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September Midnights

Lyric night of the lingering Indian Summer,
Shadowy fields that are scentless but full of singing,
Never a bird, but the passionless chant of insects.
Ceaseless, insistent.

The grasshopper's horn, and far-off, high in the maples
The wheel of a locust leisurely grinding the silence
Under a moon waning and worn, broken,
Tired with summer.

Let me remember you, voices of little insects,
Weeds in the moonlight, fields that are tangled with asters,
Let me remember, soon will the winter be on us,
Snow-hushed and heavy.

Over my soul murmur your mute benediction,
While I gaze, O fields that rest after harvest,
As those who part look long in the eyes they lean to,
Lest they forget them.

-Sara Teasdale

MAG Headlines:

Kids Classes Great Success

ArtWalk Collaborations Set

Check out our Lewes Library Exhibit: August 31-September 17

MAG News



ArtWalk Takes Shape! Reserve October 10 on Your Calendar!

In addition to MAG artists selling their work from porches throughout town, this year's ArtWalk will feature special attractions, thanks to collaborations with other organizations. MAG is partnering with Milton Main Street for "Porch Fest" that will place musicians along the route, and a children's craft event at Milton Theatre Quayside.

In addition, the Milton Garden Club will hold a garden tool and seed sale at the Historical Society, and Milton Women's Club will hold a special raffle.

ArtWalk is Saturday, October 10, with a rain date of Sunday, October 11. The event kicks off at 10 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. There are currently 28 artists registered, which will provide visitors/walkers with a broad range of art to choose from.

If you won't be on a porch, make sure to walk the route! It is the guild's most popular event of the year!

Kids' Summer Classes Great Success

Our summer kids' classes wrapped up in July, and the results are in! It was the best attended year for the program, thanks to early planning, and the teachers who developed and delivered their creative classes for two sets of students: those in grades 1-4 and those in grades 5-8.



There were 8 to 13 kids attending classes during the first week, with four children attending all five classes. The older students in the second week also had great attendance, with 7 to 12 students attending classes. Three students in the older group attended all five classes.

Thanks to the entire education team and teachers, and special thanks to Eileen Ferro, who pulled the entire program together!

(Pictured: Aborigine Dot Painting by Diane Golrick)

MAG Talks to Address the Use of AI in Art

Our next MAG Talks is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, September 30, at 6 p.m. in ArtSpace at 9 Park Street. This talk will address the myriad issues of using AI in *creating* artwork. The tentative line-up includes a local professor who can discuss the issues facing galleries and art buyers; a technical expert who can discuss how AI tools might be used; and a member of Milton Arts Guild on our policy regarding the use of AI.

Please mark your calendars for September 30. An email will be sent once the schedule and line-up has been confirmed.

Three More Plein Air Outings Remain!

There are only three more opportunities to join the plein air group on its autumn outings! The next stop is historic Tommy Town, which offers a wide range of antiques, old signage, and memorable possibilities for your art!

Although each outing has its own host, you can contact Anne Buck, the Plein Air organizer, at buckannem@gmail.com for more information. Here's the upcoming schedule:

DATE	LOCATION
September 14	Tommy Town, 20104 Doddtown Road, Harbeson. Great collection of antique vehicles and more!
October 10 Special event	Art Walk! Set up anywhere in the downtown area! Contact Lynda Rae Gannon, phone/text 302-632-7868.
October 12	Bella Terra, 13482 Rd 240, Ellendale. Plenty of pumpkins and mums!

Zoomdoodle Now in Seventh Year



Seven years ago, when the Covid pandemic was raging, Milton Arts Guild was in need of an income to pay rent at our former gallery/classroom on Walnut Street. In addition to putting our shows online to facilitate sales of our artists' work, the guild established its online class "Zoomdoodle," not only to raise modest class fees, but to give our members some much needed social contact. A community was formed within weeks!

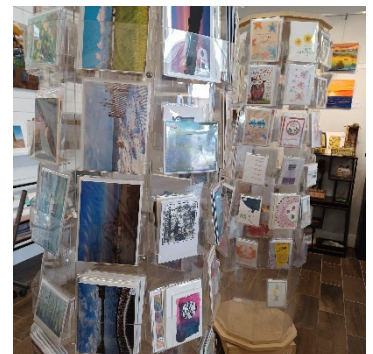
Several of the original doodlers are still joining Lynda Rae Gannon and Sue Dutton each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon; many others have joined the group along the way. If you are unfamiliar with this special "class," you can register on our

website to join the fun for just \$15 per month!

Benevolence Cards Needed!

MAG's Sunshine Committee routinely sends cards to members who are ill or injured, or those who have experienced the loss of a loved one.

The committee is in need of cards! If you are a card maker, and can donate some cards (blank inside) to the committee to continue its work, please leave them in the box on the table at the rear of the gallery.



Seven MAG Artists Participate in Coastal Delaware Artisan Market



MAG members Lisa Laskay, Carl Cox, Pam McMillan, Matt Clark, Kathy Coyne and Laura Jednorski were among the artists who joined MAG member Diva Clendenin at her Coastal Delaware Artisan Market, held at the Cambria Hotel in August. The event had 35 exhibitors in all, and was very well attended.

Diva has held this event at the Cambria for the past three years, and plans three similar events in 2027.



*(Pictured: Above, Diva Clendenin;
Middle: Laura Jednorski; Far Right: Carl Cox)*



Goshen United Methodist Church Provides Bagged Meals to Pallet Village

Many thanks are owed to the volunteers at Goshen United Methodist Church's "Heaven's Kitchen," who prepare generously filled bagged meals for those in need, and routinely give to MAG for art nights at Pallet Village. The residents at the village are always grateful for the extra food, as they are only provided one meal a day at the village.

Pallet Village in Georgetown provides transitional housing to those who were previously homeless. The village provides cabins to residents, along with job counseling and other services.

Three MAG members visit the village every Monday evening to do art, and to talk with the residents. Many lasting relationships have been developed over the past two-plus years.

Please come meet some Pallet Village artists, who will display their work on Mill Street during ArtWalk!

Member News

Bonnie Rosinski's Work to Appear on Milton Holiday House Tour Program



Members of the Milton Women's Club visited MAG's Federal Street gallery to formally announce their choice of Bonnie Rosinski's "201" as the cover art for the 2026 Milton Holiday House Tour program guide.

Each year, the women's club tours our holiday exhibit to choose the artwork for the following year. This year's house tour will be on Saturday, December 12, from 2-6 p.m.

(Pictured: Above, Bonnie Rosinski holds her painting, "201." Right: Debby Pecoraro, Women's Club house tour committee co-chair, Lynda Rae Gannon, Bonnie Rosinski with "201," and Women's Club President Betty Sue Dawson-Christ.



Kathy Coyne To Display Her Work at Blue Ball Barn Gallery



Congratulations to Kathy Coyne, who has been invited to display her work in Wilmington's Blue Ball Barn gallery! "Narratives in Nature: Artwork by Kathy Coyne" will hang from December 2 to December 30, with an opening reception at Blue Ball Barn on December 4, 6-8 p.m.

The Blue Ball Barn, located at 1914 West Park Drive in Wilmington is a noted conference and gallery space in Alapocas Run State Park, and hosts the Delaware Folk Art Collection.



Kathleen Fitzgerald's Work on Display at Lewes Library



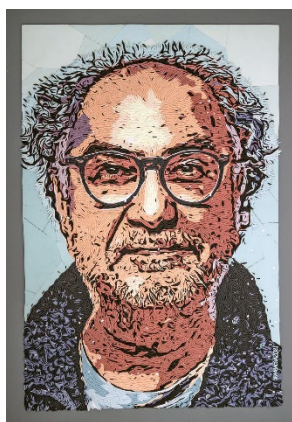
MAG artist Kathleen Fitzgerald is among the artists of the Delaware Shore Artists who have been exhibiting their work in the main hallway of The Moorings in Lewes.

The work has moved to Lewes Library for the month of September. If you're in Lewes, stop by the library to take a look!



(Pictured above: Main hallway at The Moorings. Right, Kathleen's pieces on display.)

Member Joseph Barbaccia Exhibits at Biggs Museum



MAG member Joseph Barbaccia is a featured artist at the Biggs Museum's Members Show, with two beautiful pieces on display in the juried exhibit.

Joe is a long-time member of Milton Arts Guild, where his polymer clay artwork is always a hit in our gallery shows.

Joe also belongs to Rehoboth Art League and the Biggs.

The show runs through September 6.

(Pictured: Above left: "Gabe the Hair Dresser;" Right: two of his four spiritual works depicting saints and angels.)



New Members

❖ Annette Babich

❖ Eliot Howell



We're glad you joined us!

MAG Business

Upcoming MAG Dates

September 1: “Monochromatic” intake, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Federal Street gallery. A prospectus with entry instructions has been emailed.

September 2: Gallery Intake, 3-6:30 p.m., Federal Street gallery. A Sign-Up Genius has been sent to reserve a spot!

September 6: “Monochromatic” reception, 3-5 p.m., Federal Street gallery.

September 9: New members meeting, 6-7 p.m., ArtSpace, 9 Park Street. New members have been invited to attend, but all are welcome.

Board of Directors Highlights

The Board of Directors met on Thursday, August 12.

Memo Faraj, owner of Monsterful on Federal Street, offered his resignation from the board. Memo’s business responsibilities have shifted, which makes it difficult for him to continue in the role. Memo will continue to support MAG’s efforts.

Among the topics discussed were adopting a new email/fundraising platform for all MAG communication, including this newsletter. Among the platforms discussed were Zeffy, Givebutter and Constant Contact. MAG’s Gmail account continues to be an issue because it limits the number of addressees contacted in a given day. The board discussed upgrading its Google account as an interim solution to Gmail’s limitations. In a subsequent, email vote, the board agreed to upgrade Google for \$84 a year, while MAG transitions to a new system.

The board also discussed the possibility of engaging a fundraising expert to create an overall development plan and fundraising strategy for MAG. The board also heard preliminary plans for a 2027 Palette of Possibilities fundraising event, which will likely be held in the Spring of 2027 at Camp Arrowhead, where MAG held its first PoP event.

In addition, the Board heard updates on Art Walk, with the addition of musicians and other Milton organizations like the Women’s Club, the Garden Club and Milton Main Street joining in the town-wide event.

The board will meet again on Thursday, September 10, in the Federal Street gallery.



MAG Shows



(Pictured: "Tater Chip," by Linda Benzon.)

"Coastal Clues" Sets MAG Record; "Monochromatic" Opens

Our "Coastal Clues" show set a record for sales! Twelve pieces sold from the show, with several artists selling more than one piece! Congratulations to Thea Amato, Colleen O'Brien, Michael Ng, Bill Warrell, Linda Benzon, Barbara Lloyd, Dawn Polomski, and Diane Golrick on their sales!

"Monochromatic" opens on September 2, with the reception on Sunday, September 6, from 3-5 p.m.!

2026 Show Schedule

Show Title	Run of Show	Photos	Intake	Sunday Reception	Comments
Wild Card (Judged)	10/28-11/22	10/14	10/27	11/1; 3-5 p.m.	Artist's Choice! Do one for the judges!
This is Joy	11/25- 1/3/27	11/1	11/24	11/29 2-5 p.m.	Bring the joy to the season.



Lynda's Lines

Milton Arts Guild's annual ArtWalk has grown each year due to the dedication of our members. We've come a long way since the first planning session, adding more diverse art expressions to the event. This year's event has grown around the spirit of collaborations we have participated in over the past years.

This year, Milton Main Street will be placing musicians throughout the walk. The Milton Theater is lending its Quayside for young people's artistic efforts. The Milton Home Coffee Roastery's Crochet Club members will be showing their fiber art skills and wares in a downtown space. The Women's Club plans to sell raffle tickets next to members of the Garden Club's tent of colorful garden accents. Each of these community organizations have connected with MAG in their special events.

We appreciate all of these collaborations as we weave our artists on porches throughout the community.

This year's ArtWalk promises to be a full day for celebrating the arts. Mark your calendars now for October 10. Come share this special event with us!

-Lynda Rae Gannon

Upcoming 2026 Classes

September



Beginner Watercolor with Anne Buck

Five part-class

Thursdays, September 3, 10, 17, 24 & October 1

9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

\$215 members; \$225 non-members



Resin Waves Charcuterie Board or Lazy Susan with George Todd

Thursday, September 3

6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

\$90 members; \$100 non-members



Embellished Right Angle Weave Pendant with Johanna Hawtof

Thursday, September 10

5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

\$55 members; \$65 non-members



Intro to Alcohol Inks with Deb Cebula

Thursday, September 17

5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

\$40 members; \$50 non-members



Coiled Fabric Basket with Candy Barbaccia

Wednesday, September 23

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

\$55 members; \$65 non-members



Acrylic or Oil Floral Paintings with Richard Fanelli

Three part-class

Thursdays, September 24, October 1, 8

10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

\$105 members; \$115 non-members



Negative Painting with Acrylics with Kathy Fessenbecker

Thursday, September 24

5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

\$40 members; \$50 non-members



Watercolor Hometown Paintings with Gerilyn Gaskill

Saturday, September 26

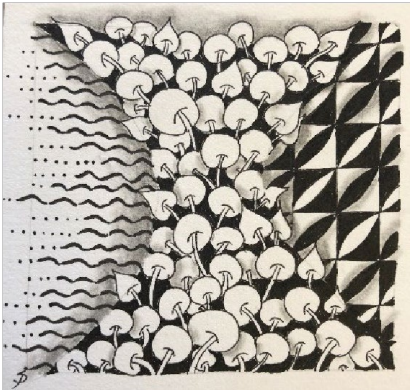
9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

\$50 members; \$60 non-members

Classes will be held at 9 Park Street, Milton

Recurring Online Classes & Merriment

Visit our website (www.miltonartsguild.org) to register for any recurring class or event.



Zoomdoodle

Two sessions per week

Every Tuesday and Thursday 3:30-4:30 p.m.

\$15 (for a full month's sessions!)

Open Studio

Join friends on Friday mornings for a two-hour Open Studio in-person at the *Federal Street Gallery*.

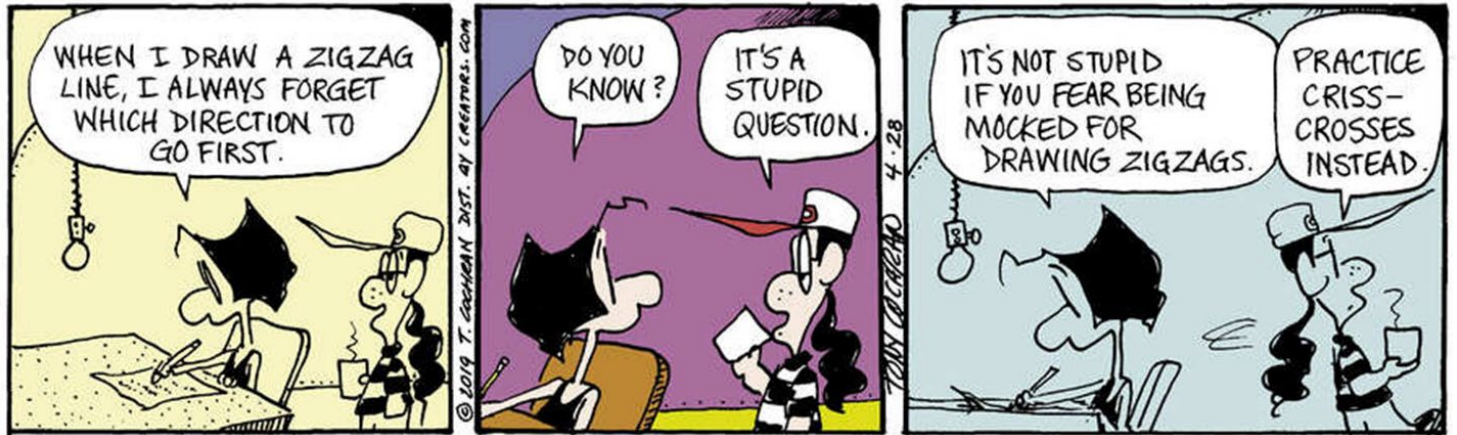
Need some feedback on a project?
Inspiration? Crave connection? This is
the place for you!

Every Friday of the month 10 a.m.-noon FREE!



Just For Laughs...

Agnes by Tony Cochran



(An Homage to 7 Years of Zoomdoodle!)

MAG Board of Directors

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Register with Delaware Division of the Arts to join their Artist's Roster. Go to <https://arts.delaware.gov>, find the heading "artist" on the upper right corner of the Delaware Artist Roster home page, and click on "Register" to create an application for a new listing or "Log In" to edit existing listings.



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