

MCMURRAY ART LINES

February 2015

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Jean Baptiste Simeon Chardin
Still Life

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A Note from the President

This is our first MAL Newsletter of **2015!** MAL is off to a running start with nine interesting classes scheduled, the Peters Twp. Library Shows, Themed Exhibit Galleries, the Spring Show “50 and Counting” at the Galleria in March (registration due Sat., Feb. 14), Tuesday Open Studios, CAFEs and our 50th Anniversary!

Events ended last year with a full studio at Jeannie McGuire’s class, our “Generations” gallery, three fun CAFEs (Carol’s characters, Silver Zentangle, Lydia’s Boxes) and our MAL Mingle full of fun, laughter, good food/drinks and most of all a studio full of holiday warmth for and from our art friends. Thank you all for a great 2014!

I agreed to be president because I thought of all the good times and years that I enjoyed at MAL and the wonderful people that I have met and thought that it was time for me step up and help to pay it forward. MAL has a great group of talented and giving members and we really need to have **you** step up this year as we fill the nominations for next year (beginning June 1). This is my third and final year (as our bylaws state) as president and we are looking for co-presidents and co-vice presidents for next year as well as other executive board and chair positions. You are not alone when you take a position but are an integral part of a well developed team. There are many supportive people who have had positions in the past willing to provide assistance. The helpfulness and support of each member is what makes MAL such a strong league. Please contact Theresa Bozzo or Fran Marze (nominations co-chairs) about stepping up and doing your part to have MAL continue to be a shining star in the art community. If you are called, please say yes.

The next General Meeting is Thursday, February 12 at 2pm with Therese Geever as our speaker. Hope to see you soon!

Your President Linda Saksa

News and Notes from the League

50th Anniversary of MAL

This year the McMurray Art League will celebrate it's 50th Anniversary. That's right, our organization was founded fifty years ago, and now it is time to plan a celebration. If you would like to help, we are forming a committee to meet on Tuesday, February 3, 2015, at the MAL studio – 10:00 A.M. If you would like to participate but cannot make that meeting, or just have an idea for us on how we can celebrate our founding, please email Carol Aurin at ca0460@verizon.net.

New Members

We are happy to welcome Gail Beem, Phyllis Etzel, Catherine Layton, Lauren Moss, Loretta Smith and Shari Valcenti as new members to the league! (see page 7 for additional information). MAL also would like to welcome any perspective members who can join via the website, or by filling out a membership form (available on our website, at the studio or by calling Carol Kilkeary-724-941-4855). Dues for new members from January thru May 31,2015 are \$14.00. Check should be made out to McMurray Art League. Please mail to Carol Kilkeary at 276 Froebe Rd,Venetia PA. You may also pay online via PayPal on the Wild Apricot link.

Art Watch

What 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. A big thank you to Jan and Jim Pini for making this a reality and to Steve Saksa who helped them install the screen. We now have the ability to show DVDs in our studio. What fun it would be to watch the DVDs together! It will run much like our CAFES with attendance at \$3 a person. ArtWatch times and subjects will be posted on our website calendar and in our newsletters. If anyone would like to donate art DVDs for our new program or has DVDs that could be borrowed, please email the title and length of time to Linda Saksa at saxa3@msn.com. Watch for ArtWatch!

Galleria Mall Poster Contest

The Galleria Mall will also sponsor a poster contest with the theme of “Wine”. Details on the contest are available on the MAL website. The Galleria **deadline**

to enter is March 5, 2015. The winning poster will be announced at the Spring Show reception on March 14 and displayed throughout the show

Mal Annual Spring Juried Show

Plans are being made for the Spring Show at the Mt. Lebanon Galleria. The Theme for this year's show is “McMurray Art League - Fifty Years And Counting” to honor the founding year of our art league. The show will run from March 13 – 22. The show setup will take place Thursday, March 12th, at 9:00 P.M. on the first floor of the Galleria. Details of the show (prospectus/standards/registration forms), can be found on the MAL website.

New this year, the Galleria Mall has invited local high schools to pair up with the art leagues for the spring show. The high school art work will be displayed on the upper floor of the mall, and their show will start a few days earlier than our show start, and end the Sunday after the league's show start (overlapping to generate more public interest). High Schools and the Art Leagues will share the same reception, which will be held on Saturday, March 14th, at 7:00 P.M. If you have questions about the show, please contact show chairs, Linda VanNewkirk at livartist@comcast.net or Carol Aurin at ca0460@verizon.net.

McMurray Art League Scholarship

The “Bunky Mosites Memorial Scholarship” will be presented to a graduating high school senior at the Spring Juried show on March 14, during the show reception. The scholarship is open to any graduating senior from the Peters Twp High School or an immediate family member of a MAL member, who has the intention of majoring in Fine Art, Art Education, Graphic Design, or Architecture, this coming fall. Details and the application form can be found on the MAL website. If you have questions, please contact Carol Aurin, Scholarship Chair, at ca0460@verizon.net. Deadline to enter is February 28, 2015.

Congratulations to our own Anne Trimble

Anne Trimble's pastel portrait of her Dad, "Sunday Morning" is included in *North Light's* new book "Art Journey: Portraits and Figures--The Best of Contemporary Drawing in Graphite, Pastel, and Colored Pencil". This piece is displayed on a two-page spread, where Anne shares her approach to this piece, its subject matter, and her thoughts on portraiture in general. She is honored to be part of this publication, which showcases many talented portrait and figure artists. Below is Anne's pastel



Anne Trimble *Sunday Morning*

2015/2016 Nominations

It is time to begin recruiting members to participate in keeping this wonderful art league moving forward. We hope YOU will consider running for one of the positions that will need to be filled in the coming year. We are very grateful to the many members who have served so generously to keep up the quality of McMurray Art League's operation, and that makes it one of the best art organizations in the area.

The following Executive Board positions will be needed; President/Co-President, Co-Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary. These positions are critical to the running of MAL. They are very doable as co-positions especially with all the help and support from people who have served in these roles. Computer skills are very helpful in many of these offices. In addition many Board positions will be available: Class Coordinator, Exhibit Chairs for the Fall & Spring Shows, Hospitality, Newsletter, and Nominations. These people are an integral part of the MAL's many offerings. Theresa Bozzo and Fran Marze are the Nomination Chairs and will be contacting people to consider working in these offices. If you are willing to participate, please contact them and let them know you are interested. You may call any of the members who are in these roles this year if you want more information about a position. The MAL Directory also has a brief explanation of the different board member's responsibilities. The slate for the Executive Board needs to be published twice prior to the election in April and thus needs to be set by February 20. This allows the notice to be placed in the March newsletter so that the notification requirement can be met.

2014-2015 MAL Classes

Signing up for Classes

Now that the holidays are over, it is time to think about signing up for new classes and getting back into your creative mode. 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
Feb 23, March 30, May 18	Elaine Wertheim	Art Talks*	10 to 11:30	\$10	\$15 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 24, March 3	Steve Leonardi	Watercolor Wild Life	10 to 4	\$35	\$40 per day
March 10, 17	Tom McNickle	Oil Painting	Cancelled	\$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

Have You Signed Up For Classes?

There are a large variety of classes with new ideas and talents being offered. Leslie Fehling will have new techniques in keeping sketch books. We have a new instructor, Nicole Renee (artbynicolereene@gmail.com) who will introduce watercolor painting on Yupo paper. Steve Leonardi, after a hiatus from teaching, will be back with wonderful tips on watercolor painting doing a wild life painting to honor Ginnie Swartz. He will be framing all these paintings for us. Carol Kilkeary will instruct techniques in figure drawing skills and methods. plans are to have a nude model in the third class. Elaine Wertheim will begin a new series of Art Talks. **And these are just what we are offering in February!** Check out the rest of the year's classes while you are on the website, some new and exciting classes are coming up.

It would be a shame to have to cancel these instructors for lack of students. We do not have enough students in these classes at the present time to run them. Check out the web site for the class outline and materials list. Hope to see you in these new classes. Sign up with Jean Kunz ASAP at classregistrar@mcmurrayartleague.org or at 412 831 9992.

Upcoming MAL CAFE and General Meeting

We have an upcoming CAFE offered by Joe Raffaele on his poetry- who knew!! We will keep you posted of the date on this one. Any member who wishes to share hidden talents or creative outlets with other members by offering a CAFE can contact Carol Kilkeary: tkilkeary@verizon.net to get started.

General Meeting-February 12

For our February 12 (2pm) General Meeting, Therese Geever will explain the process that she takes students through when teaching figure painting and will present a short demonstration of painting a back lighted figure with contrasting values.

Therese Geever received her Bachelor of Science degree in Textile Design from Philadelphia College of Textiles and Science in 1980. Her continued studies of drawing and painting led her to Carlow College where she received her Art Education Certification. Therese received a Master of Arts in Art Education from the University of Pittsburgh in 1996. Therese has studied with many nationally recognized artists including Linda Fruhwald, Frank Webb, Marilyn Hughey Phillis and Skip Lawrence. Therese lives in the greater Pittsburgh area with her husband and twin sons. Therese enjoys sharing her love of drawing and painting with others through teaching. She teaches locally. In her paintings, Therese enjoys playing with shapes, colors and values that express her thoughts and feelings about the subject. Therese also enjoys calligraphy and Asian Brush Painting. She is a Signature Member of the Pittsburgh Watercolor Society of Pittsburgh and a Member of the Calligraphy Guild of Pittsburgh.

Open Studio

Once we turn the calendar away from dull, drab February we are one step closer to Spring and the revival of Open Studio!

During the month of March the MAL studio will be open on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Join fellow artists for a day of companionship, chit chat and artistic inspiration. Bring your art supplies and current projects and don't forget your lunch!

Mark your calendars for Open Studio on March 10, 17, 24 and 31. Let's herald in Spring with a flurry of activity!!

Darlene Sanders – Open Studio Monitor

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.

Spring Show Notes
Show Dates at the Galleria - March 13-22
Registration Postmark by Feb. 14th
Show Screening Feb. 21st

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 no later than 10 days prior to the receiving/hanging dates 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.

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

February 23, 10-11:30a.m. **Still Life: The Significance of Things**

The upcoming series of three talks by our favorite art historian, Elaine Wertheim, is called "Feast of the Eyes: Delighting the Senses". For centuries the sensuous world of food has attracted and challenged painters. Tavern scenes and luscious food inspired Flemish and Dutch artists while the Impressionist filled their works with culinary delights that capture the joy of living. We will explore the tradition of food in the works of masters such as Velasquez, Chardin and Manet. Still-life painters—you will relish this class.

The first talk of the series, "Still Life; The Significance of Things" will take place on Monday, February 23 from 10:00-11:30am at the MAL studio. Still Life painting appeals to the senses and the Dutch and Flemish painters bring food to life.

Register for the series online at the McMurray website or contact Class Registrar, Jean Kunz, at jeankunz@aol.com. The cost is \$10 a session or if paid by 2/10, all three for \$27. The cost is \$15 a session for non-members but members may invite a friend for the \$10 member fee. Upcoming Art Talks with Elaine: March 30 and May 18

2015 Mid-Atlantic Watercolor Exhibit

CALL FOR ENTRIES: The 2015 Baltimore Watercolor Society's Mid-Atlantic Exhibition at the Black Rock Center for the Arts, Germantown, MD. Open to all watermedia artists in the Mid-Atlantic States and D.C. Juror: Mark Mehaffey, AWS df, NWS. Entry online or by CD. First Place: \$1200 Deadline: March 21, 2015. For a prospectus and more information: www.BaltimoreWatercolorSociety.org

Sharon A. Green: Mid-Atlantic Exhibition Chair, BSW, 9 Valleys Crest Ct., Owings Mills, MD 21117... 410-363-1922 sharonagreen@comcast.net

Peters Twp Library Presents:

The next Peters Library Show, **If Winter Comes** will be hung February 12th through April 16th. This show hangs through the dates of the Spring Galleria Show. **Do not** put anything in the Peters Show that you will need for the Galleria.

Send your entries via email to windpainter@hotmail.com or call 412 833 2374 with your entry data: Artist Name, Title of Work, Medium and Price. Size only if over 3 feet in any direction. You may enter three pieces unless oversized.

Your information is needed by February 8th. to allow time to make up a brochure for the show. There is no fee for entering. A percentage of all sales benefits the Peters Library. Thanks for participating. Stay warm everyone.

West Hills Art League Exhibit is currently at Sweetwater Center for the Arts in Sewickley PA. The show runs from January 17 – March 28, 2015. MAL has several members who also belong to WHAL and we encourage everyone to stop by to support our fellow artists. If you have never been to Sweetwater you are in for a treat. The venue offers great gallery space and is always an interesting place to browse and shop!

New member list for membership booklet. Cut out the information below and paste in your booklet

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Diego Velázquez The Old Cook

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