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JANUARY 2019

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE! Thank you for the support you provided at our December show. These shows are not easy to put together: transport and establish the panels; set up for judges; artistic arrangement of the entered works and awarding of ribbons. Your help is so needed and appreciated at all our shows and our fundraising events.

A New Year and also a new 2019 season: Some committee chair vacancies need to be filled now and new board directors in April. The Nominating committee will explore interests of members to get involved – getting involved will give you a greater appreciation for the inner workings of our league. Your participation keeps MDAL successful in our goals.

Plans for our fundraiser February 1-3 will be discussed at our 19 January meeting. Remember to bring your “what will sell” ideas to the January meeting and continue working on painting a birdhouse or building a bird feeder. New idea: Baked goods.

Fundraisers help our league meet expenses and our mission commitment to the schools. To succeed as an art league, **WE NEED YOU – EVERY SINGLE ONE OF YOU TO PARTICIPATE!** So when you are asked to get involved, **SAY YES!** Your league participation benefits everyone, including **YOU!** This entails: serve on the board or a committee, enter/sit the shows, create and donate a sale item, help at fundraisers, attend meetings, share ideas, accept opportunities to display your work, and above all, enjoy yourself throughout!

SEE YOU AT OUR NEXT MEETING, SATURDAY, 19 JANUARY 2019, 10 A.M.
ARLENE SHOEMAKER will engage us in THE NEGATIVE SHAPES OF WATERCOLOR.

EXECUTIVE BOARD 2018-2019

President – Peter Smith
Vice President – TBA
Treasurer – Esther Dirlam
Recording Secretary – Peg Parsons
Corresponding Secretary – Martha Overhiser

Board Members

Bill Chelseth
Esther Dirlam
Louise Gardella
Molly Horton
Jane Moody
Martha Overhiser
Peg Parsons
Kathy Sacks
Peter Smith
Bonnie Vanzant

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

DIRECTORY – Esther Dirlam
GREETER – Molly Horton
HOSPITALITY – Marilyn McEwen & Jane Moody
LIAISON WITH LOCAL SCHOOLS – Phyllis Levee & Carrie Knupp
MEMBERSHIP – Shirley Sojourner
NEWSLETTER EDITOR – Esther Dirlam
PHOTOGRAPHER – Peter Dunaway
PROGRAMS – Kathy Sacks
ROTATING DISPLAYS – Esther Dirlam
SHOWS – Esther Dirlam and Board of Directors
WEBSITE – Peter Smith
FACEBOOK – Dawn Sacks-Duke

KATHY SACKS' daughter DAWN SACKS-DUKE has set up a FACEBOOK PAGE for the art league. The link is [FB.me/MDArtLeague](https://www.facebook.com/MDArtLeague)
Contact Kathy for what you want to see.

PRESENTING DECEMBER 2019 ART SHOW RIBBON WINNERS

NOTE: It is always best to see the REAL THING, and we regret that you may have missed the December show. These are not quality representations, as the lighting at the show is not conducive to good photography and foreshortening also occurs. Please accept our apologies.

BEST OF SHOW – Richard Schuchman – “Guitar Still-Life” – Cut paper



PEOPLE'S CHOICE – Richard Schuchman – “Orange Forest Cathedral” – Cut Paper



BLUE RIBBON – AWARD OF DISTINCTION

BLUE – Carrie Ann Knupp – “Redolent (Sweet Fragrance)” – Encaustic



BLUE – Margaret Parsons – “Basketful of Miracles” – Mixed Media



BLUE – Margaret Parsons – “Snowy Day at Little Big Horn” – Watercolor on Yupo



BLUE – Arlene Shoemaker – “Birches” – Acrylic



MAXINE WALL BLUE MEMORIAL RIBBON
Peter Smith – “Niagara Falls, Ontario” – Photography



BLUE – Bonnie Lu Vanzant – “Pink Playhouse” – Photography



RED RIBBON – AWARD OF MERIT

RED – Eva Bieman Cook – “Post Time” – Watercolor



RED – Esther Dirlam – “Leapin’ Lizards!” – Acrylic with Pen



3D – Louise Gardella – “Tulip” – Clay



RED – Phyllis Levee – “Shadow Baby” – Photography



RED – Elaine Panuska – “Priestess” – Acrylic



RED – Richard Schuchman – “Elise’s Tea Party” – Pencil/Graphite Colored



YELLOW RIBBON – AWARD OF ACHIEVEMENT

YELLOW – Eva Bieman Cook – “Orchid Greetings” – Pastel



ELLOW – Esther Dirlam – “Lily” – Acrylic



YELLOW – Alice Dressner – “Wheels on the Bus” – Watercolor on Yupo



YELLOW – Peter Dunaway – “Spring” – Photography



YELLOW – Louise Gardella – “Raku Fish” – 3-D Clay



YELLOW – Elaine Panuska – “Joy” – Mixed Media



WHITE RIBBON – AWARD OF HONOR

WHITE – Eva Bieman Cook – “Everglades Dream” – Watercolor Sketch



WHITE – Alice Dressner – “Merry Santa” – Mixed Media



WHITE – Peter Dunaway – Lime Barrel Soul – Photography



WHITE – Carrie Knupp – "Chapel Gate" - Acrylic



**MOLLY AND HER FRIENDS LIVENED OUR GALA CHRISTMAS RECEPTION
WITH DELIGHTFUL SINGING, INSTRUMENTS AND STORY TELLING.**

**THANK YOU AGAIN, MOLLY, ESPECIALLY FOR TAKING TIME FOR US WHEN
YOU AND YOUR GROUP ALREADY HAD FOUR ENGAGEMENTS THIS SAME DAY.**



Esther's Bookshelf

DVD – The Maiden Heist (2008): Stars William Macy, Christopher Walken, Morgan Freeman, and Marcia Gay Harden. Clever caper comedy with a heart. A perfect crime turns into a perfect disaster.

NF – The Boys in the Cave: Deep Inside the Impossible Rescue in Thailand (2018) by Matt Gutman (ABC News Chief National Correspondent). Gutman offers a riveting account of the entire ordeal that united the world in hope. June 23, 2018, twelve young members of a local Thai soccer team and 24 year-old coach went into a cave and never came out. The cave opens with a series of hangar-size rooms and tapers down into passages as tight as the space between a car and the ground. During the early monsoon two British divers, the world's best, head the rescue operation of up to 10,000 soldiers, civilian rescuers, and volunteers.

F – “My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She’s Sorry (2013) by Fredrik Backman. “Eclectic cast of characters, fairy-tale wisdom, and a little mystery.” Full of hurt, hope, forgiveness and the embracing of differences. “Touching, sometimes funny, often wise portrait of grief.”

NF – Fear: Trump in the White House (2018) by Bob Woodward. “Reveals in unprecedented detail the harrowing life inside President Donald Trump’s White House – precisely how he makes decisions on major foreign and domestic policies – focuses on explosive debates – a coup d’état.”

AT THE DECEMBER SHOW, ART WORK OF MAXINE WALL WAS ON DISPLAY IN HER MEMORY.
ALSO A BLUE MEMORIAL RIBBON WAS AWARDED TO PETE SMITH IN PHOTOGRAPHY.



PLEASE LIFT THESE LOVED ONES AND THEIR FAMILIES IN PRAYER

Terry Bitting – Nike Bolte – Bill Chelseth – Ron Colgrove – Alice Dressner
Molly Horton – Susan Jones – Fred Lantz – Sue Kautenburger
Abby McKay – Bob & Arlene Shoemaker – Richard Schuchman
Shirley Sojourner – Bonnie Vanzant

FEBRUARY FUNDRAISER FOR STUDENT ART SUPPLIES – SAT & SUN – FEB 2, 3 – 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.

To be held at the Congregational Church – TABLE OUTSIDE

SUGGESTION: GET DROPPED OFF – PARKING IS TIGHT

NOTE: CHURCH GETS \$ THIS EVENT FOR BANK PARKING: FUNDRAISER FOR THE BELL TOWER REPAIR

Items for sale will include leftover crates & cards, tote bags
NEW ITEMS FOR SALE: BIRD HOUSES AND BIRD FEEDERS; BAKED GOODS
FURTHER DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED AT THE 19 JANUARY MEETING
BRING TO JANUARY MEETING ANYTHING READY FOR SALE. THANKS!
SIGN UP CHARTS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE MEETING – PLEASE PARTICIPATE – YOU ARE NEEDED
TWO PEOPLE ARE NECESSARY TO SIT THE TABLE IN TWO-HOUR SHIFTS

MARVYN RIVETT EMAIL ADDRESS – marvynrivett@mac.com

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT UPCOMING
EUSTIS ART LEAGUE WORKSHOPS

**FEBRUARY 5
BOARD MEETING
AT TEN A.M.
CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH**

REMINDER

Harry Messersmith will be featured at our February 16 meeting, so start lining up those pieces of art work you would like him to critique for you. MDAL is requesting \$5 per work to offset the expense of this program. Each of you may bring as many as five (5) pieces to be critiqued. We have asked Harry back again this year because of the wonderful job he did for us last time.

From the Artist's View

Leonardo da Vinci
"Painting is poetry that is seen rather than felt, and poetry is painting that is felt rather than seen."

Pablo Picasso
"Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up."

"Everything you can imagine is real."

Paul Cezanne
"If I were called upon to define briefly the word Art, I should call it the reproduction of what the senses perceive in nature, seen through the veil of the soul."

**ROTATING ART DISPLAY SPACES AVAILABLE
MARCH – APRIL – MAY**

**NEW: Eustis City Memorial Library
Display Cases & Wall Available**

**W. T. Bland Public Library
First National Bank Trust Department**

**PLEASE CONTACT ESTHER TO DISPLAY
216-513-7314 OR esp.bluelake@gmail.com**

Stop by to see members' artwork:

**Sylvia Paisley-Gee – W. T. Bland Public Library
Richard Schuchman – Eustis City Memorial Library
Maxine Wall – Trust Department
First National Bank**

**CHECK OUT THE MDAL WEBSITE - CINI.KI.COM/MDAL
SHARE YOUR ARTWORK WITH OTHERS**

Send a jpeg. of your artwork to Peter Smith at pasmith43@earthlink.net for placement on the website.

The Dirty Little Flag

In the midst of my busy day,
On the road, familiar traveled,
Unnoticed by each passerby,
Laid a flag, dirty and graveled.
Someone had some purpose there,
Once held by hands of a person, proud.
Maybe a trinket with a costume,
Or political freedoms still allowed.
I could not leave it, conscience spoke,
For what that flag was meant to be.
Blood shed for all its stripes and stars,
Lives sacrificed for country, free.
Though small, those colors caught my eye,
I easily saw red, white and blue.

How hurt I felt to see it there,
On the ground, no others knew.
How shameful many others went,
Not to notice as they drove by.
What happened to our respect of it,
The flag that flew for all who'd try.
History of many battles fought,
From all the lives lost, for its cause.
As I picked that flag up from the road,
What it means, gave me such pause.
Love of country, my home, my life,
Was because of that flag, I'm here today.
A cherished emblem of what freedom is,
I'll proudly treasure what was thrown away.

Susan E Stinebiser
11/09/2018

(Daughter of Molly Horton)