



## MAA SEPTEMBER 2020 Newsletter

### Hello!

I hope you are all safe and healthy and that you have managed to enjoy the summer. Your executive met on August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and enclosed is the current information with regards to MAA for the upcoming months.

### Membership

Current members of MAA **will not be charged membership fees for the year 2020/21**. We feel that because we were unable to provide any programming from March onward, and do not know if we will be able to provide any moving forward over the next months, that it is not fair to ask members to pay. Having said that, your current membership cards are dated to end August 31, 2020. In order to receive discounts from our partners (Wallacks, DeSerres, etc.) you do need an updated membership card. These will be forwarded electronically to all current members who wish to maintain their membership with MAA. Once received by email you can save the card to your mobile device, or print a paper copy. If you are unable to do either, please ask a relative, neighbour, or friend to print a card for you as we are not in the position to hand deliver or mail paper copies at this time.

If you know that **you do not** wish to remain a member of MAA, please forward that information to Linda Lovell at: [membershipcoordinator@manotickart.ca](mailto:membershipcoordinator@manotickart.ca). Similarly, if any of your personal information has changed (address, telephone, email address), please let her know so that she can make the appropriate changes. Please do this **by the end of September**.

New memberships are not being accepted at this time. Any interested artists are invited to leave their names on a wait list with the membership coordinator at the above address.

### Monthly Meetings

There will not be any monthly meetings scheduled at this time. St. James Church Hall is not available to us for rental as they have not opened their doors yet. Also, Ottawa Public Health protocols for safe meetings indoors, and our older demographic, make the idea of meetings rather daunting at this time. As we move through the fall and into winter we will re-evaluate where we stand and how feasible monthly meetings will be. You will be notified of any changes.

## **September AGM**

Given the fact that we are not able to hold meetings, the AGM for September will be sent out in the form of a complete report during the first week of September. Members will be invited to read the report and forward their comments to the executive.

## **Paint Ins**

We are looking into the possibility of holding paint ins at this time, but have not yet finalized their feasibility. Much is riding on the protocols required for all churches in the region. More on this will follow.

## **MAA Activities**

Currently we do not have any activities concretely planned. However, we do have a few ideas percolating and once we know they are possible, we will let you know! In the meantime, if you have been painting outside with some friends, please continue to do so while the weather is good!

We also invite members to update their submissions on the website's gallery for artists. If you have not submitted anything to the gallery, please consider doing so by contacting [webmaster@manotickart.ca](mailto:webmaster@manotickart.ca).

There is also an opportunity to showcase your work on social media—instagram and Facebook. Please submit enquiries and photos to [socialmedia@manotickart.ca](mailto:socialmedia@manotickart.ca)

Some of the libraries that showcase the art of our members have recently reopened and are happy to have us back.

## **Other News**

### Family Fun Art Initiative

City of Ottawa's Public Art Program is launching Microcosm , a city wide public art initiative involving 23 Ottawa artists representing the various wards throughout the city. Osgoode village artist, Bonnie McQuillan, is very excited to be representing Ward 20 (Osgoode Ward) in this initiative.

Her project involves participation from anyone and everyone interested in taking a different look at the world around us.

She has made up a series of “Funsheets” to evoke new perspectives in the participants.

Anyone can participate – you don't have to be an artist. Great fun for the whole family!

You see and download the Funsheets on her website or Facebook group.

If you are on Facebook, please join the Microcosms Facebook group here <https://www.artwithbonnie.com/microcosms.html>

Website: <https://www.artwithbonnie.com/microcosms.html>

## Obituary

Karin Lehmann, a life-time member of the MAA, died on Saturday July 18th. Karin lived and brought up her family in North Gower. She was active in quite a few groups and lived on Malakoff until, after a stroke, she had to move to a retirement and then long-term care home. She and her husband Gerhard, were wonderful photographers. Karin then got into studying watercolours.

Karin was a lifelong member of the Manotick Art Association where she displayed her work at numerous shows. Also active in the setup and growth of the MAA when it was known as the Dam Art Show. She painted in watercolor. She was a long time contributor to Foot and Mouth painting organizations. She was also a published author of both poetry and prose.

Please continue to stay safe and healthy with your families. None of this is easy and we are all eager to resume our lives and our relationships with each other. We will do our best to have MAA provide something for its members. In the meantime, if you have news to share or even ideas to share, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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