Hello All,

Hope your summer is a happy and refreshing one; and that you can find air conditioning whenever you need it. I love the summer in upstate New York; so green and lush, lots of wildlife visiting my garden – always surprising me with what they have eaten during the night. And what a great summer for watching crops grow quickly. Spot and I take long relaxing walks around the area, counting the deer and wild turkeys as well as eating the ripe cherries right off the trees. (I eat the cherries. Not Spot - he prefers clover).

In August, the new Gallery Council Board will be meeting for a half day retreat during which we make our plans for the coming year. We take this opportunity each year to become acquainted with new members and renew our working relationships. Speaking of the new members of the GC Board, I want to welcome them to our leadership group and tell you about each of them.

Rody Krugh is a relatively new Gallery Council member who has already demonstrated her leadership skills. She will be taking the position of Second Vice President of the Gallery Council and Chair of the Future Planning committee. This significant role will be capably filled by Rody, a clear thinking and articulate woman who brings a host of leadership experiences with her to the Board.

Alyson Grossman, another new Gallery Council member will be teaming with Carol Spagnola to co-chair the Hospitality Committee. We welcome Alyson to this leadership role, which seems to me, is becoming more and more active and important in our GC activities.

Our new Project Treasurers will be Bev Pickering and Bonnie Voll. I’m sure you know both of these outstanding leaders of the GC. They have both served past leadership roles on the GC Board. Now they are taking on the challenge of money and our new financial system. Although the summer is still new, they are both working hard to become oriented to the financial situation of the fund raisers in order to be fully prepared come September.

Rose Swiskey and Helena Spring will be our new Historians/Archivists. Their challenges are many as we attempt to organize our past Gallery Council files and systems, plus move into the digital age of archiving. With their long experiences with the Council, they are sure to make inroads to preserving our past.

I still smile when thinking of our annual meeting in June. What a wonderful program and luncheon we had. Many of you joined us in that celebration of another successful year of the Gallery Council. For your information, the informal fund raiser that Susan Barnett, Helena Spring and Lois Sumberg skillfully organized brought in a little more than $700.

Lots more summer ahead. Enjoy it and come back to our opening program September 17th full of energy and optimism as we move forward with Gallery Council activities and projects.

Mary Sue
The Program Committee sends to all Gallery Council members wishes for a dry and sunny rest of the summer!

In the mail, along with the volunteer forms and membership renewal notices, you all received a bright white and green program card describing nine program adventures to look forward this fall, winter and spring here at MAG. Prop it on your fridge or in your office for future reference.

On September 17, 2013, our own Mary Crowe and Charlotte Herrera will lead “Well Done, Everyone! We did it!” a celebration of the completion of the Council Garden and the Centennial Sculpture Park. Tours begin at 3:30, followed in by a business meeting and a wine and cheese reception in the Ball Room.

On Thursday, October 17, after The Gallery Council has read The Art Forger, by B.A. Shapiro, Nancy Norwood, Curator, European Art, will give a talk on “Copies, Forgeries, and Fakes in Art, Reality and in Fiction.” Nancy’s presentation will be followed by a discussion of the novel, The Art Forger, available at your favorite library, bookstore or on line.

Flyers and sign up information for these two programs will be sent out as we get closer to the date.

WANTED:
NEW MEMBERS

MAG members interested in unique art education, travel opportunities, special fundraising projects, and social events should consider applying for membership in the Gallery Council. All MAG members are eligible to apply. Our hugely successful Art & Treasures Sale, Fine Craft Show, and Clothesline Exhibit are all projects of the Gallery Council. Other Gallery Council endeavors are underwriting for MAG Exhibits, scholarships to the Creative Workshop, funding for the MAG newsletter, the ARTiculate, purchasing art for the MAG, and supporting the docent program. New projects, now in the planning stages, promise to be equally exciting!

Meetings throughout the year open with coffee hour and the opportunity to meet other Gallery Council members, followed by interesting and informative programs and lectures. Participation in the Gallery Council’s many social and volunteer events are fun, inspirational, and provide the satisfaction of knowing that you have helped in the growth and promotion of the MAG and art in our community.

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 or Pat Rahn
244-4594 or mgrosod1@rochester.rr.com or 285-0632 or wrahn@rochester.rr.com
M & T BANK CLOTHESLINE FESTIVAL 2012
Saturday, September 7 and Sunday, September 8
JOIN THE FUN! VOLUNTEER!

The Gallery Council has been a significant component of the Clothesline Festival for years, providing the food and beverages to meet the needs of our festival visitors. The monies raised through our efforts are then given back to MAG to help guarantee the continuation of programs and exhibitions throughout the year.

This year we will need 100 volunteers over the two days to staff our tents. Volunteers are needed to help with two, maybe three, Wine and Beer Tents. We may also need help with Ice Cream stations if we do not have vendors selling it. Choose the day and time that works for you and we will do our best to honor your preferences. And, as a special perk, a three hour shift will entitle you to free admission to the best shopping spree ever- either before or after your assignment!

Questions? Contact Michelle Turner at mt1@rochester.rr.com or 352-3046. Please print the form located below or on the website and sign up. In order to meet all the volunteer needs of the days, we would like to have volunteer registrations returned by August 10.

Don't miss out on yet another wonderful Gallery Council opportunity for fun and socializing, while making a meaningful impact on our fund raising for MAG!

Sign-Up Form

Volunteers are needed for 3 hour shifts at the Wine and Beer Tent and possibly at Ice Cream stations if we continue to use ice cream stations instead of a vendor. Indicate the location and the day and time you would prefer. We will try to honor your preference. Receipt of your volunteer form will be confirmed as received. Shift assignments and job descriptions will be sent out in late August.

Please complete the form and return it to: Gallery Council at MAG, Attn: Clothesline, 500 University Ave.
Rochester, NY 14607. Questions? Contact Michelle Turner at mt1@rochester.rr.com or 352-3046.

Name:______________________________________________________________________________
Address:_____________________________________________________________________________
Email:_______________________________________________________________________________
Cell:___________________________________ Home phone:_________________________________

Choose LOCATION you would prefer:
Wine & Beer Tent ☐ or Ice Cream (if we provide this) ☐

Choose SHIFT you wish to work:
Sat 9/7 10:00 - 1:30 ☐ Sat 9/7 1:30- 3:30 ☐
Sat 9/7 3:30- 6:00 ☐
Sun. 9/8 10:30-1:00 (Ice Cream) ☐ Sun. 9/8 11:30-2:30 (Wine/Beer) ☐
Sun. 9/8 1:00-3:30 (Ice Cream) ☐ Sun. 9/8 2:30-5:00 (Wine/Beer) ☐
Sun. 9/8 3:30-5:00 (Ice Cream) ☐

Comments/Special Requests:
ART TOURS

Auburn, NY
Tuesday, August 13  Includes: docent-led tour of Seward House Historic Museum home of Abraham Lincoln’s Secretary of State and a performance of Gentlemen Prefer Blondes at Merry-Go-Round Playhouse. See flyer on page 9 for more information.
Contact: Connie Schultz 585.787.0701 or Suressa Forbes 585.288.2762

Celebrating Public Art of Rochester
Part 1  Wednesday, October 2, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Join us for an insiders close up walking tour of the new Centennial Park of the MAG and the Neighborhood of the Arts (NOTA) led by Richard Margolis, photographer of Public Art of Rochester. Significant people of the neighborhood will meet group to walk, talk and share history and visions.
Contact: Susan Rice 585-461-9537 or Mary Monefeldt 585-872-5162

Pittsburgh & Fallingwater
Tuesday–Wednesday, October 15–16
Includes: Fallingwater and Kentuck Knob, private homes by Frank Lloyd Wright; tour of Carnegie Museum of Art.
Contact: Carol Kase, 585.461.4382, or Betsy Taylor, 585.202.0164

We Are Going Back to Cuba!
Save The Dates: January 5 -13, 2014: Come join the Gallery Council Art Tours committee as we once again explore Cuba’s varied landscapes in urban Havana, rural Vinales and historic Trinidad. Travel legally to Cuba via the MAG’s People to People license. We’ll spend time with local photographers and painters creating our own art as well as have discussions with local artists and those connected to the Cuban art world, tour local sites, visit artist studios and their private homes, and shop in local markets. Specific details will be sent out by the end of July. For more information, go to http://mag.rochester.edu/gallerycouncilarea/2013/07/17/art-tour-cuba/ or contact Michelle Turner, mt1@rochester.rr.com or (585) 352-3046.
Fine Craft Show
2013

Save the Date........
November 1, 2 and 3rd

Our show features returning favorite artists, along with exciting new ones. Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us for a wonderful weekend of art and fun!

The Art & Treasures 2013 sale grossed approximately $43K, making this year’s sale the Gallery Council’s most profitable fund raiser for four years in a row. The sale’s success is due to the months of planning by the devoted committee; the dedicated GC volunteers who unpacked, priced, set-up and sold; wonderful support from MAG staff; our generous donors; and, of course, the steady stream of buyers who came searching for that special treasure. We made several successful changes this year: adding Sunday afternoon hours, moving the holding land wrapping station to the front of the ballroom, reducing and simplifying the price of the preview evening, and replacing Bargains and Beer with the availability of Max tapas for those shoppers who wished to eat and drink. Many people immediately noted the changes in layout and design this year, complimenting the attractive mix of art and treasures throughout the ballroom and the B & L Parlor and the ease of seeing items placed on risers. Many thanks to everyone who helped make this year’s sale such a success.

It’s not too early to think about Art & Treasures 2014, which has been scheduled for June 13 – 15, with set-up days June 10 – 13. We now have a year-round storage unit on East Avenue so can easily receive and store donations throughout the year. And please start saving tissue paper and bags.
Sculpture Garden Blooms

On a sunny May 22nd, ribbons were cut, artists were lauded and awards presented as MAG’s Centennial Sculpture Garden opened officially. With artists Tom Otterness and Jackie Ferrara looking on, University President Joel Seligman awarded Eastman Medals to our own Wendell Castle and Albert Paley.

After the ceremonies, guests toured the grounds, including the Council’s garden, now planted with roses among the many blooms. The garden borders the Castle Unicorn Family sculpture that attracted much comment, notably how comfortable the seats are.

Visitors echoed those opinions during a successful Family Day on June 30 featuring art activities for children, tours, music and dancing. Youngsters sought help from adults as they searched for 16 of the small bronze figures in the Creation Myth amphitheater. (The 17th bronze suffered a construction mishap but will return soon from intensive care.)

Pass by the Sculpture Garden any day or evening this balmy summer and you will see people of all ages enjoying the plantings and the artwork—just what the planners of the park intended.

Council Campaign Reaches Goal

We have done it! Thanks to a last-minute surge of donations, Council members have fulfilled the pledge of $250,000 toward MAG’s Sculpture Garden. Individual donations and proceeds from Council fundraising projects were combined to meet the goal. As the plaque on the Council’s named garden reads “Gift of the Members,” members made it possible. We will celebrate with a thank-you party the afternoon of September 12 at the studio of sculptor Mary Taylor. Taylor’s sculpture Filly soon will anchor the redesigned and enhanced entrance to the Creative Workshop. Watch for your party invitation in the mail in August.
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Husband of Anita Bonanni

Betty Hollis
Mother of Wendy Shellman

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