President’s Message

“Hang on, / Can you hear the strange cry? / Winds of change are blowing by”
- Jefferson Starship

Lately I’ve noticed that the ‘winds of change’ are blowing - strongly. Which has gotten me thinking about change. And wind. Although the ‘winds of change’ is a famous speech by Harold MacMillan during the WWII, I’ve chosen the Jefferson Starship’s quote for this President’s Message since it takes me back to my roots.

- We all experience change. And we all have different thresholds with which we tolerate change. Our tolerance for change depends on many factors, one of which is the strength at which change arrives in our lives.

- Sometimes change comes gently, a soft breeze touching our cheeks. A welcome change.

- Sometimes change comes tumultuously. It causes us to hang on to something or someone.

- There are times when change comes from all different directions; you don’t know which way to face it; which change to face head on. It makes your hair all messed up. Like riding in a convertible.

- After a while we can all accommodate to change. You all know people who seem to live in the most chaotic environments and yet seem to cope well. Others we know have experienced horrible, tragic changes yet seem to remain productive and adjusted.

- Some may enjoy and benefit from change – ones who have a strong foundation.

I suggest that many of the Gallery Council members, me included, have the Council and the MAG as a foundation during times of change. How many times have you walked into the collection and breathed a sigh of relief, knowing you are among timeless treasures that will always be a comfort to you. When experiencing change, it is of great comfort to me to arrive at the MAG and find friends greeting me; and genuinely caring about why my hair is a mess (figuratively).

So thanks GC and MAG friends and colleagues for being a foundation for me during these last few weeks of change. I think the winds of change have settled into a zephyr for now, and I’m relieved!!

A couple of things I want to mention in this message. First, I hope that you are all beginning to meet and greet the new member of the Gallery Council family: Sharon McNamee. Sharon came to the GC through Naples Florida Philharmonic and then Starbucks. Sharon has survived the Fine Craft Show weekend with flying colors and had a great time doing it. She is picking up quickly on the vagaries of the Council office management issues, with the close support of invaluable Nancy Holowka. When you are at the MAG, stop by the office to say hello to Sharon. Oh, and she makes a mean cup of coffee with steamed milk…remember Starbucks!

Also want you to know that the Clothesline Festival went well this year. Although the GC did not make as much money as in past years, we still netted around $10,000, which is excellent considering that storm/hurricane or whatever that was that blew through on Saturday. Many thanks to all of you who volunteered and gave so much to ensure GC success: including Jim, Ellie, Wendy, Dick, Sally, Bill, Judie and Mary Lisa. You are the BEST!!!

Time to get ready for the holidays. Be sure and put in your reservations for the GC holiday party which promises to be another wonderful gathering.

Mary Sue
The Program Committee Needs Your Help

The Program Committee has a request. They would appreciate your registering in advance of the programs, even if they are free, and there is no flyer attached. It's easy -- just call 276-8910 or email gallerycouncil@mag.rochester.edu.

Here's why the information is needed:

- to determine the amount of coffee and tea needed
- to prepare the name tags and sign-in table to inform the security staff
- to track the number of attendees by program type and time of day/day of week for more effective planning, to build a data base so that frequent attendees (and possibly, more importantly, one-timers) can be contacted to help guide future program decisions.

So, please, contact the Council office to let them know you are coming. Is it required? Of course not; feel free to drop in (unless there's an attendance limit or food has to be ordered).

But we would love to hear from you in advance.

Thank you for your help.

Membership

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

Natalie Ciccone has been a docent since 1999 and is currently chair of the docents at MAG. She is a former teacher and has volunteered with the Brighton PTA, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish council and has taught religion classes. Natalie also taught the Build Environment Program for the Landmark Society.

Cecelia Horowitz is a MAG docent and participates as the project leader on the MAG marketing committee. She also participates on the JFS Board in the capacity of Board Development VP.

Marina Nudo is retired and very involved in volunteering for tennis – 1980-present volunteer, President, Delegate USTA/Eastern Association, co-founder of “Love 15”. She has expertise in Public Relations, Fund Raising, Accounting and Organization (event/program).

Marianne Zeitlin has done volunteer work for the Friends of Rochester Public Library -- 1998-2004. She offers skills in Public Relations.

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
or go the Gallery Council Website to fill out the application form

Holiday Luncheon

Thursday, December 13, 2012
11:30 a.m. - Cash bar & Wassail Bowl
12:00 noon - Lunch
Cost: $25 per person

HOLIDAY PERFORMERS

Dr. Gary Palmer is Dean of the Hochstein School of Music and Dance, pianist and master teacher. He earned a PhD in Music Education and a Master’s in Piano Performance from the Eastman School of Music. Gary has been a soloist at numerous colleges and was given a citation from the Points of Life Foundation for his Encores Concerts at Eastman and Hochstein.

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If delicious food, the company of fellow Council members and wonderful entertainment weren’t enticement enough, here’s another reason not to miss the Holiday Luncheon!

The Raffle Committee is planning another blockbuster raffle for the Holiday Luncheon. Last year’s raffle raised approximately $900 for the Gallery Council. Here’s a sneak peak at some of the items you could win: a Kate Spade handbag; a $250 gift certificate from Forsythe Jewelers; a Nancy Jurs ceramic bowl; a handcrafted piece of jewelry from Julia Tan and much, much more.
Art Tours

Exploring Cuba's Artistic Heritage is tentatively scheduled for February 2013.

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.

Decision on Cookbook Publication

For the last two years a committee of the Gallery Council has been exploring the possibility of publishing a cookbook to raise funds for the MAG. The committee conducted extensive research that included feedback from other organizations that had published cookbooks and from the Gallery Council membership. The proposal submitted to the Gallery Council’s Board of Directors (BOD) recommended publication of a cookbook that would marry two passions, the love of art and the love of food. At the November BOD meeting, after a lengthy discussion where all the pros and cons of publishing a cookbook were raised and discussed, the BOD voted against moving forward with the cookbook by a strong majority. The decision was not a financial one, because the motion that failed included a requirement that publication be fully underwritten. Instead, the primary reason was concern about the amount of effort required to publish a cookbook and the amount of effort required to promote it afterwards. In the end, the burdens of fully implementing this project outweighed the potential rewards of success.

Art Reflected:
The Inspiration of 100 Years

February 10–March 10, 2013 throughout the galleries (special opening event February 9)

At this show and sale celebrating the MAG Centennial, more than 40 regional artists will create works that interpret objects from the Gallery’s collection. A special opening night dinner is your chance to mingle with the artists and revisit the works that inspired them! The pre-party will be the first opportunity to purchase the works of art.

Presented by the Gallery Council in conjunction with the MAG Centennial. To learn more call 276-8910.

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 pmiillerness@gmail.com
The View from Joe’s Window

Nobody has a better view of the MAG garden that will bear the Council’s name than Joe Carney, Director of GalleryAdvancement. As the photo on the left taken from Joe’s office window shows, the brick pad for Wendell Castle’s sculpture, *Unicorn Family*, is almost complete. And, the curving walks with brick cameos designed by Jackie Ferrara are finished and lead right to MAG’s front door. While work to complete the Centennial Sculpture Park nears an end, we Council members are not finished! Ninety members have contributed almost $110,000 toward our goal of $250,000. If you are not among the 90, please join the effort by making your donation today. Together, we can help MAG make this wonderful gift to the Rochester community.

Still on the fence? Call me, 425-1688, and I’ll meet you at MAG for coffee and a tour of MAG’s new grounds.

- Sandy Koon
Centennial Campaign Chair

Holiday Decorating at the Gallery

Tuesday, November 27th at 9:30 a.m.
Your help is needed to decorate the Gallery for the holidays. Any time you can volunteer will be appreciated. We have some new decorating ideas and hope you will want to get involved. If you can give us a hand, please email Carol Spagnola at cspags@rochester.rr.com or call 723-1575.

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

Gallery Council contact:
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 visit the office on Monday. Sharon will respond to calls/emails Tuesday through Friday.

To access the Gallery Council area of the MAG website use the direct link <http://mag.rochester.edu/gallerycouncilarea>
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2012
MAG COUNCIL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON
AT LOCUST HILL COUNTRY CLUB
200 Jefferson Road, Pittsford

11:30 am – CASH BAR & WASSAIL BOWL
12 NOON – 1:30 pm - LUNCH

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• Sage Roasted Chicken -served with Cheddar Whipped Potatoes, Fresh Vegetables, finished with a Cranberry Demi Glace, and warm Dinner Rolls

• Vegetable Wellington-Roasted Julienne Vegetables baked in Puff Pastry, Fresh Vegetables, and warm Dinner Rolls

Dessert – Apple Crisp topped with Vanilla Ice Cream

Regular and Decaffeinated Coffee and Tea

PRICE: $25 per person (includes service charge)

Reservations and payment must be received by GALLERY COUNCIL no later than Wednesday, DECEMBER 5, 2010.
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO GALLERY COUNCIL, and mail to 500 University Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607

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