One of my favorite things about the Gallery Council is the way in which it GROWS. In all that we do, growth is evident. Think about it: all events are growing in enthusiasm, in dollars brought in, in volunteers and in numbers of participants. And the reasons for this growth? The members of the Gallery Council!!

As you recall, Margie Searl, our new Honorary Member, stated that the Gallery Council is a ‘Pantheon of Goddesses.’ That we are. Very busy goddesses, never still and always committed to growing and improving all that we do to augment and contribute to the MAG.

Evidence of the Gallery Council growth is seen in our fund raisers. When looking at the bottom line, all four of our fundraising events are profitable. We have had a steady increase in revenue over the past several years. OK, the year a hurricane hit the Clothesline Festival we didn’t increase revenue, but otherwise GROWTH has occurred every year. Other growth in our fund raisers is seen in the enthusiasm with which the many Council volunteers approach their duties. Art and Treasurers has an active team operating all year long. Other growth is seen in the number of people who come to take advantage of our excellent fund raising events. Fine Craft Show 2013 had more attendees at the Preview Party than ever before.

Growth occurs among our members as we cement relationships and bond with others who share our love of art and the MAG. After you have traveled on an Art Tours trip, you start to enjoy more experiences with other travelers as well as have fun sharing experiences on the trip. Our social time together before the programs gives us time to catch up with other ‘goddesses’ and to grow in group identity.

Growth occurs in many of us personally. As we volunteer for leadership positions, we practice leading in a safe environment surrounded by caring colleagues. Often, we are surprised and delighted when we discover parts to ourselves that we had not realized that we had. We can thank our Gallery Council for allowing opportunities to explore new facets of ourselves.

Mary Sue

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**Gallery Council Community Partner Award**

The Future Planning Committee proposed that the Gallery Council initiate an award for a Community Partner who has helped the GC in our activities. The criteria for the award (included below) have been approved by the GC Board. The Communication Chair (Barbara O’Hare) will accept nominations in writing for this award (bohare5281@aol.com). The honor will be presented at the Annual Meeting on June 5, 2014. Please take this opportunity to recognize an unsung community colleague with whom you have worked during your experiences in the Gallery Council.

The **Gallery Council Community Partner Award** is an award recognizing a corporation, business, or individual that has given generously of their time, money or in-kind donation. Such award to be considered annually by the Gallery Council’s Communication Committee and the Gallery Council Board. The award, if granted, is to be presented at the Gallery Council’s luncheon in June.

**Criteria**

1. A donation that has significantly contributed to the success of a Gallery Council fund raising event.
2. Has received no previous recognition or monetary compensation from the Gallery Council.
THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE IS SEEKING
COUNCIL LEADERS
Nominees are being sought for the following positions for the 2014-2016 term:
President
First Vice-President
Recording Secretary
Administrative Treasurer
Membership Chairs
Program Committee Chairs
Public Relations/Communication Chair

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 or suggestion to make, or would like more information, please contact Pam Foye, Nominating Chair at 381-4235 or pfoye@gmail.com

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!

Programs 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 mgrosod1@rochester.rr.com

or

Pat Rahn
385-0632 or wrahn@rochester.rr.com
Council Programs

Our annual “Hands across the Avenue Tri-council meeting will be held at the RMSC on Tuesday March 11, 2014 beginning at 9:30 with coffee and registration. The speaker is Kathryn Murano, Registrar at RMSC, where she has worked in the Collections Department for the last 10 years. As Registrar, Murano is responsible for setting standards and managing many of the Collections Department’s daily functions: no small task as the collection is comprised of over 1.2 million objects. Murano, who studied at the University of Pennsylvania and at the University of Cambridge in England, has expertise in Anthropology and regional history. Katherine’s strength is bringing humanities to science in all her work but especially in developing the Inventing Futures exhibit.

Kathryn will speak on “Using Collections to Excite, Engage, and Connect”; or how do we make objects come to life for a generation hooked on iPods and Facebook? This presentation will discuss two ongoing Rochester Museum & Science Center projects that use collections to connect with visitors in new ways. The 3D object photography project made 200 fragile objects interactive through the creation of stunning animations. These digital object facsimiles can be rotated, flipped, and magnified by users, almost like you’re holding the real thing in your hand!

Coming late this spring, the RMSC will open the Inventor Center exhibit with funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The Inventor Center will use collections objects—and visitor-created objects—to inspire the process of invention for all RMSC visitors.

Lunch and tours of exhibits will follow. See flyer for details and registration on page 7.

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.

Looking Ahead:
2013-2014 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 11, 2014: “Hands Across the Avenue” Tri-Council meeting at RMSC. 10:00 am coffee, 10:30 am program, noon lunch

Wednesday, April 9, 2014: “Matisse as Print Maker”, Marlene Hamann-Whitmore, 10:30am coffee, 11:00 am business meeting and program

Wednesday, May 14, 2014: Richard Aerni, and Carolyn Dilcher-Stutz, studio tour. 2:00 pm followed by refreshments

Thursday, June 5, 2014 : Annual Meeting: “Hats and Head Gear,” the anthropology of hats and what they reveal about the wearer, presented by Stacey Miller. 10:30 am coffee, 11:00 am business meeting and program, 12:15 pm lunch

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

The Art Tours Committee January trip to Cuba was a huge success. To display some of the artistic work created while in Cuba or inspired by the trip, 15 of the travelers will be taking part in a curated group show at Image City Gallery on University Avenue. The opening reception will be Friday, April 25th.

April 9 - 12, 2014
Arts in America’s Heartland!

Travel with us to Kansas City and Bentonville, Arkansas to celebrate the genius of American art, architecture and landscape. Highlights include the magnificent Crystal Bridges Museum of Art, the venerated Nelson-Atkins Museum of art, and the Kansas City Sculpture Park. The trip includes round-trip flight on United Airlines, 3 night stay at 2 wonderful hotels and docent guided tours at all museums.

Save the Date: May 6 to 8th 2014
Off to NYC - Let’s Go for the RPO

Joining music and art, Gallery Council Art Tours has planned both for you in New York. In addition to a ticket to Carnegie Hall for the RPO performance, the trip includes a two night stay at the centrally located Hotel Warwick, two breakfasts and two dinners, and four museum entrances to the (MOMA, the Whitney, the Frick and the Museum of Art and Design. Reservation deadline has been extended to March 28th.

The registration form is located on page 8.

DOCENT NEWS

At the February 4th docent meeting, Margie Searl, former Chief Curator at MAG, presented Reflections of 25 Plus Years at MAG. It was a delight to hear the “inside story” of some of the MAG exhibits she curated.

At the docent meeting on February 18th, Susie Daiss will lecture on MAG’s health-related outreach programs. Susie was instrumental in developing these programs, e.g., the Art and Observation tours given to students in the medical and health care fields. This program is part of their professional development curriculum. Susie also developed tours for residents of Monroe Community Hospital and Alzheimer’s patients from various agencies. The specially trained docents who give these tours will be sharing their touring techniques and their experiences with these groups.

Docent meetings are usually held at 9:30 a.m. in the auditorium.

The docents are planning a bus trip to Cleveland. They will visit the Cleveland Museum on April 29th and visit the Roycroft campus in East Aurora on April 30th on their way back to Rochester.
**Clip and Post**

**To-Do List for February**

- **SAVE THE DATES:** June 9 -12, set up; June 12, Early Bird Sale; June 13 -15, sale dates.

- **FIND DONATION ITEMS:** look through your closets, attics, basements and ask family and friends for artwork, jewelry, antiques, pottery, furniture, etc.

- **ARRANGE FOR PICK UP OF DONATIONS:** contact Mary Lisa Sisson (585.482.9144 or msission@howeandrusign.com)

- **SAVE SHOPPING BAGS AND TISSUE PAPER** to use for wrapping purchases.

- **CHOOSE DATES TO VOLUNTEER:** contact Diane Parrinello (585.271.7248 or dianeparrinello@frontiernet.net) You will have too much fun, guaranteed!

- **SAVE SOME MONEY:** buy some of our outstanding donations! We already have unbelievable items (especially jewelry, artwork & furniture) in our storage rooms. Watch for posted photos in upcoming months!

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**PASSAGES**

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

- John ("Jack") Dever
  Husband of Margaret Dever

- Mary Stewart Swett
  mother-in-law of Laura Swett

- William Koegel
  Father-in-law of Mary Koegel

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If you have news of a Gallery Council members, or if you know of a Council member who would enjoy 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 bohare5281@aol.com

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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.
The Women’s Council of the Rochester Museum & Science Center is pleased to host the “Tri-Council Meeting” and cordially invite you to attend this annual Joint Meeting and Luncheon

Presenting: “Using Collections to Excite, Engage and Connect”
By Kathryn Murano, Collections Registrar

Date: Tuesday, March 11, 2014
Location: Rochester Museum & Science Center
9:30 am: Coffee – Outside Bausch Auditorium
10:30 am: Joint Council Meeting Presidents Presentation in Bausch Auditorium
Barbara Ball and Anne Fassanella, Co-Presidents RMSC Women’s Council
Mary Sue Jack, President, Gallery Council of the MAG
Shari Clement, President, George Eastman House Council
Kate Bennett, President, Rochester Museum & Science Center
11:00 am: Program by Kathryn Murano, RMSC Collections Registrar
12:00 pm: Lunch served by Mario’s in Hale Gallery of Bausch
Cost is $22.50

NOTE: Following Lunch, a tour of RMSC will be offered. Please indicate on your reservation if you would like to be included in this informative Tour.

Please select one of the following meals:

_____ Mixed Greens Salad with Pears and Gorgonzola, and Vinaigrette Dressing
  Chicken French with Artichoke topper, Confetti Rice, String Beans
  Fresh baked Italian Rolls and Butter
  Lemon Ice
  Coffee/Tea

_____ VEGETARIAN OPTION:
  Mixed Greens Salad with Pears and Gorgonzola, and Vinaigrette Dressing
  Vegetable Napoleon (layers of portabella mushroom, sliced tomato, fresh Mozzarella, and red and yellow peppers topped with marinara sauce) Served with Confetti Rice and String Beans
  Fresh baked Italian rolls and Butter
  Lemon Ice
  Coffee/Tea

PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATION BY MARCH 1, 2014

NAME: ____________________________________________
I would like to take the RMSC Tour: Yes___ No___

Please make your check to: RMSC Women’s Council
Indicate on your check: EH, MAG, or RMSC
Send by March 1st to: Carol Grasso, 96 Squirrels Heath Rd., Fairport, NY 14450

Any questions may be directed to either Gail Fancher (223-7262) or Carol Grasso (223-5211).
NEW YORK, NEW YORK: IT'S A WONDERFUL TOWN
Let's Go for the RPO
May 6, 7, 8, 2014

How exciting - our own Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra playing Carnegie Hall!!! We hope you'll join us to cheer them on. Brimming with history, Carnegie Hall is more than a New York City landmark. A performance there often marks the highpoint of an orchestral career.

Our hotel, The Warwick, is located within walking distance of Carnegie Hall and convenient to many New York City attractions. Step outside of The Warwick and you face an entrance to The Museum of Modern Art (MOMA). A step from there at Central Park South is The Museum of Art and Design, a recent addition to New York's cultural scene.

Our trip includes:
- An RPO ticket to Carnegie Hall on May 7th.
- A two night stay at the Warwick Hotel
- Two dinners and two breakfasts

Activity Level: Moderate; you should be able to walk at least five city blocks

Cost: The tour price is $790 for gallery members and $820 for non-members. The price includes a two-night hotel stay, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, 4 museum entrances, and the RPO ticket. A portion of the fee is a tax donation based on fair market value of the benefits to the donor: Donation: $75. For single occupancy, add $400. Travel arrangements are on your own.

Reservation deadline is February 14th. Reservations will be accepted by earliest payment received. The minimum number of travelers is 15, the maximum number 25. Cancellations must be in writing by March 5th for a full refund. After that date, a refund will only be possible if vacancies are filled.

Checks are payable to the Gallery Council of the MAG. Mail with the form below to:

Gallery Council, Memorial Art Gallery, 500 University Ave. Rochester, NY 14607-1415

For questions, call Andie Adams 425-2625 or Peg McNamara 242-8704

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Registration Form for NYC/RPO May 6-8, 2014

Name_______________________ Email: ________________________________

Address_______________________ MAG member: yes ___ no ___

Phone # _____________________ Cell # ___________________________ Gallery Council member: yes ___ no ___

Roommate's name____________________________________________________

Reservation Deadline extended to March 28th!