

## 65<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary Season Recap

Our 65th anniversary season was filled with free lectures, lively receptions, six exhibits and great press for the gallery and the Town of Wiscasset. We were featured in *DownEast*, *Maine Home* and *Design*, *WMTW 8's Total Maine*, and in our local press. We applaud and thank all who participated!

**Generations**, curated by prominent art writer Carl Little, was praised as “a landmark show in the history of Maine art.” Two highlights of that event include an opening reception that attracted over 300 people. and a talk by Maine State Historian Earle G. Shettleworth and Peter Fogg about their memories of gallery founder Mildred Burrage.

**Paint Wiscasset and Beyond**, our annual plein air event was another success, with high attendance and sales.

**Working Maine**, an exuberant celebration of Mainers at work, included 16 invited artists who were known for their work depicting occupations in Maine. Another 41 artists were juried in. The participants employed a wide variety of mediums to express the grit, determination and creativity of the people who make our state so special.

**Annual Members Show** showcased two pieces from each participating member, resulting in over 100 works on display in this lively event.

**The Artful Interior** recognized artisans who create items that perform a distinct function and are designed to be effective as well as beautiful. “The maker creates with the user in mind to craft an object which brings joy and beauty to the owner’s life” noted the show’s curator, Cynthia Pappas. The three-dimensional objects were accompanied by a selection of paintings based on a theme of interiors.



Earle Shettleworth and Peter Fogg reminisce about their friend, Mildred Burrage. Gallery photo.



Opening reception for *Working Maine*



Stephanie Berry with her painting at the *Annual Members Show*



Mother and son view Eric McIntyre’s brooms in *The Artful Interior*. Photos by Elizabeth Campbell.

Our diverse array of classes in 2023 included photography, woodworking, drawing and painting. We’ll decide upon 2024 classes over the winter months. Please let us know if you have a particular class you’d like to take. Send us message via email to [info@maineartgallerywiscasset.org](mailto:info@maineartgallerywiscasset.org).

Season Sponsor Sherri Dunbar of Tim Dunham Realty and the Gallery co-hosted the Wiscasset Chamber Business After Hours in August. We enjoyed fresh oysters shucked on site by Jolie Rogers Raw Bar and door prizes that included a painting donated by artist member John Sawyer and a gift card donated by Birch Home Furnishings and Gifts.

## More Building Improvements

Thanks to grants from 1772 Foundation and the Belvedere Trust, along with matching funds from the building’s owner, the Town of Wiscasset, we were able to address much needed exterior repairs and painting.

## Our 2024 season begins in mid-April with a focus on artistic mentors

### **K-12 Student Art Show, Weekends only, April 13 through 28**

A variety of mediums will be explored in art from Wiscasset's K-12 students. In addition to the youth exhibit, we continue our exploration of mentorship depicted in the 2023 Generations show with an exhibit of art by the students' teachers.

### **Generations: The Legacy of Mentors, May 2-June 9**

This exhibit will focus on the impact of MAG founding artists on their contemporary students. Work by early member artists will be paired with a juried exhibit of current member artists who describe in their statements the influence of mentors on their work.

### **Paint It! Wiscasset and Drawn to Maine: Contemporary Drawing and Printmaking, June 13-July 21**

Two shows exhibited concurrently. For the *plein air* event, artists will have a week to complete paintings throughout Lincoln County for display on the first floor. On a specified day, all participants will paint in the village of Wiscasset. At the same time, works on paper will be exhibited in the upper gallery.

### **Made in Maine: Annual Members Show, July 25-September 8**

This non-juried show provides an opportunity for all members to exhibit their art.

### **Nocturne, Sept 12-Oct 20**

Autumn, with its waning light, is a perfect time to display fine art that portrays evening or night. This juried show will feature work that explores the theme in all mediums and styles.



Board president Richard Riese (far left) joins artists, some of whom are MAG board members, participating in the Annual Members Show. Photo by Elizabeth Campbell.

## Get involved!

We welcome volunteers of all interests! Two current needs are anyone with experience implementing a constituent relations management software program that will help us better communicate with our members, artists, students and collectors. We also seek those who enjoy being involved in preservation projects to assist with our stewardship of the National Historic Register building that houses our gallery.

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**We invite you to become a member.** Visit: [www.maineartgallerywiscasset.org](http://www.maineartgallerywiscasset.org)

## Our team

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Our community offers deep-felt thanks to outgoing board members Elizabeth Campbell, Jimena Guzman, Christine Hopf-Lovette, Celia Ludwig and David Pope.

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