Happy New Year Gallery Council Members!!

As we stand at the beginning of this New Year, 2013, I want to suggest a New Year’s resolution that is easy to make and stick to, and will bring satisfaction throughout the year. Let us all resolve to

Volunteer for the Gallery Council activities! Including Events, committees, leadership roles!

Volunteer opportunities are available to all throughout the coming year. So choose one or two activities and get involved in your Council. Easy, fun and so very satisfying!!

For example, we have our usual events planned for 2013: Art and Treasurers Sale in June, Clothesline Art Festival in September and Fine Craft Show in November. Plus we have our centennial event occurring this year: “Art Reflected: the Inspiration of 100 Year”, which starts February 10, 2013. So there are many worthwhile events for which we will need our usual complement of volunteers. Plus, each event has an organizing committee and these committees are always looking for new members with new ideas of ways to increase the income. What a marvelous way to get to know other Gallery Council members plus to contribute to the GC fund raising goals. When the volunteer requests come out in the newsletter, sign up!!

The Gallery Council has several standing committees that always welcome new members. The committees and their descriptions are listed in the by-laws which are found on the GC Web site. The committees include Hospitality, Future Planning, Project, Art Tours, Program, Communication (a.k.a. Public Relations), Membership and Finance. These committees work hard, but are not usually too time consuming. The members of each committee carry out the actual work of the Council, and are interesting ways to get to know some new members of the council as well as to learn about the workings of the Council itself.

Leadership in the Gallery Council is a significant volunteer opportunity. In leadership roles Council members have opportunities to effect change in the Council, as well as to contribute new ideas and experiences. So many of the Council members were leaders in “their other lives” and always bring innovation to GC activities. New ways of carrying out specific aspects of an event enervate and enhance GC work. The Membership Committee is considering holding a leadership workshop in order to encourage leadership in our Council. I’ve heard the usual excuses: “too time consuming”, “already have done leadership”, and the list goes on. Perhaps with a leadership workshop, taking on leadership roles will not seem as daunting.

Although the GC by-laws say that all active members are expected to “serve on committees and volunteer to work on two Gallery Council projects” (1) a year, I am not suggesting that that is the reason you should volunteer this year. No, I am asking that you volunteer because it if fun and educational to participate in GC events and committees. The resulting benefits are far better than simply volunteering because the by-laws say so. Volunteer because it is an adventure, the good thing to do and the way to contribute to the Gallery Council.

As you all have committed to the Gallery Council, make volunteering in 2013, a resolution that will bring you closer to your colleagues in the Council as well as give you the satisfaction of doing the right thing for the Council as well as the Memorial Art Gallery.

See you in 2013! Mary Sue
Council Program

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."

Coffee will be served beginning at 3:00 PM on the Upper Terrace.

"Kindred Spirits" examines pieces of contemporary African art from an exhibit at the National Museum of African Art, as well as featuring extensive on-location filming of artists at work in Nigeria.

Actress Ruby Dee narrates.

We are fortunate to have Omobowale Ayerinde on hand to facilitate the discussion after the film.

Omobowale is a long time Rochester resident, a well known professor at NTID at Rochester Institute of Technology, a photographer, videographer and film maker.

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

SAVE THE DATE!

On March 1, 2013 the Gallery Council of the Memorial Art Gallery will host

Hands Across the Avenue -- The Annual Tri-Council Event and Luncheon

This will truly be a memorable event, one that you simply should not miss.

Marjorie Searl, Memorial Art Gallery Chief Curator, will be speaking about Emily Sibley Watson, founder of the Memorial Art Gallery in a talk entitled “Memorial Art Gallery Founding Mother – the Long and Fascinating Life of Emily Sibley Watson.”

Now think about it: the year was 1913, Emily is obviously a woman and she has enough intelligence and strength to start this magnificent art gallery. What an amazing woman she must have been. Marjorie is an expert in the life of Ms. Watson, and we will have the precious opportunity to hear about her remarkable life from someone who has done extensive research on this topic.

In addition to this educational and entertaining speech by Marjorie, the presidents of the three Councils, George Eastman House, Rochester Museum and Science Center and Gallery Council will speak briefly about the events occurring in their councils. Shari Clement, President of the GEH Council will introduce the new director of the George Eastman House.

The Director of the Memorial Art Gallery, Grant Holcomb will also speak.

Of course there will be a raffle!! Several wonderful objects have been selected for you to test your luck at winning a priceless treasure for the mere cost of a ticket.

The Program Committee of the GC of the MAG has been planning and organizing this fabulous Tri Council luncheon for months!! Come all and enjoy time with our colleagues at the George Eastman House Council and the Rochester Museum and Science Center Council.

The entire event promises to be a great hit. Don’t miss it! See flyer on page 6.

For more information, contact Sharon McNamee at 585 276-8910 or gallerycouncil@MAG.rochester.edu.
**Membership**

We are pleased to welcome the following new members to the Council:

**Alyson Grossman** is a homemaker whose volunteer activities includes the following:
- Thornell Road School volunteer aide in the classroom and the Art room – September 09’ – present
- Nazareth College Saturday Art program Classroom assistant – Feb.- April 2012
- Girl Scouts- active Troop Mother –September 2010 – present
- Fine Craft Show volunteer. Her interests include marketing, PR, event and program planning.

**Eleanor (Ellie) Stauffer** has been a MAG docent as of 2011. She had held positions as BoardPresident, various leadership positions and program development at the First Unitarian church (1998 - present)
She has volunteered at MAG for special exhibits, tours, and financial work.

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

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**NOMINATING COMMITTEE SEEKS COUNCIL LEADERS**

Did you ever wonder how the Gallery Council is governed or how a member becomes an officer? The Nominating Committee will swing into action in January to begin looking for candidates to fill vacancies on the board. The approved slate is voted on by the full membership at the annual meeting in May. Each Board member serves a two-year term and can be re-elected for a second consecutive two-year term.

The nominating process is straightforward but the job of finding Council leaders is not. This is not the time to be bashful….if you are interested in leadership positions, or if you would like to help govern the Council, then the Nominating Committee needs to hear from you. We want to build a pool of future leaders for the Council Board, subcommittees and projects. We are open to assigning mentors to help new officers learn their jobs and/or nominate co-chairs so the work can be shared. You do not have to be a long time Council member to be considered. New members bring new ideas and experiences that can help the Council grow.

Board positions to be filled this year are: Second Vice President, Project Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Hospitality Chair, Art Tours/Travel Chair, and Historian. To learn more about these positions or Council leadership in general please contact Pam Foye, Nominating Chair at 381-4235 or ptfoye@gmail.com.

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**The holidays are over!**
**Are your decorations back in storage?**

**Donate to the Gallery Council's 2013 Art & Treasures Sale**

As you put away your holiday decorations, remember gently used holiday decorations sell well at the Art and Treasures Sale. We are taking donations now for the 2013 Art and Treasures Sale. For early pickup of your holiday decorations as well as gently used artwork, pottery, silver, antiques, jewelry, furniture, etc., contact Diane Parrinello at 271-7248 or dianedparrinello@frontiernet.net.

And please don’t forget to save tissue paper and shopping bags for the sale.
Art Reflected: The Inspiration of 100 Years
Sponsored by the Gallery Council
February 10 - March 16, 2013

In celebration of the MAG centennial, the Gallery Council invited more than 40 regional artists to create works that respond to selected art in the Gallery’s permanent collection. The new works will be on view near their sources of inspiration and be available for purchase through the Gallery Store.

An Evening of Celebration
Save the Date and Look for Your Invitation in the Mail
February 9, 2010
5:30 – 7:00
Cocktails, hors d’oeuvres, music and first opportunity to view and purchase the newly created art before the show opens to the public
7:00 – 9:00
Dinner with a special menu inspired by art in the Gallery’s collection
$100 individual, per person     $150 patron, per person

For more information please contact Sharon McNamee@585-276-8910 or gallerycouncil@mag.rochester.edu

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

Philadelphia
Join us in Philadelphia April 3-5th for a fabulous art trip to the newly opened Barnes Foundation, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, great dinners, a delightful boutique hotel in downtown, a concert at the Kimmel Center and much more. Watch for the flyer coming soon.

Art and Architecture at Cornell
Save the Date: May 30th
Join us as we tour the Johnson Museum and their unique Japanese Garden. We’ll also tour the Cornell campus with the university’s architect visiting several new internationally acclaimed architectural buildings.
For information contact Sue Meyerowitz 442-9818 or Jody Asbury 889-4622.
To all Gallery Council Members!

Join us for the

Staff Appreciation Coffee

Tuesday, February 12, 2013
in the Bausch & Lomb Parlor
between the hours of 10:00 and 11:30 a.m.
for coffee and delectable delights as
The Council celebrates MAG’s incredible staff

Your contribution of yummy sweets or savories is requested
(please have your contribution in the B&L Parlor by 9:45 a.m. along with appropriate serving utensils)

Come enjoy this social opportunity with the MAG staff
$5 per person
R.S.V.P. by February 4th to Sharon McNamee at (585) 276-8910 or gallerycouncil@mag.rochester.edu

PASSAGES

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

Michael Lasell Watson
Father of Anastasia Markson

Leaf Drake
Member since 1973

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

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

Dr. Gary Palmer, pianist, and Dr. Sandra Boysen, soprano, perform at the Holiday Luncheon

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

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Sharon McNamee, Gallery Council Assistant, (585) 276-8910 or gallerycouncil@mag.rochester.edu
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
The Gallery Council of the Memorial Art Gallery

Cordially Invites you to the annual “Hands Across the Avenue” Tri-Council Meeting -
Presenting: The Long and Fascinating Life of Emily Sibley Watson, the Memorial Art Gallery’s Founding Mother

Date: Friday, March 1st, 2013
Location: Memorial Art Gallery
9:45 am: Coffee in the Pavilion
10:30 am: Joint Council Meeting; President Presentations in the Auditorium
Mary Sue Jack, President, Gallery Council of the MAG
Nancy Grouse & Julie Schwartz, Co-Presidents RMSC
Shari Clement, President George Eastman House
11:00 am: Program by Marjorie Searl, Chief Curator, Memorial Art Gallery
12:00 pm: Lunch by Max at the Gallery - $24.00

Please select one of the following meals –
☐ Salad of mixed field greens
☐ Warm rolls
☐ Chicken piccatta with lemon-caper butter sauce, green beans, and rice pilaf
☐ Rice pudding with raisins and a cookie
☐ Salad of mixed field greens
☐ Warm rolls
☐ Farfalle pasta primavera prepared with spring vegetables
☐ Rice pudding with raisins and a cookie

PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATION BY FEBRUARY 20th, 2013 AS SEATING IS LIMITED

Name ____________________________________________________________
Check Enclosed? ☐ Yes

Please make check out to: The Gallery Council of the Memorial Art Gallery
Indicate on your check: EH, MAG, RMSC
Send to: Sharon McNamee
Memorial Art Gallery, 500 University Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607

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