President’s Message

The Centennial Year for the Memorial Art Gallery has concluded, leaving many wonderful experiences for us to tuck into our memories. Now it is the Gallery Council’s year to celebrate as this marks the 75th year of support for the MAG. Think of it – what a great achievement! Rochester has certainly changed over the past 75 years, but the Council’s dedication to giving time, talent and treasure has not been compromised.

It is common to hear that change allows us to grow; change is inevitable; and change is necessary. However, we usually resist change, complain about change and wonder why – it is a challenge to our comfort zone. But challenge it is for the coming year: we will help welcome the new MAG Director, Jonathan Binstock, in September. Max at the Gallery will now be available only as a caterer and the restaurant space is being rented for events. Other staff changes are a new Events Manager, Anthony Mancuso, and a new Gallery Store manager. Those beginning their terms on the Gallery Council Board will need your encouragement and patience too.

Did you go to the Arts and Treasures Sale? It was spectacular this year! Bravo to Cindy Jankowski and Katherine Cove for their leadership, organization, and good cheer. Also a special thanks to Lois Sumberg and many others who worked countless hours. You will hear more, but the profit for the event was really amazing.

Up next is the M&T Bank Clothesline Festival on September 7 and 8. Of course, the weather is going to be perfect and warm enough to make the Council wine and beer tents a popular destination. We also have the early morning coffee carts to manage. Please note the program schedule in the newsletter. The programs are so varied and informative – not to be missed. They are prepared for you, the members of the Council, as a privilege of membership. For many programs, your personal guests are welcome. Please check the flyers – when space is limited, guests are not included, but that only applies to a few programs.

Just a note about me, your newbie President (see page 2): I will need assistance from all of you as I adjust to the role and tasks involved with the coming year. I appreciate suggestions, information, editing and also tolerance as I learn the job. The Council is in great shape (thank you, Mary Sue Jack and the emeritus board members) but it will need nourishment and care to remain thus.

Marilyn Merrigan

P.S. I often sign my emails, MM – actually, my initials are MMM, but it could get confusing as I do not manufacture tape.

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Jonathan Binstock Named Memorial Art Gallery Director

Jonathan Binstock has been named the Mary W. and Donald R. Clark Director of the MAG. Binstock comes to Rochester from New York City, where he was a senior vice president and senior advisor in modern and contemporary art for Citi Private Bank's Art Advisory & Finance group. He brings more than a decade of curatorial work in major American museums including the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., and the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. Binstock becomes the Gallery’s seventh director and succeeds Grant Holcomb, who retired on July 1 after nearly 29 years in the position.

From There to Here
~ Marilyn Merrigan ~

Life has brought over 300 current Council members to one mission: to support the Memorial Art Gallery. 2014-2015 marks the 75th Anniversary year for this wonderful organization of talented, dedicated and professional members. We will celebrate the past a bit, and look to the future with great anticipation.

What paths have brought us to the point where we intersect as a diverse group with a common focus? I can tell you a bit about myself and the unlikely road that brought Marilyn Merrigan to 500 University Avenue. As a Missouri farm girl who spent the first eight years of my education in a one-room school with eight students – it was luck that the setting allowed me to express my creativity in many ways. I also “managed” my two younger brothers and sister. In high school, the number jumped to a class of about 100 and included art and music instruction. My worst grades were in art, but my family encouraged me. So off to college I went, only to be told that copying the masters was no longer in vogue and to relearn to draw was the next step. So, I received a brayer (similar to a paint roller), black ink, yards of brown craft paper, and many hours of lab assignments. A degree in art education from the University of Nebraska and a job as a middle school art teacher was the reward. My husband’s profession brought us to Rochester in the 1960s.

Fast forward: I have three adult children, six grandchildren, am retired as the Manager of Volunteers and Special Events at the Rochester Philharmonic, and treasure my 26 years as a docent at MAG and as a volunteer at the Hochstein School of Music and Dance.

What brought you from “there to here?” – let’s share stories!
M & T BANK CLOTHESLINE FESTIVAL 2014  
Saturday, September 6 and Sunday, September 7  
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 more than 50 volunteers over the two days to staff our tents. Volunteers are needed to help with three Wine and Beer Tents. Choose the day and time that works for you and we will do our best to honor your preferences.

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 18.

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!

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**Sign-Up Form**

Volunteers are needed for 3 hour shifts at the Wine and Beer Tent. Indicate the day and time you would prefer. We will try to honor your preference. 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 Avenue, Rochester. NY 14607.

Questions? Contact Mary Sue Jack at msjack@rochester.rr.com or (585) 533-1829.

Name:______________________________________________________________________________

Address:_____________________________________________________________________________

Email:_______________________________________________________________________________

Cell:___________________________________  Home phone:_________________________________

Choose a **SHIFT** you wish to work:

- Saturday, 9/6  9:30 – 1:30  
- Saturday, 9/6  1:00 - 3:30  
- Saturday, 9/6  3:00 - 6:00  
- Sunday, 9/7  11:00 - 2:30  
- Sunday, 9/7  2:00 - 5:00

Comments/Special Requests:
The September 11, 2014 Council Program features **Marjorie Searl** at her Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious best! “An extraordinarily good, wonderful day of fun”, as the Oxford Dictionary defines Mary Poppins’ expression, is what we have in store for you. Margie is our newly retired research curator, newly minted Honorary Gallery Council member, and longtime friend of many of you.

Margie’s PowerPoint presentation will recap her long career at 500 University Avenue in a talk entitled *Highlights: My Life and Times as Curator at the MAG.* As only she can, Margie will take us on a warm, funny, humorous and nostalgic trip down memory lane.

Feel free to invite a friend or two, and come for coffee, conversation and to reconnect with friends after the summer. You will also have an opportunity to say “Hi” and “Welcome!” to our newly installed president, **Marilyn Merrigan.** **Jonathan Binstock**, the new Director of the MAG will speak briefly to us.

Coffee in the Atrium starts at 10:30, business meeting and program begin at 11 in the Auditorium. Reserve a spot for yourself and any guests by contacting Sharon McNamee, Council Secretary at 276-8910 or better still, e-mail her at gallerycouncil@mag.rochester.edu.
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As soon as we have the official figures for our net profit, we will let you know. Remember, we are accepting items for next year’s sale. Please tell your friends and family who are downsizing, moving or just cleaning closets that we are happy to pick up their items and provide them with a tax deduction form. Thank you for your continued support

~ Katherine Cove & Cindy Jankowski

Plein air painter Phyllis Bryce Ely, an award winning artist at the MAG Finger Lakes Show, will guide and assist participants as they observe and create their own small painting of the inspiring fall view of Seneca Lake and its gentle shoreline from Glenora Wine Cellars. Enjoy painting, lunch and wine on their covered terrace. No painting knowledge is necessary! Afterwards we will stop at an art gallery featuring landscape artists and enjoy an private reception. Details and sign-up flyer are on page 7.

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Save the date!
Art Lovers’ Provence
October 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. More details soon!

Council Projects

Celebrating 20 Years

Art & Treasures Sale

14th Annual Fine Craft Show
October 24-26, 2014

We Need Your Support!

There are some exciting changes this year including a date change to October 24-26 to avoid Halloween night for the Opening Party. We have 46 fabulous artists instead of the usual 40 with 11 brand new artists coming from California, Connecticut, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania, Vermont and North and South Carolina. There is something for everyone!

It’s definitely not too early to think about volunteering and also supporting the Gallery Council’s 2nd largest fundraiser by attending and bringing friends to the event.

~ Charlotte Herrera

Above, from left: Hideaki Myamura, Jeong Ju Lee and Leon Applebaum
Around The Council

If you have news of a Gallery Council members, please contact Nancy Heppard at nancyheppard@gmail.com
Submit newsletter items or comments about the News to Barbara O’Hare at barbarianpress@gmail.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.

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
244-4594 or msgrosod1@rochester.rr.com
or
Pat Rahn
285-0632 or wrahn@rochester.rr.com

PASSAGES

Members of the Gallery Council extend sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Esther Beal Member since 1989

DUES REMINDER $ $ $
All Gallery Council members should have received their dues notification in early July. Please fill out the forms and send them along with your dues payment to Sharon McNamee as soon as possible. The July 31st deadline has slipped past, so please act quickly to get dues in. The new Membership Directory will be produced soon.

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

Take Part – Support Art!
The Gallery Council: Connect, Support, Celebrate MAG
Art on the Vine

JOIN US…Tuesday, October 7, 2014…for a very special day

Get ready to create your own “plein air” landscape painting with your coach Phyllis Bryce Ely, an award winner at the MAG’s 2013 Finger Lakes Exhibit. **No Experience Necessary.** Phyllis will take us step-by-step through the process of painting your very own “take home” art.

The Inn at Glenora Wine Cellars is preparing the Wine Cellar Dining Room and the Covered Terrace for our use…rain or shine. The autumn foliage will be at its peak. Both the Wine Cellar Dining Room and the Covered Terrace look out on the exquisite scenery of Seneca Lake, especially at this time of year.

All art supplies are included in the price of the tour. To really add to the enjoyment of the day, everyone will be able to enjoy a glass of wine, along with a delicious lunch, to get their creative juices flowing. Of course, your art work is yours to keep so you can show your family and friends how you spent this unique day.

On our return to the MAG, one more activity is planned for you. We will be stopping at a recently opened gallery in Canandaigua. Which gallery?? Well, we thought we would make this a mystery stop, just for the fun of it. We can tell you that the gallery specializes in “plein air” art and that a wine and cheese reception is included in the visit.

**Logistics:** Our bus will leave promptly at 8:15 AM, on Tuesday, October 7, 2014, from the Prince St. parking lot of the Memorial Art Gallery. Plan on returning by 6:00 PM.

**Cost:** $140.00 for MAG members. $152.00 for non-members. This includes transportation, lunch, a glass of wine, art supplies, the wine and cheese reception and proceeds going to the MAG.

**Registration deadline: September 1, 2014.** Reservations will be accepted by earliest payment received. Minimum number of travelers is 15. Maximum number is 20.

**Cancellations:** For a full refund, your refund request must be received in writing by September, 1, 2014. After that date, a full refund will only be possible if vacancies are filled.

Make check payable to the Gallery Council of the MAG. Mail the form below with your check to: Gallery Council Memorial Art Gallery; 500 University Avenue; Rochester, NY 14607-1415. To pay by credit card, call Sharon McNamee at 276-8910.

If you have questions, contact your hosts: Linda Cassata: 585-223-4647   Carol Kase: 585-461-4382

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**Art on the Vine Tour Registration October 7, 2014**

Print your name: __________________________ e-mail: __________________________

Home telephone: __________________________ cell number: __________________________

Amount enclosed $_________   MAG member: YES  NO   Gallery Council member: YES  NO

Signed __________________________ Date: __________________________