from the president

As we move into Fall, the local artistic landscape is returning to some semblance of normalcy, although most events will be utilizing virtual formats at least into the spring. We inaugurated our Zoom meetings in September and on October 23rd pastel artist Nancy King Mertz will feature in our first Zoom artist demonstration. Members returned to the Spring Hill Recreation Center this past month to show and sell work and Rennee Alberts is now publicizing our Zoom meetings. Artists Gavin Glakas and Jane McElvaney Coonce have been scheduled for our November and December meetings, and on October 16, thanks to Ginnie Luster, some of us hope to join with members of Potomac Valley Watercolorists for a paint out at Riverbend Park, VA, near Great Falls. Our members are busy, but these are clearly not yet normal times. I am sure many of you have noticed the large number of show opportunities recently on the theme ‘art in the time of covid.’ Some of you may have tried to capture a response to recent events. Of all the artistic media, photography is probably the best suited to this purpose. We are lucky to have two photographers in our group, Margaret Raymond and Jane Podesta. Jane’s photo, ‘Let’s Move Forward’, received an Honorable Mention in the Torpedo Factory September show. It appears on the next page, and the image and title could not be more apt as we look forward to the coming months.

“Creativity is allowing oneself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep.”
Scott Adams, The Dilbert Principle

Cheers!
Ray Goodrow

news and notes

Luda Del Rose is stepping down from her role as Treasurer of MAS. Applause to Luda and a heartfelt thanks for her efforts at keeping us financially organized.

Ginger Sanaie received an honorable mention in the Potomac Valley Watercolorists fall online show and has a painting in the current Virginia Watercolor Society Show. Show is up until Dec. 31. 428 Arthur Ashe Blvd., Richmond.

Vicki Doyle’s oil painting is featured on the promotional material for Gallery Underground’s Fall Show, ‘Autumn’s Palette.’ www.galleryunderground.org

Catherine Schwartz and Alex Tolstoy. Accepted into the MPA 2020 Online Artfest. www.mpaartfest.org ‘til Oct. 18.

Jane Coonce, Betty Ganley, Ray Goodrow, Sandra Hill, Ginnie Luster, Ginger Sanaie, and Alex Tolstoy have watercolors in the PVW Fall online show. www.potomacvalleywatercolorists.org, until Dec. 31

Jane Podesta’s photograph "Let's Move Forward" received an honorable mention in the Art League September Exhibit. theartleague.org/gallery/exhibits. Her work was also selected for the Maryland Federation of Art ‘Art of Protest’ virtual exhibit.


Ray Goodrow’s “Girls are Dancing” was accepted into the Pittsburgh Watercolor Society Aqueous Open. www.pittsburghwatercolorsociety.com Online ‘til October 31.

Calendar (for specifics see emails)

October 23 Nancy King Mertz (Zoom demo)
November 20 Gavin Glakas (Zoom demo)
December 18 Jane McElvaney Coonce (Zoom)
October 16 Paintout with PVW
November 17 Change over at Spring Hill
Pastel Artist Nancy King Mertz will be our Zoom program artist October 23, 11am.