



NEWS

STATE THEATRE

A fellowship to expand our artistic horizons

April 2010

April 15, 2010

7:00–9:30 p.m. • Hannah Center

Ronda Liskey

Jammin' Gypsy Juju's

Ronda Liskey of Laingsburg works in her countryside studio producing Raku clay original pieces. She received a B.F.A. from MSU in 1982. Ronda is known for her unique designs and style of Raku-fired clay pottery and sculptural work. She is also known for her Jammin' Gypsy Juju's—unique pieces that are said to inspire wild, uninhibited dancing in the homes where they are displayed. Ronda will provide insights on acting upon creative ideas for marketing your art work. She will share some of her unique pieces with us—including her moon bowls and memory bowls—and inspire us to be creative in our own work.



After Ronda's presentation Donna Randall will share comments from the Photo Show juror, Roxanne Firth. We will have pictures of the photos to demonstrate her comments.

May 20, 2010 • 7:00–9:30 p.m.

Jan Upp

Critique and talk about working in a series.

June 17, 2010 • 7:00–9:30 p.m.

Dinner

End of the year dinner at Fusions.

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 drrandall@acd.net, or call 517-281-1886.

President's Message

Both April shows are hanging and I am so proud of us as a guild. The quality of the work is amazing.

I was replacing a label at the *Spring Show* at the Delta library and a young man was looking at the exhibit. He asked me what area all the artist lived in. I explained we are the Mid Michigan Art Guild and told him about our meetings, our two shows, and how long we have existed. He said he liked to look at art exhibits when he travels. He found us by calling the library to find out about area shows. He thought we had one of the most enjoyable he had seen. He said he would stop at Absolute Gallery [to see the *Spring Photo Show*] on his way home the next day. After giving him directions to Old Town, and our website information, I asked where home was. He said, "Chicago." Wow.

Be sure to check out both exhibits. The **Spring Show reception is April 17th** from 1:00–3:00pm at the Delta library. Absolute Gallery is open Tuesday through Sunday.

Donna Randall, President, MMAG



Photo by Bill Blanchard

March Meeting

Artists got to play

Thanks to Carolyn Donahue, Barb Mann, Becky Stafford, and Donna Randall demonstrating their art techniques, members got a chance to learn about and experience different art media.

Why Volunteer for the Guild?

In the next few months your board will be working on restructuring the way our members sign up to volunteer. We are hoping that most sign-ups can be done on the internet. If you do not have internet access we will have phone registration for volunteering.

This year we did not require a higher fee for

not volunteering and would like to continue that policy as we believe most members want a strong, viable guild, and realize they need to provide support to achieve this.

Many of you have helped with our traditional volunteer opportunities and you are *much* appreciated. We have a lot of new

endeavors—such as this printed newsletter, our new website, the year book, and soon MMAG cups and tote bags.

The benefits for volunteering are many. You get to learn from your fellow artist, share ideas, meet new friends with like interests, and contribute to making MMAG a better guild.



Now available on our website is a list of show opportunities. See the "Call for Artists" link at the bottom of the left panel.

Workshops 2010

August (dates TBA)—We are working on sharing workshop expenses with a Toronto art guild to bring M. Douglas Walton of Louisiana to Michigan.

September (dates TBA)—Water-media workshop with Valerie Allen.

Shows 2010

April 4–30—MMAG Photography Show at Absolute Gallery

April 6–29—MMAG Spring Show at Delta Library. **RECEPTION APRIL 17.**

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June 6–30—12 x12 All Media Show at Framer's Edge in Okemos

October 5–November 7—Juried All Member Show at Shiawassee Arts Center

APRIL FEATURED ARTIST

CONGRATULATIONS

to **Linda Beeman**, who was awarded the \$1000 Emerging Artist Grant from the Arts Council of Greater Lansing.



The Shy One
woodblock

New Opportunity for Showing Art

Riverwalk Theatre has launched an exciting new lobby artist program. There is approximately 60 feet of wall space in a newly remodeled lobby. The theatre is open from 10:00am to 5:30pm Tuesday through Friday, and during evening and weekend performances. In addition to theatre productions, there are activities in the Black Box theatre. This is a great opportunity for artists and a treat for theatre patrons. If you are interested in participating contact **Jackie Borszich** at Borszichjm@juno.com or call 517-372-8244.

Jackie had her watercolors on display at Riverwalk through the month of March. In April and May Paula Sage will display pastel works.

"If one could only reproduce nature, and always with less beauty than the original, why paint at all?"

—**Georgia O'Keeffe**
American, 1887–1986

Tim Widner Workshop

"How to put a hook in your painting and how to use composition and light to create those hooks."

June 3 and June 10 (Thursdays), 10:00am–2:30pm.
at Tim Widener's house in Lansing

An opportunity to watch Tim paint in a paint-out is tentatively scheduled for the following Thursday, June 17. The cost is \$135.

To reserve your spot, please send a check in the amount of \$135,

PAYABLE TO: Penny Widener, and

MAILED TO: Lily LaFollette, 7641 Mohrle Rd., Fowlerville, MI 48836.

Each student will make a firm (non refundable) commitment to the workshop on a first-come, first-in basis. Contact [Lily @ pleinair@surfbest.net](mailto:Lily@pleinair@surfbest.net) with any questions.



Mid Michigan Art Guild's 1st Annual Photo Show

The show continues through April 28th at Absolute Gallery. Photographers receiving awards for their work include:

- 1ST PLACE—Gabe Lopez, *Dark Towers*
- 2ND PLACE—Geoffrey Vail Brown, *October's Chisel*
- 3RD PLACE—Tammy VonderMolen, *Purple Asters*

HONORABLE MENTIONS:

- Mark Cox, *Behind Door #2*
- Neal Colburn, *Autumn Morning*
- John Diephouse, *Lighthouse Staircase*
- Deena Hodson, *Annabel*
- Stu Pancratz, *Corrugated*

The show was juried by Roxanne Frith, a Polaroid fellow, who holds multiple photography degrees, and is on faculty at LCC.

MMAG welcomes you to enjoy the great variety of subject matter and techniques in our 1st Annual Photo Show. A special thank you to the Absolute Gallery family for their continuing support.

Member News

Deb Drew Brown is exhibiting her photography at Framer's Edge in Okemos for the month of April. The reception will be on April 11th from 1–4pm.

MMAG members (**Deb Drew Brown, Juanita Baldwin, Gretchen Foster, Barbara Stevens, Melinda Pope, and Lily LaFollette**) are currently part of an exhibit at Schuler's Bookstore at Meridian Mall for the months of March and April.

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



Deb Drew, *Cecropia Moth*;
Haslett, MI, photography

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Artwork on page 1 (NEWS): (l to r) Mark E. Mehaffey, *Early Morning*, transparent watercolor; John Diephouse, *Main Street Sunday Morning*, photography; Elahé T. Crockett, Ph.D., *Eye of the Beholder*, oil and gold leaf.