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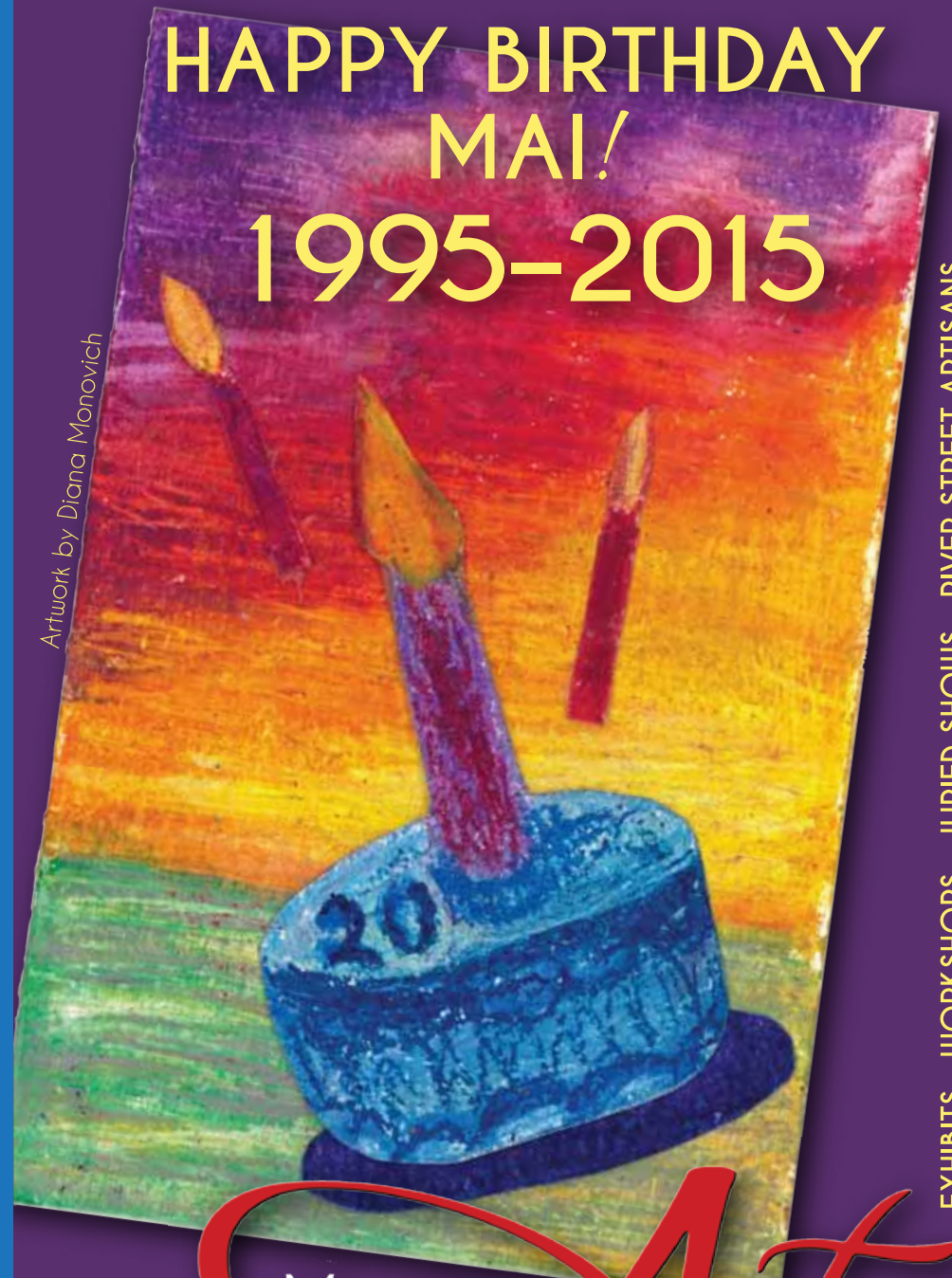


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WOW! It is hard to believe that the MAI has been in existence for twenty years! It was the vision of a few very dedicated people who came together in 1995 to make what was a seed, blossom into a vibrant organization that promotes the arts in Manistee County. As an important part of the restoration of the Historic Ramsdell Theatre, the MAI continues to support the Theatre by calling the building a home. Throughout the year the MAI hosts many exhibits that are open to the public free of charge along with many other functions that open art and creativity to the community. With exhibits ranging from local to internationally known artists and displaying a wide variety of media from painting to sculpture, fiber arts, jewelry, photography and more, we have had an average of over 6000 visitors each year over the last three years.

We are proud of our growth and what we bring to the community and the Historic Ramsdell. This year we are embarking on an exciting new adventure. It is called "The River Street Artisans" and will be located - where else - on River Street. It is a co-op for our member artists where they can display and sell their works. We felt that it was needed in Manistee, that it is part of our mission and would benefit the artists, the downtown and the community.

Our vision is broad and we have great plans as we forge ahead. Our growing success is a way of honoring those visionaries who started the MAI and all those who have worked so hard over the past twenty years to bring art to Manistee. Please join us as we continue to support the arts...

and don't pass up a chance to stop by our store on River Street!

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What are Docents?

Docents are volunteers who greet our guests for every MAI art exhibit. A Docent is the first person guests see when attending an exhibit. They provide a feeling of welcome and enthusiasm for the art our guests are about to view.

What else does a Docent do?

An important task of a docent is to make sure all the guests attending our exhibits sign our guest book. This helps the MAI determine the number of attendees, to assess the success of the exhibit. This information helps the MAI establish the exhibit calendar for future years.

Docents ensure that all guests have exhibit programs which help make the viewing more fulfilling. Another important task for the docent is to answer questions. These questions may range from the location of restrooms in the facility to the identity of some of the Manistee dignitaries such as T.J. Ramsdell or T. Walter Hardy. They also answer questions regarding the art, artists or specific pieces in the exhibit. Docents participate in an "orientation meeting" at the beginning of each exhibit year. They also have the opportunity to view and become familiar with exhibits during the set-up. Newer docents are paired with more experienced people to make the learning process easier. The MAI is extremely grateful to our Docents. They are an important part of our team. Without these volunteers, the MAI would not be able to support extended display times for guests to view the wonderful art. It is an enthusiastic group of volunteers that truly enjoy art and help provide our exhibit patrons with a rewarding experience.



What is a Site Manager?



The city of Manistee owns and manages the Ramsdell Theater Complex and requires that we have a site manager present during all exhibit hours. Basically, a site manager oversees the building activity and secures the area at exhibit's end. The City has training sessions for this task. To date several members at large have attended the sessions to become site managers. The Manistee Art Institute would appreciate more individuals being trained and certified

so that the board members can have some relief from that task and so that members can be more involved with our activities. Let us know if you'd like to help with this task, or any other. We'd like you to be involved.

**Our Docents do a GREAT JOB
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Now that you have learned about docenting, you may want to volunteer! If becoming a Docent sounds like something that interests you, please contact the MAI office at 231-723-2682.

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With this support, we flourish as an asset to our community.

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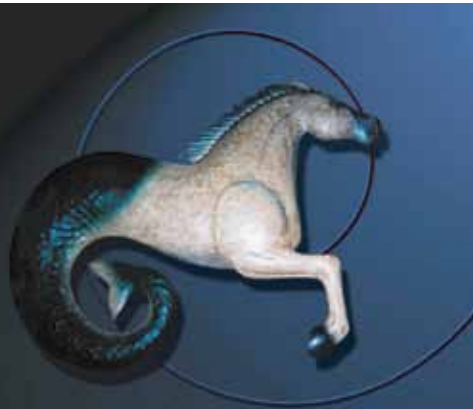
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As a part of the Mission Statement of the Manistee Art Institute, the MAI shares its collection of fine art works and enlists local artists to exhibit their works in venues around the area. One place these exhibits can be seen is at West Shore Medical Center where for the past several years they are hung in the hospital corridor just past the lab and radiology departments.

This past year we had the privilege of hanging works of art by Wayne Kent, Thomas Hobbs, David Westerfield, and Dale Kirchenberg. Dan Hogan's beautiful oils are on exhibit now. Please come and enjoy the show!

The MAI appreciates this opportunity to bring art works on a rotating basis for the enjoyment of hospital employees, patients and visitors.



The exhibits can be seen during regular hospital hours and are rotated every eight weeks. For information contact the hospital liaison Julie Blaney at 231-398-1189.



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May 2 to 17: Art Prize Revisited
a special showing of art works from ArtPrize 2014. You will find the art located throughout the downtown stores.

May 2: Opening of The River Street Artisans Shop
345 River Street

June 26 to July 5:
2015 Annual MAI West Michigan Juried Show

July 10 to 23: 3 Artists Series @ River Street Artisans
July 24 to Aug. 6: 3 Artists Series @ River Street Artisans

August 7 to 16: “It’s A Mans World”
Showcasing the male artists we all know and love

Aug. 7 to 20: 3 Artists Series @ River Street Artisans
Aug. 21 to Sept. 3: 3 Artists Series @ River Street Artisans

September 19 & 20: Art’s Alive Fine Art Fair
Downtown Manistee

October 23 to November 1: Fun and Fascination
A fiber art and photography show

October 31: Check out The River Street Artisans Halloween events

December 4 to 13: 2015 MAI Members Show
2016 Annual Meeting TBA

All of the MAI larger exhibits are in bold and are usually presented in Hardy Hall in the Ramsdell Theatre at 101 Maple Street. However, as with our first exhibit, located in the downtown area, you might check our website for any changes in location.

Throughout the year the MAI also hosts **Life Drawing** every Saturday from 10-noon, a drop in writing session on Tuesday evenings and a line-up of other interesting events and classes not listed above. Please check our website: manisteeartinstitute.org for more information.

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The Mission Statement of the MAI directs the Institute to “obtain the works of local, national and international renown artists for its permanent art collection for the community”.



A current collection of over a hundred art works are housed by the MAI when they are not out on loan to local venues such as banks, offices, City Hall and the Chamber of Commerce. Art on loan is rotated giving the venue a fresh face every four months. The MAI is fortunate to have works by well-known artists of the past such as Frederick Ramsdell and Joseph Trevitts, and many others. However, the collection also represents contemporary artists of note and some known artists currently residing in Manistee.

This year has been a banner year for acquisitions to the permanent collection. All the way from Florida, the MAI received a large Joseph Trevitts, which makes a stunning addition to our collection. Other acquisitions are an oil still life by Bert

Beirne, a modern ceramic bowl in white and green, and a colorful, handcrafted, applied fabric design-a mole.

Individuals who wish to donate to the MAI permanent collection can take advantage of the organizations non-profit status with the donation. Please call the the MAI office to speak with a member of our Acquisition Committee for arrangements. We are always pleased to be given the opportunity to acquire and help preserve art and also share it with the public.

If you are interested in hanging some of the collection in your business, please call the MAI office at 231-723-2682 and arrangements can be made. Individuals who have art works they wish to donate to the permanent collection may call the office and the MAI Acquisition Committee would be pleased to have them to add to our collection.



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ArtPrize Revisited

May 2 thru May 17

In 2014, the Grand Rapids ArtPrize competition housed 1536 entries - a staggering number of art works to be viewed.

The MAI has invited nineteen of the 2014 ArtPrize artists to show their entries in Manistee. Located in the stores on River Street, you have a chance to participate in a mini-version of the exciting Grand Rapids show. Stroll the stores downtown and view the works, vote for your favorite and put the ballot in a box. The artwork judged the most popular by the public will receive a prize, and three members of the voting public will be drawn to receive a prize also. On Saturday, May 2, from 1-3, the artists will be at the store with their art to meet the public. It is a great time to enjoy some wonderful art in Manistee. Exhibit hours: During open hours for each store.

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MANISTEE ART INSTITUTE SCHOLARSHIPS

Every year the Manistee Art Institute invites Manistee County graduating seniors to apply for a Deb Guenther Memorial Scholarship. Applications are available in the Guidance Office of all Manistee County High Schools and also through the art teachers. In addition, any interested senior may contact the MAI office at 723-2682 for an application and additional information. The Deb Guenther Scholarship is in its ninth year of existence. It was created by the MAI to honor the memory of Deb Guenther, a well-known artist, who passed away several years ago. It had been Deb's continuing vision to institute a MAI sponsored scholarship for local county students. Her dream became a reality when the first scholarship was awarded in 2007.

Since then, 15 other scholarships have been awarded.

2007- Amanda Johnson, Manistee

2008-Kara Fark, Manistee and Ashley Miller, Brethren

2009-Anna Veverica, Onekama and Alexandra Schaufele, Manistee

2010-Thomas Bond, Manistee and Kailani Buckner, Onekama

**2011-Amanda Bigalke, Manistee Catholic
and Lauren Pokorzynski, Onekama**

**2012-Nicole Slater, Onekama, Rubee McCaslen, Onekama
And Carlee Broughton, Brethren**

2013-Claire Harvey, Onekama and Parker Sternberger, Onekama

2014-Chloe Dudek, Brethren

The MAI is poised to award the 2015 scholarships. Applications are open to graduating seniors who have had some art experiences. The applicant does not have to pursue an art career. Besides the application, the student must submit a teacher recommendation and have three original art pieces for a scheduled interview.

Scholarships are funded by donations to the fund, and sale of cards and jewelry that are designed by member artists. Cards and jewelry are available at the MAI during business hours. Please contact MAI to make a donation or for more information.

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It is the purpose of the Manistee Art Institute to foster, cultivate, promote, sponsor and develop an awareness, understanding and appreciation of the visual arts in the community.

The MAI Board meets monthly on the first Wednesday, 1:00 pm at Hardy Hall in the Ramsdell Theater. Interested members are always welcome.



2015 Annual West Michigan Juried Art Show

June 26 thru July 4

Awards Ceremony and Artists' Reception June 27
6:00 – 8:00pm

2015 Season Line-Up
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– Musical
Oct. 23- 25, 30, 31 & Nov. 1

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– Christmas Musical
Dec. 4-6, & 11-13

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Feb. 13, 14 @ 7pm & Feb. 15 @ 2pm

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We are proud to offer this opportunity to artists during Manistee's busiest time of the year! We are honored to have so many artists participate!

We invite you to join in as we honor our artists at the artist reception and awards ceremony on the evening of June 27 from 6 to 8 PM.

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June 27 6-8 pm

Exhibit hours:
June 26 5-9 pm

Saturdays
June 27 & July 3
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Sundays
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June 30 1-5 pm

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| 1995 – Ron Bauman | 2006 – Ken Grabowski |
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| 1997 – Sally Chapman | 2008 – Carol Fox and Eileen Postma |
| 1998 – Tom Gerhardt | 2009 – Pat Lottie, Elaine Sutherland and Deb Van Leen |
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Interested artists and artisans should submit their work for jurying. A selection is made to enable us to bring the public the best art we can. There is a very diverse selection of arts and fine crafts represented. It is the goal of the MAI to help the artists achieve a positive experience while participating in the show. We offer ample booth space -12' x 12'-with plenty of set-up room. We hope you will enjoy your time with us as we work to make Art's Alive one of the premier shows in Michigan.

Walking through the booths can be enjoyed by the whole family. Buy a natural stone lamp, a wooden bench, a hand-made toy for the kiddies, a photograph of the lighthouse, a painting of the beautiful sunset over the lake, or fanciful garden decorations—and much more.

For centuries, art has been produced by both men and women, but it wasn't until the last century that women achieved greater recognition.

IT'S A MAN'S WORLD

August 7 thru 16

Realizing that the men are losing ground to the likes of Mary Cassatt, Grandma Moses, Georgia O'Keeffe, Frida Kahlo and hundreds of other women who are becoming well known in the art world, the MAI has opened this exhibit to men only, to give them a chance to partially regain their “Master” classification.

A very eclectic show, we are always surprised and pleased by the male creativity you will find here. The show is not limited in any way, but open to whatever expression in 2D and 3D forms the men choose to exhibit.

Please come and explore the “Man's” world of art! Don't pass up a chance to meet these “Masters” at the opening reception August 7 from 6:30-8:30.

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Public Welcome!

August 7

6:30 - 8:30 pm

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Each summer, the Manistee Art Institute showcases two or three different artists during available weeks from June to September. We generally try to mix and match our artists so that different artists are presented each time, giving member artists a chance to share their works with the public, and in some cases, sell their works. In the past, we presented Sculpture, Watercolor, Weaving, Fiber Arts, Oils, Photography, Drawing, Jewelry, Glass Art, and Mixed Media. The exhibits are promoted through the internet, social media, posters, the news media and networking. This year, artists will show at the River Street Artisans, 345 River Street, (next to Goodys) our spectacular new MAI Store for member artists. Opening receptions will be on Saturdays from 1:00 to 4:00, where the public can view the art and meet the artists.

Openings for the 3 Artists Series may be available, so if you are interested, contact the MAI at 231-723-2682, or email us: manisteeartinstitute@gmail.com. For entry rules, check our website: www.manisteeartinstitute.org



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The MAI continues to grow and recognize our local artistic talent.



A new venture for the MAI in 2015, The River Street Artisans is a very special shop located in the historic downtown section of Manistee. For three years the MAI sponsored The Elf Shoppe, a store for our artisans at Christmas time. It was relocated from the Ramsdell to River Street for December 2014. It was such a success that the artists thought it would be great to continue through the year.

Opening with rave reviews, this very wonderful shop houses original works of art



and artistic crafts from local member artists. There is a wide variety of creative offerings from pottery, jewelry, glass, photography, paintings, sculpture, fiber art and so much more! If you are looking for a gift, something to treat yourself, or just browsing for fun, this is the place where you might just find that unique something!

This shop is run by the artists and staffed by the artists. Sometimes the artists even teach a class related to what they do. Receptions for artists and special exhibits by members are held year round. Other artists are also featured throughout July and August. In the summer, you might like to stroll down to the shop on Friday or Saturday evening to see what is going on.... maybe join in the fun!

FUN & FASCINATION



An Exhibition of Fiber Art and Photography

October 23 thru November 1

This two part exhibit will showcase both fiber arts and photographic images which represent the artists' interpretation of what is "fun" and "fascinating" to them.

From objects to wall hangings and every form of fabric art imaginable, to digital art or print images and everything in between will be exhibited.

We invite you to explore and experience!

HOURS

OPENING RECEPTION
Public Welcome!

October 23
6:30 - 8:30 pm

Exhibit hours:

October 30: 5-9 pm

Saturdays
October 24 & 31
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October 25
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Manistee **Art** Institute **2015**
Members Show
December 4 thru 14



With the Sleigh Bell Weekend upon us, the MAI will welcome hundreds of visitors to this exciting show. This is that special time when we honor all of our member artists giving them a chance to share their best works with the public. There is always a large variety of media at this show - everything from painting, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, photography and more.

This is one of the most exciting times of the MAI year when we bring all the talent together at one time!

Many of the artists will offer their works for purchase - they make great Christmas gifts too!

HOURS

OPENING RECEPTION

Public Welcome!

December 4

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Exhibit hours:

October 30: 5-9 pm

Saturday

December 5

1 - 4:30 pm & 7-9 pm

Sundays

December 6 & 13

1-5 pm

Tuesday - Thursday

December 8-10

1 - 3 pm

December 11 & 12

1-9 pm

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