

BENEFITS OF JOINING THE MFAA

The Manitoulin Fine Arts Association is a non-profit organization run by dedicated volunteers. A small membership fee each year (\$30 for Artisans, and \$40 for Artists) provides members with many artistic opportunities, the most obvious being CONNECTION and COMMUNICATION with other artists and what is going on in the local and area art scenes. Some benefits are:

- **MFAA WEBSITE:** When you join MFAA you are listed on our website: www.manitoulinart.com as a member and if you so wish, your own website can be linked to the MFAA site. We have recently upgraded this website and Bob Blaney is in the process of making it current. The new upgrade will allow Bob easier manageability of the site and more flexibility on what is included on the website (i.e. featured works of art by members).
- **MEMBERS EMAIL ARTISTIC NEWS:** Our club email address: manitoulinart@gmail.com receives a lot of information from various clubs and organizations concerning art related events and topics. Jon Butler, our Email Coordinator forwards this information to all members, keeping them informed of what others are doing, as well as our own club. When you join the MFAA you are automatically placed on our emailing list.
- **MANITOULIN ART TOUR** – Since the MFAA is the main organizer of the Art Tour, by joining the club it gives you a reduced fee to participate in the Art Tour (Club membership is either \$30 or \$40 plus \$30 additional fee for the Art Tour = \$60 or \$70, as opposed to the non member fee of \$75). Helen Siksek and Marian Hester will be coordinating the 2018 Art Tour. By being a MFAA member and on our emailing list, it also ensure you are kept informed of any changes, deadlines, info, etc.
- **NORTHERN ONTARIO ART ASSOCIATION** – By paying your \$40 Artist Member Fee, it allows the MFAA to become a member of the NOAA, which is an umbrella organization with 15 member art clubs in Northeastern Ontario and over 500 artists under this umbrella. Each artist is mailed a copy of the NOAA Annual Bulletin with articles and advertisements from the various clubs and associations. An additional \$25 allows members to enter 1 piece in the NOAA juried exhibition held each September. If your work is accepted it tours Northeastern Ontario for the next year. Linda Williamson has been the MFAA rep for this organization for a few years and attended the annual meetings. Linda also served on the NOAA Board of Directors so is well informed about the organization.
- **MFAA MEMBERS ANNUAL EXHIBITION** at the Centennial Museum in Sheguiandah, scheduled in either late Aug, Sept, or early Oct. By joining the MFAA it allows you to participate in our annual members exhibition, able to exhibit up to 3 pieces. We have now initiated Visitors' Choice Award(s) for this exhibition.
- **ARTIST INCUBATOR – NORTH CHANNEL GALLERY,** Susan Cairns, MFAA VP and chair of the North Channel Gallery Group in Little Current has been working with them to provide gallery space for artists in the summer months.
- **SUPPORTING THE ARTS ON MANITOULIN** – last but not least, your MFAA membership fee helps by giving our club the financial resources to operate, - to hold events, to perhaps offer workshops and instruction; more members provide more hands to run these events, and gives our member artists more exposure. Members benefit from feeling that they are contributing and part of a group working towards the greater good – supporting the Arts on Manitoulin.

MFAA MANDATE:

To encourage the development of original visual art by providing opportunities for professional development, experimentation and exhibition. To encourage the appreciation of original visual art within the group and in the community.