

MCMURRAY ART LINES

March 2014

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George Caleb Bingham

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A Note from the President

The most important announcement for this newsletter is: It is March...and that means **Spring** is coming! Hurraaaaay, hurray! In spite of the snow and snow and ice and snow, many of you have worked hard and entered our Spring Show. It will be a great show. Make sure you visit at the Galleria during March 14-23. The reception is Saturday 3/15 from 6:30-8pm. New grey felt backings for the screens have been planned for this show. Thank you, Theresa for researching, calculating and purchasing the needed supplies. Thank you Anne Trimble and Jan Pini for chairing the 2014 Spring Show!

I know it is hard to think about going out to classes while there are piles of snow everywhere, but it is important that you sign up for the classes you wish to take. With low signups, several classes are in danger of being cancelled. See the class schedule in this newsletter and get descriptions on our website (mcmurrayartleague.org), then sign up! We have great instructors scheduled at our MAL studio.

The nominations slate for the MAL year of June 2014-May 2015 is presented in this newsletter. What a wonderful board...thank you for stepping up. Thanks to the Nominations Committee, Darla Duffy and Theresa Bozzo, for working hard to find exceptional volunteers for the next year. We will be voting at the April meeting.

Hope to see you at the Galleria, classes or meetings.

Your president,
Linda Saksa

News and Notes from the League

Congratulations For Carmen!

Carmen DiGiacomo recently was awarded third place in an Army Air Force Exchange System (PX) photo contest. The theme of the contest was "Homeward Bound" to honor members of the military returning from overseas deployments. There were a total of 672 entries in the contest and for his third place prize winning entry Carmen was awarded a \$2,000.00 gift card for the Exchange System.



The emotional image he captured is of his son Major Matthew DiGiacomo hugging his daughter Lydia upon return from a deployment to Kuwait at the end of March 2013.

Interested In Another Café Away?

Last fall we had a Café Away at Oglebay for 3 days and 2 nights that was great fun. The weather didn't even cooperate and everyone enjoyed themselves thoroughly. We were creative, enjoyed good company, food and activities. Even drank a little wine!!! There have been inquiries if we were going to do this again in the spring, maybe somewhere different, in May or early June. If you think you might be interested in participating in such an outing, contact Theresa Bozzo at 412 429 1619 or at ozzobt@aol.com by mid March. If enough people respond and are interested, we will move forward with planning this outing.

May Spring Luncheon

We are organizing a Spring Luncheon sometime in May at the *Valley Brook Country Club* to celebrate the league and have an opportunity to socialize as we come to the close of this year's activities. A new executive board will be in place, the Galleria shows will be completed and any other excuse we can use to have a party. Details will be in the next newsletter. Just want to let you know we are planning a "Spring Fling" and to give you all heads up. We aren't going to ask anyone to bring food, clean the studio or set up. We are going to let someone else do all of that and just show up and pay

for lunch. There will be a guest speaker as a program. Unless we have another Polar upheaval, the weather should be wonderful! Hope to see you there.

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 continues to climb as we welcome our newest members Nancy Hokaj, Donna Jordan, Helen Kish, April Ryan and Jill Spriggs. Please see the back page of the newsletter to find and print out their information to add to your membership book.

A Different Kind of Class

If you think keeping a journal means just doing small paintings for practice and for future paintings, then you never had the pleasure of taking Leslie Fehling's Sketching and Journaling class. What fun this class was. Leslie makes journaling an art form with so many creative ideas that you can be anything but bored. Her journals are like looking through art books. We discovered that the most mundane items to the most interesting can be done by all levels of experience into delightful paintings. And out in the world the opportunities are unlimited. She showed how you can make each page a work of art with interesting layouts and "slices of life". The class flew by and plans are being made to repeat the experience plus a spring field trip to the Phipps to practice our new found skills. Don't miss the next opportunity to participate in the wonderful class. Check out her website, lesliefehling.com and enjoy.

2014 MAL Classes

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.

Dates	ARTIST	MEDIA	HOURS	MEMBER	NON-MEM.
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

More students are needed for the upcoming classes. It would be unfortunate to have to cancel classes for not meeting the minimum required by the instructor. We are fortunate to have the quality instructors we have available to us. Some people like to wait to attend a class by just showing up the day of the class and pay then. We never want to turn someone away, but we make decisions on canceling or running a class based on the paid and registered students at least two weeks before the class, in order to give instructors sufficient notice that we won't be using their talents. We encourage you take our classes to broaden your skills or just for fun. We appreciate all the support from our members. You can find descriptions of the classes on our website. If you have any suggestions for new classes and interesting instructors for the league to consider, please contact Theresa Bozzo at 412 429 1619 or at ozzobt@aol.com.

Nominations for the 2014 Executive Board are complete!

President Linda Saksa
 Vice Presidents Fred Kuntz and Laura Mooney
 Recording Sec. Ginny Hults
 Corresponding Sec Anne Davis.

We need co-chairs for both the 2014-15 Fall Show and Spring Shows. Thanks to all of our members who took on the positions of committee chair and to those who agreed to continue on in their current position.

The following is a list of our nominations for 2014-2015.

NOMINATIONS 6/2014-5/2015	name
OFFICERS	
PRESIDENT	LINDA SAKSA
VICE PRESIDENT CO-CHAIR	LAURA MOONEY FRED KUNZ
TREASURER	JAN PINI
RECORDING SECRETARY	GINNY HULTS
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY	ANNE DAVIS
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CLASS COORDINATOR	THERESA BOZZO
CLASS REGISTRAR	JEAN KUNZ
FALL SHOW CO-CHAIRS	<i>Open Position</i>
DIRECTORY	ALENA LUTTON
HISTORIAN CO-CHAIRS	CHRISTY OSIECKI LOUISE ATWELL
HOSPITALITY	BARBARA WETTERGREEN
LIAISON TO ART LEAGUES	DARLENE SANDERS

MEMBERSHIP	CAROL KILKEARY
NEWSLETTER	RENEE KEIL
NOMINATIONS CO-CHAIRS	<i>Open Position</i>
PETERS LIBRARY EXHIBIT	SHIRLEY WILLIAMS
PROGRAMS	DARLA O'KORN
PUBLICITY	JUDY DIGIACOMO
SCHOLARSHIPS	CAROL AURIN
SPRING SHOW CO-CHAIRS	<i>Open Position</i>
STANDARDS COMMITTEE	THERESA BOZZO GINNY SWARTZ
STANDARDS ALTERNATE	CARMEN DIGIACOMO
STUDIO WALL EXHIBITS	SANDY CONLEY MICHALINA PENDZICH
STUDIO WINDOW EXHIBITS	DARLA DUFFY
WEBMASTER	JAN PINI

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: March 28 and April 25. Please also copy the article to Linda Saksa at saxa3@msn.com

Thematic Shows

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.

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.

REQUIRED CLASS FOR MAL MEMBERS!

Just kidding! But now that I have your attention, I'd like to tell you about Elaine Wertheim's upcoming lecture on Monday, March 10 at 10:00am. The lecture is the first in a series titled "Sight and Sound". Elaine will be interweaving music and art to talk about how throughout the 19th and 20th centuries our American musical identity paralleled the development of our painting tradition.

On March 10 Elaine will be talking about how the painting of George Caleb Bingham and William Sydney Mount are similar to the music of Pittsburgh's own Stephen Foster as American culture develops a distinct identity. In the class you'll listen to Stephen Foster's music and view slides of the paintings of Bingham and Mount. Examples of their work are shown on the first and last page of this newsletter.

Register for the class online or by calling Jean Kunz. Hope to see you there as Elaine's lectures are always not only entertaining but inspiring.

MAL Speakers for 2014

Our March 6 MAL speaker will be Chuck Percherke. According to Mr. Percherke he grew up having a strong passion for drawing and painting. He had attended the Ivy School of Professional Art in 1965. This was the Vietnam War era and after completing only one year at Ivy joined the United States Marine Corps and served one tour of duty in Vietnam.

Upon his return from Vietnam he completed his education at Ivy and then worked as an industrial display designer. He then decided to try freelancing and opened a small art studio in downtown Pittsburgh where he worked as a photographer and graphic designer. At this time he was offered a position in the art department at the South Campus of the Community College where he worked as an instructor for ten years. Since then he’s been working for several local recording studios that produce music CD’s as well as doing some web design. He is associated with the Somerset County Artists Association where he served as vice president and then president of that organization. "I still enjoy and take various painting workshops, belong to two art groups, and enter local juried art shows where I have been fortunate enough to sell some of my works and win a few prizes. I plan to keep painting and improving my skills, spending time with fellow art lovers, sharing ideas, and promoting local and regional art and artists through out Western Pennsylvania.”

The Galleria Juried Spring Show is Just Around the Corner!

The spring juried show will be at the Galleria as part of the multi-league art show. The registration postmark has passed but we have about 30 artists with entries into the show juried by Ron Thurston. By the way, there is an article about Ron in the April 2014 issue of “Watercolor Artist” magazine. Please encourage your friends and family to view the spring show and be sure to vote for your favorite for the Peoples Choice Award! Important dates are shown below.

Jan Pini and Annie Trimble Spring Exhibit Co-chairs

Registration Postmark Cut-off	Saturday, February 15
Screening Drop-Off (MAL Studio)	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, 5:00-6:00 PM
Deadline for contest submission	Friday, March 7
Drop off work/Show Setup (Galleria)	Thursday, March 13, 9:00-10:00 PM
Reception	Saturday, March 15, 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

THE BUNKY MOSITES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

McMurray Art League is offering a scholarship to a graduating senior who is planning to attend college or art school in the fall with the intent to major in the areas of Fine Arts, Art Education, Graphic Design or Architecture. The applicant must be a student of Peters Township High School or in the immediate family of a member of McMurray Art League. All eligible applicants are required to supply the following information, which will be kept fully confidential.

Students must submit this completed application, a portfolio of four to six pieces of art completed within the last four years, an artist’s statement and two written recommendations. These will be evaluated by the McMurray Art League Scholarship Committee.

The student chosen will receive the Bunky Mosites Memorial Scholarship Award for \$500.00 and must be able to put one piece of artwork, framed to League standards, into the Spring Juried Show March 13-23, 2014 at The Galleria in Mt. Lebanon. The awarded student will be presented the scholarship money and prize ribbon at the opening reception on March 14 at 7:00 PM. The student will also receive a one year membership to the McMurray Art League, which allows them to submit work for any League shows, display work at the Peters Township Library and McMurray Art League Studio and take classes through the League with local professional artists. For more information on the League see the website at www.mcmurrayartleague.org.

The submission date to be considered for this year’s award is February 28, 2014

Upcoming MAL Meetings

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

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

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Corresponding Secretary: Anne Davis
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