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Member renewal and leadership opportunities

Hi everyone,

Happy new year! It's been great to see your announcements on Facebook and in newsletters about all the great things you are working on for 2017.

After quite a bit of troubleshooting we now have an online membership renewal form. [Please click this link to update your membership status](#). Or copy paste: <https://www.jotform.us/form/60919187986172>

As a member, a brief bio, artist's statement, and up to 3 images (all submitted by you) will be placed on our website, [FUSEDChicago](#). You will receive a "2017 Member" jpeg to use on your website and printed materials. You will have access to our private Facebook page and kept apprised of FUSEDChicago exhibit opportunities and member programming to assist in furthering your art career.

Committees you can sign up for include: Exhibitions, Publicity & Marketing, Writing, Programming & Events, Member Support, Conduct a Workshop (see the form for descriptions). Some of you have also been helpful with hospitality (providing food and drink at events) and art work delivery, so

please indicate that in the 'other' field.

We will be **electing new board members** in our next meeting. The board is **looking for nominations** for *Vice/Co-President*. This position will rotate into the President role in 2018. We are also looking for a new *social media chairperson* to alleviate Alicia from the role she has held for several years now. You can nominate yourself or another member by emailing FUSEDChicago@gmail.com by March 15.

As the committees for 2017 take shape we will brainstorm programming for the year and determine how to implement suggestions received (manpower being the biggest need). Our next meeting will likely take place in April, and I will definitely be in touch sooner than that.

Thank you for being part of this talented organization.

~ Maike

FUSEDChicago President

A big round of applause to April Nomellini for her hard work in getting our member renewal into the online world.

Member Announcement

Member Jenny Learner is offering a residency in her studio space:

"Encaustic Batik Collage Assemblage with Beeswax

You plan your own work time and with the option to have me there to guide you, give you lessons and demo. Three day commitment. Student pays for beeswax, paint and substrates. Student will have their own table and can use our tools and general supplies.

Exhibit your work at The Zhou B Art Center Third Friday Opening Night Event, where we receive many visitors each month of the year.

Three day Studio time plus 10 foot x 9 foot wall to exhibit your work inside Studio 303 during our third Friday Open House. Cost \$300.00

Optional: Private lessons \$150.00 for 3 hours (on any day or all days) demos of selected medium.

Gallery Wall Space (Only to exhibit) on our Third Fridays available for two

month commitment starting at \$200.00 for a 10"W x 9" H wall space inside Gallery. Exterior Gallery wall there is an extra fee of \$100.00.

The \$300.00 includes Studio Space at the Zhou B Art Center Studio 303 for three consecutive days 9am - 8pm. Beginning encaustic students need supervision due to the heating tools used, so if your a beginner, studio can be used during the buildings regular business hours which are 10-5pm.

Handicap Access and Elevator, Monday through Saturday 10-5pm

Jenny Learner 1029 West 35th Street Chicago Illinois 60609 www.jennylearner.com

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Looking for a secretary

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Fall Update

Dear FUSEDChicago members,

The year is flying by, and I am thrilled to see so many of you succeeding at your shows, giving and taking workshops, and advancing in your art pursuits. It's been great to see you at various openings around town.

We've been working on lining up group shows and are actively pursuing opportunities for the 2018 calendar year. As you know, most venues plan well in advance, and securing a show for 2017 was not possible. There have been careful deliberations about where to show, and we have one Fall exhibit lined up, with hopes of also securing a small works exhibit in early 2018.

January 2018 Meeting

With the holidays fast approaching our next official member meeting will be in January. Cat Crotchett will give a talk about '**Idea Development.**'

Updated Images

In order to draft strong show proposals, we are updating the member art work library. These will also go on the web site.

This talk will focus on the individual ways different artists develop ideas into executed works of art or bodies of work. It will also delve into strategies specific artists use to get past roadblocks in their work and how they place limits on themselves (or don't) working in the studio. This will be a great way to get those creative juices flowing again after the holidays.

The meeting will also feature an election. We are **looking for a new FUSEDChicago Secretary** for the 2018-2019 term. As you know, Cindy Lesperance will move into the President role and Carol Hamilton will become the Vice President. Of course we always welcome additional nominations. Send your nomination to fusedchicago@gmail.com.

Please send **3 full jpeg images** of your art work, created since 2015. We also need a square thumbnail with a detail of your favorite work that will be shown on the home page. The thumbnail should be 250 x 250 pixels. Your regular art work should be 900 x 900 pixels (with rectangular pieces having one longer side).

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For example: van Wijk_1_Superior; van Wijk_2_Migrating Monarchs etc. and send them to [Ahavani Mullen](#) by

December 15.

Send us a 50-100 word biography (about you) and a 50-100 word artist statement (about your work) attached as a Microsoft Word document.

We hope you have a festive Fall and a joyous holiday season, and will send out a formal meeting announcement closer to the January date.

~ *Maike*

outgoing FUSEDChicago President



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The DOT Show! Art Critique Meeting in June

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Summer plans!

Hello FUSEDChicago members,

We've got some exciting plans in the works for you and look forward to seeing you this summer.

The DOT Show's opening reception is on Friday, **May 13 from 6 to 9 pm** at SHOWPod7, 1834 S. Halsted in Chicago. The installation looks great and we look forward to seeing you. Thank you to VA, Elyse and Linda for securing the space and curating the show and to Kathy for coordinating the reception.

Our next member meeting is on **June 25**, with details below. Ahavani is working out some new studio visit dates as well, so stay tuned for that. All members are welcome to arrange coffee dates and other activities in addition to those planned out by the board. Feel free to connect with each other and pick each other's brains.

We sent out an Exhibit Venue Survey via Survey Monkey in April. I will re-send it to those who have not responded yet. This will help Michele map out our future exhibits. An all-member show is in the works for Fall.

THE DOT SHOW





Artist Critique with Janet Bloch

We are very pleased to have well-known artist and educator, Janet Bloch, facilitating a three-hour critique session at FUSEDChicago's meeting on June 25, 2016. Janet is the author of *Strategic Marketing Tools for Visual Artists*.

The meeting is on **Saturday, June 25 from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm at the Hirst/Dannelly Studio**, 1200 W. 35th Street studio 3A3120, Bridgeport Art Center, Chicago, IL 60609

Participating members will each get 15 minutes of time to have their work critiqued. Janet has asked that those whose work is critiqued bring four (4) pieces of art from the *same* body of work. There will be time for twelve members to have their work discussed. (You are encouraged to join in the discussion even if you do not have your own work critiqued.)

Since Janet can critique no more than 12 artists in the allotted time, it is important to sign up early. It's free—there's no cost for members. Sign up will begin on May 15th. **Please email us at fusedchicago@gmail.com to let us know if you will participate.**

Thank you Jeff and Helen for opening your space to us.





Thank you to Sarah Rehmer for hosting our artist statement discussion in April. It was very insightful and I enjoyed all the constructive comments everyone provided at this meeting.

Our minutes and the updated member roster will be sent out before the June meeting. Our newly designed web site is getting some final tweaks, and we'll be in touch with the communications committee soon to implement blog ideas.

Have a fantastic month and be sure to keep up with all member shows and events via Facebook.

~ Maike



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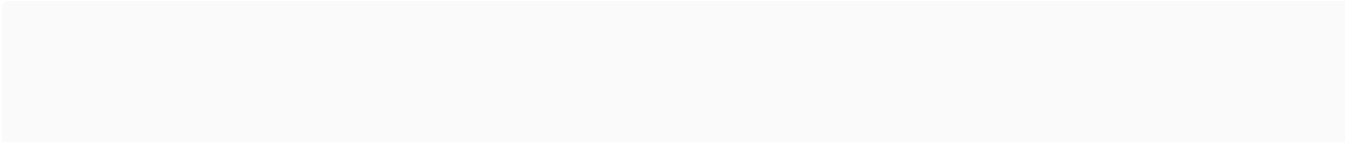
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Happy New Year!

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Happy New Year

Hello FUSEDChicago members,

It's been an exciting year for our members, with many of you having fabulous solo and group exhibits. It is great to follow your careers and see your growth as an artist. Our aim is to keep helping you in that endeavor.

This year we had a meet & greet pizza party in conjunction with Lisa Pressman's visit to Jeff Hirst's studio. Sarah Rehmer helped us rethink our artist statements with an interactive discussion. Several members collaborated on the DOT Show installation in the summer. Janet Bloch provided an artist critique. The year closed with the FUSEDVisions show at the Northshore Senior Center.

Behind-the-scenes, the exhibit committee continues to scope out new exhibit venues. We are also continuing to tweak the new FUSEDChicago web site since its transition earlier this year.

We will reconvene early next year for 2017 planning. If you are interested in a leadership role let me know. We will look for assistance on the exhibit and social media committees in particular.

A big thank you to each of us for your involvement and engagement. Have a wonderful holiday season and a joyful year-end. Keep on fusing!

~ Maike



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Member Show & Tell during our Spring Meeting

FUSEDChicago Fall news

Hello all!

Welcome to our first member newsletter. We're adding this newsletter to keep you updated on a regular basis as we map out activities and events for the next year and beyond.

Fall meeting: Our next **general member meeting will take place October 3** with a Social Media presentation and discussion. We are still determining the venue for that meeting, but anticipate a 10:30 am start time. **Please submit your Social Media Questions to Alicia Forestall-Boehm by September 25.**

We will also vote on a new FUSEDChicago logo and discuss plans for our holiday party (combined with a studio visit). Further details will be communicated via [Facebook](#) and email.

This year has been quite active with our *Textual Encounters* show at ARC Gallery, a general meeting with a member show-and-tell component, a [member meeting with an art critique](#), *Expansive Vision* at Prairie State College, a studio visit in Michigan, and four board meetings. We look forward to sharing more organizational news with you soon.

Have a great rest of the summer!

Maike and Michele

FUSEDChicago co-Presidents



Exhibit Proposals: Michele Thrane and Pat Lagerger have compiled your photo submissions for the *Pushing Boundaries* exhibit proposal. We are contacting a number of exhibit venues with show proposals for 2016.

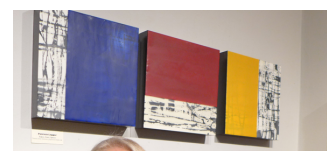
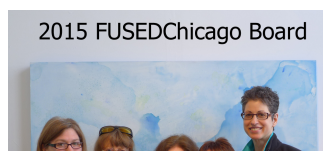
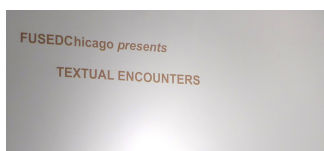
Thank you to VA de Pintor, Elyse Martin and Linda Sorokin Eisenberg for coordinating the *Dot Show*. Selectees were notified and are receiving email updates from VA directly. The selectees are: Alicia Forestall-Boehm, Amy Van Winkle, Brad Hook, Cat Crotchett, Carol Hamilton, Carol Myers, Jenny Learner, Joan Fellows Moriarty, Kathy Blankley Roman, Karen Tichy, Kari Hall, Maike van Wijk, Michele Thrane, Pat Lagerger, Sarah Rehmer, and Sue Cahill. Congratulations!

Contact us with exhibit and gallery locations that you think will be suitable for a member show.

Member News: It has been a very active year for many of you. We are excited to see you included in so many Chicago-area exhibits and enjoy perusing the various openings. [You can keep in touch with everyone's activities at a glance via the web site's member news page.](#) Submit your monthly activities to the web site on the 28th of each month. We also encourage you to use the [Facebook Group page](#) to announce your latest workshops, open houses, exhibits and other artistic endeavors.

2015 Exhibits: Our first 2015 member show, *Textual Encounters*, was a fabulous overview of all your gorgeous and inspiring work. *Expansive Vision* at Prairie State College in June represented 15 members' works. We also had a strong showing in Morpho Gallery's *Edges* exhibit, curated by our very own Kathleen Waterloo and Kathy Blankley Roman.

[Revisit the exhibits via Facebook.](#) Keep on creating, submitting and inspiring!





Textual Encounters
at ARC Gallery



The FUSEDChicago Board
of 2015



Edges exhibit, curated by
Kathleen Waterloo and Kathy
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Holiday Party, New Logo and a Call for Web Site Images

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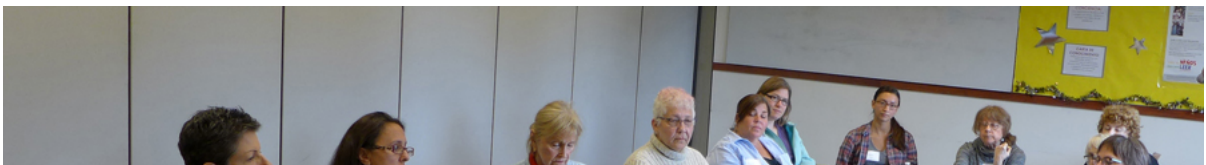


November FUSEDChicago News

Mark your calendars for our **Holiday Party on December 5!** The party starts at 2 pm at Jenny Learner's Studio 303 at Zhou B Art Center, 1029 W 35th St., Chicago, IL 60609. RSVP via Facebook or [email](#).

During October's General Meeting we voted on our brand-new logo, which is making its debut in the banner. Thank you to [Kari Hall](#) for your hard work in brainstorming and revising the logo with the board, and thank you to the attendees for your majority vote. See the note below about submitting updated photos and bios for our new web site.

[Alicia Forestall-Boehm](#) walked us through the advantages of using Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram and Pinterest for art promotion. FUSEDChicago now has a Twitter account in addition to our Facebook pages. Don't forget to use our members-only [Facebook group page](#) for announcements and resources and tell your friends about our [public Facebook page](#). Send Alicia your announcements by the 28th of the month so you can be promoted on our public page.





Holiday Party Nibbles

To plan our holiday party on December 5, Cindy Lesperance has graciously offered to be our party coordinator. She will keep tabs on our party needs, including food and drink etc. If you are a culinary maven or have someone in your life who enjoys making food for others to enjoy, [click this link to let Cindy what you can bring to the party.](#)

We are looking for food and beverages. Getting sponsors (a budding cupcake bakery that might want to send mini samples along with you to promote their new spot) that would be fabulous as well.

Also, if you can think of any ice breaker game or other party activities that help us get to know each other better, let Cindy know. We are looking forward to this

Images for new Web site

Doug Boehm is redesigning our FUSEDChicago web site, for which we will refresh all the member images and bios as we migrate.

Send us a 50-100 word biography (about you) and a 50-100 word artist statement (about your work).

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and send them to [Alison Muller](#)

We are looking forward to the mingling in Jenny's fabulous studio space.

and send them to [Anavani Mullen](#) by **November 30.**

Best wishes and a speedy recovery to Pat Lager. She is recovering at home (as of November 10) from cancer surgery. The prognosis is optimistic, but Pat has months more of treatment.

Pat plans to be active in FUSEDChicago as much as her health permits in the coming months. I'm sure that best wishes and cards will be appreciated as well as art discussions and news.

~ Michele



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