



A fellowship to expand our artistic horizons

September 2011



President's Report

Hello MMAG Members,

I'd like to welcome everyone to another year of MMAG shows, activities and camaraderie! We have many exciting events planned for our 'diamond anniversary' (60 years) so you'll want to be sure and watch the website or newsletters to keep up-to-date on everything that is happening for the upcoming month.

Thank you to everyone who supplied information regarding MMAG's early years. **Donna Randall** supplied us with a book that originated as *Lansing Arts and Crafts Society* beginning in June, 1951. This book is now deemed the 'Presidents Book' and will be passed from president to president at our General Membership meeting.

Just a quick reminder that our fall juried show is being held at Gallery 1212. Membership registration forms and details are included in this newsletter and will be updated on the website shortly.

Membership forms are also available on the website so if you haven't sent yours in, you'll want to do so right away to be sure you'll be included in our directory. During this landmark anniversary year, we want to demonstrate our ongoing commitment to providing outstanding creative opportunities and activities for our members. We are also in the process of putting together a survey to help us better meet the expectations of our members. Once that is distributed, please be sure to complete and turn in as quickly as possible.

This month's program on September 15th is a critique with **Doug Daniels** so bring one or two pieces with you for this informative session! There will be a brief board meeting beforehand and the program will begin at 7:00.

MMAG member **Tom Nelson** will be getting a group together to paint en plein air at Meridian Village on September 17th. You won't want to miss out on this opportunity to get together with friends for an exciting day of painting! Details are included in this newsletter.

Until next month –

Rebecca Stafford
President, MMAG

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BOARD MEETING AT 6:00 P.M.
MEMBERS WELCOME

Monthly Meeting
September 15 • 7:00–9:00 p.m.

ARTISTS CRITIQUE

Bring up to two pieces of art to be critiqued by Artist,
Doug Daniels
(<http://doug-daniels.blogspot.com/>).

MMAG meetings are held at **Gallery 1212 Fine Art Studios**, 1212 Turner St., Old Town, Lansing, MI, unless otherwise noted.
For more information visit the website,
contact Rebecca Stafford
MMAG_news@midmichiganartguild.org,
or call 517-719-6634.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- September 15** Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. (members welcome)
Membership meeting 7:00 p.m.: Doug Daniels critique
- September 17** Plein Aire painting with Tom Nelson 10:00 a.m.
- September 17** Art Breakfasts at Coral Gables and Jackie's Diner any time between 9:00–11:00 a.m.
- September 20** Preregistration forms for the Fall Show are due.
- September 27** Deliver art to Gallery 1212 for the Fall Show between 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- October 1** Art Breakfasts at Coral Gables and Jackie's Diner any time between 9:00–11:00 a.m.
- October 1** Reception 7:00 p.m. and Awards Ceremony for the Fall Show
- October 2** First Sunday Gallery Walk; Fall Show opens.
- October 20** Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. (members welcome)
Membership meeting 7:00 p.m.
- November 1** Pick up art from Gallery 1212 between 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Member News

Artworks by **Deena Hodson, Joy Schroeder, Tom Nelson** and **Juanita Baldwin** were among those selected for display at the gala dedication on August 25th of the Greater Lansing Housing Coalition's Neighborhood Empowerment Center located at 600 West Maple Street in Lansing. Their art will remain on display through December.

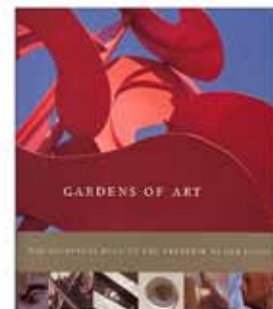
This month's exhibit at the Delta Township Public Library is entitled "Abstracts in Three Mediums" and features the paintings of **Carolyn Donahue**, the monoprints of **Joy Schroeder** and encaustic works by **Sue Winkler**. The library is located just north of Lansing Mall on Davenport Dr. (off Elmwood Dr.). Due to construction on West Saginaw, easiest access to the library is via Elmwood Dr. from Willow Rd.

A varied show of photography, encaustics, watercolors and oils by **Rebecca** and **Eldon Case** will be exhibited this month at Gracie's Place bistro. The restaurant is located at 151 South Putnam St. in Williamston, MI. Also, from September 2 through to November 3rd at the Chapbook Cafe in the Okemos Schulers, they will be showing Eldon's landscapes using oils and Rebecca's watercolor paintings and photographs.

E. Jane Connell to Serve as Juror

MMAG is fortunate to have obtained as juror for its Fall All Member, All Media Show, **Ms. E. Jane Connell**. She has nearly 30 years of experience as a museum professional and is presently the Director of Collections and Exhibitions as well as Senior Curator at the Muskegon Museum of Art. She is also the editor of the book, *Gardens of Art: The Sculpture Park at the Frederik Meijer Gardens*. Says Ms. Connell of her current position, "[It] has given me extensive experience in research and development of collections and exhibitions related to national, local, and regional artists both historic and contemporary." She is currently developing exhibition on American Impressionism including Michigan, Ohio, Indiana artists who impacted style.

She received her Master of Arts degree from University of Massachusetts in Amherst, MA. Her major field of study at that time was Northern European painting of the 15th -17th century. An additional area of specialization for her is 19th and 20th century American painting.



Plein Aire Painting Outing

Grab your paints and brushes, your easel (or lapboard) and a folding chair and convene with **Tom Nelson** on Saturday, September 17, at Meridian Village at 10:00 a.m. for MMAG's first plein aire outing of the year. The site was chosen for its scenic location, interesting historic buildings and even a farmer's market with lots of colorful fare. Meridian Village is located immediately north of the Meridian Mall shopping center and adjacent to the Meridian Township Hall/Police Department at the corner of Marsh Rd. and Central Parkway. Maps will be available at the membership meeting and afterward on the web site.



Meet Doug Daniels

Our guest critic for the September membership meeting will be retired art director and illustrator, Doug Daniels. Art has been a huge part of his life since he sketched on typing paper as a child. Though commercial art dominated his career, he now has more time for painting and travel. Says Daniels of his artwork:



"My interests generally stem from nature. The subject of most of my paintings, the calm that surrounds me under blue sky's during spring, summer, fall and winter. A gentle all day rain, the sounds of fall leaves drifting to the forest floor. I love the Great Lakes, the Mackinaw Bridge, colorful birds in the winter and lily pads laying on calm water, old wooden row boats, cane poles, light houses and a camp fire."



Though he'll be critiquing our work on September 15th, he's not above asking for opinions of his own work, too. Visit him at <http://doug-daniels.blogspot.com/> to view more of his work and read about his work process.

Inaugural West Side Art Breakfast

If you're not one to take in paint in the out-of-doors, join us for breakfast at Jackie's Diner (4421 West Saginaw in Lansing) any time between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 17th to talk about art, give some feedback to the Guild or just get together and shoot the breeze. When last we checked, Saginaw westbound was free of construction and only a little remained in the eastbound lanes east of Lansing Mall.

For those of you on the East side of town, don't forget there's still the usual Coral Gables Art Breakfast, too.



MMAG Fall Juried All-Media Show

October 2 to November 1, 2011

Show Calendar

Tuesday **September 20:** Pre-registration forms are due
 Tuesday **September 27:** Deliver art works to Gallery 1212, 1212 Turner St., Lansing, Mi 48906 between 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
 Friday, **September 30:** Judging
 Saturday **October 1:** Member reception 7:00 p.m.
 Sunday **October 2:** Gallery Walk Sunday; Show Opens
 Tuesday **November 1:** Art work to be picked up from Gallery 1212 between 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Eligibility

All members in good standing are eligible to enter. To be a member in good standing, your dues for the current year must be paid. Entrants are required to permit their artwork to remain on display throughout the entire period of the show.

Required Preregistration

Preregistration allows the committee to pre-print tags and plan for space requirements, and is required prior to check-in for the show.

TO PREREGISTER BY MAIL: Please complete the form at right and mail it to **MMAG Fall Show, c/o Gallery 1212, 1212 Turner St., Lansing, MI 48906**

TO REGISTER BY E-MAIL: Use the subject line **MMAG Fall Show Entry** and e-mail the information below to: **MMAG_news@midmichiganartguild.org**

Your name, address, phone number and e-mail address.

- Name of your artwork,
- Type of media,
- Framed size or 3-D dimensions
- Price or POR (Price on Request).

Artwork Specifications

EACH MEMBER MY SUBMIT ONLY ONE ENTRY.

MAXIMUM SIZE FOR 2-D ART WORKS is 36" wide by 48" tall including mat and frame. All 2-D artwork must have a wire on the back for hanging. (Claw-type hangers are unacceptable.)

MAXIMUM SIZE FOR 3-D ART WORKS is 24" wide by 24" tall by 24" deep.

Awards

There will be a cash award of \$1,000 for Best of Show, and \$200 each for 1st and 2nd places. Additional awards will be given for honorable mentions. Awards are at the sole discretion of the Juror.

Liability and Insurance

Gallery 1212 and MMAG will take all precautions to safeguard your work, but neither can be responsible for the loss or any damage to your work. You are responsible for insuring your artwork if you desire.

Sales and Commission

Gallery 1212 will take a commission of 40% on all artwork sold.

Please send this form or e-mail this information to MMAG_news@midmichiganartguild.org

MMAG 2011 Fall Show Preregistration Form

Name _____
 Address _____
 Address _____
 Phone _____
 Title _____
 Media _____
 Dimensions: _____
 Price _____ POR

Please bring this form with you to check-in

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Name _____
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 Price _____ POR

The MMAG has my permission to display my artwork. I understand that neither the MMAG nor Gallery 1212 is responsible for the loss of or any damage to my artwork, and that I am responsible for obtaining insurance on my artwork.

Signature of artist _____ Date _____

Please attach this tag to back, lower right corner of your artwork

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Name _____
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Mystery of MMAG's Origin Solved... Almost

Thanks to **Donna Randall** who found a small, black, loose-leaf notebook behind a file cabinet while cleaning out the Guild's belongings from Scott House last year, we now have a pretty good idea when and how the Mid Michigan Art Guild began.

Pages one and two of the notebook report the minutes, neatly typed and signed by **Dorothy Barnard**, of a meeting held at the State [Historical] Museum on June 13, 1951, to organize "a new art group independent of any former groups." The new group named itself *The Arts and Crafts Society of Lansing*. The artists present at that meeting were **Harold Hawkins, Chan Laberteaux, Elma Hodges, Thelma Sanford, James Campbell, Hazen VanPelt** and, of course, **Dorothy Barnard**. When the group met for the second time a week later, **Lucile**

Miner and **Rose Hladky** were added as members. Among the action items at the second meeting: annual dues were set at \$1.00, a minimum age limit was set at 21, and members were prohibited from belonging to any other art group.

The Arts and Crafts Society of Lansing continued to meet at the Historical Museum until November of 1952 when it moved its meetings to the Art and Garden Center, later referred to as the Scott Park Art and Garden Center. Over time, they had art shows in various locations, consumed cookies at monthly meetings and persuaded local arts supply vendors to give discounts to individuals who presented their Society membership cards.

In June of 1954 at the spring annual meeting, the 51 members

of the society voted to change its name to the *Lansing Art Guild*.

The minutes of meetings at the Scott Park Art and Garden Center continue in the little notebook until the meeting of March 16, 1961, and there they end. Could the Lansing Art Guild have subsequently morphed into the Mid Michigan Art Guild? Well, here are the clues: MMAG held its meetings at the Scott Park Art and Garden Center (aka: Scott House) until just last year. Presenting your membership card at O'Leary's (formerly Silver Lead) will still get you a discount. Cookies are often served at meetings. And, according to the perpetual calendar, March 16, 1961, fell on, you guessed it, the third Thursday of the month. That makes the 2011–12 year our 60th—Diamond Jubilee—anniversary.

Gallery 1212 Fine Art Studios
 Presents

Jack Bergeron Sculpture Workshop

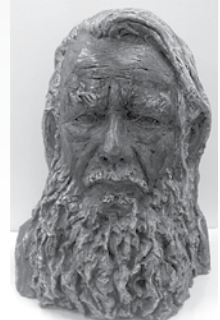
September 24, 2011
 9:30a.m. to 4:00p.m.

\$130 includes 25 lbs of clay!

Jack holds an MFA in Sculpture and has instructed portraiture and life drawing for over 30 years at Lansing Community College's Art Department.

You will learn how to make an armature out of newspaper, apply and sculpt self-hardening clay forming a beautiful portrait bust sculpture.

**Class size is limited—
 Register today!**



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