

# MCMURRAY ART LINES

May 2014

TO PROVIDE  
AND  
STIMULATE  
FOCUS ON THE  
ARTS



Georgia O'Keefe  
*Oriental Poppies silkscreen*

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## A Note from the President

Our 2013-14 year is coming to an end on May 31 and what a year it was! The year was packed full of classes, meetings, PT Library shows, Studio Exhibit shows, window exhibits, workshops for making screen felt backings/show ribbons, MAL Mingle, clean up day, organize storage, restocking supplies, Lush Brush, speakers, art history lessons...WOW! I sneaked a peek in my MAL pocket calendar and counted 156 events and that didn't include Monday Painters. Now that shows that MAL is a very active group...and high quality, I might add. Thank you all for working, organizing, scheduling, assisting, taking classes and attending events. That is what makes McMurray Art League **MAL** in capital letters! I applaud the excellent board who joined together to work to support our special organization. Thank you and hugs to you all! I am proud to have served as your president for the last two years.

I hope you can join us at this year's luncheon at noon on May 8 to celebrate an exciting year of learning and sharing, friendship and fun.

Your president,

Linda Saksa

# News and Notes from the League

## May Spring Luncheon

Our Spring Luncheon will be held Thursday, May 8 at Bella Sera Restaurant in Canonsburg. We will meet at Bella Sera at noon and enjoy their yummy buffet with our art friends! See the reservation form on page 7 for further information. Hope to see you all there! Checks are due May 1, so don't wait!

## 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 (prior attendance at Leslie's class is not required). She will be coming on the trip as a facilitator and to help us when needed. You may want to sign up for Leslie's May 6 sketch booking class to learn tricks and techniques. We have permission from Phipps to sketch/paint as long as we don't block traffic patterns and doorways. No easels are permitted as they could be a hazard. The fee will be \$15.50 for the day and must be paid in advance, either by mailing a check or paying online. Registrations must be postmarked by **April 28**, and are non-refundable after May 6. We plan to have lunch at the café.

We plan to car pool and will meet at the Westminster Church parking lot on Washington Rd. (Route 19) near South Hills Village at 9:15 and leave Phipps about 2:30. Anyone willing to drive let Theresa Bozzo know by email at [ozzobt@aol.com](mailto:ozzobt@aol.com) or at 412-429-1619

## 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. 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. . A pre-reservation of \$54.00 will be due on May 14, and the balance of \$100.00 will be due on May 28. . The main house has 6 bedrooms with bathrooms and sleeps 12. The guest house has 9 bedrooms where one room has its own bath, the rest have sinks in the room with shared bath facilities. 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](mailto:ozzobt@aol.com). Help would be appreciated. Mail checks to Theresa Bozzo; 109 Green Commons Drive; Pittsburgh, PA 15243. More information and online registration: [CAFE Away at Sandscrest Retreat](#)

## Membership

The current membership year 2013-2014 ends 5/31/14 and the new membership year begins 6/1/14!! You may continue your participation in the league for next year (6/1/14 - 5/31/15) with a payment of \$28.00 via the website & PayPal, or by mailing a check to membership chair: Carol Kilkeary 276 Froebe Rd, Venetia, PA 15367. Please update any changes to your current information via the website: [mcmurrayartleague.org](http://mcmurrayartleague.org) or by printing off a membership form. Checks should be made out to McMurray Art League. Feel free to call Carol with any questions or for assistance. -- 724-941-4855

# 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
May 6	<b>Leslie Fehling</b>	Sketchbook Journaling	10 to 4	\$30	\$35 per day
May 3, 10	<b>David Csont</b>	Watercolor Figures & More \$8.00 model fee	10 to 3	\$35	\$40 per day
May 12	<b>Elaine Wertheim: Art Talks</b>		10 to 11:30	\$10 per session	
May 14	<b>Leslie Fehling at Phipps Conservatory</b> <i>*see article on pg 2 for further information</i>		9:30 to 2:30	\$15.50	
May 28	<b>Denise Graham:</b>	Polymer Clay (Poppies) <i>Material Fee TBA</i>	10 to 4	\$35	\$40 per day
July 9, 16	<b>Peggie Habets:</b>	Watercolor	10 to 4	\$40	\$45 per day
Sept. 3, 10, 17	Sue Levy	Watercolor Painting	10 to 2	\$25	\$30 per day
Sept 9, 16, 23	<b>Christine Swann</b>	Pastel	9:30 to 3:30	\$45	\$50 per day
Oct. 7, 14	<b>Bill Vrscak</b>	Watercolor painting	10 to 4	\$40	\$45 per day
Oct. 21, 28,	<b>Barry Jeter</b>	Oil Painting	10 to 4	\$35	\$45 per day
Nov. 4, 11	<b>Tom McNickle</b>	Watercolor Painting	10 to 4	\$35	\$40 per day
Sept. 29, Oct.27, Nov. 17	<b>Elaine Wertheim</b>	<b>Art Talks</b>	10 to 11:30	\$10.00	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](mailto:ozzobt@aol.com).



Arthur Dove

Foghorns

# Thematic Shows

If you have not yet had a chance to see the beautiful artwork in **The Human Form Thematic Show** at the MAL studio, it is not too late. The studio is open to the public during classes and on each Thursday evening 5 – 8 p.m. You will surely enjoy seeing how each artist has interpreted the theme. Let your friends know about the show! Take down for the show is Thursday, May 29.

## Art Talks with Elaine Wertheim

Monday, May 12 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am, join us at the MAL studio for another informative, entertaining art talk by local Art Historian, Elaine Wertheim. In the third and last of a three part series titled, "Sight and Sound", Elaine will be presenting "Modernism: In Search of A New America". Throughout the 19th and 20th centuries our American musical identity paralleled the development of our painting tradition. Sight and sound weave together in celebration of our emerging national culture.

Elaine will talk about how jazz transforms American music in the 20's and 30's while the art of Arthur Dove, Georgia O'Keeffe and Stuart Davis enlivens the contemporary art scene. We'll be listening to music as well as looking at slides of art by the three featured artists.

Sign up online at the MAL website or contact MAL registrar, Jean Kunz, [classcoordinator@mcmurrayartleague.org](mailto:classcoordinator@mcmurrayartleague.org).

## Summer Studio Exhibits—Help!

We would like to continue the Studio Exhibits thru this **summer** as we see more people strolling by the studio in the pleasant weather. We are becoming more visible and familiar to the community. Sales have been made at our studio this year. **We need volunteers to help** organize and hang the show.

Artists who participate in the show will be required to sit at the gallery from 5-8pm on one Thursday (or two depending on number of artists exhibiting).

The current "Human Form" ends on Thursday, May 29. The first Summer Exhibit runs 5/29 to 7/31. Any art from the 2014 Galleria Spring Show can hang in this show. Tag information is due Thursday, May 15 to Linda Saksa at [saxa3@msn.com](mailto:saxa3@msn.com).

The second summer show will hang 7/31 to 9/25 with tag information due on July 17. It will be a "clothesline type of hanging" of unframed art.

**Please volunteer.** This is a great way to "do a little" to help your league. Contact Darlene Sanders at [darlenesanders@yahoo.com](mailto:darlenesanders@yahoo.com) or 724.743.9197 to **volunteer by May 15**. Information for the tags for

the new shows is due two weeks before a show.

On Sept 25 the 2<sup>nd</sup> summer show comes down and Sandy Conley and Michalina Pendzich will take over again fresh from their well deserved summer break to begin the fall studio exhibits. **Thank you, Sandy and Michalina!** .

## Peters Twp Library Presents:

The current Peters Township Library show 'Warm Days Ahead' will hang until June 12th. The Summertime show will replace it that day and hang until August 14th. Members will receive a reminder email end of May or early June. Meanwhile, Members enjoy the great activities our Board has prepared. Looks like fun. Remember that you can now register online for the library shows.

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412 833 2374

It's OK to call me an "old-school" nerd... I confess that I carry my McMurray Art League Directory in my purse along with my smart phone. We are fortunate to have the bylaws and current policies printed in the directory. Of course, the same information (and more) is available on the MAL website ([www.mcmurrayartleague.org](http://www.mcmurrayartleague.org)). But I can whip out my paper directory and thumb through it quicker than I can "log on and scroll." Like I said, I am "old school."

After some discussion at the last Board meeting, the following recommendations for Amendments to the Bylaws and Policies were made. The membership will be asked to vote on the recommended changes at the next General meeting on September 11, 2014 at 7 pm.. The proposed additions are printed **in red** and there are ~~strike-out lines~~ through the words to be deleted. Only the proposed changes are included here. If you have any feedback or suggestions regarding bylaws or policy changes, contact Sandy Conley by MAY 24, 2014.

### **McMurray Art League Bylaws Changes for 2014-15**

#### **ARTICLE 9. FEES AND DUES**

5. If a *new* member joins after January 1, ~~but before the Spring Show registration date,~~ dues shall be reduced by half.

6. ~~If a *new* member joins at the Spring Show registration date, dues will be the Full Membership rate for the next year, plus a prorated fee of \$3.00 for the remainder of the current year.~~ To be eligible to enter the Spring show, *former* members shall pay the Full Membership for the fiscal year that includes the Spring Show date.

#### **ARTICLE 11. AMENDMENTS AND REVISIONS**

2. The Bylaws of the League may be amended or revised by a majority vote of the membership present at a meeting. Written notice of the proposed amendment must be sent to all members via the newsletter **or email** one month prior to the membership vote at the next ~~month's~~ meeting. The thirty-day period may be waived by a two-thirds vote of the Board for the annual update of the bylaws provided all proposed changes are posted in the newsletter or sent by email prior to the first general meeting in September.

MAL Policies are not voted on by the membership. Rather, the Board votes to make changes and they are published with the bylaws in the directory and on the website. At the last two Board meetings there was robust discussion about taking a new direction for Spring show categories. MAL has historically divided the Spring Show jury categories based on the medium used by the artist. Many nationally and internationally juried shows divide entries into subject-oriented categories. The MAL Board voted to follow their lead and change our jurying categories. We are excited to make this change and anticipate a positive response from member artists. Please see the following changes to Policies adopted by the Board. Only the changes are published in this newsletter. We encourage you to read the full current policies (pages 54 – 60 in the directory or on the website).

### **McMurray Art League Policy Changes for 2014-15**

#### **6. Spring Show**

a. Prize money for the Spring Show is now as follows: Best of Show is \$200 or the equivalent; up to 10 Juror's awards, each \$25.00 or the equivalent, with "the equivalent" to be determined by the show chairs. The Juror has discretion not to award a prize in any given category. Any piece may only receive one award from the Juror. ~~There will be no Best of Category award for the category of the Best of Show piece, if awarded.~~

**b. The Show categories are: Still Life/Floral; Landscape/Seascape; Interior/Exterior Architecture; Animal/Wildlife; Abstract/Non-Objective; Portrait/Figure. The artist chooses which category to assign his/her artwork entered in the show.**



## News From Outside the League and Beyond

### An Invitation from our Member Stephany Myers:

Come help celebrate our Tenth Anniversary of **The Artists' Corner Art Show and Sale**  
Stephany Myers and Charlotte Davidson,  
98 East Chestnut Street, Washington, PA  
724-288-8500

Reception: Friday, May 2, 2014 6-9pm

Open House: Saturday & Sunday, May 3 & 4 from 1-4pm

**Destiny Hill Farm Artist Invasion En Plein Air** event is Wednesday, June 18 from 9-1 pm or 4-8 pm for \$25. . . Website is [www.destinyhill.com](http://www.destinyhill.com).

RSVP: [nancy.cameron@destinyhill.com](mailto:nancy.cameron@destinyhill.com) by June 10.

**Giant Oaks Garden Sale** is Saturday, May 31 from 9-1 at Peters Township Library.

The **25 Club**, an auxiliary of Magee Women's Research Institute and Foundation is a group of 25 women, 8 of which are from the South Hills including one Peters Township resident. We raise money for Neonatal care and research and this year we are celebrating our 75th anniversary. We are looking for artists who might be willing to donate their talent and time to paint a chair for our Chair Auction. The chair will be supplied. Here is the link about the event: <http://www.mwrif.org/395>

Thank you, Heather Hillier, USC

**Artist Boot Camp: All Systems Go!** This four hour workshop teaches visual artists how to implement simple systems to help to consistently grow their businesses. At Dormont Library, May 31, 2014 Becky Sciullo, 41-523-7275, Artisan Advantage. Visit [www.artisan-advantage.com](http://www.artisan-advantage.com) for more information and other locations.

### Transition Meeting for the Board Members

On Wednesday, June 4 the present/outgoing board will meet with the new/incoming board at 1:30 pm at Linda Saksa's home. Please RSVP by Wednesday, May 28 to Linda at [saxa3@msn.com](mailto:saxa3@msn.com). Thank you all for volunteering and supporting MAL!

## Member News

*Lynn Angelelli* won the first place award and *Jan Pini* took the 3rd Place award for their paintings in PWS Waterworks 2014 Members Exhibition.

*Anne Trimble* had an exhibit of her work at the Mt. Lebanon Public Library in April.

*Arlene Popko* was artist of the month for April in MAL's Window Exhibit. Congratulations to Arlene for the sale of her watercolor paintings "Cape Elizabeth Light" and "Phanes River Church" which were in the Studio Window Exhibit!

## CAFE Reminder

**Creative Arts For Everyone with Darlene Sanders**--MAL Studio Tuesday, April 29 2014, 10:00 – 12:30pm. Café Fee -\$6.00 (\$3.00 to MAL and \$3.00 Materials Fee to instructor.)

GREETING CARDS: Free-form florals using Micron ink pens and watercolors. Come join us for a relaxing morning dedicated to abstract floral art. Darlene will do a demonstration and there will be reference material on hand. Watercolor Greeting Cards & Envelopes and protective plastic sleeves will be provided.

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

See you all then!

*Darlene Sanders*

# MAL's Spring Luncheon Buffet



The McMurray Art League Spring Luncheon  
Buffet

Thursday May 8, 2014 at 12 pm

Bella Sera Restaurant

414 Morganza Rd, Canonsburg

Reservation Deadline: April 28

Menu: Chef's Selection

The food selections are varied, well prepared and different every day.

Everything is covered in the price. Check their website at

[www.bellaserapgh.com](http://www.bellaserapgh.com). The menu for each day is online so feel free to

peruse their selections. Make checks payable to MAL and mail to:

Lorraine Cianflone

157 Spring Meadow Drive

Pittsburgh, PA 15241

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

email \_\_\_\_\_ # of Reservations \_\_\_\_\_

**Our League** has reached 127 artist members and we would like to welcome the following new members: Please cut and paste into your MAL Directories!

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Bernice Bishop      412-854-3754      [bernicebshp@yahoo.com](mailto:bernicebshp@yahoo.com)  
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Venetia PA 15367      Oil, Pastel

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## The McMurray Art League

### Officers & Chairs 2013-2014

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Recording Secretary: Louise Atwell  
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Exhibit Co-Chairs (Spring): Anne Trimble, Jan Pini  
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Program: Fran Marze  
Publicity: Judy Ann DiGiacomo  
Scholarship: Carol Aurin  
Standards: Darlene Sanders  
Studio Exhibits: Sandy Conley, Michalina Pendzich  
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Stuart Davis

*The Mellow Pad*

*Jazz*

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