



# MIDLAND ARTS ASSOCIATION

## Newsletter

March 2017

### Spring Events Planned

MAA Board Member Leslie Slaughter is hard at work creating exciting events for our members and others in the art community. There will be a Plein Air painting event on **March 25<sup>th</sup>** at the 1-20 Wildlife Preserve. Artists will gather that Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. and paint in the open till about noon. Everyone is welcome and all media are expected at this fun event. If you are interested, please **RSVP** to Rick Reese at his email: [igor9115a@gmail.com](mailto:igor9115a@gmail.com)

#### Directions to the I-20

**Wildlife Preserve:** The easiest way there is to drive south on Midkiff Road; cross the RR tracks and continue to a Stop; turn right and follow along the I-20 access road west.

Continue to the *right turn onto Midland Drive* and go to the first right turn into the Preserve. It's a rocky road, and once there you will see warning signs about rattlesnakes! Maybe wear high boots for extra safety?

#### Weekend in the Fort Davis area

Another event that Leslie is working on is an overnight event for April 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> with sketching, photography, and/or painting in the Fort Davis area. Rick Reese has offered his cabin as a gathering place for drinks and eats on Friday evening. The plein air will happen on Saturday, and people might want to stay Saturday night. The event itself is free, but participants will take care of their own costs, and motel rooms can be reserved at Prude Ranch.

There will be supply lists *for both these events* on our website at [www.maax.org](http://www.maax.org) but again, if you are interested please **RSVP by April 1<sup>st</sup>** to Rick at his email: [igor9115a@gmail.com](mailto:igor9115a@gmail.com) so we can get an accurate count. (Don't forget the small letter "a" in his email address.)



Palette Club President Dee Kemp joins MAA President Rick Reese in his back yard during a joint club, dinner social at Rick's home.

### Talks Continue About Merger

The members of The Palette Club and the Midland Arts Association continue discussing a possible merger of the two arts groups. It could benefit both groups, but there are pros and cons. Board members for both groups would like to hear members' thoughts.

On February 28<sup>th</sup> the Boards of the two organizations met for dinner, mainly just to socialize and get to know each other. Rick Reese and his wife Debbie hosted the event.

**The new Board of Directors** for the MAA are:

President – Rick Reese  
Pres.Elect/VP – Leslie Slaughter  
Secretary – Diane Newland  
Treasurer – Olga Nedorub

Committee Chairs include: Mary Lambeth for the Mural Project; Jean Hoelscher, Newsletter; Dan Haller, Membership, and Kerry McClain is the Web Master. We have four Directors on the Board currently: Mark Cox, Sandra Elliott, Sue Daniel and Kerry McClain. The Midland College Representative is Dagan Sherman, and Jenni Opainski represents the Museum of the Southwest.





## **Mark Cox is “Featured Artist”**

For the upcoming **Celebration of the Arts** in May, Dr. Mark Cox has been chosen as this year’s Featured Artist. Mark is a past-President of the MAA and a well-known photographer.

Celebration of the Arts will be held on May 5<sup>th</sup> through the 7<sup>th</sup> in downtown Midland at the “Wall St. Lofts”. More information will be coming.



## **MAA Spring Show to be “Open”**

This year’s MAA Spring Exhibition will Open on **May 5<sup>th</sup>** and hang for a month. The 2017 Show is an “Open” entry show with participants allowed to enter 3 artworks, and one entry is assured to be included. It will be a juried show with prizes, and as President Rick Reese notes, “We want to make an effort to include lots in the art community.”

The location of the exhibition will be at the **Kamiposi Art Gallery** at 510 S. Big Spring, just south of the railroad underpass in downtown Midland. The gallery owners are brothers Scott and Elliott Lunson. They have created an outlet for artists and musicians at their large facility.

The MAA contact for the “Open Show” is Olga Nedorub. A mass mailing will go out to all MAA Members and others in the community.

### **note upcoming events**

On the Calendar at right, all the MAA Events are shown in **blue**, and the Palette Club ones in **green**. Other events are shown too.

Please know that you can get lots of information on **Facebook** and at the websites of these two organizations.

### **Calendar Events for March and April 2017**



#### **March:**

**25<sup>th</sup>– Plein Air @ Wildlife Preserve**

**31<sup>st</sup>–April 1 Art Sale @ Palette Club**

**6-8pm on Friday & 10am-5pm 4/1**

**April: 7<sup>th</sup>– 9<sup>th</sup> Ft. Davis weekend; RSVP by April 1<sup>st</sup> to Rick Reese**

**11<sup>th</sup> 9:30-Noon Palette Club meeting and free demo by Nathalie Kelly**

**20<sup>th</sup> Opening Reception - Odessa Art Assoc.Exhibition @Ellen Noel Museum**

**Also on April 20<sup>th</sup> “Shared Spaces” of Midland opening reception 6p.m.**

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# *The Wine and Paint events have been very popular!*



<- Rick starts the "Wine and Paint" workshop.

At right, Lisa and Kerry McClain having fun. →



Rick Reese led the November 16, 2016 "Wine & Paint" event (above), and Mary Lambeth led the "Wine & Paint" on February 8, 2017 pictured below.



Above, Mary Lambeth consults with Jane McCrary (left) and Lee Wallace. Participants in the February event included (left to right, front row) Raylene Weaver, Kendra Feagan, Mary, Barbara Garlington, Macky Pitts, and Jane McCrary. Back row – Angie Eppinger, Lucy Smith, Marcia Norton, Deb Solari, Lee Wallace, Mark Cox and Sue Solari.



A joint club dinner was held at Rick Reese's home on February 28<sup>th</sup> so that Board Members of the Palette Club and the Midland Arts Association could socialize.



Visiting during dinner were Kerry McClain (back to camera), Mark Cox (left, and Sandra Elliott – hidden), Dee Kemp, Julia Still, Diane Newland and Somita Fekete.



At the other table enjoying dinner were, from front and around the table to the left: Debbie Reese, Olga Nedorub, Mary Lambeth (back to camera), Sue Daniel, (Sharon Jones, hidden), Mary Tucci, Rick Reese, Leslie Slaughter and Nancy Kirk. (Photos by Jean Hoelscher)