



McLean Art Society

Palette

September 2023

From the president

Welcome to year 2023-2024! I cannot wait to see you on September 22 for our first meeting and the start off the new MAS season. As usual, we will be meeting in person, at the McLean Community Center, on the 4th Friday of the month except for November and May (3th Friday due to holidays) and December (no meeting, MAS holds its annual Christmas party). I hope that you had a great summer and were able to create and see exhibitions to either get inspired or just enjoy other artists' work. For those of you who like Alma Thomas's work, her exhibition, "Composing Color," just opened at the American Art Museum.

Our own exhibitions are also happening. Spring Hill and Oar Marr are installed and look great. Bring your work on the dates emailed by the coordinators to participate throughout the year! The more good work we hang, the better we look! The preparation for the MPA ArtFest, which will take place at the McLean Park on October 1, are well underway. Registration to participate is now closed; however, come to support your fellow member artists and bring family to this family-friendly, annual event (keeping fingers crossed that there is no tempest, like last year). I would like to thank everyone making these shows happen, especially our wonderful volunteer coordinators and organizers. Other things in the plans this year are one or two small works shows at the area libraries, the big annual exhibition in the spring, and possibly more. We are always open to ideas and in appreciation of volunteering, email me or anyone on the Board if you would like to share something.

Meanwhile, looking forward to the meeting and the sharpie drawing demo offered by our own Treasurer Hanna Emrich!

Anna

Anna Katalina
President of MAS
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MAS News & Notes

MAS Program Presenter:

Hanna Emrich for Sept 22

Spring Hill ReCenter

Delivery time is on designated Tuesdays at 11:00 AM. You can bring two paintings to display. The paintings must have sturdy wires on the back. Sawtooth brackets are not usable with our Walker hanging system. Members do not have to preregister, just fill in the MAS labels and print them ahead of time. Here is the planned schedule for the show changes at Springhill:

Oct 24, 2023 – Changeover

Dec 5, 2023 – Changeover

Jan 16, 2024 – Changeover

Feb 27, 2024—Changeover

Apr 9, 2024—Changeover

May 21, 2024—Take down for summer

Please contact Carol Higgs if you have any questions

Oak Marr Recreation Center

MAS new show at Oak Marr has 20 works by 10 artists. Margaret thanks Gertrud and Jen for help with hanging the show. Our shows change approximately every six weeks. A call for art will be sent to all members. If you have any questions, contact our curator, Margaret Raymond.

"Small Treasures" exhibit at Tysons-Pimmit Library

The exhibit will be set up on on October 2nd and taken down on October 30th. Space in the glass cabinet is limited, so **small** pieces are requested. **Contact Olga Martin if you are interested in participating.** You can bring two small pieces to the next MAS general meeting on September 22nd.



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Remembering Concetta Scott

On September 3rd, 2023, we lost our long-time member, Concetta Scott. Concetta Scott was originally from Philadelphia but lived for many years in McLean. She was a stalwart member of the McLean Art Society and served on the board for years. With her broad knowledge of art, Concetta helped with shows, gave demos, and arranged for speakers. She contributed to all aspects of the work done by MAS.



Concetta was a master at oil painting, watercolor, pastel, and more. She won many awards for her wonderful work and belonged to many art societies, including the Arlington Artists Alliance. Early in life, she had been an art teacher and also an art director at a well-known department store, Garfield's, before that upscale store closed.

Concetta Scott could make the loudest whistle. Margaret Raymond remembers how, at one of the first MAS meetings she attended, members would not stop talking. Concetta stood up, put two fingers in her mouth, and blew out the loudest whistle, startling everyone into silence.

Concetta loved helping people and was generous with her support for others and a loyal friend. Concetta was multilingual, and she and her husband, Pierre, traveled the world. She loved to read, and she loved to cook. Pierre and Concetta were devoted to their two children, who survived her.



Concetta with MAS members Lilibian Dossola, Jane Coonce, and Vicky Wilken.

Thank you to Ginger Sanaie, Margaret Raymond, Lilibian Dossola, and Jane Coonce for contributing to this memorial piece.



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From Carol Waite

Gallery Underground in Arlington hosted a national juried show, and the juror awarded my Yellow Lotus, a Sumi-e painting on rice paper with ink and Chinese watercolors, second place out of 52 entries shown in the Gallery from over 250 entries. I was pleased to accept the award at the opening reception on August 4 with 220 or more people attending. The painting was sold on the opening night!



Yellow Lotus



Ostrich Head, Art League

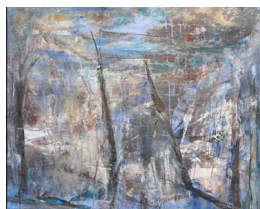
From Alex Tolstoy

I was selected for a number of Art league shows (Mar, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep). I also did a tutorial with ShopKeep Arty (SKA) on painting birch trees (now on YouTube) plus a webinar with SKA on painting trees in general.

Selected by Readers and published in the Art of Watercolor magazine issue 47. Had two paintings in the Potomac Valley Watercolorists show at Spring Valley.



Blackberries and Leaves, PVW Show

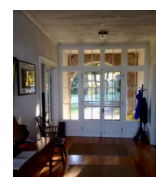


From Camille Kouyoumdjian

I recently participated in The Glen Echo Labor Day art show and I am exhibiting work at the Art League of Alexandria Torpedo Factory Gallery. I recently sold paintings, "light through rain," "seasons change," and "Big Meadows. Shenandoah".

From Ginnie Luster

Every year some of us in the Potomac Vally Watercolorists rent a big house in Southwest harbor on Mt. Desert island in Maine for a week in September. There are limitless opportunities to paint, and we always have a good time.





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Our Board

MAS Executive Board

2023-2024

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Program Coordinator – Volunteer Needed!!!

Publicity – Kathi Beerbohm

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Venues

Oak Marr – Margaret Raymond

Spring Hill – Carol Higgs and Carol Milton

Westover Library – Bill and Betty Dunn

Dolley Madison Library and Pimmit Regional Library – Olga Martin

Volunteer Coordinator – Jane Counce

Webmaster – Larry Danforth

At Large Members – Ginnie Luster and Vicky Wilken

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.

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