from the president

‘You don’t enter the art world – you have to build it out of the people around you’ -

Patricia Piccinini, Artist

I have been reflecting on the above quote within the context of the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday and the past eight months. Each of us will have our own interpretation as to its meaning but for me the past eight months has clarified the importance of ‘the people around us’ and the communities that we participate and invest in. Family, friends, connections, and contacts have kept us going in these challenging months and pushed us, sometimes kicking and screaming, into a year of new experiences and yes, even opportunities. In order to keep up and keep going we have had to find new ways of communicating and sharing art and ideas as well as relying on trusted existing relationships.

Hopefully, most of us will not have to dig too deep to find something to give thanks for this season – even if we may not be having a typical ‘Norman Rockwell’ Thanksgiving. For me just getting to 2021 and hoping for a better year will be enough!

Happy Thanksgiving and Cheers!
Ray Goodrow

Below: “Freedom from Want”, Norman Rockwell, 1942; Thompson Family Holiday Card

news and notes

Welcome Judy Landry, new MAS Treasurer.

Artist of the Month: Dorothy Hassan www.mcleanartsociety.org

Virginia Watercolor Society Show until Dec. 31 at the Virginia Museum of History & Culture, 428 Arthur Ashe Blvd., Richmond.

‘Autumn’s Palette,’ www.galleryunderground.org, until Oct. 31

Potomac Valley Watercolorists Fall Online Show www.potomacvalleywatercolorists.org, until Dec. 31

Alex Tolstoy’s ‘Blackberries in a Bowl’ and “Apples” by Tinu Prakash in the current Art League of Alexandria show at the Torpedo Factory. Alex has work in vol. 39, The Art of Watercolor magazine. www.artleague.org

The November issue of the Beacon Newspapers (Baltimore Metro & Howard County) features winners of the annual Celebration of the Arts including Ray Goodrow’s 2nd place for ‘Munich’. Open to area artists, the annual show includes cash awards and received over 600 entries this year. www.thebeaconnewspapers.com – celebration of the arts

Venues


Opportunities


Calendar (for specifics see emails)

November 20 Gavin Glakas (Zoom demo) 11am, General Membership Mtg. 10am

December 18 Jane McElvaney Coonce (Zoom demo) 11am, General Membership Mtg. 10am
Gavin Glakas to be November 20th Program Artist

Well known area artist Gavin Glakas will focus on oil portraiture in his MAS Zoom program. He is represented by the Principle Gallery in Alexandria and teaches at the Yellow Barn Studio. www.gavinglakas.com

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Above: ‘Munich’, Ray Goodrow, watercolor

Scenes from the Nov. 4 Paint Out at Meadowlark Gardens with students of Jane Coonce. Beautiful day to be out.
Above: Tinu Prakash, “Apples”, oil on canvas
Below: Nancy King Mertz, pastel, October MAS Zoom presentation

Above: Anna Katalkina, “Pumpkin Girl”, private commission, oil on panel.