

MCMURRAY ART LINES

November 2014

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*Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio
"Mary Magdalene in Ecstasy"*

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A Note from the President

The frost is on the pumpkin and our Fall Show ARToberfest was a *great* success! Thank you to our co-chairs, Sandy Conley and Jen Brinkle and to Jan Pini for assisting and Theresa for scheduling...a job well done! And, of course, thanks to all of those who helped to haul, truck, assemble, arrange, provide refreshments, take down, pack up, manage sales and support the show. And last but not least, thank you to the artists who prepared and exhibited their wonderful work, making MAL proud! I am so proud of you all!

Warning, when reading this newsletter, you need to have your calendar in one hand and the newsletter and a highlighter in the other. I'm serious. Since this newsletter is the last this year (with the next newsletter being the February newsletter), we are packing this newsletter with information for November, December, January and the beginning of February. I'm sure you won't want to overlook events of interest to you. I know I have to pencil items in my calendar so I don't schedule an appointment on a day that I want to be at the studio. (I know, because I did that just yesterday and have to call to reschedule because I don't want to miss a new CAFE that wasn't on any calendar yet!).

A heads up that our Spring Show will be March 13-22, which means that registration will be a few days after our February meeting with the screening following shortly after. With all of the activities available to MAL members to keep us happy and warm, we should be able to breeze thru winter and soon face a new spring. But for now, I wish you all safe and happy holidays.

Your president,

Linda Saksa

News and Notes from the League

Memorials

It has been a tradition with McMurray Art League that when a member or a person in the member's immediate family passes away, the League makes a donation to the Peters Township Library for an art-related book in the deceased person's memory. Some books that have recently been purchased by the library in memory of members or their loved ones are: *Painting for the Absolute and Utter Beginner* by Claire Watson Garcia, and *Saving Italy: The Race to Rescue a Nation's Treasures from the Nazis* by Robert M. Edsel. These two books are in memory of member Darla Tsupros' son, Garrett Bistarky. *An Art Lover's Guide to Florence* by Judith Testa and *Drawing for the Absolute Beginner* by Mark Willenbrink were purchased as a memorial to James Duffy, member Sarah Duffy's late husband.

The PT Library will also be purchasing books in the memory of our dear members, Ginnie Swartz and Carol-sue Dukstein. Please take a moment to enjoy and appreciate the books selected by the library to honor our members or their loved ones.

Anne Davis Corresponding Secretary

MAL Mingle

It will soon be time to gather with our art friends at the studio for our annual social **MAL Mingle on Tuesday, December 9 from 11-2pm.** Take a breather from the hustle and bustle and join us at our studio. Members are requested to bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Please rsvp online or contact Fred Kunz at fkunz1818@aol.com or 412-831-9992 by Sunday, December 7 (we need a count for the arrangement of tables and chairs for the party). Looking forward to seeing you there!

Art Watch

What in the world is ArtWatch? Something *new*! You may already be aware that to facilitate speakers with power point programs and for this new program, we have purchased a projector that connects to a computer that will project on our new large wall projection screen (soon to come). This gives us the ability to show DVDs in our studio. There are a few of us who have instructional DVDs that we will be happy to share with other members at ArtWatch. And the PT Library also

has art DVDs. What fun it would be to watch the DVDs together! It will run much like our CAFEs---\$3 a person. Please sign up for ArtWatch. In case of need to cancel, you can be contacted if you are on the list. This new program will probably begin after the holidays. ArtWatch times and subjects will be posted on our website calendar. If anyone would like to donate art DVDs for our new program or has DVDs that could be borrowed, let us know and we will make a list for future ArtWatches. Watch for ArtWatch!

Speakers for our General Meetings

November 13---Joanne Portnoy

February 12---Theresa Geever

March 5---TBD

April 9---Phiris Kathy Sickels

MAL Artists Selected for Galleria Holiday Show

The Galleria selected several McMurray Art League Artists from the fall show to display their work for the holiday season. They are Lynn Angelleli, Renee Keil, and Fran Marze. The 3-dimensional work of Hank Swartz, Christine Smith, Judy DiGiacomo and Jeennie Nickolls will be displayed in a kiosk on the upper floor of the Galleria near the fountain. The show will not be staffed but interested buyers will be able to contact the artists directly. All sales will be made through MAL and the Galleria will collect a 20% commission

LUSH BRUSH

Our luscious event, LUSH BRUSH will be happening on Thursday Evening, January 22 from 6-8:00. It is a fun time for members to gather to share food and wine and create greeting cards (provided by MAL) for the studio to use in correspondence or as a fundraiser. Bring a beverage (wine, etc) or a food item (appetizer or dessert) to share with your artist friends. And of course bring your art supplies of choice. To reserve your spot and coordinate refreshments, you can register online by January 19 or contact our co-vice presidents, Laura Mooney (artist2sea@yahoo.com or 412-561-8176) or Fred Kunz (fkunz1818@aol.com or 412-831-9992). This a very popular event...don't miss it!

Fall Show Wrap Up

McMurray Art League was one of the arts groups participating in the Galleria's Fall Art Show from Friday, October 11 – Sunday, October 19. We called our fall show "ARToberfest." Twenty-one MAL members displayed work. Our sales were robust, so obviously our work appealed to the public!

MAL had the opportunity to place 3-D and artisan items in one of the Galleria's kiosks. This kiosk was a welcome option for our artists who like to make jewelry, glassware and other artisan items. Artists who sold paintings and 3-D pieces were: Jan Pini, Fran Marze, Judy DiGiacomo, Linda Saksa, Michalina Pendzich, Andrea LaNasa, and Mary Stuart. Also purchased were bin art and cards by Ginny Swartz, Lynn Angelelli, Fran Marze, Arlene Popko, Jan Pini, and Theresa Bozzo.

Many thanks to all the members of the league who helped make our "ARToberfest" successful. Treasurer Jan Pini works tirelessly to support each show in so many ways. Without her, we would have worked much harder and there would have been many glitches. So thanks a million, Jan.

On screening day we had lots of help from Barb Wettergreen, Arlene Popko, Ginny Hults, Carol Kilkeary, Theresa Bozzo, Ginny Swartz, and Leslie Fehling. For set-up and take down we were SO grateful to new member Maxine Ellis. She and her nephew, Jacob transported the screens and the additional show items to and from the Galleria. Maxine was very gracious to offer the use of her truck even though she was not participating in the show.

During set-up and take-down of the show, "many hands made light work." Thanks to all who helped – especially those who are not MAL members, but whose loved ones are. Thanks to Jim Pini, Steve Saksa, Jen's Dave, and Paul Conley, as well as all the league members who helped with the setup and take-down.

The reception on Saturday night was a lot of fun. We asked Barb Wettergreen, Hospitality Chair, to come up with beverages and food that would be in keeping with our theme, ARToberfest. Thank you to Barb, her sister Vicki, Fran Marze and Theresa Bozzo who provided delicious food and drinks that complemented the refreshments the Galleria staff and the other leagues served. There was plenty to eat and drink as people strolled around to view the art.

Toward the end of the evening, the poster contest winners were announced. Our own Jen Brinkle won first prize for her painting, "Modern Girl." On Thursday, October 16 the People's Choice ballots were tallied – First prize went to Andrea LaNasa for "Gone Fishing" Second prize to Diana Heater for "Then She Cried" and Third Prize to Jen Brinkle for "Jessi's Selfie With Toad." Congratulations to all the winners. Many thanks to all who helped to make our Fall Show such a success.

Sandy Conley and Jen Brinkle

Spring Show Notes
Show Dates at the Galleria - March 13-22
Registration Postmark by Feb. 14th
Show Screening Feb. 21st
Look for more information in the next issue!

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
Nov 17, Feb 23, March 30, May 18	Elaine Wertheim	Art Talks*	10 to 11:30	\$10	\$15 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

November Classes Registration Deadlines

Now that the holidays are approaching and the spring show is right around the corner, it is time to think about signing up for classes and get back into your creative mood. We are still in need of students for the following November classes to meet the instructors' minimum: Tom McNickle's *Watercolor Painting*; Jeannie McGuire's *Figurative Design Watercolor* and Elaine Wertheim *Art Talks*. The deadlines for these classes are fast approaching. If you are planning to attend please register ASAP. PLEASE DON'T WAIT TO REGISTER ON THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS. If minimums are not met, the classes will have to be cancelled before the class starts. MAL is indeed fortunate to have the opportunity to work with such recognized artists. We want to continue to offer their classes with enough students to keep them coming back to our studio.

Don't forget to check out our CAFEs on the Event Calendar. They are always fun and a way to learn new skills for just our studio fee of \$3.00. Our members share their many talents with us. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Upcoming MAL CAFES

CAFE Clothespin Characters *with Carol Kilkeary*

Nov. 5th. 10-noon. Studio fee \$3. Workshop \$TBD

Here's a whimsical project with holiday creativity. These ornaments are constructed of wooden elements combined with bits & pieces of laying around "stuff" assembled with imagination into little characters suitable for gifts or tree ornaments. Wooden elements, paints and a collection of "stuff" will be supplied. Things to bring: small paint brush, hot glue gun, embroidery threads, scissors, & anything else you may have that will fit into one bag of endless possibilities. Sign up by 11/3-online, email: tkilkeary@verizon.net or call 724-941-4855

CAFE "Silver" Zentangle *with Jan and Linda*

Monday, Nov 10 from 10-noon, \$3.00 CAFE studio fee. \$2 fee per ornament. .

Using aluminum tape and pieces of foam board (provided), we will create designs that could be used as jewelry or ornaments. Brown paper mache ornaments will be available with silver tape and black paint for \$2.00 per ornament. Detailed description and photo and supply list is on our website. After the form is covered in tape, we will use a stylus or other other instruments to press on the tape leaving an embossed design. Empty ball point pens work or anything that you can use to make a mark but not puncture the tape. The final step is to rub with black acrylic paint so the tape resembles metal. Fun and easy to do! Supplies to bring: scissors, x-acto knife, glue stick, foam core pieces, pencil and paper, stylus or tools for embossing, craft brush. Sign up by Thursday, Nov 6 by registering online or by emailing or calling Jan Pini (janpini@verizon.net/724-518-5585) or Linda Saks (saxa3@msn.com/724-941-6413)

CAFE Class in the Evening *with Lydia Mansur*

Thursday, December 11, 2014 5 pm - 7:30. \$3.00 CAFE studio fee Workshop Fee \$5.00

Since we may need a little more time for the class, Lydia would like to start it at 5 pm. This class will make Chinese take-out gift boxes. These are decorated gift boxes made from Chinese take-out boxes. They make lovely gift boxes for the smaller, special gifts. These gift boxes are covered in velvet and then decorated with whatever embellishments suit your fancy. The wonderful thing about making these gift boxes is that they don't just have to be for Christmas. With the number of embellishments available, you can make them for any occasion at all. Everything will be provided for the class *except* she asks that you bring a pair of sharp scissors. If you are interested in taking this class, please email Lydia at mansurle@upmc.edu or call (724) 255-8870 and leave a message with your name, phone number and interest in the class.

CAFÉ Through China with Music *with Anne Trimble*

Wednesday, January 28 from 10 to noon \$3.00 CAFE studio fee

In late July 2014, Anne Trimble traveled to China with eight other musicians and two dancers for a 24-concert tour in 35 days. Despite the busy schedule, Anne got a chance to do a bit of sight-seeing in the cities in which she performed. She will share her adventures, traveling by bus, bullet train, and plane from Inner Mongolia in the north, to near Hong Kong in the south, and 21 cities in between, entertaining Chinese audiences with distinctly American music. Register online or contact Carol Kilkeary at tkilkeary@verizon.net or 724-941-4855 by Monday, January 26.

2014-2015 Thematic Shows

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 (conley1973@verizon.net), (mpendzich54@yahoo.com) know they are planning to participate in a show. Provide the following information by the date listed below: (artist, title, medium, price). If you prefer, you may register online. 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” – *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, November 17, 10-11:30a.m.

Art Historian, Elaine Wertheim continues her Art Talks in November. 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 November 17 Elaine will talk about "Masterpieces of Risk": Many artists move artistic expression in a new direction. Artists such as Giotto, Caravaggio, Cezanne and Picasso convince us that we are in the presence of something that is bold and innovative. Interested members can register online or by contacting the class registrar at classregistrar@mcmurrayartleague.org.

Upcoming Art Talks with Elaine: Feb 23, March 30 and May 18

ASSISTANCE PLEASE!

Many of our members belong to more than one art league and artists group and may even be active board members of other organizations. As the current MAL Art League Liaison, I am desirous of setting up a regular communication with other leagues in the hopes of creating a steady exchange of information about upcoming special events, member achievements (awards), classes offered, and even contact names in each league.

If you can be of assistance in sharing any of this information please email me at darlenegsanders@yahoo.com. I look forward to news interaction with other organizations and thank you in advance for your help.

Darlene Sanders MAL Art League Liaison

Monday Painters

Monday Painters is in need of a artist teacher starting 2015. I have been teaching for 50 years and enjoying every minute of it. We need someone who has teaching ability and knowledge of Art Education. The class starts March 2015 each Monday 10AM-1 PM in the *First Methodist Church* in Washington.

Schedule for remaining classes. Anyone is eligible. Come join us.

- Oct. 27** Class at *Daryl Boocks*. Bring a sandwich (It will be put on a plate and divided 4 ways to share) and Darryl will teach the class. We can carpool from the church if you call Carolyn.
- Nov. 3** Bring paintings and gallery hang for Christmas Show at *The First Methodist Church*. Carolyn will teach Christmas Cards
- Nov.10** *Kathy Leavett's Christmas Tree Farm* Carolyn will teach snow on pine trees.
- Nov.17** Stephany Meyers will teach
- Dec 8** Christmas Party (*Bella Sierra* ?) Questions? Call Carolyn Johnson 724-228-2988

Peters Twp Library Presents:

The current Peters Library Show is **WINTERFEST**. Winterfest will hang until **January 15 2015** At that time the Lensshooters will have a show January 15th through February 11th. This gives **MAL** painters time to paint new works for our next show.

The next MAL show will hang Thursday February 12th. An email will be sent to the membership in late January to alert the membership and gather data for the new show.

We hope to see many artists there with new works in the new year. *Shirley Williams*

News Anyone?

We really would like to publish any *news* you might have in our future newsletters about new awards you've received or upcoming shows you may be in. Please email Renee at rakeil@comcast.net with your information.

In Memoriam

Ginnie Swartz – October 13, 2014

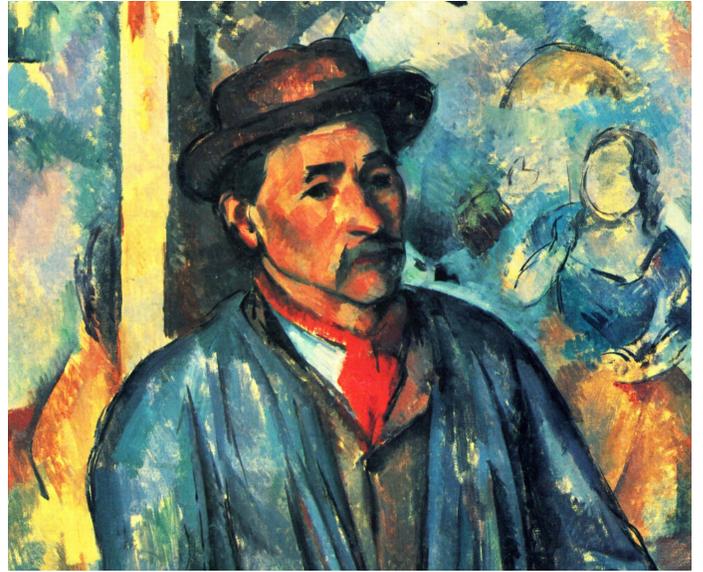
Carol-sue Dukstein – October 15, 2014

We will miss our dear friends.

The McMurray Art League

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Paul Cezanne “Peasant in a Blue Smock”

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