



McLean Art Society

Palette

May 2024

From the president

Dear Artists,

This Friday, we hold our last meeting of the year. It has been a good year, which ended with a bang - - 6K in sales at our annual show, expertly organized by Lori and Judy and backed up by several terrific volunteers!

My 4th year of Presidency is also coming to an end (I began as a co-President when Covid hit), and I wanted to say a huge THANK YOU to all those who have been supporting me and actively contributing to the MAS. You know who you are!

We still have two events before we all go on our summer vacations: nine of us are participating in the National Botanic Garden in Chantilly during Memorial Weekend (please check their website for ticket information and other details), and on June 7, we are planning to enjoy the end of the year luncheon at the Westwood Country Club in Vienna.

On Friday, in addition to our meeting and a demo, we are offering the swap of art materials. Bring the materials you'd like to donate to other MAS members or swap! The materials should be in good condition. If they are not claimed, please take them back with you, we will not be donating them to any external organizations.

Anna

Anna Katalina
President of MAS
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MAS News & Notes

MAS Program Presenters:

Sherry Matini (porcelain painting) for May 17th

Spring Hill Recreation Center

May 21, 2024 Please contact Carol
Take down for summer Higgs if you have any
questions

Oakmont Recreation Center (formerly Oak Marr)

May 28, 2024 Please contact Larry
Take down for summer Danforth if you have
any questions

MAS members in Art in Nature Festival

May 25-27, 2024, Chantilly

Sign up closed

MAS end-of-the-year luncheon

June 7, Westwood Country Club

Details upcoming

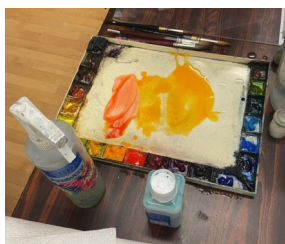
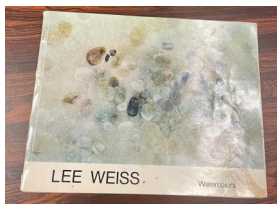


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April Demo by Gwen Bragg

In April, Gwen showed us her wet-on-wet technique she uses to begin a painting. Gwen originally learned that technique from Lee Weiss, but changed it and made it her own. Gwen worked on Torchon 140 lbs paper, and noted that it gets soft when it's wet and needs to be handled with care. The paper was put on plexiglass, and Gwen put some water on it working from outside in. After the water layer, Gwen added paint consulting the photo of an abandoned silver mine she used as a reference, then flipped the paper on plexiglass. For the second side, Gwen applied water from the center out, and added paint using colors different from the first side. Then the paper was lifted and flipped again, with the colors now transferring from the plexiglass to the painting.

The process can be continued until the desired result of colors and textures is achieved. It is possible to use mashing fluid with this technique; Gwen also used a sponge and handmade stencils to lift certain shapes. You can also use a water spray (spritzer, not mister), and apply sea salt. Gwen uses mostly Windsor Newton watercolor, some colors by Daniel Smith, and Holbein's Mineral Violet as a lightfast dark purple.



Upcoming Demo by Sherry Matini

Sherry Matini, an acclaimed porcelain painter and the President of the Northern Virginia Porcelain Artists, will show how she paints porcelain pieces. and discuss her technique and inspirations.

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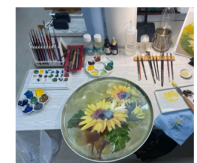
Free Public Demo by Sherry Matini

Sherry Matini, an acclaimed porcelain painter, is the President of the Northern Virginia Porcelain Artists. She has a studio in Great Falls Village that serves as a sanctuary for her artistic endeavors. Her studio also hosts seminars for artists from diverse backgrounds, guiding fellow artists on their

In this demo, Sherry will be showing how she paints porcelain pieces to reflect her love of vibrant colors and organic forms.

. This event is free and open to the public.

Friday, May 17th, 11:00 am
McLean Community Center.





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"A Spring Thing" Show and Sale took place May 10-12

Our Spring art show, "A Spring Thing," was a huge success with 24 artists participating. The show was juried by well-know artist Kurt Anderson, who awarded prizes and gave remarks at a Friday night reception explaining the reasons he chose the winners. Visitors enjoyed a raffle during the show where beautiful works of art (donated by participating artists) were given away every hour. Thank you to the organizers and the volunteers!



Kurt Anderson awarded the following honors:

1st place: Anna Katalkina, "Night Owl and Blue Jelly Beans"

2nd place: Tony Neville, "Eiffel Tower at Dusk"

3rd place: Judith Landry, "Hydrangeas"

Honorable Mention: Yvonne Leung, "Quiet Morning at the Beach"

Honorable Mention: Ken Beerbohm, "T-Rex/Whose Next?"

Honorable Mention: Hanna Emrich, "Seaweed Garden"

Honorable Mention: Camille Kouyoumdjian, "Potomac Bluebells"

Honorable Mention: Christen Bensten, "Peaceful Countryside."

Congratulations to all the winners!



Anna Katalkina. 1st place



Tony Neville, 2nd place



Camille Kouyoumdjian



Judith Landry. 3rd place



Yvonne Leung



Ken Beerbohm



Christen Bensten



Hanna Emrich



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MAS Election

In accordance with the MAS bylaws, an election was held at the April membership meeting with the required quorum present. The elected Board is as follows: President—Julia Bezgacheva, Co-Vice Presidents—Anna Katakina and Judith Landry, Secretary—Lori Lisiecki, Treasurer—Hanna Emrich. Heartfelt thanks to our President Anna Katakina, Vice President Sandra Hill, and Secretary Carol Waite, who are finishing the terms in their current roles for all the hard work!



Art in Nature Festival in Chantilly, May 25-27

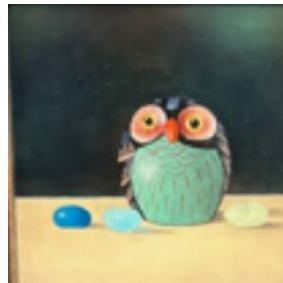
9 MAS artists will participate in the 3rd Annual Art in Nature Festival in Chantilly, VA. More info on the Festival can be found here:

<https://nationalbotanicgarden.org/art-in-nature-festival>

From Anna Katakina

Remember the October demo Anna Katakina did on drawing transfer? She worked on this gourd. Here is the final result!

And, the image of Anna's painting that took the 1st prize in the Spring Show, and was sold.



From Ken Beerbohm

Ken was selected to exhibit in the "Tranquillum-2024" online art show through the Gallerium with his piece "Retreat."



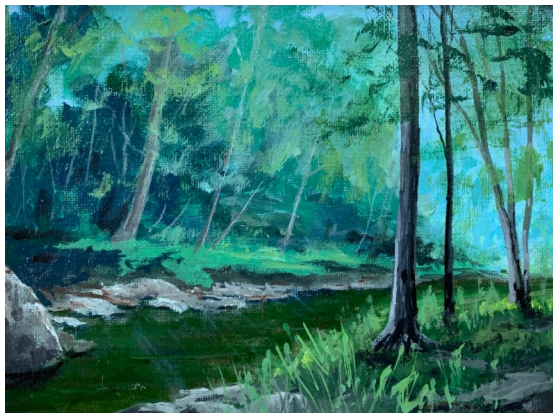
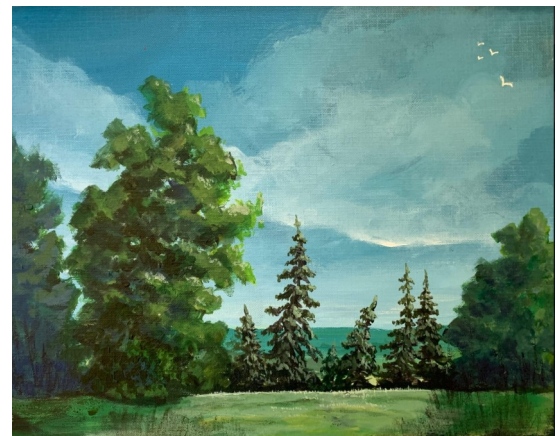
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From Nancy McCarthy Patrick

Just found out my piece Winter Joy received an Honorable Mention from Juror Bryan Jernigan in the Springfield Art Guild – Online Art Show - Spring Virtual Show View it online at - <https://www.springfieldartguild.org/spring-2024-virtual-show/> Also, my painting “Yellow Flowers” was selected for the Art League’s May juried show. I also have paintings, year round, in the Art League’s Gallery 75. And, I sold at Palette 22 Restaurant, my large (16X40) painting of Cherry Blossoms with the MLK JR. Memorial.



Nancy also sold at Del Ray Artisans (Travels With My Brother and Cherry Blossoms, MLK Jr. Memorial) and at the Art League (Creekside).



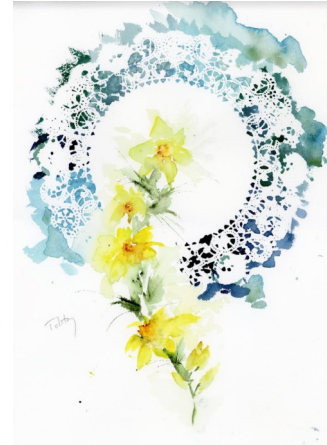


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From Alex Tolstoy

Alex received an Honorable Mention at the Potomac Valley Watercolorists exhibit and was juried into the April Art League exhibit, (Bindweed and Crackle Paste) where this work was also selected to go with the Art League Ikebana exhibit.



From Yvonne Leung

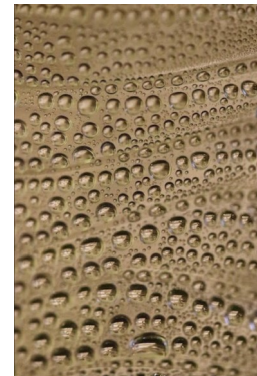
The McLean Community Center has Tuesday and Saturday open studio and it is \$20 walk in. I go to the Saturday morning one and there are a lot of room for artists and I even ran into one of the Master Painters Robert Johnson. Second item is that I am participating in the Paint Great Falls May 18 to 24. The show and award will be Sat 6-8pm. See link for more info: <https://www.celebrategreatfalls.org/paint>

Yvonne also received an Honorable Mention at the Women Club of Chevy Chase exhibition judged by Eric Westbrook.



From Gabriela Natiello

My news is that I sold Water drops on a bottle at Oak Mar.



From Michael Potashnik

I am pleased to announce that I was recently awarded signature status by the Virginia Watercolor Society at its 45th Exhibition in Lynchburg. My painting "The Coming Storm" also won Award of Distinction which carried a prize of \$500. I was also juried into two shows of the Art League. My painting "The Attack". was selected for the May 2024 Open Exhibit, and my painting "The Stream" was chosen for the May 2004 Collaborative exhibit with The Little Theater of Alexandria.



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Our Board

MAS Executive Board

2023-2024

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First Vice President – Sandra Hill

Second Vice President – Judith Landry

Secretary – Carol Waite

Treasurer – Hanna Emrich

Chairs

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Instagram – Julia Bezgacheva

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Name Tags – Diane Moran

Newsletter – Julia Bezgacheva

Parliamentarian – Mary Jeanne Martz

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Program Coordinator – Ginnie Luster

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Venues

Oakmont – Larry Danforth

Spring Hill – Carol Higgs and Carol Milton

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INSTAGRAM PAGE:

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

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FACEBOOK PAGE:

The page is called McLean Art Society.

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

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