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DECEMBER 2011 UPDATES



Lindsey Griffith - MAG Holiday Sale



The Guild finished 2011 events with the Annual Holiday Sale in November and the Members' Exhibition and Art Market Holiday Open House in December. Sales were up for the Holiday Sale and participation was steady for the Member's Exhibition. We are so appreciative of the many volunteers who contributed to the success of each event. A special thanks to Guild Treasurer Eileen Wirsig for all she does for the Holiday Sale and to MAG Board President Dr. Brad Robertson for his sponsorship of the Members' Exhibition. And last, to Nathaniel Luffman and Blueberry Hill for playing the Small Works reception...they sounded great!

Fundraisers

The Guild continues to participate in the **Kroger Neighborhood Reward Program**. Rechargeable Gift Cards are available in the Guild office; each time the card is used, money is earned for the Guild. You can continue to use your Kroger Plus Card as you use the MAG gift card to purchase groceries, pharmacy needs and gas. Anyone and everyone can use these cards...I encourage you to ask your friends and family to participate!

In addition, several Guild members have asked about the Guild having a yard sale fundraiser in the spring. The idea has morphed into a **YART SALE**. The date has yet to be arranged but the premise is to gather objects of art (early works, thinning out a collection or last year's inventory, etc) and perhaps gently used materials and equipment that could be donated to the Guild for the fundraiser. This is a great opportunity to clear out that corner in the studio creating space for the new ideas and support the Guild at the same time. We'll continue to work out the details, but do let the office know if you are interested in this project, either as a donor or a volunteer!

MAG Board and Staff News

At the end of the summer, Guild Assistant Stacey Reason gave up her position in Murray and made her transition to Louisville where she is happy and active with the Louisville Artists Syndicate and preparing to pursue a masters degree in the arts. Stacey was instrumental in the recent success of the Guild and while she will be deeply missed, we are so excited for her future.

In steps Pam Rockwell, our new assistant! Pam has been a supporter and participant in the arts and the Guild for some time, and we are so pleased to have her helping in the office. Pam brings considerable experience and a unique perspective to the Guild; if you haven't had a chance to meet her, do stop by and say hello.

We want to express sincere gratitude to our Board for the time, energy and resources they bring to the Guild. While the Board's primary responsibility is the fiscal security of the Guild, these folks bring so much more to the organization; I can't imagine what we would do without them...Brad Robertson, Eileen Wirsig, Heather Duffy, Rick Nance, Stacey Mills, Jenni Todd, Melissa Shown and Melissa Drake. A special thanks to our outgoing members Ken Carstens, Brittney Falwell and Rick Mjos.



From MAG Members' Small Works Exhibition
top: Tom Jackson - 8 Sided Vase
bottom: Reid Parish - Soy Bottles



MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

Dates to remember:

Pick up pieces from Members Exhibition

Tues. Dec. 21 and Wed. Dec. 22

Guild Closed for the Holidays

Dec. 23 - Jan. 16

Exhibitions:

Guild Gallery - Group Show with Annette Sitton, Marie Dolchan, Vicki Orbeck and Sue Gregan

Feb. 3 - 24

Visual Evidence - juried exhibition (digital entries due: March 2)

Opening Reception March 31 (Art Hop #4)

March 31 - April 20

Workshops

Beginning Weaving Workshop

Fri. Jan. 6, 6-9. Sat. Jan. 7, 9-5, Sun. Jan. 10 TBA
contact Eileen for information: 931-801-1448

Clay -hand building and wheel throwing, 6 week classes beginning first week of Feb., with Reid Parish (Tue. and Wed.)

Oil Painting: April: tba

YOUTH

Messy Fridays - for pre school and adult, 12 weeks

Fri. Feb. 3 - Fri. April 27, 9am - 10am, Inst. Barb Kilby

MAG Jrs - after school studio, 12 weeks, age 7-12, exploring 2D

and 3D creativity! Thurs. Feb. 2 - Thurs. April 26, 4-5pm,
Inst. Barb Kilby

Art Workshop - Drawing

Ages 13 up, Tues. 4 - 5:30, 4 weeks - February, Inst. Debi Danielson

Art Workshop - Painting

Ages 13 up, Tues. 4 - 5:30, 4 weeks - March, Inst. Debi Danielson

Art Workshop - Clay

Ages 13 up, Tues. 4 - 5:30, 4 weeks - February, Inst. Reid Parish

Youth Open Studio

older middle school and high, 12 weeks, Thurs. 6-7:30,
Thurs. Feb. 2 - Thurs. April 26

Opportunity for jewelry artists....

Terri Hjetland is interested in organizing a **MAG Jewelry Sale** prior to Valentines Day (and perhaps Mother's Day). We are still working out the details, but know that we would host the event at the Guild where participants would set up individual sales areas. We would use the north studio and, if needed, the south studio...so probably 5-8 booths. A tentative date has been set for Saturday Feb. 4th. If you are interested in this event please contact the Guild office (murrayartguild@murray-ky.net) or Terri at 270.382.2164. There may also be the opportunity for selling hand crafted Valentine cards and fine chocolates...a new event, your input is welcome!

Seasonal Weather Related Closings: The Guild follows the Murray Independent School District's closings for winter weather. If the MISD is closed, the Guild is closed and all workshops are cancelled for that day. This information is available from WPSD, WKMS and other local news services.

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

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