



McLean Art Society

Palette

May 2022

From the president

Our year is coming to the end. It was a busy one, thanks to our wonderful member volunteers, without whom none of this would be possible!

Despite having to still navigate the fluctuating pandemic situation, we continued our monthly meetings and artist demos, as well as showing and selling work at several venues: the MPA McLean Artfest, two member shows at the Walker Chapel, the Spring Hill Rec Center, the Capital One Hall in partnership with the Virginia Chamber Orchestra, and the Dolley Madison Library.

In addition, arrangements are under way for the Oak Marr Rec Center to start showing in September 2022 and possibly for a building on Old Dominion in McLean.

In December, we had a nice Christmas Party, and in April - our first general meeting in person in months and it was great to reconnect and enjoy the refreshments.

The other news is that McLean Art Society also moved to the new newsletter and the new website, and elected the new Board for the next term. MPA already invited us to participate in the Artfest 2022 on October 2nd, so mark your calendars.

We are now taking a summer break, though you might be seeing an abbreviated version of the *Palette* Newsletter!

Anna

Anna Katalkina
President MAS



News & Notes

McLean Art Society

Meets every 4th Friday of the month.
Next meeting:

Today!

May 20: General Membership with **Nathaniel Williams** demonstrating his use of watercolor and underpainting in the form of value studies

Spring Hill

We are reaching the end of the winter / spring season with only days remaining. A new season is in planning for the fall!

April 19, 2022 to May 24, 2022 **Happening NOW!**

Dolley Madison Library: Small Treasures

Thanks to Olga's great work and many artists participating, the library display is up and getting many views as the library is open again. It is also attracting inquires about the Society and how to join!



Oak Marr Recreation Center in Oakton

A new opportunity similar to Spring Hill coming with its first show expected in September...watch for details from Margaret Raymond.

Paint out on Chesapeake Bay ~ more info inside...

Dorothy Hassan is inviting McLean Art Society members to a paint out at her house on the Chesapeake Bay. The location is about 1 hour and 45 minutes by car from the community center. Car pools are recommended.

Where: 548 Iris Lane, Lusby, MD 20657
When: Saturday, June 25 from around 10:30 a.m. to whenever...Rain date Sunday, June 26

R.S.V.P. dshassan@aol.com no later than June 15th



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ANNA KATALKINA

By Palette Editorial Staff

Anna gave us a live demonstration of her style of painting, following the general meeting at the McLean Community Center last month. Her works are small and rich in depth and luminosity, similar to Dutch Old Masters. The background is usually dark and the subject stands out, both built through many layers of transparent glazes. By varying the value and color of the glaze, she transforms flat objects into an image you can almost reach out and touch.

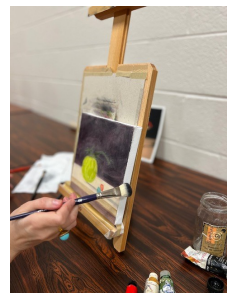
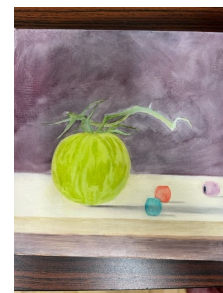
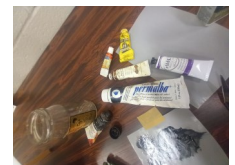
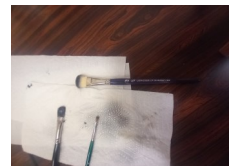
Anna doesn't normally paint from photos but rather sets up the objects with proper lighting to achieve the shadows she wants. The subject matter is usually contemporary, such as candy and figurines, and often with the touch of humor. She makes preliminary drawings and when the composition is right, she transfers the drawing to the painting surface. This is followed by underpainting in sepia. Then she starts the work of adding translucent paint to adjust and give depth. Each layer is allowed to dry before the next is applied. Anna has more than one piece in process as drying takes time.



Before



After



Many good tips were given as she worked on a sample piece: underpainting base is warm... put masking tape on the easel to keep it clean... rotate the painting to make edges easier to paint... blend with a soft brush... use a clean dry brush to clean up areas where paint isn't wanted... periodically step back and view at a distance... first layers appear flat but final layers have depth and shadows... and varnish only at the end when totally dry.

Anna is a member of the Washington Arts Club, Touchstone Gallery, Capital Artists Collective, and also shows at other venues. You can visit her website <https://www.annakatalkina.com/>

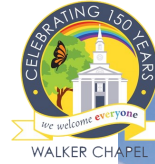


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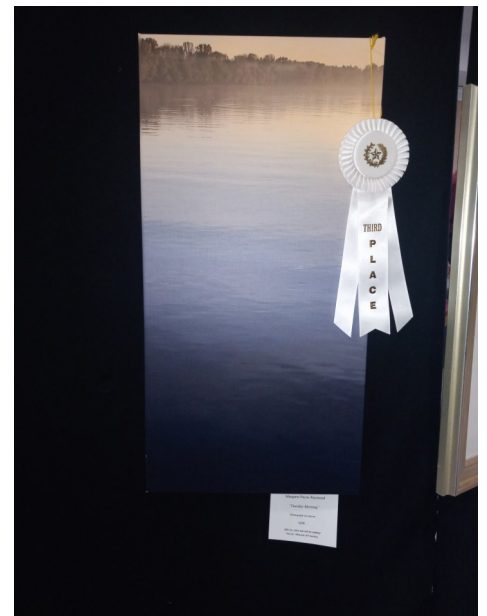
Art A Fair

The art show was held at Walker Chapel in Arlington May 13-15, beginning with a lovely reception on Friday evening. Twenty-one artists entered their work. Total sales were \$1,778 to include 8 paintings, 5 shrink wraps and several boxes of cards. Fifty-nine guests signed our guest register.

Peoples' Choice awards were given to Becky Salinger (first place), Tony Neville (second place) and Margaret Raymond (third place).



Come for the history, stay for the love





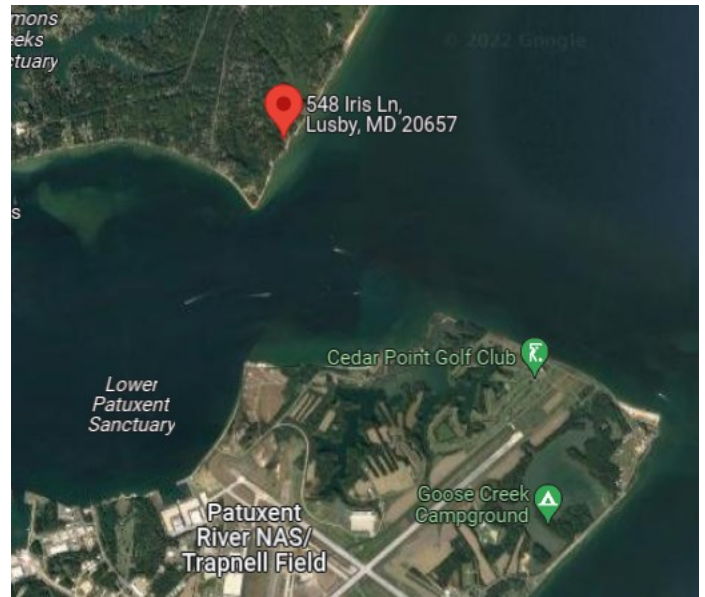
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More on Dorothy Hassan's Paint Out

There is an awning downstairs and a covered deck upstairs. You can also paint on the beach or walk to a lake nearby. If you have a light folding chair that would be helpful, although I have a few. A simple lunch, iced tea and mineral water will be provided. If a few of you could bring dessert, that would be much appreciated. The house faces the Bay and a couple of lakes are within a 10 minute walk.

I look forward to seeing you!

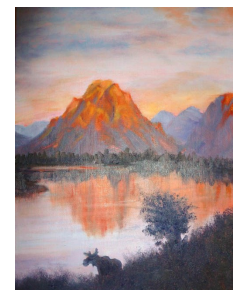
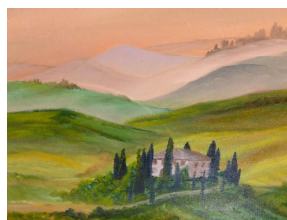
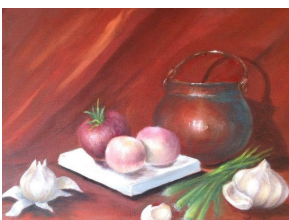
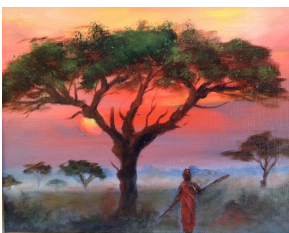
Dorothy



Celebration of Life for Luda Del Rose

Tuesday May 17th from 4 to 6pm.

A wonderful celebration was held at the Arlington Underground gallery for Luda. Many came...some from far away. Luda's art was on display including paintings and art on porcelain. Stories of Luda's life were shared as she had an amazing life from being displaced in Poland during WWII and coming to America. Luda was fluent in many languages and as Anna said, she had a glow about her that drew you to her and her friendship.





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New Personal Galleries

Lots of beautiful works coming in from our members and we are working to bring them to you!

From Diane Moran

A start on her personal gallery with many beautiful paintings! Diane works in oil, acrylic, mixed media and watercolor. Her seascapes are quite original.



From Gertrud Mohr-Friedrich

Over a dozen beautiful works for her personal gallery on our website!



From Yvonne Leung

A great range seen also on Instagram and Etsy Store. We are looking forward to more of her work and linking to her sites.

From Michael Potashnik

"The Market" was accepted by the Virginia Watercolor Society for its 2022 show. Mike's also received Honorable Mention for "the Market" by the "Eye of the Beholder" art show at Walker Chapel.



And From David Euler

In this work entitled "Hashtag in Prison" David wanted to go back a little to the stone panel and copper wire modes of connecting people and their ideas vis-à-vis the age of hashtag and synthetic connections. Welcome to our newest member.



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Members in Action

From Renee Alberts

Ginnie Luster and I were at a paint out with the Potomac Valley Watercolor Group. It was cold and only 4 of us appeared. The azaleas and dogwoods were in bloom and this is my painting!



From Larry Danforth

I gave these to friends and family. They are derivatives from my training and thus not truly original. I am now taking the leap into original art based on the hundreds of photos I have taken in my travels and encouragement from MAS.

See you at the *Artfest* on October 2nd!



From Jane Coonce

Jane McElvany Coonce's watercolor "Duck Donuts" was accepted into the 43rd Annual Virginia Watercolor Society Exhibition that will be held in Waynesboro, VA from June – August.

Also, her piece "Duck Donuts Redux" was accepted into the Baltimore Watercolor Society's Mid-Atlantic Regional Watercolor Exhibition that will be held in Baltimore, MD from June – July.

Also, 3 of her watercolors, "Sunglasses, Lost and Found", "Shady Lady", and "Locked and Forgotten", were accepted into the Delaware Art Society Juried Show Held at Nassau Valley Vineyards, in Lewes, Delaware.

Her piece, "Zebra Stripes," an oil painting, was accepted into Falls Church Arts Black and White Juried Show.

Her piece, "Irises Outside the Box" was accepted and won honorable mention in a judged show of Potomac Valley Watercolorists held at Green Springs Garden, Alexandria, VA.





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McLean Art Society Artist of the Month

THIS COULD BE YOUR PAGE!

We have had a wonderful series of *Artist of the Month* pieces that highlight the incredible talent of our members.

To become our artist of the week, register on the website starting **June 1st** for the fall through June 2023

Membership >>
Artist of the Month



Wine with Pears



Gerda Lane



Three Koi



Carol Waite



Chisty Kill



Chisty with Outerbanks



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Our Board

MAS Executive Board

2021-2022

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Venues

Oak Marr – Margaret Raymond

Spring Hill – Carol Higgs and Carol Milton

'Westover Library – Bill and Betty Dunn

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MPA/TD Bank – Hanna Emrich and Vicky Wilken

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INSTAGRAM PAGE:

<https://www.instagram.com/mcleanartsociety/>

You should be able to view it from any browser, but to see our page fully, you may need to have an Instagram account. If so, just go to www.instagram.com to sign up.

Here is a link to a YouTube video that is very helpful in getting started:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=no55N1sHjT8>

FACEBOOK PAGE:

The page is called McLean Art Society.

Click [HERE](#) to view the page.

To sign up with a new account, go to facebook.com and click on **Create New Account**. Enter your name, email or mobile phone number, password, date of birth and gender. Then click on **Sign Up**. To finish creating your account, you need to confirm your email or mobile phone number.

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