

# MCMURRAY ART LINES

October 2013

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*Andrew Wyeth* Hoffman's Barn 1917

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## A Note from the President

Dear MAL Friends,

Fall has arrived and along with it a new format for our Fall Show at the Galleria (Friday, Oct. 11- Sunday, Oct. 20). It takes a good amount of work to put a quality show together, so please volunteer even if you are not displaying in the show. It would help a lot....and be more fun for all! This is our time to shine out in the community, sharing our talents and getting the word out about the many facets of MAL. We will be selling our artwork at the Galleria this year for the first time, as well as our Lush Brush paintings and note cards. It will be interesting to see what classes will be offered by the eight art leagues. Hope to see you at our Fall Show.

New classes are beginning in October (+ needs more people): Tom McNickle-oil +, Bill Vrsak-wc, Elaine Wertheim-Art History Talks +, Barry Jeter-wc. November classes are: Christine Swann-pastels +, Barry Jeter-oil, David Csont-wc +, Elaine Wertheim-Art History Talks +. Please sign up for classes now so that we reach the minimum requirements.

Back by popular demand is the MAL Mingle, our holiday social, on Tuesday, Dec 10 from 11-1. Mark your calendar now, it will be here before you know it. There will be more details in the November newsletter.

This October will be a very busy month for MAL with the Fall Show, classes, art history lecture, meetings and CAFE-Away art getaway. Remember that our meeting is the 1st Thursday in October. I hope to see you at our Thursday, October 3 meeting with our speaker William McAllister.

Your president, Linda Saksa

# News and Notes from the League

## Membership

Our membership has reached 108 (and climbing)! Since the last newsletter we welcome the following new or renewing members:

Lois Illar 412-653-4854/412-841-9530  
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[lois.illar@verizon.net](mailto:lois.illar@verizon.net) *WC/Pastel*

Kathleen Cleaver 412-279-3035/412-266-5760  
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Carmen DiGiacomo. 412-563-1859/412-606-8539  
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[tippfado@verizon.net](mailto:tippfado@verizon.net) *Photograph*

You can add new members to the new Membership Directory.. Anyone wishing to join can do so via [mcmurrayartleague.org](http://mcmurrayartleague.org), by picking up a membership form at the MAL studio or by calling Carol Kilkeary at 724-941-4855.

## McMurray Art League's CAFE Away

CAFE Away at Oglebay Park on Wednesday, October 23; Thursday, October 24; Friday, October 25; is going to happen. Hurrah. If anyone still wants to go it's still not too late. Contact Theresa Bozzo at [ozzobt@aol.com](mailto:ozzobt@aol.com) or at 412 429 1619. We have 11 people attending. The more the merrier. Hope to hear from you!

Theresa


## Art DVD Library

New this year we are beginning an Art DVD Library to add to our book collection that members may borrow. We are asking members to donate Art DVDs to the MAL Library so other artists may also enjoy and learn from them. Simply leave the DVDs on the table near the refrigerator. We will label the new DVDs and have them available to borrow on our bookshelf. There is a new sign in/out sheet for books and DVDs. No VHS tapes, please.

## MAL Shows at Peters Library

Our current show runs Sept 11 to Nov 11  
The Holiday Show runs Nov 11 to January 8  
On Jan 8, MAL takes a winter break (to paint, one assumes!) *The LensShooters come in with their show January 8 to February 5.* MAL resumes: Feb 5 to April 2. Further schedule TBA 2014.

Thanks to our participants. Be sure to stop and see all the shows. MAL and the LensShooters.

Happy Painting to all, Shirley 

## We Need Your Help

This year's *Fall Show at the Galleria* is such a new venture! All of the local art leagues will be participating throughout the mall. Sales will also be allowed for the first time and classes will be taught for the public! MAL has four classes being offered! It is going to be an art fair for all to enjoy.

We need two people to sit during each session and are in need of more sitters than are available. If you are not in the show this season, we can still use your help. It would be really appreciated. You will enjoy this adventure even if you aren't in the show. Please contact Theresa Bozzo ASAP at [ozzobt@aol.com](mailto:ozzobt@aol.com) or 412 429 1619.

## Forget What You Put in Past MAL Shows?

Remember that MAL standards do not allow you to enter a piece in a spring or fall show that has been in a previous spring or fall show. Your webmaster has posted on our website the pieces displayed in the spring and fall MAL shows back to spring 2010. See the link on the top of the Exhibits page.

Jan Pini

# 2013-2014 MAL Classes, CAFEs and Events

The McMurray Art League is in a class all it's own! We are one of the few organizations that offer the amount and variety of classes and CAFE's in this area. So let's support the league and get together and have some fun! There are still openings in the following classes and we will need more students in order to hold them. If these are your favorite teachers please send in your registrations ASAP. It would be a shame to have to cancel these wonderful instructors' classes.

Elaine Wertheim-- Art Lecture Series

Tom McNickle--Oil Landscapes

Christine Swann--Pastel Potraits

Barry Jeter--Oil Painting

Davis Csont--Watercolor and more

Dates	ARTIST	MEDIA	HOURS	MEMBER	NON-MEM.
Sept. 23, Oct 14, Nov 18	<b>Elaine Wertheim</b>	Art Lecture Series "Isabel Bishop, Fairfield Porter, Audrey Flack, Matisse in Morocco <i>*Members pay \$27 for the series if they are registered by 9/12</i>	10 to 11:30	\$10	\$15 per day*
Oct. 2, 9, 16	<b>Tom McNickle:</b>	Oil Landscapes	10 to 4	\$35	\$40 per day
Oct. 8, 15	<b>Bill Vrscak:</b>	Watercolor	10 to 4	\$40	\$45 per day
Oct 22, 29	<b>Barry Jeter:</b>	Watercolor	10 to 4	\$35	\$40 per day
Nov 5, 12, 19	<b>Christine Swann:</b>	Pastel Portraits	9:30 to 3	\$45	\$50 per day
Nov 6, 7	<b>Barry Jeter:</b>	Oil	10 to 4	\$35	\$40 per day
Nov 9, 16	<b>David Csont:</b>	Watercolor and More	10 to 3	\$35	\$40 per day
Jan 21, 22	<b>Jeannie McGuire:</b>	Watercolor Figures	10 to 4	\$45	\$50 per day
Feb 4, 11	<b>Kit Paulson:</b>	Watercolor	10 to 4	\$30	\$35 per day
Mar 4, 11, 18, 25	<b>Tom McNickle:</b>	Watercolor	10 to 4	\$35	\$40 per day

## Signing up for Classes

There are two ways that you can sign up for classes: using our website or by contacting Jean Kunz. You can sign up on the website by viewing either "Events" or "Calendar". Using the "Calendar" you can view the entire month at a time. When signing up for classes on the website, go to [www.mcmurrayartleague.org](http://www.mcmurrayartleague.org) and click on "WA Calendar". There you can view the calendar by the month. You may view previous month or next month (at the upper right of the calendar). Select the class you want, the class window will open and then select "Register". Your email address will show, then select "next". Select the proper registration (members must be signed in to get the membership fee). Your info will be displayed, click "next". "Confirm and proceed to payment" will show what you owe for that class. You may continue to register for additional classes using the red "Back" button. You can then pay for several classes at one time. When you are ready to pay, you may pay using PayPal or you can mail a check (made out to **McMurray Art League**) to:

Jean Kunz/Class Registrar  
1818 Kent Rd  
Pittsburgh, PA 15241

## **Class Info cont'd:**

Please write the instructor's name and date of class on the check. You will receive an email confirmation of your registration. Unfortunately we can only process a refund if you cancel on or before 14 days of the scheduled class. *McMurray Art League has great instructors. Once the instructor has been contracted for the class we need to fulfill our obligation to them by paying their contracted stipend.*

If you have any questions about class content, contact Theresa Bozzo at [classcoordinator@mcmurrayartleague.org](mailto:classcoordinator@mcmurrayartleague.org) or call 412-429-1619

## **CAFES**

Zentangle CAFE, presented by Polly Kamon held on October 19 is the reason you may see some unusual and interesting "doodles" around. The next CAFE will be held in November using "Altered Paper" presented by collage master, Darlene Sanders. We hope to hold another in December for some holiday fun and will notify all as soon as the details are worked out on both of these!

## **2013-14 Thematic Shows**

### **Thematic Shows Continue**

The "Black and White" thematic show is on exhibit in the studio from September 26 – November 21. Be sure to stop by on a Thursday evening from 5 -8 p.m. to view the show and to visit with fellow artists who are either there as an exhibiting artist or working at the studio during that time. On November 21 the show will change to express the theme "Seasons." All McMurray Art League members are invited to hang "seasonal" themed work. Contact Sandy Conley [conley1973@verizon.net](mailto:conley1973@verizon.net) or Michalina Pendsich [mpendsich@yahoo.com](mailto:mpendsich@yahoo.com) by November 14 if you want to participate.

*September 26 – November 21, 2013*

**"Black and White"** – No explanation necessary...and, no color allowed!

Receiving on Sept. 26th, 5 – 8 p.m.

*November 21 – January 30, 2014*

**"Seasons"** – Any work that is an expression of or inspired by Seasons is eligible for this show. This could include "seasons of life" as well as depictions of nature.

Receiving on Nov. 21, 5 – 8 p.m.

*January 30 – March 27, 2014*

**"Home"** – Is it where the heart is or is it an architectural rendering? Think about your home-inspired pieces and participate in the show.

Receiving on January 30, 5 – 8 p.m.

*March 27 – May 29, 2014*

**"The Human Form"**- Portrait artists and life-drawing class participants, this one's for you.

Receiving on March 27, 5 – 8 p.m.

# MAL Speakers for 2013 2014

MAL has quite a list of guest speakers scheduled for this working year. We started with **Josh Hogan** on *September 12 at 7 pm*. Our upcoming speaker, scheduled for *October 3*, is **William McAllister**, a top notch artist who has been working seriously in watercolors since 1982. His work is exhibited internationally and locally. In addition, he has been featured in numerous publications. His website, [www.mcallisterpaintings.com](http://www.mcallisterpaintings.com) is wonderful and worth the visit.

The remaining season will feature **Bob Daley** on *November 14*, **Sue Schneider** on *February 13*, **Amy Lindenberger** on *March 6* and finally, **Mark Klinger** on *April 10*. Come join us!



Andrew Wyeth *Distant Thunder* 1961

## News from Outside the League and Beyond!

### Pittsburgh Pastel Artists League Workshops

A pastel plein air workshop with acclaimed tree and landscape painter Diane Grugaras has been scheduled for Saturday October 12 at the Frick Art and Historical Center ([www.thefrick.pittsburgh.org](http://www.thefrick.pittsburgh.org)), located at 7227 Reynolds Street in Point Breeze. (corner of Penn and South Homewood with the entrance to the free parking lot on Reynolds). All levels from absolute beginner to experienced plein air painters are invited to attend! Please let Karen Ferrick (<mailto:khillferrick@comcast.net>) know by September 30 if you plan to attend. The price is \$15 for PPAL members and \$25 for non-members. Mail your check made out to PPAL to Karen Ferrick, 519 Rockland Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15239.

PPAL is hosting a three day workshop April 22-24, 2014 at Third St. Gallery in Carnegie featuring Margaret Evans. Margaret is an internationally known pastel painter from Scotland. The cost of the workshop is \$350. Contact Mary Dunn at 412-576-1423 or [mcdunn2@comcast.net](mailto:mcdunn2@comcast.net) for more information.

And don't forget the PPAL exhibit currently on display at the Frank Sarris Public Library in Canonsburg. Several of our MAL members have pieces on display. The exhibit runs through October 4. Here's a link to an article in the Observer Reporter newspaper about the exhibit: [www.observer-reporter.com/article/20130909/NEWS01/130909382#.Ujtl5srD\\_IV](http://www.observer-reporter.com/article/20130909/NEWS01/130909382#.Ujtl5srD_IV).



# MAL Bylaws Update

MAL Bylaws Update will be voted on at the October meeting. Please review the revisions. Some revisions are being proposed to the League's Bylaws. According to our Bylaws, the information must be published in the newsletter for a membership vote. This has already been voted on by the Board. Below you will see the previous text crossed out with the new wording in red. The full document with changes marked is available on our website under Newsletters and Information. Note that the text in Article 10 was changed to match that in our Articles of Incorporation.

## Article 7. COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND THEIR DUTIES

1. Committee Chairpersons shall be appointed by the President as required.
  - d. The Hospitality Chair shall provide for all refreshments at the meetings of the League and ~~at all special events.~~ **replenish studio supplies.**
  - g. The Nominating Committee shall consist of one board member and one League member **who shall work with the MAL officers to** ~~The committee shall~~ present the proposed slate of officers and Board members at the March meeting and include the proposed slate of officers and Board members in the March newsletter. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor (with the consent of the nominee) at the April (or May) meeting, at which time the League members will vote for the officers

## Article 10. DISPOSITION OF FUNDS AND PROPERTY UPON DISSOLUTION

1. ~~All indebtedness of the League shall be credited upon dissolution and the balance of moneys including real property, if any, shall be donated to a non-profit visual arts organization in the area.~~  
**Upon dissolution of the organization, the Board of Directors or governing staff shall, after paying or making provision for all the payment of all the liabilities of the organization, dispose of all the assets of the organization in such manner, or to such organization(s) organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational or visual arts purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization(s) under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors or governing staff shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.**

## Policies Update

Some trivial revisions were made to the League's Policies. Policies need only be approved by the Board and these changes have been approved. The full document with changes marked is available on our website under Newsletters and Information.

<b>Board Meetings – Mondays</b>
October 21 – 2:00 pm
January 20 – 2:00 pm
February 17 – 2:00 pm
March 24 – 2:00 pm
April 21 – 2:00 pm

<b>General Meetings – Thursdays</b>
October 3 – 2:00 pm-- <i>1st Thurs</i>
November 14 – 2:00 pm
February 13 – 2:00 pm
March 6 - 2:00 pm-- <i>1st Thurs</i>
April 10 - 7:00 pm

## Fall Show Update

Plans for the fall show are coming together as the **Screening (Saturday, September 28, 10-11:30 AM)**, the **Setup (Thursday, October 10 at 9:00 PM)** and the **Opening Reception (Saturday, October 12, 7:00-8:00 PM)** are rapidly approaching. Volunteers are still needed in many areas. We need volunteers to:

- help with screening
- to provide a truck and to transport screens to the Galleria
- help with setting up screens
- checking in artists
- assist with take down, and
- provide a truck and transport screens back to the studio.

Fortunately, volunteers stepped up to present four wonderful classes during the show: **Susan Castriota** – “Wilson’s Wondrous Tails” Book Reading, Signing and Drawing Demonstration; **Lydia Mansur** – “Fancy Script Calligraphy”; **Denise Graham** – Free Form Polymer Fabric; and **Judy Kandel** – Paper Birds.

Sharing space at the Galleria with seven other art leagues, and selling our artwork at the Galleria for the first time brings great opportunities for all of us. **Don’t forget the Galleria Poster Contest entries deadline is September 30 – with a \$500 prize!** This is an event you won’t want to miss both as a participant and spectator. Please read the Prospectus and Standards for details and we will see you at the Screening on September 28.

**Any questions call co-chairs Laura Mooney 412-561-8176 or Ginny Hults 724-941-8531**

## MAL Directory Updates

**The MAL 2013-2014 Directory will be distributed at the Fall Show screening on September 28 and again at the October 3 General Meeting.** See Alena Lutton for your copy.

To Update Your Directory, simply print out the names and member information listed below, then cut out and paste onto a blank page in your directory booklet.

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## The McMurray Art League

### Officers & Chairs 2013-2014

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Program: Fran Marze  
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