

MCMURRAY ART LINES

February 2014

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Milton Avery "Still Life with Bottles" 1944

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A Note from the President

A Happy, Healthy New Year to You All! Ah, yes, somehow my belts have shrunk and my paints have dried up. That means it is time to take a deep breath, tighten my belt, stir my paints and get busy with positive and creative thoughts and projects. I encourage you to join in the many creative happenings going on at our studio to scoot away the winter blahs.

By the time you get this newsletter, we would have celebrated at Lush Brush and attended art class with internationally known, Jeannie McGuire. We have some new, fun classes scheduled, as well as our tried and true classes with all of them providing wonderful experiences. But we need *you* to sign up to fill the classes. You may go online to mcmurrayartleague.org to read the outlines of the classes. I signed up for Kit Paulsen's class (Feb 4 & 11) after reading the outline and have signed up for others. Please don't wait until the last minute to register as that class could be regretfully cancelled. (see article on classes offered) Sign up now!

Our new Studio Thematic Gallery will be hung the end of the month. Sign up to "hang" in the show by Jan 23. (see article for information). The Peters Township Library New Show will be hung Thursday, February 13. Contact Shirley Williams with information for the tags.

Notice: our Spring Show registration is coming soon on Sat, February 15. The Galleria has chosen March and October as the months for the multi-league art show. (see details in article)

I hope to see you at our February 13 meeting with speaker William McAllister!

Your president,
Linda Saksa

News and Notes from the League

PARKING for MAL Members and Visitors

Just a reminder to all those who visit our studio—we must park in the area at the corner or behind the shops or bank. This is not a new policy, but one that we weren't following as closely as we should have been. With more activity at McDowell Shops, including MAL, parking regulations are necessary. There is a [map on the front door](#) marked with which parking spaces are allowed. Please park in those locations so that the stores, restaurants and doctors have spaces for their patients/customers. It is because they are there doing business that we are provided our space giving us the opportunity to promote the arts in our community. Thank you for your courtesy.

Membership

Membership is climbing once again and we welcome our newest members Candace Radel and Starr Hull. Please see the back page of the newsletter to find and print out their information to add to your membership book.

Reminder :

Anyone interested in registering for the upcoming Spring Show must be in good standing with membership dues to participate in show. Any questions can call Carol @ 724-941-4855.

MAL Nominations for June 2014-May 2015

The nomination process has begun with many of the present officers and board continuing on for the June 2014-May 2015 year, however, the board is searching for co-vice presidents that term. These two officers would work together with Linda Saksa, our current president, to begin preparing them to take over the office of co-president for the following year. As a shared position, this really is a very manageable office. *All positions* on the board, along with the president/co-presidents, *enjoy* working together to keep the League running smoothly. We really need people willing to step up and help our league to continue its role as a quality arts organization.

Darla Duffy

Newsletter Articles

If you are interested in posting or placing an article in the upcoming newsletters, please have your article in to Renee Keil at rakeil@comcast.net the Friday following the monthly board meeting. The due dates will be as follows: February 21, March 28 and April 25. Please also copy the article to Linda Saksa at saxa3@msn.com

Lush Brush

The League held it's first *Lush Brush* of 2014. The evening was filled to capacity. The music and refreshments, provided a creative atmosphere for our talented artists who produced wonderful greeting cards. We were like a little card factory! Many thanks to all! You brought your "A" game in supporting this event. These cards will be for sale at the spring show and at the MAL studio.

Carol and Renee

CAFES

Thanks to all the members that shared their unique and interesting talents and to all the participants in the 2013 CAFES. I am in the planning stages for 2014 and hope to offer some new explorations for creativity. If you would like to share something interesting by demonstration or workshop, just give me a call. These sessions are short, loads of fun and reasonably priced.

Carol Kilkeary

Pittsburgh Watercolor Society New Member Screening

New member screening for the Pittsburgh Watercolor Society is scheduled for Sunday, March 23, 2014. Go to Pittsburghwatercolorsociety.org for details and to register. You must register in advance in order to be included in the screening. You will need to bring three pieces of art, preferably thematically related, to the screening.

Michalina Pendzich mpendzich54@yahoo.com

2014 MAL Classes

Our MAL upcoming classes will get your creative juices flowing. The holidays are over and winter blahs are upon us. Sign up for some familiar and new classes to get you inspired. We need students for our classes. It would be a shame to have to cancel the wonderful classes scheduled due to a lack of participation. The quality of our instructors are a bargain and these classes are guaranteed to shake off the winter blues. They are cheaper than a trip or cruise and will keep you busy and amused. The studio is bright and warm, provides good company and doesn't require a passport. You can make your own journals for sketching, practice and learn skills to improve your sketching, try new techniques and much more. I encourage you to take our classes. We appreciate all the support from our members.

Dates	ARTIST	MEDIA	HOURS	MEMBER	NON-MEM.
Jan 21, 22	Jeannie McGuire:	Watercolor Figures	10 to 4	\$45	\$50 per day
	Mary Kay Richardson	Miniature Paintings	Cancelled: to be rescheduled		
Feb 4, 11	Kit Paulson:	Watercolor	10 to 4	\$30	\$35 per day
Feb 5	Pat Buckley:	Journal Making for Sketching add \$5.00 for materials	10 to 1	\$25	\$30 per day
Feb 20	Leslie Fehling	Intro to Sketchbook Journaling <i>More information will be on our website</i>	10 to 4	\$30	\$35 per day
Feb 26, 27	Brian McDermott:	Pastel Figure Drawing	10 to 4	\$30	\$35 per day
Mar 4, 11, 18, 25	Tom McNickle:	Watercolor Painting	10 to 4	\$35	\$40 per day
Mar 10, April 14, May 12	Elaine Wertheim:	Art Talks	10 to 11:30	\$10 per session	
Mar 20, 27	Robert Daley:	Oil Portraits	10 to 4	\$40	\$45 per day
April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Sue Levy:	Watercolor Painting	10 to 2	\$25	\$30 per day
April 8, 15	Barry Jeter:	Watercolor Painting	10 to 4	\$35	\$40 per day
May 3, 10	David Csont	Watercolor Figures & More \$8.00 model fee	10 to 3	\$35	\$40 per day
May 28	Denise Graham:	Polymer Clay (Poppies) <i>Material Fee TBA</i>	10 to 4	\$35	\$40 per day
July 9, 16	Peggie Habets:	Watercolor	10 to 4	\$40	\$45 per day

Signing up for Classes

Don't forget, 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. If you have questions, please refer to our past newsletters or call Theresa Bozzo.

Thematic Shows

Take down of the current “Seasons” thematic show will be Thursday, January 30 between 5:00 and 8:00 pm. Drop off for the next show, "Home" will be at the same time. All McMurray Art League members are invited to submit up to 4 pieces of two-dimensional artwork with the theme of “Home.” Is it where the heart is, or an architectural rendering? Think about your home-inspired pieces and participate in the show. Contact Sandy Conley at conley1973@verizon.net or Michalina Pendzich mpendzich54@yahoo.com by January 23 if you want to participate.

For those of you who do not take part in the show, 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.

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. Sign up to participate by January 23 by contacting either Sandy Conley or Michalina Pendzich.

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. Sign up to participate by March 20 by contacting either Sandy Conley or Michalina Pendzich.

Receiving on March 27, 5 – 8 p.m.

MAL Speakers for 2014

Our February MAL speaker will be **William McAllister**. **Mr. McAllister is** a top notch artist who has been working seriously in watercolors since 1982. In 1964, with a BFA from Carnegie Tech, he started to work in the Art Departments of major Motion Picture studios as a set designer (including Desilu, Walt Disney, MGM, Columbia, 20th Century Fox, Paramount, Universal, Warner Brothers, Viacom, Lorimar, and many other independent producers). Named as an art director and production designer in 1975, Mr. McAllister enjoyed thirty-seven years of work in this challenging field. McAllister’s work is exhibited internationally and locally. In addition, he has been featured in numerous publications. His website, www.mcallisterpaintings.com is wonderful and worth the visit.

Our next speakers will be **Chuck Percherke** on *March 6*. Come join us!

Board Meetings – Mondays
February 17 – 2:00 pm
March 24 – 2:00 pm
April 21 – 2:00 pm

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

The Galleria Juried Spring Show is Just Around the Corner!

Your spring show chairs, Jan Pini and Anne Trimble, have been hard at work preparing for the juried spring show. This year's show will be at the Galleria again and be held in conjunction with the other local art leagues like the fall show was. In addition, the Galleria is sponsoring two contests: one for the poster to be used for the 2014 fall show (theme is once again "The Galleria") and one for the 2014 Giant Oaks Garden Club show to be held at the Galleria in June (theme is "Planting a Rainbow"). Details on these contests and the prospectus for the spring show will be posted on the MAL website soon so start painting! Important show dates are given below. Remember that the latest revision of the Standards permits work done in a class setting. Per the Standards: "Artwork created during a workshop or class if solely executed by the artist and from the artist's own or copyright-free references is accepted. Similar class subject matter, duplicate artwork to other students or works enhanced by the instructor is not accepted." Your show chairs are looking forward to seeing all your wonderful artwork!

Registration Postmark Cut-off	Saturday, February 15
Screening Drop-Off	Saturday, February 22, 10:00-11:30 AM
Pick up work from Screening	Sunday, February 23, 1:00-2:00 PM
Re-screening of corrections (MAL Studio)	Tuesday, February 25, 1:00-2:00 PM
Deadline for contest submission	Friday, March 7
Drop off work/Show Setup (Galleria)	Thursday, March 13, 9:00-10:00 PM
Reception	Friday, March 14, 6:30-8:00
People's Choice Voting Cut-off	Thursday, March 20, 6:00 PM
Show Takedown	Sunday, March 23, 5:00-6:00 PM

MAL Directory Updates

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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Class Registrar: Jean Kunz

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Michalina Pendzich

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Milton Avery "Seated Woman in Blue" Oil on Canvas

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