

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 (i.e. woodworkers or potters, etc, and photographers), \$55 for Fine 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)



Welcome!

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. 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.
- There is also a CALENDAR / EVENTS PAGE on our website for advertising upcoming art related events.

SOCIAL MEDIA:

[www.facebook.com/ManitoulinFineArts Association](https://www.facebook.com/ManitoulinFineArtsAssociation) and www.instagram.com/ManitoulinFineArtsAssociation

- 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 (manitoulin.studio@gmail.com) and Lisa Robbins (lisarobbinsart@gmail.com) are currently our Social Media Liaisons and Administrators of the social media sites.

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 by bcc email, keeping them informed of what others are doing, as well as our own club activities. When you join the MFAA you are automatically placed on our emailing list.

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/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: Debbie Whatling (debwhatlingart@gmail.com). The committee welcomes volunteers to help host this exciting event. If you are interested in becoming involved please contact Debbie. Current committee members are: Wendy Thorn, Pam Jackson, Diane Carriere, Ruth Heiser. If you would like to become a resource person for your area please contact Debbie.

NORTHERN ONTARIO ART ASSOCIATION

- The NOAA is an umbrella group of around 15 member-clubs and represents over 500 artists throughout Northeastern Ontario. By paying your \$55 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. There are also awards and honourable mentions given out at the annual exhibition.
- If you have your work selected 5 times you earn the privilege of being able to use the letters NOAA after your name.
- Kathy Roque is our new NOAA rep for this organization. Our previous NOAA rep, Pam Jackson, is now a NOAA Director, and is chairing the upcoming 2026 Juried Exhibition being held this year on Manitoulin Island.
- 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.

WORKSHOPS

- Occasionally, MFAA provides workshops for members and the public. Members receive advance notice of workshops so they can sign up early and they receive a discounted rate over the general public.

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. 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.

ART STASH

- The MFAA has been hosting an annual (now bi-annual) ART STASH sale, held at the Curling Club in Mindemoya, where artists can offer their excess art supplies for sale.

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.
- The MFAA proudly gives two bursaries each year to high school students who are excelling in the arts (one bursary to a student from the Manitoulin Secondary School and one bursary to a student from the Wikwemikong High School).
- 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.

**This is a great opportunity to become part of our MFAA community,
to volunteer or join one of our committees.
New members - any age or skill level - welcome!**

Want to know more?

Contact us at manitoulinart@gmail.com or view our website: www.manitoulinart.com