

MCMURRAY ART LINES

April 2014

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FOCUS ON THE
ARTS



Robert Henri
Street Scene with Snow

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A Note from the President

Spring is really here and our Spring Show is over. Our co-chairs, Jan Pini and Anne Trimble, did a great job of orchestrating the many facets creating one *terrific* show. Thanks to all who participated and to those who helped---from making the screen backings and award ribbons to transporting, hauling screens, supplies and punch, setting up and taking down the show and those monitoring each day, promoting our league and handling sales. We had many comments about the quality of MAL's artwork and display. And thanks to Carol Aurin and Linda VanNewkirk for screening the student's artwork for the Bunky Mosites Memorial Scholarship. Our own Victoria DiGiacomo was awarded the scholarship and her work was displayed at the Spring Show. It took a wonderful group of artists working together to make the show the first class presentation that it was. High fives to you all! I am so proud of our league and know that you are too! Hip, hip, hurray for MAL!

April's meeting is important as the vote is taken to elect the new executive committee. Remember that the meeting begins at 7 pm this month. Come early if you would like to chat a bit with your friends. This is our last meeting of the year. In the past our Spring Show was in May. We decided to add a MAL Spring Luncheon on May 8 to celebrate a great year. See details in the newsletter and sign up.

See you at the studio!
Your president, Linda Saksa

News and Notes from the League

Interested In Another CAFE Away?

MAL is having another CAFE Away this spring at the *Sandscrest Conference and Retreat Center* near Wheeling, W Va. on Monday, June 16, Tuesday, June 17 and returning on Wednesday, June 18. This event will offer a chance to take CAFE classes, paint and visit with our friends in the league. We are going to socialize and create at our leisure. No fee will be charged, the only cost will be room, board and transportation. The *Sandscrest* offers an all inclusive fee which covers room and board and all six meals, for \$77.00 a day (for a total of \$154.00 for the two day package.) This is a lovely place with wonderful food and beautiful grounds. Check it out on line at www.sandscrest.com We can bring treats, snacks or beverages for the afternoons and evenings. If the weather is inclement, there is a class room where we can paint or have CAFEs. There is a covered, wraparound porch with rocking chairs.

We have to make a non refundable \$500.00 deposit two weeks in advance of our arrival. Reservations are due on April 28, with the check to be made payable to MAL. The center sleeps 12 in the main building and has 9 bedrooms in the guest house. One room has its own bath, the rest have sinks in the room and share bath facilities. Rooms will be assigned in the main building in the order that reservations are received. Anyone who would like to help organize this getaway, please contact Theresa Bozzo at 412 429 1619 or at ozzobt@aol.com. Help would be appreciated. Mail checks to Theresa Bozzo; 109 Green Commons Drive; Pittsburgh, PA 15243.

May Spring Luncheon

We are organizing a Spring Luncheon which will be held Thursday May 8th at the Bella Sera Restaurant in Canonsburg. See the reservation form on page 7 for further information. Hope to see you all 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.

Phipps Conservatory Outing Sketching with Leslie Fehling

McMurray Art League is planning a trip to Phipps Conservatory on Wednesday, May 14, to try out our sketch booking skills introduced in Leslie Fehling's class. She will be coming on the trip as a facilitator and to help us when needed. We have permission to sketch/paint as long as we don't block traffic patterns and doorways. No easels are permitted as they could be a hazard. We can have lunch at the café. The fee will be \$15.50 for the day and must be paid in advance. Make checks payable to MAL and mail checks to Jean Kunz our registrar. The fee must be paid two weeks in advance, so registrations must be postmarked by April 28, and are non refundable after May 6. We plan to meet at a central location and share rides. Anyone willing to drive let Theresa Bozzo know by email, ozzobt@aol.com or at 412-429-1619. If you are interested in going to Phipps, it isn't required that you have taken Leslie's class. Please join us on this outing. Hope to see you there.

Three Step Step Stool

With the many wonderful exhibits in our studio, a new step stool has been purchased to make hanging and reaching easier and safer. It is kept in the storage room and if you are searching for it, it is silver and folds flat.

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
April 14, May 12	Elaine Wertheim:	Art Talks	10 to 11:30	\$10 per session	
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 6	Leslie Fehling	Sketchbook Journaling	10 to 4	\$30	\$35 per day
May 14	Leslie Fehling at Phipps Conservatory <i>*see article on pg 2 for further information</i>		9:30 to 2:30	\$15.50	
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. 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.

Upcoming CAFE

There will be a CAFÉ at the MAL Studio on Tuesday, April 29, 2014 from 10:00am – 12:30pm with Darlene Sanders. The CAFÉ fee is \$6.00 (\$3.00 to MAL and \$3.00 Materials Fee to instructor.) We will be producing GREETING CARDS: Free-form florals using Micron ink pens and watercolors.

Come join us for a relaxing morning dedicated to abstract floral art. I will do a demonstration and there will be reference material on hand. PLUS AS A BONUS – An introduction to the fine art of Botanical renderings and instruction on mixing natural looking greens instead of using paint directly from a tube. A Botanical Painting CAFÉ will follow at a later date to be announced.

Supplies: Watercolor Paper 140#, Watercolors & Brushes – small brush sizes plus a 1" wide brush, Micron Ink Pen Black – recommended Nib size – 03 or 05. NOTE: Watercolor Greeting Cards & Envelopes and protective plastic sleeves will be provided. See you all then!

Darlene Sanders

Nominations for the 2014 Executive Board are complete!

A list of the slate of officers and board members was presented at the March meeting.

The Nominations are complete! Nominations will also be accepted from the floor (with the consent of the nominee) at the April meeting at which time League members will vote for the officers. Thanks to the hard and *persistent* work of our wonderful nominating committee *Darla Rae Duffy and Theresa Bozzo!!!*

President	Linda Saksa
Co-Vice Presidents	Fred Kuntz and Laura Mooney
Treasurer	Jan Pini
Recording Sec.	GINNY HULTS
Corresponding Sec	Anne Davis.

NOMINATIONS 6/2014-5/2015	name
OFFICERS	
PRESIDENT	LINDA SAKSA
VICE PRESIDENT CO-CHAIR	LAURA MOONEY FRED KUNZ
TREASURER	JAN PINI
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CORRESPONDING SECRETARY	ANNE DAVIS
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CLASS REGISTRAR	JEAN KUNZ
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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	CAROL AURIN LINDA VANNEWKIRK
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 date for the last newsletter will be April 25. Please also copy the article to Linda Saksa at saxa3@msn.com

Thematic Shows

March 27 – May 29, 2014

“The Human Form”- Our Last scheduled Thematic Show is up and running!

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.

Art Talks with Elaine Wertheim

Monday, April 14 from 10:00am to 11:30am join us at the MAL studio for another informative, entertaining art talk by local Art Historian, Elaine Wertheim. In the second of a three part series titled, *Sight and Sound*, Elaine will be presenting the artwork of three American painters - Robert Henri, John Sloan and George Bellows - and the music of Scott Joplin. (*The paintings in this newsletter are those of Henri, Sloan and Bellows.*)

The Ragtime sound of Scott Joplin and the bold, gusty art of Robert Henri, John Sloan and George Bellows welcome in the 20th century. American sensibilities will change forever.

The last talk in the series, Modernism: In Search of A New America, will take place on Monday, May 12. Elaine will talk about how jazz transforms American music in the 20's and 30's while the art of Arthur Dove, Georgia O'Keefe and Stuart Davis enlivens the contemporary art scene.

Sign up for either one or both of these talks online at the MAL website or contact MAL registrar, Jean Kunz, at jeankunz@aol.com

Peters Twp Library Presents:

Robert Qualters: Iconic Pittsburgh artist discusses his 40 years of paintings, drawings, and prints—Monday, April 14, 7 pm

[Robert Qualters](#) will visit the Peters Township Public Library on Monday, April 14 at 7:00-8:30 pm. Qualters will talk about his life as an artist, especially in light of the current retrospective of his unique work at the [Pittsburgh Center for the Arts](#), which runs through April 20. The exhibit was curated by Vicky A. Clark, who also wrote the new book featured in his discussion: *Robert Qualters: Autobiographical Mythologies*.

To attend this event: call Peters Township Library at 724.941.9430 or register on line. A book signing will follow the program. Light refreshments will be served.

Check out the MAL Library Show while you are there.

MAL's Speaker for April

Mark Klinger is the scientific illustrator for the Carnegie Museum of Natural History. In his position, the Lower Burrell, Pa., resident reconstructs fossil organisms. His depictions recreate life from long ago, and are used for research papers, publications and press releases. His drawings and watercolor paintings of extinct primates and dinosaurs as well as modern-day creatures have been published in some of the world's most prestigious scientific publications, such as National Geographic, Discover, Nature, Science, and Scientific American magazines. His work has appeared on CNN.com, BBC.com and Reuters.com, and he's hosted shows, lectures and workshops at the Smithsonian, the National Audubon Society and at museums in New York, Denver and Pittsburgh.

The Galleria Juried Spring Show is a Great Success!

The art work is gone and the screens are down, but the memories of a great spring juried show linger on. We had lots of traffic and good sales during our 10-day show at the Galleria along with multiple other art leagues. If you're like us, you had pieces in multiple leagues and you felt like you lived at the Galleria for the week! We had about \$1500 in sales (including sales tax) and sold three pieces off the wall as well as many bin pieces and notecards. Many thanks to all the helpers who made the spring show possible, including Darlene Sanders for the lovely hand-made awards, Karen Vituccio for the truck to transport the screens, and Theresa Bozzo, Linda Saksa, Michalina Pendzich and many others who helped with the show setup and takedown. Congratulations to the winners listed below!

Spring Show People's Choice Award Winners:

- 1st - Stephany Myers "Winter Melody"
- 2nd - Jan Pini "Naughty or Nice?"
- 3rd - Cherie Brunetti "Let it Go"
- 3rd - Anne Davis "Rocky Mountain Hike"
- 3rd - Victoria DiGiacomo "Amelia"

Juried Awards:

Best of Show

R. Keil "Under the Hood"

Best of Category

Drawing: Jan Pini "Entrez Vous"

Mixed Media: Linda Saksa "Abstract #7"

Other: Cherie Brunetti "The Space Between"

Painting: Lynn Angelelli "Tribute to the Coal Miner"

Photography: Linda J. Van Newkirk "Just Waiting"

Juror's Award

Lynn Angelelli "Quiet Shanty"

Lynn Angelelli "Una Bella Ragazza Italiana"

C. Clutter "The White House"

A. Correale-LaNasa "Chicken ala King"

Darla Rae Duffy "Winter's End"

R. Keil "Where the Horse Tails Grow"

Carol Modery "Anticipation"

Michalina Pendzich "Junction of Routes 70 and 40"

Jan Pini "Naughty or Nice?"

Anne Trimble "Tendu"

Spring Show Sales:

Starr Hull "Serenity"

Ginny Hults "White Rose"

Ginnie Swartz "Moonlit Beach"

Garden Show Poster Contest Winner:

Ginnie Swartz

Jan Pini and Annie Trimble, show chairs



John Sloan *Fifth Avenue New York*

Upcoming MAL Meetings

Board Meeting – Mondays

April 21 – 2:00 pm

General Meeting – Thursdays

April 10 - 7:00 pm

MAL's Spring Luncheon Buffet



McMurray Art League
Established 49 years ago
Spring Luncheon Buffet
Thursday, May 8, 2014--12:pm

Bella Sera Restaurant
414 Morganza Road
Canonsburg, PA 1531
Reservation Deadline: April 28, 2014
Menu: Chef's Selection
Fee: \$20.00

The food selections are varied, well prepared, and different every day. Everything is covered, soup to nuts. Check their website at Bistro@BellaSera. The menu for each day is on line, if you want to know the type of menu offered. Make checks payable to the McMurray Art League and mail to:

*Lorraine Cianflone
157 Spring Meadow Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15241*

Luncheon Chairs: Theresa Bozzo & Lorraine Cianflone.

Questions: Contact Theresa Bozzo at 412 429 1619 or at ozzobt@aol.com

Keep the top portion for your information. Return form with \$20.00 check. Post mark, April 28.

www.bellaserapgh.com (Bella Sera website)

Name _____ Phone # _____

email _____ # of Reservations _____

The McMurray Art League

Officers & Chairs 2013-2014

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Scholarship: Carol Aurin
Standards: Darlene Sanders
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George Bellows

A Stag at Sharkey's

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