



On Tuesday, May 12th 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 you are all enjoying the warmer weather and the green trees!

Mitch Castor gave a wonderful figure drawing demonstration in April. He used charcoal sticks and talked to us about line drawings, perspective, and movement in regard to the human form. He has an interesting background with his work as an artist in the court room and with 9news. He currently teaches at the Art Student League.

We put up our member show, and we have about 40 paintings. It looks great! Thank you for the help with hanging.

We could use some members at large on the board. The board meets at 1pm on meeting days. Come and join us anytime.

Keep on painting!

Rebecca (Becky) Near

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May's Member Meeting

The reception for the Mountainside Art Guild's Member Show will be held at the May meeting. Lynden Kirby will be attending to discuss the Member Show award recipients' art work.



Linden Kirby started painting for family and friends at a young age, but not until a few years ago was he able to take up a brush on a regular basis. And strictly speaking, it's not always a brush that he paints with. He enjoys painting and mark-making with credit cards and putty knives, string, plastic wrap, manipulative tools and other inventive ways of expression on paper and canvas.

Watercolor is Linden's primary medium, but he also enjoys the challenge of new media and techniques that improve the quality and enjoyment of art. He finds inspiration most often in the beauty of God's creation, so landscapes, trees, and nature are favorite subjects. And since he and his family travel across the US and Europe, these scenes also find their way into his work. Linden believes that art touches the heart when it tells a story, evokes an emotion, or brings back a memory. So, he chooses his subjects carefully and paints with the idea of telling a story through the image and the medium.

Linden also enjoys teaching workshops, giving demonstrations for local art clubs, and encouraging other artists. You may contact him through his website, ArtByLinden.com. Commissions are accepted.



Lucky Artist



Our Lucky Artist for April is J. L. Pierce. She is shown to the left holding her oil painting titled 'The World Needs Color'.

J.L. is originally from California and now resides in Aurora. She first became interested in art as a little girl. While camping with her family, she became interested in nature and painting. Her mother, an artist herself, provided J.L. with painting supplies to encourage her interest.

J.L. was a member of the Mountainside Art Guild a long time ago, but she took a break from painting and is now just getting back into it.

Some of her favorite artists are Mitch Caster, Daniel Sprick and Quang Ho. Her best art tip for you is 'Paint what you love'.

Our Website

www.mtntsideartguild.com

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, as well as entry forms for current sponsored shows of our membership with the prospectus. We have an online member gallery where members may 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.



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
April 8th	Kiki Moore	Karen Misko
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

Member Show Reception	Tuesday, May 12 th	2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
May Meeting	Tuesday, May 12 th	2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
June Meeting	Tuesday, June 9 th	2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
LPAR Hanging	Thursday, June 11 th	9:30 AM – 10:00 AM
Collier Hanging Please note the new time*	Friday, July 17 th	10:00 AM – 10:30 AM*
September Meeting	Tuesday, September 8 th	2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

News and Happenings

- Congratulations to Darcie Kurtak and Sandra Stavnes on their art sales this month.
- May 10th is the last day to see the 55th Annual Jeffco Schools Foundation High School Art Exhibition at the Arvada Center for the Arts.
- Thursday, June 11th is the hanging of the LPAR center from 9:30 AM to 10:00 AM.
- Wheat Ridge Art League, with Evelyn Valdez Martinez, will be offering a workshop titled 'Making Fall Foliage Glow' using pastels, oils and acrylics on Saturday, May 9th from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM at Holy Cross Luthern Church, 4500 Wadsworth Blvd. The cost is \$40 for members and \$50 for non-members. The workshop is limited to 12 artists. For more information you may contact Shirley Nakamoto at shrlnakm@hotmail.com or 303-204-7347.
- Did you know that MAG members, Cheryl Annett and Nancy Valenta, are featured artists at the Georgetown Gallery of Fine Art?
- Did you know that MAG member Jane Christie regularly exhibits at Saks Gallery in Cherry Creek and that MAG member William Char currently has a piece being exhibited there?
- The 2026 Governor's Art Show opened on April 25th and will go thru June 6th. You will find it at the Loveland Museum, 5th and Lincoln, in Loveland, Colorado. Our last demo artist, Mitch Caster, is in the show!
- The Western Federations of Watercolor Societies 51st Exhibition will open at the Curtis Center for the Arts in Greenwood and run from May 5th thru June 27th. The opening reception will be on Saturday, May 9th from 6:00 to 9:00 PM.
- The Collier hang will happen on Friday, July 17th from 10:00 – 10:30 AM. Please note the new time.

Call for Artists: Join The Georgetown Gallery!

The oldest artist-owned cooperative in Colorado is looking for new members. Showcase your work in the heart of historic Georgetown, enjoy low commissions, and join a supportive creative community.

Ready to exhibit with us?

Visit georgetowngalleryco.com for membership details and application guidelines.

MOUNTAINSIDE ART GUILD MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2026 Annual Membership \$35.00 ALL PUBLICATIONS ARE BY Email. New Member Website Gallery \$15.00 ½ 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 or bring it to a meeting.

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%).

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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: _____

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