



Mountainside **MESSENGER**

On Tuesday, February 10th at 2:00 PM, we will meet at The Wheat Ridge Center for Music and Art, also known as The Wheat Ridge United Methodist Church, 7530 W. 38th Ave. (on the southwest corner of Vance St. and 38th Ave. One block east of Wadsworth). We hope you can join us.

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From the President

I hope everyone's new year has gotten off to a good start. Was one of your New Year's resolutions to paint more? Let's keep those brushes moving!

Mark Eirhart gave an interesting and thoughtful presentation about his painting techniques with acrylic paint and paper collage. It is always informative to hear about the creative process from a different perspective. How do you express yourself while you paint?

We are pleased to be getting new members. Feel free to tell your friends about us.

We concluded our holiday church hang and several paintings sold. Thank you to those who participated!

It is not too late to sign up for the St Andrew show, which hangs on February 20. Four pieces are allowed per artist, it's a new venue for us and it is free!

Rebecca (Becky) Near

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February Program

Diane Fechenbach

From the artist.....

Since childhood, I don't remember any time when I was not drawing or painting. I saw the world as a series of paintings. Everywhere there were wonderful compositions and delicious color. It was a shock to learn that other people did not "see" this way. My passion is dramatic light and shadow and clean, saturated color. I am particularly interested in the effect of light on snow, trees, rocks and water.



I work in a variety of media, including pastel, oil, and watercolor. Plein Air (outdoors) painting is one of my favorite things. I make sketches when I travel that are mementos of the places visited. Back in the studio they provide subjects for larger paintings.

My paintings have been featured in magazines, in juried exhibitions across the country, have received national and international awards, and are in corporate and private collections throughout North America. I am a Signature member of Pastel Society of America, a juried member of the Oil Painters of America, Master Signature/Distinguished Pastelist of Pastel Society of the West Coast, Master Circle member of the International Association of Pastel Societies, Master Signature with Pastel Society of Colorado, Signature member of Western Federation of Watercolor Societies and numerous other art organizations.

Diane will be doing a demonstration with pastels.



Lucky Artist

Our Lucky Artist of the Month for February was Judy Huckeby.

Judy, who is a native of Colorado, has been a MAG member since 2004. She currently resides in Lakewood.

Judy started out doing decorative paintings such as faux finishes, sponging, and wall murals. Then she became involved in a studio that did all the cleaning up and at one time had 120 painted canvases sitting in her basement.

Judy does participate in art shows, but only those of MAG. One of her favorite artists is Rothko and her style of painting is - whatever you feel. Her best art tip for you is 'Pay no attention to your inner critic'.

Congratulations to Judy on being our January Artist of The Month.



Our Website

www.mtnsideartguild

Currently on our website you will find helpful information on the organization and when we meet, as well as information about the next presentation and other items of interest. You can find forms for membership and for rotating exhibits, where they are and the forms to fill out for expenses and sales. Entry forms for current sponsored shows of our membership with the prospectus. We have a member gallery where members place their own work to be viewed by the public. The cost for a personal page is a one-time fee of \$15.00. Also available are pdf copies of the Mountainside Messenger



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MAG Mailing Addresses

MAG has two mailing addresses. The first is Mountainside Art Guild, P.O. Box 694, Wheat Ridge, CO 80034. Please send **envelopes** to this address. **Packages** may also be mailed to MAG, but they need to be addressed as Mountainside Art Guild, 4210 Wadsworth #694, Wheat Ridge, CO 80034. They will be held in a secure area in the post office.

Hospitality

Meeting Date	First Person	Second Person
February 10th	William Char	Ann Williams
March 10th	Karen Hartney	Darlene Woolley
April 8th	Kiki Moore	
May 12th	Kay Cassa	Darcie Kurtak
June 9th	Del Kelly	Maryjane Sharpe
September 8th		
October 13th		

There are still openings for hospitality indicated by the red areas. Please consider signing up for a day. There is a form available at the meetings on which you can place your name, or you may call Cheryl Annett at 303-986-8602.

Calendar

February Meeting	Tuesday, February 10 th	2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
LPAR titles to Darcie by	Thursday, February 5 th	
LPAR drop off/hang	Thursday, February 12 th	9:30 – 10:00 AM
St. Andrew's Church Show	February 20 th – April 1 st	
St. Andrew's Show drop off/hang	Friday, February 20 th	8:00 AM – 9:00 AM
St. Andrew's Reception	Sunday, February 22 nd	10:00 AM - Noon
March Meeting	Tuesday, March 10 th	2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Collier – titles to Darcie by	Friday, March 6 th	
Collier - drop off/hang	Friday, March 13 th	10:00 – 11:00 AM
St. Andrew's pick up of unsold paintings	Wednesday, April 1 st	4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Collier and LAPR

Collier titles are due to Darcie by Friday, March 6th and the drop off/pick up is on Friday, March 13th from 10:00 – 11:00 AM.

LPAR titles are due to Darcie by Thursday, February 3rd and the drop off/pick up is on Thursday, February 12th.

Member News



- Congratulations to Karen Misko, Cheryl Annett and Sandra Stavnes. They all had sales in January.
- If you haven't renewed your MAG membership already, please bring your renewal form and fee to the next meeting or mail to the address on the form. Thank you.
- Just a reminder, there is a 5% commission to MAG from all sales at Collier, in addition to the 10% to Collier. The sale reporting form has been updated to reflect the different sales taxes for our usual sale sites as well as the commissions.
- Please remember to fill out and don a name tag so everyone can learn everyone else's name. You will find the name tags on the counter to the right of the room as you come in.

MOUNTAINSIDE ART GUILD—MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

2026 Annual Membership \$35.00.

ALL PUBLICATIONS ARE BY Email.

Renewing Member or New Member Website Gallery \$15.00

1/2-year Membership (after 5/1) \$17.50 (For New Members Only)

All members who were active in 2025 or earlier must pay Full Membership Yearly. Exceptions are for Emeritus Members who don't pay due to long continued service to the Guild.

Name _____ Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Any Change from Past Information YES NO

Total Amount you are Paying: _____

Checks are payable to **Mountainside Art Guild**

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM **AND YOUR PAYMENT TO THE TREASURER –**

Susan Hommel
807 Nevermore Lane
Evergreen, CO 80439

MOUNTAINSIDE ART GUILD



INSTRUCTIONS FOR REPORTING SALES (SALES FORM BELOW)

ACCOUNTS WILL BE PAID ON THE 1ST AND 15TH OF EACH MONTH; SALES REPORTS MAY BE TURNED IN BY MAIL OR AT THE MEETINGS; CHECKS WILL BE MAILED TO THE ARTIST.

1. Use this form when reporting sales to MAG. Money sent without this form will be held until the artist submits the completed and proper paperwork.
2. Send FULL amount of sale (sale price + sales tax). You will be issued a check for sale, minus sales tax and appropriate commission or fee.
3. If sales tax isn't collected from the buyer, you must pay it yourself by including it with your submittal to MAG.
4. Checks from buyer should be made out to: "**Mountainside Art Guild**". If the check has been made out to the artist, please **do not** send it to MAG. The bank is not willing to accept a 2- party check, so please send a new personal check or money order payable to "**Mountainside Art Guild**" for the full amount, including sales tax, to the Treasurer.
5. If you receive cash for a sale, send a personal check for the TOTAL amount, including sales tax, to the Treasurer.
6. Commission for most sales will be deducted by the Treasurer from your payment. EXCEPTIONS: If the show place requires its own commission (i.e. Collier), please pay them the commission and state that you have done so on your sales report form. The breakdown of commissions to be paid are listed below. Not all possible commissions are listed. Refer to show prospectuses for commissions, as well.

Sales for locations that are not Guild-sponsored shows can also go through MAG books, if you wish, **as long as it is in a location where we have a sales tax license**. There is a \$2.00 Fee for this service. Currently MAG is licensed in Lakewood (7.5%) and Wheat Ridge (8%).

MOUNTAINSIDE ART GUILD

SALES REPORT FORM (Send with check)

Send to: Susan Hommel
807 Nevermore Lane
Evergreen, CO 80439

Date: _____

ARTIST'S NAME & ADDRESS: _____

PHONE & EMAIL: _____

SHOWPLACE & LOCATION: _____

PAINTING TITLE: _____ PRICE: _____

SALES TAX (_____%): _____ + MAG COMMISSION _____ = Total: _____

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For Treasurer's Use Only

Date paid: _____ Check No.: _____

Sales Tax:

Wheat Ridge – 8%

- Colliers Hospice
- Wheat Ridge Center for the Arts (WRCMA)

Lakewood – 7.5%

- Lakewood Post-Acute Rehabilitation (LPAR – formerly ProMedica)
- Lakewood Arts Center (LAC)

Commissions:

- Sales at Collier – 10% directly to Collier, 5% to Mountainside Art Guild
- Sales at WRCMA – 15% to Mountainside Art Guild
- Sales at LPAR – 15% to Mountainside Art Guild