President’s Message
March 2012

“To achieve great things, two things are needed: a plan and not quite enough time.”
Leonard Bernstein

As we head toward June and our annual meeting, the pace has picked up around the Gallery Council. Committees are diligently working on analyzing the data from the GC membership survey. The Public Relations committee is finalizing a “Branding Initiative” for the GC Board’s approval. Budgeting for next year is underway. So we have plans, and at the rate June is approaching, we won’t have quite enough time. Bernstein’s recipe for great things.

One great thing has already been accomplished. On Valentine’s Day, a.k.a. Essie Germanow’s birthday, the GC hosted the Staff Appreciation event in a new format: a Brunch. Many GC members brought absolutely yummy sweets and savories and Max’s provided the beverages. And we all met in the B&L parlor on Valentine’s Day. Well, this was one of our best gatherings ever. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, conversations were going on all over the room. And the food was amazing!! Kudos to Barbara O’Hare and her Hospitality Committee for hosting this excellent event.

![Mary Sue Jack & Essie Germanow](image1.jpg) ![Barbara O’Hare & Wendy Shellman](image2.jpg)

This small effort to show the MAG staff how much we appreciate their support and friendship hardly does them justice, considering all they do for the Gallery Council. However we all had a wonderful time to actually speak together on non-work related topics. Rave reviews by all!

The GC had a good turnout at the Tri-Council Luncheon that was held this month at the George Eastman House, hosted by the Eastman House Council. Many members of the Gallery Council were there; some of them belonging to all three councils. Since the GC is hosting the Tri-Council next year, we are already thinking of ways to recognize the “three council members.” The program at the Tri-Council was presented by the Curator of Digital pictures at the Eastman House. He had many surprising things to tell us about the longevity of digital pictures.
The Program Committee has some outstanding programs coming up. At our April meeting, we will have our second business meeting for a few minutes before the presentation of “Art and Revolution: Russian Avant-Garde”. Sounds like an educational program not to be missed. Then in May, the Knoblauchs will open their studio to the GC members. If you haven’t met Paul and Christine, do sign up for this extremely entertaining tour. They are delightful people, two of Rochester’s premiere artists who will surely present a fascinating tour.

Meanwhile, keep on making plans for upcoming activities and events! I know we will never have quite enough time so our outcomes are sure to be great!

Mary Sue