sandy Koon. “With the Sculpture Park about to be dedicated, we need to complete our campaign by June 1.”

**Background**
Last month, Mary Sue used her President’s Message to explain how the Council Board chose the naming rights to the Cutler Union Garden as the Council’s gift to the Memorial Art Gallery on its 100th anniversary. She said, “...when the sign goes up in the garden that says ‘Gallery Council Garden, Donated by the Members,’ it will mean that everyone gave some number of dollars toward the goal.” The Gallery Council Garden will feature the “Unicorn Family” sculpture by Wendell Castle, a gift of the Feinbloom family. Part sculpture, part living room, it will be a “gathering area” for MAG visitors – one more enticement for people to visit the Sculpture Park.

So don’t delay!! When you receive the letter and the donation form in the mail, put your check in the mail to make sure your donation is matched by the Past Presidents’ Fund!

- Sandra Koon
Council Programs

On Wednesday, April 10, 2013, raconteur, bon vivant, and genial lecturer, Don Hall, former director of the Strasenburgh Planetarium, will deliver his well-received talk on “Highlights of East Avenues Missing Mansions” to Gallery Council members and guests. Don will detail how East Avenue, one of Rochester’s most revered streets, lost about half of the millionaire’s homes that once occupied proud residences there.

Coffee is at 10:30, the Program begins at 11. Guests are welcome.

To reserve: please e-mail: gallerycouncil@mag.rochester.edu. See flyer in March newsletter for more details.

Anderson Art Building in Andersen Alley is the venue, Tuesday, May 7 at 2 PM is the time for our celebration of spring, a visit to the Lynne Feldman Studio, with refreshments to follow. Lynne, an accomplished artist, began her art training at the tender age of twelve in NYC, and continued to study drawing and painting there for the next 15 years. Her paintings and serigraph prints have been exhibited in galleries and museums around the country. Ms Feldman is the author of “Good Yontif, a picture book of the Jewish year” a representation of her judaica work. Copies will be on sale for $16.95. You won’t want to miss the opportunity to meet this wonderful warm artist as she takes us on a tour of her adventures in oil painting, acrylics and fabrics.

The June 6, 2013 annual meeting is fast approaching and one you will not want to miss. The Program Committee is proud to announce that Sarah Lentina, president of the Arts and Cultural Center for Greater Rochester is delighted to be our guest speaker. Sarah’s talk will be entitled, "The Agony and the Ecstasy, the State of Art in Rochester."

A flyer with more details of the business meeting, luncheon menu and costs will be in the May newsletter.

Membership

We are pleased to welcome the following new members to the Council:

Kathy Farrar was a BOCES special ed teacher from 1988-2011. Since her retirement she is a volunteer educator at Lollypop Farm and works the Voter Registration at Naturalization Ceremonies for the League of Women Voters.

Gale Sloan retired after a 30 year career in pharmaceuticals. She has also enjoyed a fun position as personal shopper for women’s clothing. Gale recently relocated to Rochester and has fallen in love with the MAG.

The Gallery Council is always looking for energetic new members who will support the programs of the Council by attending Gallery Council programs, serving on committees, volunteering for two Gallery Council projects a year and/or serving as a Gallery Docent. If you know of someone who would like to become a member, please contact

Joanna Grosodonia
Membership Chair, at 244-4594 or mgrosod1@rochester.rr.com

They’re here --- come and get them!
Membership Directories are ready for pick up in the Gallery Council Office. Each directory is labeled for distribution. Please pick up your copy next time you are at the Gallery. Our Gallery Council Assistant Sharon would love to see you!

Changes or Corrections to the Directory
Email address
Mona Kolko mfkolko@gmail.com
Save the Dates and Join the Fun!
Many Hands Make Light Work...
Plan to volunteer at one of the Gallery Council's most successful annual fund raisers!

Volunteer to setup:
Sale setup dates are Tuesday, June 11th, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Wednesday, June 12th, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and
Thursday, June 13th, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Volunteer to sell:
Thursday, June 13th, 5:45 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday, June 14th, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday, June 15th 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and
Sunday, June 16th noon to 4:30.

Contact Diane Parrinello at dianedparrinello@frontiernet.net or 271-7248
OR see the sign-up form on page 7 of this newsletter

And don't forget to donate and save bags and tissue paper!
For early pickup of donations, contact Mary Lisa Sisson at msisson@howeandrusling.com or 482-9144.

Our “Early Bird Night” will take place Thursday, June 13, 2012 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Cost: $10 per person (including volunteers)

REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE
The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following slate of officers who have been approved by the Board of Directors and will be voted on by the membership at the Annual Meeting.

Two-Year Terms, July 2013 through June 2015
Second Vice President: Rody Krugh
Project Treasurers: Bev Pickering & Bonnie Voll
Art Tours/Travel Committee: Peg McNamara & Michelle Turner
Corresponding Secretary: Carmen Signorino
Hospitality Chairs: Carol Spagnola & Alyson Grossman
Historian/Archives: Helena Spring & Rose Swiskey

Nominating Committee Members: Anita Bonanni, Sandy Koon, Karen Larkin, Carol Morse, Bev Pickering, Wendy Shellman, and Mary Sue Jack, President.

Respectfully submitted, Pam Foye, Chair
This month I have some exciting news about an upcoming exhibition in the Lockhart Gallery. From May 24th through August 25th, all 12 of the Kiki Smith Woodcuts, called “Mortal”, will be on display! Just imagine the impact of seeing all of them in one place!

Let me fill you in on some of the background of these amazing works on paper that will soon be visible. Three years ago, Grant Holcomb was notified that Kiki Smith, a well-known artist with local ties had wood cuts for sale. When he first saw them, he “was struck by how the artist underscored her profound theme with her use of fragile, tremulous white lines of life that are surrounded by black pools of death. The “skin-thinness” of the paper itself is a tactile reminder of the forces behind this remarkable achievement.” And he wanted them for the MAG since he knew what a significant addition they would make.

Then Grant and several members of the Art Acquisition committee came to the Gallery Council Board proposing that the Council buy these woodcuts for the MAG. The Art Acquisition committee members were compelling in their arguments for the value of these woodcuts for the MAG: esthetically, educationally and powerfully this art would touch viewers.

The topic of these woodcuts is death. When Kiki Smith’s 90 year old mother lay dying in a NY hospital, Kiki sat at her bedside and drew pictures of her mother. Kiki then made woodcuts of her sketches. These pictures of Mrs. Smith are very moving, they are large and black, yet display a fragility that is difficult to describe. While death is a subject our society does not embrace, it is a real part of who we all are. And these woodcuts are magnificent in the way in which they portray death as a gentle and peaceful place.

After the Gallery Council bought the woodcuts, Marjorie Searl, Chief Curator, brought them to the Green Room, where the Board used to meet and laid them out on the tables. They were unframed at this time. As we looked at them for the first time, silence fell in the room. And each Board member walked around the tables looking at each one, lost in thought and memories. This is a familiar place for most, staying with a dying relative, and these works of art bring it very close to our hearts. We all were awed by the beauty and solemnness of these pictures. Every little detail is shown.

Kiki Smith lives in NYC where she moved with her family early on. Her father, Tony Smith made “Playground” which is part of the Centennial Park here at the MAG. Her mother was a well-known actress. Imagine growing up in such a household.

Now “Mortal” will be on display for all to see. This is a major gift of the Gallery Council; I encourage all of you to visit the Lockhart Gallery after May 24th to see this impressive work. Plans are now underway to celebrate the opening of the exhibit, so stay tuned!

In this President’s Message I also want to remind you that our busy time is approaching quickly! The Art and Treasurers Sale (June 13-16) will be bigger than ever, we’ll need lots of volunteers to make it successful so please sign up soon. Also, the Program Committee is presenting two excellent programs in April (4/10) and May (5/7), and we need to have you sign up if you are planning to attend. To be sure, there is no payment necessary for attending these programs, but the Committee members like to have an estimate of number of attendees. Plus our annual meeting is coming up on June 6, 2013. The festive occasion will be entertaining, informational and a delight for your taste buds. More on that later.

Meanwhile, enjoy Spring. It’s been a long winter, even for the daffodils that are peering out of the cold ground. So get outside and walk and breathe the fresh air. Lots of fun events coming up!

Mary Sue
VOTE!
Calling all Members...
As a member of the Gallery Council, your attendance at the June 6th Annual Meeting is extremely important! You will have the opportunity to exercise your voting privileges when Bonnie Voll presents By-Law additions and changes, which are subject to member approval.

From the Docents...
Gallery Council members are invited to attend Associate Professor of Art History at Nazareth College, Dorothy (Doot) Bokelman’s lecture on Asian Art on May 7th at 9:30. Her lectures usually directly relate to works of art in the MAG collection and she always gives an entertaining, informative presentation.

Minutes of the March 2013 Board of Directors meeting are available online at the Gallery Council Members Page www.mag.rochester.edu/gallerycouncil

To access the Gallery Council area of the MAG website use the direct link <http://mag.rochester.edu/gallerycouncilarea>

Art Tours

Ithaca
Check out page 6 for the flyer and information regarding the trip to Ithaca to visit the Johnson Museum on the Cornell campus.

Mystery Tour (It’s a secret!!)
Tuesday, June 11 Includes: tour of area art collectors’ private homes and in-home artist studios (find out where when we gather for the day!) Contact: Joan Ruzitky, 585.298.7615, or Linda Sullivan, 585.284.0703

Auburn, NY
Tuesday, August 13 Includes: docent-led tour of Seward House Historic Museum (pictured at left), home of Abraham Lincoln’s Secretary of State; performance of “Gentlemen Prefer Blondes” at Merry-Go-Round Playhouse Contact: Connie Schultz 585.787.0701, or Suressa Forbes 585.288.2762

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If you have news of a Gallery Council members, please contact Carmen Signorino at carmensignorino@yahoo.com
Submit newsletter items or comments about the News to Barbara O’Hare at bohare5281@aol.com

Gallery Council contact:
Sharon McNamee, Gallery Council Assistant, (585)276-8910 or gallerycouncil@mag.rochester.edu
Office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Thursday, 1:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday is reserved for undisturbed office work. Please do not visit the office on Monday.
Ithaca, Here We Come!

C’mon Along for A Day in May!

Thursday, May 30, 2013

This time we’re off on a spring fling trip to the rolling hills of the campus of Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. There we will visit the Johnson Museum, recognized as one of the most important university museums in the country. It is encyclopedic in the scope of its collection and truly remarkable in the ways it supports learning, making a tour there unusually enriching. The museum is also known for the strength of its Asian collection and we will spend some dedicated time at the new Morgan Gallery and its karensansui style Japanese Garden. Lunch will follow on the 6th floor of the museum overlooking Lake Cayuga where we will have a prime seat to witness the arrival of spring to upstate New York.

In the afternoon, we will be led on a tour across campus by the University Architect to visit some of Cornell’s newest and most distinctive buildings, each of them, the design of internationally acclaimed architects. When I.M. Pei designed the Johnson Museum in 1973, he noted the uneven nature of the site and the museum, with its new additions, is now designed to be both above and below ground. In many other buildings we are visiting, we will learn how the likes of Richard Meier and Rem Koolhaas (OMA) wrestled with the rolling landscapes and other challenges of each site and its purposes. For example, we may learn how Weill Hall (2011) earned its Gold Leed designation. We’ll visit dazzling buildings and the day will be a delight!

Logistics: Buses will leave the MAG Parking Lot at 8:00 a.m. and return by 6:00 p.m.

Costs: The price is $135 for MAG members and $148 for non-members.

Minimum number or trip will be cancelled: 18

Make checks payable to: Gallery Council/MAG and mail to: Gallery Council, Memorial Art Gallery 500 University Ave, Rochester, NY, 14607

Reservation deadline is March 30th and will be accepted on a first come first served basis. Cancellations must be made in writing by April 30th for full refund. After May 1st refunds will be made if vacancies can be filled.

Contact: Art Tour Committee Leaders Jody Asbury (889-4622) and Sue Meyerowitz (442-9818).

Registration Form:

Please reserve space for me for the Ithaca Art and Art Architecture Tour

Name: ____________________________________________ Amount Enclosed: __________

MAG Member: Yes No Gallery Council member: Yes No

Address, City, Zip Code:______________________________________________________________

Home Phone: __________________________ Cell Phone: __________________ E-Mail __________________
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Monday, June 10 – Sunday, June 16, 2012

Volunteer Form
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*Volunteers who work at the ‘Preview Sale’ are required to purchase a ticket for $10.

Return form by May 1st to: Diane Parrinello, 80 Berkeley St, Rochester, NY 14607, 271-7248, dianedparrinello@frontiernet.net or go online and sign up to volunteer on the Gallery Council website.

NAME: ____________________________________________________________ (Please Print)
ADDRESS: __________________________________________________________________________
PHONE: ___________________ EMAIL: _______________________

☐ I’d like to support the 2012 Art & Treasures Sale with a monetary donation.
Send check payable to Gallery Council at MAG to Gallery Council Office, Gallery Council at the Memorial Art Gallery, 500 University Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607. Please note donation is for Art & Treasures.