

Monotype Guild of New England 2008-2009 Activity Report

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July

- New president and new treasurer work with membership chair on annual membership renewals.
- The **membership database is converted** from a word document to an excel spreadsheet document. Renewal memberships and new memberships are recorded in the database.
- A campaign is initiated to contact 2007-2008 members who had not renewed to seek their renewals.

August

- **The Constructed Mark** workshop by Ron Pokrasso is held for one week at the Cape Cod Community College print studios.
- **Summer MGNEws** newsletter is mailed to membership.

September

- **National Juried Monotype/Monoprint Exhibition** opens at the Attleboro Arts Museum, Attleboro, MA. MGNE's **first national juried show** received entries from 300 individuals, allowing our juror to select 124 images from approximately 900 images submitted.
 - The juror is Aprile Gallant, curator of Prints, Drawings, and Photographs at Smith College Museum of Art.
 - \$2000 in cash prizes and \$500 in materials prizes are awarded.
 - A **catalog of all images** in the National Show is created, using blurb.com. This catalog is available to any individual who wishes to order a copy.
 - All images in the show are **posted on the MGNE website**.
 - **Constant Contact** messages containing images are sent to members and participants in the National Show announcing: the opening reception, prize winners, option to purchase catalog, etc.
 - **Mono a Mono: The possibilities are endless** appears in the Sun Chronicle, a newspaper for SouthEastern Massachusetts.
- **Board of Directors' meeting** is held at the Stoughton Public Library.
 - New president Susan Denniston presents out-going president Alice Merlone with an artist book containing prints, thank yous, and best wishes from the membership.
 - Denniston announces goals for FY 2008-2009: to **strengthen our infrastructure and the image we present to the outside arts world**.
 - Use of **Constant Contact** to update members is approved by the board.
 - Work begins on a new design and layout for the **MGNE website**.

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November

- **Board of Directors' meeting** is held at the Framingham Public Library.
 - Methods are established for keeping the **current website up-to-date** with events, call for entries, membership forms, and images. Feedback is positive.
 - Annual meeting details are being worked out. Annual meeting presenters will be given one-year honorary membership.

December

- A newly designed **2008-2009 MGNE Directory** is mailed to all members. The directory includes **color images** of members' art interspersed throughout.
- **Fall MGNEws** newsletter is mailed to membership.

January

- **Board of Directors' meeting** is held at the Watertown Free Public Library.
 - The board approves the nomination of **Alice Merlone as a life-time honorary member** of MGNE in recognition of her dedicated and excellent service to the organization.

February

- **Winter MGNEws** newsletter is mailed to the membership.
- Liz Chalfin's workshop "**Photopolymer Intaglio and Monotype**" scheduled for March is canceled due to low enrollment.

March

- **Board of Directors' meeting** is held at the Brookline Public Library.
 - We reiterate the need for someone to chair advertising and to define advertising opportunities and seek advertisements; for someone to chair publicity; for someone to chair workshops.
 - Honorary memberships are approved for our jurors and gallery directors who hosted shows.
 - **Membership forms are redesigned** so that there is only one form.

April

- **Endless Possibilities: The Unique Print** opened at the LynnArts Center, Lynn, MA. The show is juried by Kurt Wisneski and includes 46 monoprints/monotypes by MGNE members. The opening reception is held April 4 and \$500 in prize money is awarded.
- **Spring MGNEws** newsletter is mailed to membership. It is 12 pages and contains **new renewal form with member information pre-filled**.

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May

- MGNE's 20th Anniversary Portfolio "**Coming of Age**" is accepted into the **Boston Public Library's Fine Art Print Collection**. MGNE hosts a small reception at the BPL where the MGNE President presents the portfolio to Susan Glover, Acting Keeper of Special Collections.
- **Board of Directors planning meeting** is held at the Stoughton Public Library.
- **Board** approves a **Facebook presence** for MGNE.

June

- MGNE's **new website is launched**.
- MGNE's **new brochure** is drafted.
- **Board of Directors' meeting** is held at the Plymouth Guild for the Arts.
- **Annual Members' Meeting** is held at the Plymouth Guild immediately following the Board of Directors' meeting.
 - Membership votes to **amend bylaws** regarding standing committees so that there is no longer an Activities committee and the Education and Workshops committees are combined into one.
 - **Beyond the Monoprint** is presented by Mary Taylor at our Annual Meeting.
- Opening reception for the **Open Members' Show** is held at the Plymouth Guild immediately following the guest speaker's presentation at the Annual Meeting.
- MGNE announces the start of its **25th Anniversary year**, beginning July 1.
- MGNE announces its second **National Exhibition of Monotypes and Monoprints** will be held at the **Fitchburg Art Museum** from September 26, 2010 through January 2, 2011.
- **Seven members of MGNE will join the Board of Directors.**