

MCMURRAY ART LINES

October 2014

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ARTS



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*Vincent Van Gogh
Wheat Field with Cypresses*

A Note from the President

Ready or not (and I'm not!) it is fall or is it autumn? Behind the scenes, the Fall Show, "ARToberfest" is taking shape. I hope you are participating. Those who are not showing their art may still volunteer to help with the show by contacting Sandy Conley or Jen Brinkle (see article inside). Mark your calendars to visit the MAL show and the other six art leagues' shows October 10-19 at the Galleria. Amy Lindemberger is driving over two hours to arrive here in McMurray as our guest speaker at our October 2 meeting at 2pm. I find that absolutely amazing. Plan to attend this different and interesting presentation (detail inside). We still need more people to sign up for our spectacular classes to run...sign up now and encourage your friends to sign up also ASAP. We especially need more people for Barry Jeter, Tom McNickle, and Jeannie McGuire. Hope to see you soon!
Linda Saks, President

Your president,

Linda Saks

News and Notes from the League

Protect the Work You Exhibit

Here are two suggestions to protect your work *particularly in our own studio shows* when you have work in that show and cannot be there to pick it up on the scheduled pick up date:

1--- make arrangements for someone to pick up your work on the pick up date.

2---(this is a new idea) have an identified box or portfolio with divisions (foam core, cardboard or paper) to store and protect your work. Even wrapping labeled with your name could work. Inform the people in charge that you have provided the carrier and have stored it in the storage room.

It's a busy studio. Neither the kitchen nor working studio is good place to store them. Everyone's works are different in sizes and requirements for protecting their pieces. The artist knows best what they want to do to protect their art. Your art is special to us, as well as to you, and we want to be sure it is protected.

Membership

Our league currently enjoys the participation of 103 unique, creative and interesting artists!

Anyone interested in joining us can do so online at mcmurrayartleague.org or by picking up a membership form at the studio or calling me to request one. Dues are \$28.00/year and can be paid via Pay Pal or by mailing a check (made payable to McMurray Art League) to: Carol Kilkeary, 276 Froebe Rd, Venetia Pa 15367. Phone: 724-941-4855

We welcome our newest members listed on page 7

Creative Arts for Everyone (CAFE)

Do you have a creative talent or interest outside the classes offered by the league? Perhaps you'd like to share this with a 1 to 3 hour demonstration or workshop for members.

We'd like to experience your special skills AND we get to see what other art supplies we may have neglected to accumulate. CAFES are easy and fun for everybody involved. Contact Carol Kilkeary. 724-941-4855 for help getting started.

Speakers for our General Meetings

October 2—Amy Lindenberger

November 13---Joanne Portnoy

February 12---Theresa Geever

March 5---TBD

April 9---Phiris Kathy Sickels

* see page 5 for Amy's Bio

New and Different Classes Being Offered

Next year we will be adding some unique and different classes to our class offerings. On February 11, we will have Nicole Renee Ryan teaching Watercolor on Yupo Paper which is a new technique. She will provide 3 sheets of yupo paper for you to tryout. Check her website at artbynicolereene@gmail.com to check out her style of painting and get an idea what this art form has to offer. In addition we will be have Robert Yonke who will be offer watercolor and mixed media. He may apply layers of a variety of materials on canvas, use gesso and watercolor techniques. Check out his web site at appalachianstudio.com. We are always trying to expand our skills with new classes.

New Directory Available

The new MAL directory of members and important information is available! Be sure to come to the October 2 meeting to get yours after which the remainder will be mailed. The directory is conveniently sized to fit in your purse or plein air supplies bag and contains lots of information about your art league. Thanks to Sandy Conley for the cover design!

Barry Jeter Oil Painting Class update

Barry has agreed to allow his watercolor students to sit in the Oil Painting Class as long as they understand instruction will be for Oil Painting only. As he works with students individually he will work with the watercolor students as well as oil painters.

2014-2015 MAL Classes

Signing up for Classes

Now that summer is almost over, It is time to think about signing up for fall classes and get back into your creative mood. The fall show is looming on the horizon. There are two ways that you can sign up for classes: using our website by viewing "Events" or "Calendar" or by contacting Jean Kunz at 412 831 9992 or at classregistrar@mcmurrayartleague.org

Dates	ARTIST	MEDIA	HOURS	MEMBER	NON-MEM
Oct. 7, 14	Bill Vrscak	Watercolor painting	10 to 4	\$40	\$45 per day
Oct 11, Nov 17	Elaine Wertheim	Art Talks*	10 to 11:30	\$10.00 per day	
Oct 21,28	Barry Jeter	Oil painting	10 to 4	\$35	\$40 per day
Nov 4, 11	Tom McNickle	Watercolor painting	10 to 4	\$35	\$40 per day
Nov 18, 19,	Jeannie McGuire	Figurative Design WC**	10 to 4	\$45	\$50 per day
Feb 4	Leslie Fehling	Watercolor Sketch booking	10 to 4	\$30	\$35 per day
Feb 11	Nicole Renee Ryan	Watercolor on Yupo***	10 to 4	\$45	\$50 per day
Feb 18, March 25, Apr 28	Carol Kilkeary	Basic Figure Drawing	10 to 2	\$25	\$30 per day
		Live model fee for April 28,	Fee determined by number of students		
Feb 23, March 4	Steve Leonardi	Watercolor Wild Life	10 to 4	\$35	\$40 per day
March 10, 17	Tom McNickle	Oil Painting	10 to 4	\$35	\$40 per day
April 14, 21	Barry Jeter	Watercolor Painting	10 to 4	\$40	\$45 per day
April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29,	Sue Levy	Watercolor Painting	10 to 2	\$25	\$30 per day
May 6, 7	Gail Beem	Abstract Pastel	10 to 4	\$30	\$35 per day
May 12 , 13	Robert Yonke	Watercolor Mixed Media	10 to 4	\$40	\$45 per day
May 27, 28	Patricia Young	Pastel Landscapes	10 to 4	\$30	\$35 per day

You can find descriptions of the classes on our web site with a materials list.

Many of the instructors we have teaching, are now offering classes nationally and can demand higher fees because of the quality of their talent . This causes our class fees to be higher. We are fortunate to have the opportunity to work with such recognized artists.

2014-2015 Thematic Shows Announced

All McMurray Art League members are invited to exhibit their art during any and all of the Thematic Shows at the studio/gallery. Each artist can submit up to 4 pieces of work that express the show's theme in some way. Original art, as well as class work, prints and work previously exhibited in MAL shows can be included in the thematic shows. Artists must let Co-chairs Sandy Conley and/or Michalina Pendzich know they are planning to participate in a show. For convenience, receiving and take down of the previous show will be at the same time. Please note the themes and dates below. Each participating artist will need to sit at the studio once, possibly twice during the show on a Thursday evening from 5 – 8 p.m. We look forward to filling the gallery with your beautiful artwork once again this year.

"Summer Vacation" – No explanation necessary...can be summers past and present! Any aspect of a summer vacation is welcome. *Runs through November 20, 2014*

November 20 – January 29, 2015

Receiving Nov. 20, 5 – 8 p.m.

"Generations" - Interpret this theme as widely as you like - generations of a family, the passage of time or objects from the past. With the holidays just around the corner, holiday related work might fit this theme.

January 29 – March 26, 2015

Receiving January 29, 2015, 5-8p.m.

"Line" – Work in which line is the principal design element. Zentanglers, here's your chance to exhibit some of the inventive work you've been producing.

March 26 – May 28, 2015.

Receiving on March 26, 5 – 8 p.m.

"Celebrate Color" - Let's go wild with color!

Art Talks with Elaine Wertheim

Monday, October 27, 10-11:30a.m.

Art Historian, Elaine Wertheim continues her Art Talks in October. The theme for all three Art Talks this fall is "VISUAL LITERACY: WHAT MAKES A MASTERPIECE". We respond subjectively to works of art. Frequently we say, "I don't like it," when we mean, "I don't understand it." To understand what makes a masterpiece we will explore the dynamics that ignite the imagination. This series will help develop visual literacy.

On **October 27** Elaine will talk about "The Visionary and the Sublime": El Greco, Turner, Van Gogh, and O'Keeffe felt free to distort nature in order to express their visionary sensibilities. We will look at artists who reach beyond what we can see.

Interested members can register online or by contacting the Registrar, Jean Kunz, at classregistrar@mcmurrayartleague.org.

1-2-3 Paint!

Have you noticed one of the latest trends? Non-artists have observed what fun we artists have creating art, and they want to do it too! Folks get together at a bar, restaurant or studio and are instructed in the step-by-step process of completing a painting. Often a glass or two of wine are enjoyed while happy new “artists” create their masterpieces.

At our last Board meeting we discussed whether McMurray Art League could offer a similar class to the public. If you are interested in working on this idea, contact Sandy Conley – 724-942-0553 or conley1973@verizon.net.

Peters Twp Library Presents:

The current show at Peters Library is **Autumn Colors** and will run through October 23rd.

The following show will hang October 23rd and run through all the holidays. Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years and anything in between. No title yet. Tentative end date is January 15th. That date is subject to change depending on the LenShooters schedule. They should come in with their show in January.

A call for artists email will go out to the membership about the second week of October. Artists may respond to that email with their entries or call 412 833 2374.

For newbies: There is no entry fee. Artists may enter 3 works, unless exceptionally large. A small commission is paid to the library. Further details will be in the October email notice.

News Anyone?

We really would like to publish any *news* you might have in our future newsletters about new awards you’ve

Amy Lindenberger – October Guest Speaker

Colored pencil is a medium that is often dismissed by adults as something used strictly by students for coloring maps. The truth is, using high quality pencils and papers or other surfaces, it actually is an extremely versatile, non-toxic, fine art medium providing excellent experience color mixing and blending with minimal expense, mess, or set-up and clean-up time.

Amy will show examples of colored pencil paintings she’s completed over the years using a range of techniques and then will demonstrate a technique using a solvent to blend colored pencils strokes for effectively creating the look of dense fur on an animal, or hair in a portrait. See more about Amy at <http://amylindenberger.com>

Thank You!

A great big Thank You to Steve Leonardi for jumping in on a moment’s notice to be our September guest speaker. Steve informed us about how shows are judged and about a judging system that he devised that some other judges now follow. He pointed out certain aspects we should be aware of when creating our work and was inspirational in his presentation. Many positive reviews of his presentation were expressed by our members. Thanks, Steve!

McMurray Art League is now on Facebook!!

Social networking has overtaken traditional advertising and is one of the biggest ways to network, promote, and drive business! And now we are proud to try and tap into that market by hosting a Facebook page for the League. What does this mean to the League and, more important, to you? Quite simply...exposure...on a global scale.

Wonderful, you say! What's the catch? (There's always a catch, right?) In order for the site to be successful, we need a little bit of help from every member within the League. Now, before you run for cover and hide, let me explain how little work the maintenance of the site will cost you. But first, let me explain what I envision the site to do for each of us.

The world whether we like it or not has turned digital on us. Yes...we are traditionalists at heart or we wouldn't be sitting at our easels creating traditional artwork night and day. Now some of us may dabble in the digital art field from time to time but when it boils down to it, every show I've seen hosts beautiful watercolor, acrylic and oil paintings with some artisan crafts in there to boot. But the digital world isn't just about art... eBooks are still fighting hand to hand with physical copies and the traditional newspaper has been virtually replaced with an online copy. I don't really know that many people who sit and watch the news anymore and prefer to get their news from online sites instead. Is it any wonder that our multiple attempts at advertising have shown little results? This isn't the fault of the ad or the paper it is placed in, it is simply a sad fact of today's day and age. Will social networking be the end all to solve our problems about

getting recognition? I haven't a clue...but it's free and can't hurt.

This is what motivated me to publish a page on Facebook for the League. But a page can be created for anything anymore...even your average garden variety lawn gnome. It's getting people to *visit* the page and make them want to *come back* (or more important...*drive them to our website*) that is the key. I don't have all the answers but I do know what I like and what my friends enjoy: quality content.

The internet is one of the biggest time suckers out there and I will admit to losing hours scrolling through pages or YouTube videos when I'm procrastinating a project. And there are several sites that continually have me hunting them down and wanting more. For me, humor, fun facts, entertainment and tutorials are key. Most people visit the Web to de-stress after a hard day at work or try to unwind after taking care of the kids all day. What better way to spend that time then looking at pretty pictures? And I'm hoping we can also become a resource for artists in addition to trying to sell our art!

If you do not have a page on Facebook but want to join in on the fun, signing up is free and easy and a wonderful way to promote your art. If you are already there, please do 'Like' our page: simply do a search for 'McMurray Art League' then click the 'Like' button. You also have the option to suggest the page to your friends and family and I encourage you to do so to help spread the word about our classes, art shows, and artwork for sale!

MAL's Annual Fall Show – ARToberfest!

October 10 - 19, 2014 At the Galleria Mall in Mt. Lebanon

Once again this year the Galleria is hosting all area art leagues in a group exhibit October 10 – 19 during mall hours. We have named our McMurray Art Fall Show *ARToberfest*. Invite your friends and family to our ARToberfest reception on Saturday, October 11th from 7 – 8:30 p.m. Enjoy root beer, ginger beer, exotic pretzels and other munchies. Our location this year is near Godiva Chocolate shop. The dates to remember are listed in the table below.

We look forward to seeing your wonderful creations at this show. If you have any questions after reading the Prospectus, please contact one of the co-chairs.

Important Dates	
Screening Drop-Off	Saturday, September 27, 10:00-11:30 AM
Pick up work from Screening	Sunday, September 28, 1:00-2:00 PM
Galleria Poster Contest submission deadline	Thursday, October 2, 2014
Drop off work (Galleria)	Thursday, October 9, 9:00 PM
Show Setup	Thursday, October 9, 8:00 - 10:00 PM
Reception	Saturday, October 11, 7:00 - 8:30
People's Choice Voting Cut-off	Thursday, October 16, 8:00 PM
Show Takedown	Sunday, October 19, 5:00-6:00 PM

New Members: Please add to your directory by printing, cutting and pasting into your booklet:

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 Finleyville PA 15332

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 723 Mission Hills Dr 724-288-5998 Oil, WC
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Georgia O'Keefe "Emerald Traveler"

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