

MAG

mamaroneck artists guild, inc.

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The Mamaroneck Artists Guild had its beginnings in the backyard barn of local artist Grace Huntley Pugh in 1953. Frustrated that they were unable to find a model, seven local artists contacted the Art Students League in New York where they found models who, for an hourly rate and train fare, would come out to Mamaroneck to pose. The initial seven were Ruth Connery, Allen Glicksman, Hugh Gumpel, Grace Carr Gurwitz, Alice Neaman, Grace Huntley Pugh and George Russin. By 1955, with some 30 members and 100 patrons and the receipts from a Beaux Arts Ball, they were able to rent space in a building on Prospect Avenue just a few doors off of Mamaroneck Avenue. This space became known as the Art Barn. When this building was sold, the Guild set up quarters on Larchmont Avenue in Larchmont. We were at 2120 Boston Post Road for over 10 years and in the fall of 2008 moved to our present location. We now have grown to our present membership of nearly 300 artists from Westchester, surrounding communities and even across the country. Many of our members have achieved national recognition.

The MAG Gallery is in Larchmont Village, part of the town of Mamaroneck. Although our not-for-profit organization has greatly expanded since our beginning over 50 years ago, we still provide our members with the support and camaraderie which artists, who often work in isolation, find so necessary.

Our spacious gallery, staffed by a Director and an Associate Director, is open five days a week. We present members' work exclusively, alternating group shows with solo exhibitions. Large works may be shown in ongoing exhibitions at the Mamaroneck Town Center Gallery and occasionally at other venues.

We sponsor programs for members including visual presentations, demonstrations and critiques. Lectures at the Gallery or elsewhere in the community are open to the public, if space is available.

We co-sponsor with the Hispanic Resource Center of Larchmont/Mamaroneck, *Artistico*, a workshop for recent immigrants. Among other activities, we organize an annual art show of their work at a location outside the Gallery. We also host an annual show for high school art students entitled *Artists on the Rise*. We participate in the Mamaroneck Historic Harbor Street Fair and also show our work in conjunction with the Larchmont Historical Society House tour. We recently offered a family workshop for the public, as well as, our members. We are currently developing additional workshops. Our mission is two-fold, to nurture our artists and to reach out to the community.