Small talk. What ARE we going to talk about now that our shroud of winter is about to lift? I admit to being a small talk one-note for the last three months. If the number of ice fishing huts that were NOT on Irondequoit Bay this year is any indication, it was too cold – period!

In the February newsletter, you were encouraged to spend some time with MAG’s new acquisitions. I hope you found a few minutes to do so, because there are even more on the way – soon. Because our display areas are limited, some of your favorites may be going into storage (possibly for a long period of time), all this to make room to introduce new pieces being added to the collection. Very exciting!

A preview of late additions, some of them “bright and blingy:” *

• Kumi Korf, a local artist, Metamorphic, Green, 2014
• Jaune Quick-to-See Smith, Down the Rabbit Hole, 2014
• Carl W. Peters Two studies for WPA murals at Madison High, 1937-38
• Richard Cleaver, Nurse Baltimore, 2005
• Mickalene Thomas, Portrait of Qusuquzah #6, 2015
• Monir Shahroudy Farmanfarmaian, Convertible Series Group 10, 2011

Wow! Just the intrigue of the titles and artist’s names is exciting. A promise of a diverse world of nationality and creativity awaits. Please take the opportunity to say farewell, for now, to some of our favorite works and hello, with gusto, to the new.

Council News: Lots of travel, great programs and dates to save on the next pages. Also, Art & Treasures needs treasures – members, please donate at least one art work or treasure that is decorating your closet at the present time. Alert your neighbors, cousins and friends. If each Council member would come to the sale and bring one guest who has never experienced the unique event – success would be assured.

Marilyn Merrigan

*as described by Mary Ann Monley

Annual Meeting and Luncheon, Celebrating 75 years of Gallery Council.

Thursday June 4, 2015

The day will begin at 10 a.m. with Coffee, Business Meeting and Program, followed by Brunch by Gatherings. June 4 is a prominent date in history for many reasons. In 781 BC the Chinese recorded the oldest listing ever of an eclipse, and in 1896, a bit closer to home, Henry Ford drove his first Ford around the streets of Detroit.

On June 4, 1929, Rochester’s own George Eastman demonstrated the first Technicolor movie. On that date, in the year of our founding, 1940, Winston Churchill gave his powerful We Shall Fight on the Seas & Oceans speech about Britain’s defiance against the Nazi’s.

So Council members, write Annual Meeting and Luncheon, MAG, in a big red letters on your calendars for Thursday June 4th, 2015. Then scour your closets and get your glad rags ready to commemorate 75 (diamond) very successful years devoted to making MAG the wonder that it is.

Join us in Celebrating what was, Encompassing and Engaging in what is, and Focusing on the Future -- a look on what can be.
MEMBERSHIP

It would be helpful to the membership committee if we had contact information for guests at our programs so that we could send them information about the Gallery Council, as well as invitations to future meetings, events and programs. If you brought a guest, please contact Joanna Grosodonia (mgrosod1@rochester.rr.com) or Pat Rahn (wrahn@rochester.rr.com) with your guest’s contact information.

For an application form call the Gallery Council office at 585-276-8910 or email gallerycouncil@mag.rochester.edu or contact the Membership Co-Chairs below:
Joanna Grosodonia 244-4594 or mgrosod1@rochester.rr.com
or Pat Rahn 385-0632 or wrahn@rochester.rr.com

News from
CREATIVE WORKSHOP

What’s up in the Creative Workshop?

Spring adult classes start the week of April 6th. Spring children’s classes start Saturday, April 11th. The current Spring Adult Student Show in the Lucy Burne Gallery will be deinstalled on April 11th. By April 18th, the walls and pedestals will be filled with artwork from the School #23 program. Over the course of the school year, each child, grades first through sixth have each spent 10 weeks walking over to the MAG to experience a trip into the museum and a related art activity. The School #23 show will feature artwork from each grade level.

Over the course of a two day period, we had approximately 95 UR Facilities employees in the Workshop for a team-building event. Projects included a Cézanne painting that was drawn in black and white then painted in color, and a hand-built ceramic mug.

Peggy LaHair-Edmunds
Director - Creative Workshop

New Directories!

Council Directories are available in the Gallery Council office (check Sharon’s schedule below).

Passages

Members of the Gallery Council extend sincere sympathy to the family and friends of

Seymour Merrall
Husband of Lorraine Merrall

Gallery Council contact:
Sharon McNamee, Gallery Council Assistant, (585)276-8910 or gallerycouncil@mag.rochester.edu

Please note the office hours for Sharon McNamee,
Gallery Council Assistant:

Tuesdays, 9 - 4
Wednesdays, 1 - 4
Thursdays, 1:30 - 9
Fridays, 9 - 4

These hours are available to Council members for meetings, appointments, and any other Council business. These changes will allow concentrated hours to be dedicated to financial duties and priority projects. Thank you so much for your cooperation.
Council Projects

ART TOURS

Upcoming Tours – Spring and Summer 2015

Watch for Dates and Details for these exciting tours:

Buffalo – May, 2015 – Basilica, Botanical Garden, and newly constructed to Frank Lloyd Wright designs, Filling Station at the Pierce Arrow Museum. Fully subscribed.

Mystery Tour – June 11, 2015 – the annual special event that sells out within days every year. Details soon.

Wall Therapy of Rochester – June 18, 2015 - Join us for a bus and walking tour of eye-catching and mind-expanding outdoor paintings created by international artists. Eric Lehman, co-Curator of Rochester Wall Therapy Program will be our guide.

Corning Glass Museum’s New Wing and Rockwell Museum – August 2015 - Opening in March at Corning Glass, a huge new glass exhibit display space and glass blowing studio. More details soon.

Art Lovers’ Provence October 16 - 23, 2015 ~ From Cézanne to Matisse, Renoir to Picasso, artists have gravitated to Provence’s vivid sunlight and vibrant landscape. Join us in southern France as we explore their museums, studios, and homes, as well as meet contemporary artists, collectors and art lovers. Wait list only.

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April To-Do List -- Clip and Post

☐ Save the Dates: Setup June 22 - 25
  Early Bird Sale: June 25, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
  Sale Days: June 26 - 28

☐ Volunteer Now: Contact Sheila Brady Root at sjfc.edu to reserve your preferred days and times. Look for the signup sheet in your mail.

☐ Donate Items: Drop off smaller items any time at the Gallery Council office or bring them to MAG on June 23 & 24 from 10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. and June 25 from 10 a.m. until noon

☐ Need Pickup Now? Contact Mary Lisa Sisson at 482-9144/ mrisson@howeandrussling.com or Bonnie Voll 766-8630 / voll77@rochester.rr.com

☐ Check Social Media: Look for sneak previews of special items such as the recently donated Wendell Castle molar chair and cloud table.

☐ Save Big Sturdy Shopping Bags with Handles: These are most needed during the sale. (Please, no grocery store bags with handles.)
Looking Ahead...  
2014-2015 PROGRAMS 
Gallery Council’s  
75th Anniversary Year

Thursday, April 16, 2015: Change: Jessica Marten, New, Now: Collecting Contemporary Art at MAG, 10:30 Coffee, 11:00 Program

Friday, May 8, 2015: Change x 2: Nancy McAfee, Picasso: His Place in 20th Century Art

Thursday, June 4, 2015: Our 75th Annual Meeting! “Celebrating What Was and Focusing on What Will Be – the Future.” 10:30 coffee, 11:00 business meeting & program, 12:15 lunch

Program details, including signup information, can be found in the monthly newsletter and is posted on the Council website.

Contact: Sharon McNamee at gallerycouncil@mag.rochester.edu. 585.276.8910

 Council Programs

MAG Moves into Contemporary Art

On Thursday, April 16, 2015, the program committee is pleased to present Jessica Marten, Curator, American Art who will delve into MAG’s new acquisitions in a PowerPoint lecture entitled “New, Now: Collecting Contemporary Art at MAG.” The coffee hour begins at 10:30; business meeting and program at 11:00. This replaces the program Fashion Design originally scheduled on this date.

Contemporary just means art that has been and continues to be created during our lifetimes. This definition is art on the move, anchored in the present with a start date that moves forward. Contemporary Art is often confused with Modern Art; a movement that began with the Impressionists, 1880’s on to the 60’s and 70’s with notable artists such as Andy Warhol and Marc Chagall.

Contemporary art runs from (roughly) 1970 until now. This art reflects society today and the issues relevant to ourselves, and the world around us. It is art that is globally influenced, culturally diverse, and technologically advanced. If there is a trend it is that Contemporary Art -- collectively -- is thought to be much more socially conscious than any previous era has been.

So mark your calendars, bring a friend or two, and find out from Jessica Marten the scuttlebutt of what is trending in our new acquisitions at 500 University Avenue!

Sign up now!
Call Sharon McNamee at 276-8910 or email gallerycouncil@mag.rochester.edu

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Picasso: His Place in 20th Century Art

Join us on Friday, May 8, 2015 for a survey of Picasso’s waltz through art history, including his innovative use of materials, ideas and way of seeing. Portraits, cubism, sculpture, prints, ceramics: he did it all and had a profound influence on modern art. This program replaces the previously announced May 6th Rochester Contemporary Art Center (RoCo) Tour.

Our speaker will be Nancy McAfee, a member of the Gallery Council. Nancy came here from Cleveland where she worked at the Cleveland Art Museum in the Department of Education and Public Programs, planning and coordinating public programs for exhibitions, teaching and giving slide lectures in all areas of art history with an emphasis in modern and contemporary art. Nancy teaches art and architectural history at Osher and just finished a 5 week course on Picasso. She is also an active participant in the garden club scene in Rochester. We are fortunate to have this talented art lover and scholar as a member of the Gallery Council.

We will begin with coffee at 10:30, followed by the business meeting and program at 11 a.m.

Sign up now!
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One of the many benefits of membership in the Gallery Council is the availability of unique and stimulating programs. You must, however, sign up for these. And don’t forget our fun projects and trips! These allow us to support the Memorial Art Gallery in creative and fun ways. Check out the opportunities for involvement noted in this newsletter.

Thank you all so much for your culinary contributions to the Staff Appreciation Coffee! The St. Patrick’s Day themed event was very successful as highlighted by the Council’s fabulous table of treats! Your generous and delicious donations are sincerely appreciated and continue to make this annual event a true delight!

Marilyn Merrigan, GC President, and Susan Gillan, Eastman House Council President, at the Tri-Council meeting

MAG Council members enjoying lunch at George Eastman House during the “Hands Across the Avenue” Tri-Council luncheon/meeting on March 9, 2015
DOCENT NEWS

On Tuesday, April 21 at 9:30 in the auditorium, Marlene Hamann-Whitmore will present an orientation to The Human Touch: Selections from the RBC Wealth Management Art Collection. This show, running from April 26 - June 28, includes 45 paintings, prints and photographs which reflect the diversity of our society.

The docent travel committee is offering a trip to several museums in Boston: the Peabody-Essex, Harvard Museums, Museum of Fine Arts and the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum. This trip includes 2 nights and 3 days, Tuesday, June 2 - Thursday, June 4, motor coach transportation, hotel accommodations, and most meals. The cost is $615 per person for twin; single supplement is $200. Please contact Mary Ann Monley, 276-8974, for a flyer and further information.

NEW OPPORTUNITY – OPINIONS Needed

ARTiculate is a print or on-line publication from the Gallery that every member of MAG should receive. The Council has traditionally underwritten the cost of the publication in whole or in part. There has been ongoing discussion on the Council Board as to whether we should continue this support, increase it, or reduce the amount. These discussions have led to mixed messages, and while conferring with Jonathan Binstock and Joe Carney, we were asked if we could solicit opinions from the entire Council membership.

This is not a true survey, but if you could answer a couple of questions and submit your suggestions for improving (or keeping as is) the ARTiculate publication, it would surely be appreciated.

Email the following to gallerycouncil@mag.rochester.edu.
• Do you receive ARTiculate?
• Do you get it in print? Online?
• Do you read it?
• Do you keep it for any purpose?
• Suggestions for improvement or for keeping the present content and format.

YOUR NAME, as well please. Thank you.

Marilyn Merrigan

Volunteer at the Admission Desk

What you would be doing at the Admission Desk:
You would be greeting visitors with a smile, answering their questions and answering the phone. Sometimes there are various tasks I will ask you to accomplish. Other times you will have time to read a book or the newspaper. A member of the staff is always near by if you get a difficult question (the Gift Store opens at 10 am); or you can take messages so I can get back to them. You will need to stay at the desk because you are securing the gallery from non-staff entering the gallery before we open. There is quite a bit to learn and it is a great place to be.

Training provided.

Remember, I would be close by if you had questions – I would not leave you alone until you felt comfortable.

Donna DeFord
Visitor Services Coordinator
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If you have news of a Gallery Council members, or if you know of a Council member who would benefit from a “hug” or “sunshine” note, please contact Nancy Heppard at nancyheppard@gmail.com

Submit newsletter items or comments about the Newsletter to Barbara O’Hare at barbarianpress@gmail.com

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