President’s Message

Hard to believe that this will be my last President’s Message for 2012. Where has the year gone? Reflecting back, I realize that the Gallery Council has had an extremely busy and productive year: many educational programs, good fund raising events, and wonderful opportunities to develop friendships. We are so fortunate to belong to the MAG Family where we are surrounded by precious art and generous staff. 2012 was a good year!!

The GC programs this year were so interesting. The jewelry design program with Nancy Valle and Cindy Christian was amazing. I find I am looking at nature differently after hearing Marcia Birken talk about math and art. Thank you Program Committee.

GC fund raisers in 2012 were profitable in many ways. Of course they brought in much needed funds to our administrative budget. But also, the volunteers were so willing to help out in any way. And as volunteers, you have to admit, although you spent some long hours helping out at each event, you also had a lot of fun. So many laughs and funny stories.

Art and Treasurers came out about $36,000 in profit. Plus we had lots of ‘stuff’ left over. What ever happened to the organ? Pamela Miller Ness, helped out by Lois Sumberg, did a great job of organizing this fund raiser for her first time. For your information, Art and Treasurers has come into view for the MAG staff as one of the MAG’s best fund raisers. Talks are now underway as to how the event might be expanded with the assistance of MAG staff.

Clothesline went well, except for the huge storm that visited the area on Saturday. That storm cost us some money, but thankfully, no one was injured and the sun came out on Sunday!! So we netted about $10,000 from that fund raiser. Ellie Kozel and Jim Nolen were exhausted at the end of Sunday (too much dancing, Ellie), but they did an excellent job of leading us to good results.

Fine Craft Show did very well again this year. Isn’t it nice that it is entirely indoors! The final tabulations are not done regarding the money part of the show, but the artists were very happy and had an excellent show. Many thanks to Mary Clare Hamlin and her group for organizing another fine Fine Craft Show. Social times precede each program which gives us all a chance to catch up and to meet new members.

Speaking of new members, the Membership Committee has garnered several new members just since the summer. You’ll have a chance to meet some of them at our Holiday Luncheon on December 13th. The Sculpture Park is in place now with the installation of “Creation Myth” on the corner of Goodman and University. These whimsical sculptures are being enjoyed by all; ask Sandy Koon to tell you her story of Jude. The Gallery is planning many exciting events in the coming Centennial Year. Hope you can avail yourself of most of them.

Now we have our fabulous Holiday Party to look forward to. This year will be better than ever with quality music including a pianist from the Hochstein School who will be sharing some of the stories of Emily Sibley Watson, founder of the Hochstein, and a soprano to entertain, a wassail bowl to share in tradition, and raffles of amazing items, any of which you will cherish. Everyone loves this Holiday Party so be sure and get your reservations in now.

I’ll end by saying thank you to everyone!! You make the Gallery Council such a fun group to lead; I enjoy every minute of this role you have honored me with. I wish all of you the happiest of holidays, safe travels and a most blessed time over the holidays.

Mary Sue
Council Programs

Are you recording your 2013 Calendar Dates??
Please add all these wonderful Council programs to your 2013 list of “musts.”

A special treat is in store for all on **February 7 at 3:30 PM at MAG** when the Program Committee presents a PBS documentary made by the Smithsonian called "Nigerian Art - Kindred Spirits." It examines contemporary African art from an exhibit at the Smithsonian's National Museum of African Art, as well as extensive on-location filming of artists in Nigeria. Actress Ruby Dee narrates, and takes a deep look at Nigerian artists who are inspired by their continent’s cultural and historical legacy to create their own unique art. We are fortunate to have Omobowale Ayerinde to facilitate the discussion after the film. Omobowale is a long time Rochester resident, a professor at NTID at Rochester Institute of Technology, a photographer, videographer and film maker.

Members and their guests are welcome and encouraged.
Please e-mail gallerycouncil@mag.rochester.edu for reservations.

**Additional Dates:**
**Friday, March 1, 2013**
Tri-Council Meeting: Hands Across the Avenues at MAG
MAG’s Founding Mother, Emily Sibley Watson
Marjorie Searl, Chief Curator of MAG
10:00 a.m. Coffee; 10:30 a.m. Business Meeting; 11:00 a.m. Program; 12:00 Lunch

**Wednesday, April 10, 2013**
*Missing Mansions: East Avenue Then and Now*
Don Hall, Former director of the Strasenburgh Planetarium
10:30 a.m. Coffee; 11:00 a.m. Program

**Tuesday, May 7, 2013**
Lynne Feldman Studio Tour*
2:00 pm. Tour with refreshments to follow

**Thursday, June 6, 2013**
Annual Meeting and Luncheon: Program TBD (MAG Centennial)
10:30 a.m. Coffee; 11:00 a.m. Business meeting and program followed by lunch

*Number of spaces will be limited for May 7. All other programs have unlimited seating.

**Programs for 2013-2014 are in the formation stage.**
If you have an idea for a program to present to the Council, please contact Nancy Curnutt (en273@aol.com) or Marilyn Merrigan (mmerigan@rochester.rr.com).

**SAVE THE DATE!**
ANNUAL HANDS ACROSS THE AVENUE TRI-COUNCIL EVENT
**WHEN:** Friday, March 1, 2013
**WHERE:** Memorial Art Gallery - hosted by the Gallery Council
**WHAT:** Coffee, business meeting and program featuring our own Margie Searl, Chief Curator, who will enchant us with stories about Emily Sibley Watson; Followed by lunch
Details will follow is upcoming newsletters and flyers
**It's not too soon to mark your 2013 calendar!**
Spruce up your house for the holidays!!!
Donate to the 2013 Gallery Council
Art & Treasures Sale (June 13 - 15, 2013)

Preparing for the holidays is a great time to remove clutter. The 2013 Art & Treasures Sale is ready to help. We’re taking donations for the sale now for safe storage in our new year-round climate-controlled storage unit. To donate your gently used artwork, pottery, silver, antiques, jewelry, furniture, etc., please contact Diane Parrinello at 585-271-7248 or dianedparrinello@frontiernet.net

After the holidays is a good time to remove clutter too! Recycle and help the Art & Treasures Sale: Instead of throwing out tissue paper and holiday gift boxes and bags, please save them for the Art & Treasures Committee to use for wrapping the items people buy at the sale.

Interested in volunteering? The 2013 Art & Treasures Committee is looking for a Chair of Volunteers who will be responsible for recruiting and scheduling volunteers for the set-up and sale days (June 10 - 15). If interested, please contact Pamela Miller Ness, Arts & Treasures Sale 2013 chair, at pmillerness@gmail.com

NEWS FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE SEEKING COUNCIL LEADERS

With the Gallery’s 2013 Centennial around the corner, it is an exciting time to serve the Council as a Board Member. Board members will shape the Council’s participation in the Centennial celebration along with helping to direct our ongoing activities. Nominees are sought for six positions for the 2013-2015 term of office: Second Vice President, Project Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Hospitality Chair, Art Tours/Travel Chair, and Historian. The Nominating Committee encourages all Council members to consider potential nominees.

Among the criteria the Committee will consider in making recommendations are the following: leadership, problem-solving and motivational skills, support of the Council and MAG’s mission, the ability to work well with members and MAG staff, tact and diplomacy, and an understanding of the relationship between volunteers and professional staff. Lengthy experience with the Council is not a requirement; new and veteran members receive equal consideration. We also encourage self-submissions!

If you have a nomination to make or need more information, please contact the Nominating Committee chair, Pam Foye, 381-4235.

Membership

Please join the membership committee i welcoming the following new Gallery Council Members:
Gail Borroff is a retired teacher. She is active in the RIT’s Women’s Club. Gail is willing to help with photography and fundraising (!)
Janet Gibbons – Janet is a retired educator who has volunteered as president/secretary of the GVASCD, and has worked on UR research grants. 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
The 2012 Fine Craft Show was a wonderful success due to our dedicated and energetic volunteers. The Gallery Council provided a warm welcome to all of our artists and showed them yet again what a great community we live in. After twelve years, the Fine Craft Show has proven to be a tried and true fundraiser for the gallery and has provided the opportunity to put the hospitality of the Rochester community on display!

Thank you to all of the people who generously contributed their time and efforts to making our show so special. One of the traditions which makes our show so unique is the warm welcome we extend to our visiting artists. Many thanks to the following people who opened their homes and provided the artists with accommodations throughout the show: Suressa Forbes, Marguerite and Jim Quinn, Jean and Kenneth DeHaven, Roberta and Ernest Ierardi, Suzy Spencer, Nicki and Skip Millor, Mary Ann and Joe Platania, Heidi Friederich, Mary and Robert Koegel, Charlotte and Raul Herrera, Judy Rosenberg, Mary and John Crowe, Carmen Signorino, and Maureen and Bob Dobies. On Saturday evening, Heidi Friederich and Nancy Curme, Teddy Carr and Mark Regan, Elisa Root and John Frater, Barbara Ergas and Linda Roth, Mary Ann Monley and Bill Rice, Robin Hamilton and Jeff Metzger, and Nan and Peter Brown hosted elegant dinner parties for our artists. Sunday morning brought rave compliments and many thanks from all the artists for the wonderful time they had while staying with us here in Rochester!

Of course none of this would have been possible without the dedicated efforts of our show Committee. A special thank you must be extended to Sandy Koon, Susan Dow, Maureen Dobies, Rose Swiskey, Susan Senise, Nancy Gerard, Marguerite Quinn, Suzy Spencer, Bonnie Voll, Linda Roth, Isabel Kaplan, Pat Rahn, Judy VanBramer, Marcia Lowry and of course, Charlotte Herrera.

Our awards this year, went to three very talented artists. Lorraine Cooley received Best in Show, and Nicholas Kekic and Frittelli and Lockwood received awards of excellence.

Thank you all for your support!

- Mary Clare Hamlin
Art Tours

Cuba
We are going to Cuba February 16 through 23, 2012!

Just a few slots still available for Exploring Cuba's Artistic Heritage. Check out the colorful flyer at the link and request more information from a trip leader. We look forward to sharing this exciting adventure with you.

Call Gallery Council Office (276-8910) or click here http://mag.rochester.edu/events/art-travel

Mark your calendars!
March 13, 2013
The Everson Museum of Art

Join us for a docent led visit to the American Moderns exhibit at the Everson Museum of Art in Syracuse. Lunch in one of the many restaurants in historic Armory Square and a self guided tour of the Everson's extensive, highly respected Syracuse China Center for Study of Ceramics and Robineau Porcelains or tour the permanent collection as you wish. It'll be an interesting day but without a long drive.

More information to follow soon.

Philadelphia and the Barnes Collection: Join us April 3, 4 & 5, 2013 for a three day, two night trip to Philadelphia, city of amazing art. The trip, sponsored by the Art Tours committee will include as it's centerpiece, the new Barnes Collection, the new Rodin Museum, the Philadelphia Museum of Art and many other surprises. We will stay in a charming boutique hotel right in the heart of the city and enjoy some fine dining
Put Council Campaign First

As 2012 nears an end, our mailboxes are full of requests for donations. As you consider your year-end charitable giving, please put the Council’s Centennial Campaign at the top of your list. **If you have not planned your contribution yet, remember that you can pledge an amount to be given over a five-year period.** It’s an easy way to make a substantial gift to help the Council reach its goal of $250,000. You can print out the donation/pledge form by clicking on this link <http://mag.rochester.edu/plugins/acrobat/gallerycouncil/GCpledgeform2012.pdf>

Or, you can pick up a pledge form in the Council Office. Forms should be returned to Barbara Stewart in the Advancement Office.

By meeting our goal, visitors who stroll through the Sculpture Park will see the Council’s name prominently displayed. While that will be notable, it’s the knowledge that our dollars have made a difference that will gladden each of us. Please do your part today—remember -- no donation is too small or too large.

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**Staff Appreciation Coffee**

Save the Date
Tuesday, February 12, 2013
Details to follow in January

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**PASSAGES**

Members of the Gallery Council extend sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Michael Lasell Watson
Father of Anastasia Markson

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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

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Minutes of the November 2012 Board of Directors meeting are available online at the Gallery Council Members Page www.mag.rochester.edu/gallerycouncil

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Office hours are Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday is reserved for undisturbed office work. Please do not visit the office on Monday. Sharon will respond to calls/emails Tuesday through Friday.

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