BENEFITS OF JOINING THE MANITOULIN FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION

The Manitoulin Fine Arts Association is a non-profit organization run by dedicated volunteers. A small membership fee each year....currently \$40 for Artisans (craftspeople, photographers, galleries), \$55 for Artists (painters, graphic artists, print makers, etc.) and \$80 for Galleries, provides members with many artistic opportunities, the most obvious being CONNECTION and COMMUNICATION with other artists and artisans and what is going on in the local and area art scenes. Some benefits are:

MEMBERSHIP CARDS:

 When you pay for your membership you will receive a receipt that includes a membership 'card'. Some retailers have accepted this card to allow for a small taxation discount. (These are available from Christie Pearson Anderson – MFAA Secretary-Treasurer: manitoulinarttreasurer@gmail.com)



MFAA WEBSITE: www.manitoulinart.com

• When you join MFAA you are listed on our website as a MFAA member under the MEMBERS tab. You will also be entitled to your own 'art page' where you can share your contact information, examples of your work, and if you so wish, your own website can be linked to the MFAA site. There is also a CALENDAR / EVENTS PAGE on our website for advertising upcoming art related events. Dylon Whyte is our Website Administrator (email: administrator@manitoulinart.com). After you join you can email Dylon jpegs of your work to put on your page, as well as any other artist statement or other notices/events you want to share.

SOCIAL MEDIA: (www.facebook.com/ManitoulinFineArts Association and Instagram

As a member of the MFAA you can also join our private Facebook Group and connect to other members to see what they are
doing, post progress pictures of your art, initiate discussions, ask for advice, critiques, etc. within the group. As some members are
not members of Facebook, the joining is not automatic. You have to manually request to join this group. Enid Runnalls
(maintoulin.studio@gmail.com) and Lisa Robbins (lisarobbinsart@gmail.com) are currently our Social Media Liaisons and
Administrators of the Social Media sites. There is also a Manitoulin Art Tour dedicated Facebook Page where registered artists are
featured on an ongoing basis: www.facebook.com/ManitoulinArtTour.

MEMBERS EMAIL ARTISTIC NEWS:

• Our club email address: <a href="mailto:ma

MANITOULIN ART TOUR -

- The MFAA has evolved into being the organizer and host of the Manitoulin Art Tour held annually the third weekend in July You must be a paid up member of the Manitoulin Fine Arts Association to participate in the Art Tour. (Club membership is either \$40 for Artisans/Craftspeople/Photographers, \$55 for Fine Artists/Painters/Printmakers, or \$80 for Galleries. The Registration Fee for the Art Tour is \$30 (on top of the club membership fee). Galleries' Art Tour registration includes MFAA club membership). By being a MFAA member and on our emailing list, it also ensures you are kept informed of any changes, deadlines, info, etc. (Deadline to register for the Art Tour is NO LATER THAN April 1st.)
- We have an Art Tour Committee headed by Chair: Sue Cairns (<u>sue.cairns@outlook.com</u>). The committee welcomes volunteers to help host this exciting event. If you are interested in becoming involved please contact Sue. Current committee members are: Petra Wall Social Media/Facebook (www.facebook.com/ManitoulinArtTour) (petrackw@gmail.com); Leslie McDermid Social Media/Advertising (leslie@thesociallaunch.com); Ingrid Spletts Toesser-Donations Coordinator (info@sweethollows.ca); Diane Carrier Resource person for Kagawong area (mdcarriere123@gmail.com; If you would like to become a resource person for your area please contact Sue Cairns.

NORTHERN ONTARIO ART ASSOCIATION –

• The NOAA is an umbrella group of around 15 member clubs and representing over 500 artists throughout Northeastern Ontario. By paying your \$45 Artist Member Fee, it allows the MFAA to become a member of the NOAA. Each artist receives 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 (blwilliamson@amtelecom.net) has been the MFAA rep for this organization for a number of years and attended the annual meetings. Linda also served on the NOAA Board of Directors so is well informed about the organization. MFAA Secretary-Treasurer Christie Pearson Anderson is also currently a Director of the NOAA. The NOAA has recently launched a CALENDAR of paintings by NOAA artists (one selection per MFAA club). All MFAA members are urged to submit a picture of one of their paintings to be considered for the calendar (chosen by draw). The NOAA Bulletin also has a special FEATURED ARTIST page to celebrate member artists who have received accolades, or have been active and valuable contributors to their clubs.

MFAA MEMBERS EXHIBITIONS

MFAA holds an 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 or
4 pieces. We have now initiated Visitors' Choice Award(s) for this exhibition. Jane Woodbury is our Exhibition
Convenor & Resource Development go-to person (janewoodbury@rocketmail.com). We are currently looking into
another exhibition(s) at an additional location at another time of the year for increased exposure of our members'
work.

ARTIST INCUBATOR – NORTH CHANNEL GALLERY:

Susan Cairns (<u>sue.cairns@outlook.com</u>) is the chair of the North Channel Gallery Group in Little Current and has been
working with them to provide gallery space for artists in the summer months. The venue is currently downtown Little
Current beside the post office. They have limited space so a limited number of artists and require artists to share in
looking after the site.

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.

Want to know more?
Contact us at manitoulinart@gmail.com or view our website: www.manitoulinart.com