

May 20, 2010
7:00–9:00 p.m. • Hannah Center

Jan Upp

Critique and talk
about working in a series.

No matter where she is or what she is doing she is always thinking how it would look in a painting, or how it could be altered in some way and interpreted into a piece of art.

Over the years Jan has painted in most media and has had over 40 one person exhibits in Ohio, Indiana and Michigan. Besides exhibiting in Florida, England and Greece her work has been included in many juried exhibits around the country. Primarily a watercolorist—who sometimes works in other watermedia—Jan often works in series. She has taught classes and workshops in many locations, including a class at Grand Valley State University, and privately in her studio.

Jan will be teaching a week long workshop called “Pushing Your Creative Limits” at the Franciscan Life Process Center in Lowell, Michigan June 7–11. For more information contact the Franciscan Center at 1–616–897–7842.

MMAG meetings are held at Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing, unless otherwise noted. For more information visit the website, contact Donna Randall at drandall@acd.net, or call 517-281-1886.

June 17, 2010 • 7:00–9:30 p.m.

Annual Meeting

Please join us for the end-of-the-year annual meeting and dinner. This meeting includes voting for your Board of Directors for 2010–2011.

Your vote matters—it's your Guild!

Ai Fusion Sushi & Grill
2827 East Grand River, East Lansing, MI

*(see our website for their menu—
it's more than just sushi!)*



President's Message

Dear Fellow Members,

I'm asking for your help. This is your guild, all one hundred-forty of you. In this newsletter you will find a card. Please take the time to fill out the card, put a stamp on it and help shape the future of your guild.

I will explain why we are asking each question.

#1 Name change: We really are no longer the Mid- Michigan Art Guild. Our members are from Traverse City, St. Clair Shores, Grand Rapids, and many other cities. If you Google Michigan art guild, you get us. We are planning on promotional products for the guild. As an example: guild cups to sell and give as door prizes etc. A local marketing firm gave us a free suggestion. Change the name to three words with catchy initials. Example: **Michigan Art Guild** would be affectionately nicknamed **MAG**.

#2 Third Thursday Meetings: We thought changing the meetings to Hannah Center would increase meeting attendance. It has not. Our one large attendance night was Val Allen from Golden paints with her great examples and free samples. That is not a program we can repeat monthly. We have had programs on marketing, demos, and critiques. I am wondering if we are doing the Thursday monthly meeting because it is something we have always done. Please share your thoughts and ideas. As an example: the Grand Valley guild has a once a month, well attended meeting that is always a critique. Another guild has a monthly get together to just draw or paint. Should we try either of these ideas or if not please share your ideas.

#3 Board Member: We will vote on the board for 2010–2011 at the June dinner. We need to have one more board member and want to make sure all members have the opportunity to serve on the board. Please contact **Bill Blanchard** at: 517-281-3808 or bblanchard@lcc.edu.

Thank you for your support and input.

Donna Randall, President, MMAG

MMAG Board of Directors Election

At our annual meeting on June 17 we will elect 6 directors to the MMAG Board. The following members have been nominated: Leanne Hengesbach, Melinda Pope, Donna Randall, Dwight Smith and Theresa Vann. **We still need one additional candidate.** Any member willing to serve on the Board may contact one of the election committee members (Bill Blanchard, Judi Bogart, and Donna Randall) to volunteer.

Directors serve a term of 2 years. The Board meets for about an hour, usually just before our member meeting on the third Thursday of each month, October through June. Directors should expect to attend most meetings so we have a quorum to conduct business. Serving gives you the opportunity to meet fellow artists and impact the Guild's direction. The success of our Guild depends on volunteer participation at every level.

MAY FEATURED ARTIST



MARK COX

January 2010: • ArtReach of Michigan chose Mark to have a 20-piece show featured for the entire 2010 year. The show rotates in four ArtReach locations.

- “Sandhill Cranes” was chosen as one of 6 pieces of art sold at the live auction (out of over 50 works)
- “Graduated Steps” was accepted into the Ella Sharp Museum 2010 Statewide competition.
- 4 finalists and one 2nd place win at Betterphoto.com.
- “Ford Field” is being used by international web tour guide Schmap.com
- Mark exhibits in the “Permanent” show (since 2008) in “Max and Emily’s” Restaurant in Mt. Pleasant.

February 2010: • 4 finalists in the Betterphoto.com February competition. • Mark was asked by Artful Vision to be a part of their new enterprise (not yet open to the public). Artful Vision is a not-for-profit organization that will offer original artwork for sell to schools and organizations as a fund raising event. He was one of the first to be asked to be a part of this national organization. It can be seen at: <http://www.artfulvision.com>.

March 2010: • 4 finalists and one 2nd Place win at Betterphoto.com. • 9 photos are being used by Potter Park Zoo for advertising.

April 2010: EuTu Photography (studio name) became an official business.

Member News

- **Jackie Borszich** will display her watercolors at the Okemos Library during the month of June.

- **Linda J. Beeman** had her Japanese woodblock print, *Stones Unturned*, accepted in to *The Print 2010—Michigan Print Competition* at the Ann Arbor Art Center. Exhibition opens May 14–June 14; reception, May 14, 6–8pm.



Linda Beeman, *Stones Unturned*, woodblock print

- **Vivian Nan Grady** has an oil painting in the show, *In Her Image: a woman's mythology*, at Clinton County Art's Council Gallery, 215 North Clinton Ave., in St. Johns in the month of June. The reception is June 6.

- The Saginaw State of the Arts Exhibition is open through May 28 at the Saginaw Charter Township, 4980 Shattuck Rd., in Saginaw. **Tom Tomasek** won the Saginaw Township Purchase Award (\$500), and **Linda J. Beeman** won the Special Merit Award (\$300)

- **Tom Tomasek** is also showing his work at the Ovid Public Library through May.

- Many of our members are exhibiting at Grove Gallery Co-op in their “A Gathering of Guilds” show in May and June. See our website for details.

- Our artist's had a great time at **Jim Markle's** pastel workshop in April in Old Town Lansing.



“There are painters who transform the sun into a yellow spot, but there are others who, thanks to their art and intelligence, transform a yellow spot into the sun.”

—Pablo Picasso, *Spanish, 1881–1973*

MMAG 12x12 Show Reminder

May 29: Registration postmark deadline

June 1: 1:00–3:00pm Deliver art to
Framer's Edge & Gallery,
1856 West Grand River Ave, Okemos

June 6: 1:00–5:00pm RECEPTION

June 30: 3:00–5:00pm Pick up exhibited work
at Framer's Edge & Gallery

Awards are: 1st place \$100; 2nd place \$75; 3rd place \$50; three ribbons for honorable mentions.

THERE IS A SIZE LIMIT. No entry—including the frame—can measure more than 12 inches on any side. Works smaller than 12 inches are acceptable.

NOTE: Framer's Edge & Gallery has decided **NO** commission will be taken on sales.

DEADLINE for submission to this newsletter: 22nd of each month. Send to Mid-Michigan Art Guild, PO Box 81186, Lansing, MI 48908 or email: drandall@acd.net or andreams@mac.com.

Artwork on page 1 (NEWS): (l to r) Richard O'Malley, *Kitten*, watercolor; Barbara Mann, *Northern Lake Reflections*, watercolor; Cathy Post, *Quiet Morning*, watercolor; Donna Randall, *Beauty and the Roots*, watercolor.