

# MCMURRAY ART LINES

April 2015

TO PROVIDE  
AND  
STIMULATE  
FOCUS ON THE  
ARTS



*Hooked Watercolors*

*Phiris Kathy Sickels*

[www.mcmurrayartleague.org](http://www.mcmurrayartleague.org)

## A Note from the President

Spring is upon us and the Spring Show may be packed away but it brings a proud smile to my face as I think back of the fantastic art and the buzz of the crowd all on the upper floor of the Galleria. A huge thank you to the co-chairs, Carol Aurin and Linda Van Newkirk, Jan Pini as tech support, Theresa Bozzo for scheduling and Barb Wettergreen for hospitality. And to Jeenie Nickolls and her husband for saving the day with his truck (they live out in Elizabeth!) and all the extra hands that helped with setup/take down, sitters/sellers and last but not least, the terrific artists for creating and presenting their work up to our standards. The show was absolutely wonderful and successful! All while flying our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary balloons for all to see the beginning of our 50<sup>th</sup> year celebration.

During March we brought back the Open Studio on Tuesdays from 10-2. It was great to chat and create with other members—relaxing and fun! Everyone who attended is looking forward to more Open Studio times.

April brings more than showers for MAL. Our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tea (reservations due by April 1) will be held on Tuesday, April 7. Barry Jeter and Sue Levy are teaching watercolor classes and Carol Kilkeary is teaching figure drawing. We have CAFE-poetry with Joe Raffaele. Be sure to attend our April 9 meeting on the Thursday at 7pm when we will elect next year's officers and have a speaker. Be sure to sign up for classes including those in May. Details for these events are in this newsletter.

Please note that our May luncheon date is changed to *Wednesday, May 20*.

Your President Linda Saksa

# News and Notes from the League

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of MAL

MAL began in Sept 1965 with eight artist getting together. Carolyn Johnson and Tina Wagner continue to be members. We thank you for starting an organization that has grown and means so much to all of us. It is such a wonderful milestone that we decided to celebrate all this year! The Anniversary Team has met and planned a list of events that will celebrate and honor our 50 years of creativity and wonderful artist friends. If you have any history you would like to share, please let us know. Here is our line up for this special year:

### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events:

*April 7*, Tuesday, 2pm at the Studio--**50<sup>th</sup> Tea**—Last day to sign up April 1 Register at 412-429-1619.

*May 20*, Thursday, noon--**50<sup>th</sup> Luncheon**—Details to come.

*July 29*, Wednesday at 6:30pm--**Art and Appetizers**, Details to come.

*September 10*, Thursday at 7 pm--**September General Meeting** with speaker and Anniversary Cake

*October 29*, Thursday --**50<sup>th</sup> Dinner or Appetizers/** Dessert—survey for membership about this event.

*November*, date TBD --possible art sale

*December 8*, Tuesday 11-2pm--**MAL Mingle at 50!**

### General Meeting—April 9 at 7pm

At our April general meeting, we will elect officers for 2015-2016. Nominations from the floor will be accepted with the nominees' permission. Our speaker is Phiris Kathy Sickels.

### MAL Scholarship Update

A new date for the scholarship screening will be April 20. The updated application is on our website. Please contact Carol Aurin at 724-348-4714 for questions. The Scholarship winner's work will be displayed at the Peters Township Library Exhibit in May.

## MAL Spring Luncheon

**Wednesday May 20, 2015–12:00 pm —Bella Sera Bistro**

MAL will continue its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration with a spring luncheon at Bella Sera conveniently located one mile from Southpointe and Rt. 79 on 414 Morganza Road. The Bistro offers an all-you-can-enjoy lunch buffet. The menu changes daily. You can check out their Facebook page for featured daily items, which includes salad bar, house made soups, multiple entries, assorted sides and specialty desserts. The luncheon will be \$21.00 per person. Make checks payable to McMurray Art League and mail it to Theresa Bozzo at 109 Green Commons Drive; Pittsburgh, PA 15243. You can also register on our website. Reservations and checks are due on May 14. We are looking forward to getting together and catching up with our fellow members and enjoying quality time with one another. If you have any questions, please contact Theresa Bozzo at 412 429 1619 [/ozzobt@aol.com](mailto:/ozzobt@aol.com). Committee members are Theresa Bozzo, Lorraine Cianflone and Judy DiGiacomo.

### New Members

Joining us in March were Marlene Boas, Kristine Hulefeld and Chris Kail. We welcome our new friends and look forward to keeping the arts alive with our 118 members! New membership dues are \$14.00 with membership active until 5/31/2015. Our new membership year will begin June 1, 2015 and end 5/31/2016 and the dues are \$28.00 *See page 7 for the information on new members.*

Membership forms are available online, at the studio or by calling Carol Kilkeary 724-941-4855. Dues are payable via PayPal (online) or by mailing a check (made out to McMurray Art League) to Carol.

## Art Watch

If anyone would like to donate art dvds for our MAL art dvd collection or has art dvds that we could borrow, please email the title and length of time to Linda Saksa at [saxa3@msn.com](mailto:saxa3@msn.com). If you are donating dvds you can drop them off at the studio with a note. Watch for *ArtWatch!*

## Offer to MAL Members

Top Notch Art Supply Store in Oakland is offering the members of McMurray Art League the opportunity to purchase art supplies for a 40% discount on everything in the store on May 16. There may be some samples from vendors for us to try out some different products. Details to come.

## Peters Township Community Day

MAL is planning to have a booth at Community Day on Saturday, June 27, 2015 from 11-5pm. This is in the planning stages. It is a special time for McMurray Art League to show our creativity, talents and friendship to our community and hopefully it will spur some interest for possible new members. We can have small items to sell, bin art, demonstrations etc. We have a tent and the space is 10x10 feet. We will find out more about this event the beginning of April. We are in need of some people to head it up and volunteers to man the booth to make this happen. Please contact Linda Van Newkirk with questions at [ljvartist@comcast.net](mailto:ljvartist@comcast.net) or 724-941-5784.

## MAL Peters Library Show

McMurray Art League's Summer Show at Peters Library will hang April 16th to June 18th. Tentative Show Title is *Summertime*. Delivery of work is April 16th at 9:30 AM at the library. Send your titles and other information to [windpainter@hotmail.com](mailto:windpainter@hotmail.com) or call 412 833 2374. Your *Name, Title of work, Medium* and *Price* is needed by April 10th to facilitate printing of a brochure for the show. There is no charge for entering the show. A commission of 10% is paid to the Peters Library on all sales from the Peters Show. Thank you for participating!

*Shirley Williams*

## MAL Window Exhibit

Lynn Angelelli will be hanging her art in the Window Exhibit for April.

## 2014-15 Thematic Shows

The new "Celebrate Color" show has brightened up the studio walls. Stop in and take a look. It will remain up until May 28. Following there will be two summer shows—May 28-July 23 and July 23-September 24 hung by the summer crew. Details will be in the next newsletter.

## April General Meeting Speaker: Phiris Kathy Sickels April 12 at 7:00 pm

Phiris Kathy Sickels has been drawing and painting since she could hold a crayon, pencil, or paint brush in her hand. It is her way of communicating with all of her senses. When her husband died a few years ago, she gave herself permission to lose herself in art. She feels her most successful work seems to evolve from abstract shapes and contrasting colors. Phiris is a board member of the Pittsburgh Society of Artists, on the board of the Associated Artists of Pittsburgh, Watercolor Society, member of the East Suburban Artist League and co-manager of the Eastside Gallery. She has participated and won awards in numerous juried and group shows. (*see paintings on front and back pages*)

# 2014-2015 MAL Classes

## Signing up for Classes

Now that the winter is winding down, 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](mailto:classregistrar@mcmurrayartleague.org)

Dates	ARTIST	MEDIA	HOURS	MEMBER	NON-MEM
May 18	<b>Elaine Wertheim</b> Art Talks*	10 to 11:30	\$10	\$15 per day	
Apr 28	<b>Carol Kilkeary</b>	Basic Figure Drawing	10 to 2	\$25	\$30 per day Live
	model fee for April 28	Fee determined by number of students			
April 14, 21	<b>Barry Jeter</b>	Watercolor Painting	10 to 4	\$40	\$45 per day
April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	<b>Sue Levy</b>	Watercolor Painting	10 to 2	\$25	\$30 per day
May 6, 7	<b>Gail Beem</b>	Abstract Pastel	10 to 4	\$30	\$35 per day
May 12, 13	<b>Robert Yonke</b>	Watercolor Mixed Media	10 to 4	\$40	\$45 per day
May 27, 28	<b>Patricia Young</b>	Pastel Landscapes	10 to 4	\$30	\$35 per day
June 16, 23	<b>Steve Leonardi</b>	Achieving Watercolor Paintings	10 to 4	\$35	\$40 per day

## Have You Signed Up For Classes?

**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](mailto:classregistrar@mcmurrayartleague.org) or at 412-831-9992.

## Upcoming MAL CAFE

We welcome Spring with a CAFE thing! Joe Raffaele will be presenting his passion for writing poetry and discussion of its meaning. Audience participation may include your own composition in writing or visual artistic expression so pack some simple creative supplies (paints, paper, etc .)for this one. The date is Monday, April 13, 10 am to noon.

On May 19 we've got *Art of the World* presented by Fred Kunz, Jan Pini and Barb Wettergreen who will be sharing their private collections and appreciation of cultural craftsmanship collected from their travels. Additional information & times are posted on the website. The cost for these CAFES is a studio fee of \$3.00 per attendee.

Anyone else interested in sharing their interests with other members in a demonstration or workshop please contact Carol [skilkeary@verizon.net](mailto:skilkeary@verizon.net) or call 724-941-4855

## 2015/2016 Nomination List For Executive Officers / Board Officers

Below is the proposed slate of officers and Board members for 2015/2016. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor (with the consent of the nominee) at the March and April meeting. League members will vote for the officers at the April meeting.

### Executive Officer Nominations

Co-President	Jennifer Brinkle / Darla O’Korn Tsupros
Co-Vice Presidents	Ginny Hults/ Anne Trimble
Recording Secretary	Anne Davis
Corresponding Secretary	Judy Kandel
Treasurer	Jan Pini

### Board (appointed):

Art League Liaison	Darlene Sanders
Bylaws	Linda Saksa, Theresa Bozzo, Sandy Conley, Jen Brinkle, Darla Tsupros
Class Coordinator	Stephany Myers
Class Registrar	Jean Kunz
Directory	Laura Mooney
Exhibit Chairs (Fall)	Patricia Shields / Barbara Wettergreen
Exhibit Chairs (Spring)	Ann Trimble / Jeennie Nickolls
Historian	Christy Osiecki
Past President	Linda Saksa
Hospitality	Karen Vituccio
Membership	Carol Kilkeary
Newsletter	Helen Kish
Nominations	Theresa Bozzo / Fran Marze
Peters Township Library Show	Shirley Williams
Programs	Fred Kunz
Publicity	Judy DiGiacomo
Scholarship	Carol Aurin
Standards	Leslie Fehling / Helen Kish /Karen Vituccio / Judy Lauso
Studio Exhibit	Sandy Conley / Michalina Pendzich
Webmaster	Jan Pini
Window Exhibit	Darla Duffy

# MAL 2015 SPRING SHOW

## *50 Years and Counting*

**Steve Leonardi, Juror**

**Carol Aurin and Linda VanNewkirk, Show Chairs**

Thank you to everyone who put their time, efforts, and talent into making our spring juried show a success. We also want to thank the people who volunteer to help with the set up and tear down of the show who are not members of the league (family and friends). The top floor of the Galleria was filled with wonderful art and we had record crowds as well as record sales for our art league. Our Judge for this show was Steve Leonardi who awarded “Best of Show” to our new member, Shari Valicenti. We would also like to congratulate new member Katie Koenig on winning the Galleria poster contest.

**Spring Show Winner:** Best of Show – Shari Valicenti – *Titmouse Relic*

### **Best of Category**

Abstract/Non-Objective – Linda Saksa – *Guitar Women*

Animal/Wildlife – Anne Davis – Charlie

Interior/Exterior/Architecture – Michalina Pendzick – *Look Up! Roofline*

Landscape/Seascape – A. Correale-LaNasa – *Landscape 4*

Portrait/Figure – Jan Pini – *Grandpa and Me*

Still Life/Floral – Carol Modery (Kilkeary) – *Unbroken Promises*

### **Juor’s Awards**

Carol Aurin *Tree Reshaped*

Jen Brinkle *Dragon Rider*

Carol Modery *First Position Prelude*

Carol Modery *Mixing The Medium*

Darla Rae Duffy *Zentangle Hog*

Katie Koenig *Sunflower In A Mason Jar*

Linda Saksa *Napping*

Arlene Popko *Dancing Tutu*

Patty Sheilds *A Woman of Tibet*

Linda J. VanNewkirk *Pure Gold*

### **People's Choice Award**

Jen Binkle *Dragon Rider.*

# Art News from Beyond MAL

## WEST HILLS ART LEAGUE

2015 WHAL Annual Art Exhibit  
Robin Hill Park  
Thorn Run road - Moon Township  
May 5 - 21st 2015  
Opening Reception: May 10th 1-4 pm

## 2nd Annual Mt. Lebanon Artists' Market

September 26 & 27 2015

For information on participating in this year's event, please log in to the following address:

<http://www.mtlebopartnership.org/mt-lebanon-artists-market/>

Their T-shirt design contest deadline is May 15 with \$250 awarded to winner.

## 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](mailto:rakeil@comcast.net) with your information.

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

<b>Boas, Marlene</b> 408 Hays Rd Venetia PA 15367	724-942-4649/ drboas@gmail.com 412-357-2023 Encaustic PSA
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<b>Hulefeld, Kristine</b> 5155 Priscilla Dr Bethel PA 15102	412-841-5951 krishhulefeld@gmail.com acrylic, charcoal
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## The McMurray Art League

### Officers & Chairs 2014-2015

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Recording Secretary: Ginny Hults  
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Exhibit Co-Chairs (Fall): Sandy Conley, Jen Brinkle  
Exhibit Co-Chairs (Spring): Carol Aurin, Linda Van Newkirk  
Historian: Christy Osiecki  
Hospitality: Barbara Wettergreen  
Membership: Carol Kilkeary  
Newsletter: Renee Keil  
Nominations: Theresa Bozzo, Fran Marze  
Peters Twp. Library: Shirley Williams  
Program: Darla O'Korn Tsapros  
Publicity: Judy Ann DiGiacomo  
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*Phiris Kathy Sickels*

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