

# McMurray Art Lines-September 2015

General Meeting  
Thursday, September 10--7pm  
Speaker--Tom McNickle  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cake - 6:35pm

## President's Note

I don't know about you, but this summer has swept by faster than a raging river! So many activities in- and outside of the League! I know many members spent the past few months travelling and are just getting back to the basics. With fall fast approaching, I wanted to highlight some of the biggest changes and events that have transpired over the past three months.

For those of you who have been away (and for our newest members), the past three months saw a lot of activity. In June our new board members took over the reins! MAL also participated in the Peter's Township Community Day for the first time and (though it was a bit soggy), I consider it a success. The community really appreciated our being there (many didn't even know we existed until then), and I think future years will see an even greater success with our mission of promoting the visual arts within the community.

July brought us more 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations! Our Themed Studio Exhibit focused on "A Touch of Gold" to really show off the Anniversary colors for our Art & Appetizers Event. I may be a bit biased since I helped hang the show, but I really think our members submitted their best works yet for the studio show! Each change out just gets better and better...I can't wait to see what goes up in September!

And speaking of the Art & Appetizers event, it was amazing!! If you weren't able to attend, I really have to say I'm sorry you missed it. Our Anniversary Committee did a fantastic job and I couldn't have been more proud to be a part of the League than I was that night! It was really great getting an opportunity to speak with many of you, and I wish we had more time so that I could speak with more of you.

September we will be getting back to business as usual. Our Themed Studio Exhibits are still to be determined, but our Chairs are working on them as you are reading this. I have updated the WildApricot calendar with the dates and speakers for our General Meetings that we have so far (through next year). We have some great speakers lined up and I really hope you will be able to attend the meetings to hear them speak! In case you are curious, links to the artist's websites (those I could find) are also posted within the event so you can see some of their work prior to the meeting.

I know I've said this before, but I will say it again, a hearty "Thank You" to everyone during this transition phase! Your patience has been noted during this adjustment period...We're still working out some kinks, but are running a bit more smoothly than we were a few short months ago. There is sooo much more in store for the League this year; I hope you will be able to participate in many of the events that are to follow as we continue to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! (And don't forget to check out our class schedule! Some great instructors are lined up that I'm sure you'll want to learn from!) Jen

### **General Meetings--Thursdays:**

September 10.....7:00 p.m. – Tom McNickle

October 1.....2:00 p.m. – David Bowers

November 12.....2:00 p.m. – John Del Monte

February 11.....2:00 p.m. Calvin Lynch

March 10.....2:00 p.m. Cynthia Cooley

April 14.....7:00 p.m. Margaret Williams McGowan

### **Our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Continues!**

1 ~~ Our **September General Meeting** is Thursday, September 10 beginning at 7pm. Tom McNickle (<http://www.thomasmcnickle.com>) will be our anniversary speaker as MAL was established 50 years ago this September! We are celebrating with a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary cake at 6:35pm. Be there for a fun and educational time!

2 ~~ MAL would like to have our **grand dinner 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration at Rolling Hills Country Club** (newly remodeled) here in McMurray **on Thursday, October 29**. We need a commitment by Thursday, September 10, our September meeting night, to confirm the reservation. More details to follow after we know how many are interested in attending. The cost per person of the dinner would be around \$34-38 (including tax and gratuity). You may bring a guest. What a good way to thank all those spouses and friends who have helped thru the years! **Please email Linda Saks at [saxa3@msn.com](mailto:saxa3@msn.com) or leave a message at 724-941-6413 to register by Wednesday, September 9** so we can announce the results at the meeting. The more the merrier!

3 ~~ **MAL 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mingle** will be held on Tuesday, December 8 from 11-2pm. Details will be announced in the November newsletter.

### ***A Half Century of Art—McMurray Art League Fall Show***

I hope you have all been busy this summer creating your art work for this year's fall Art Show. It will run from Oct. 9 thru Oct. 18. The postmark deadline for submitting work will be Sept. 18. You may enter up to 3 pieces of art that will fit onto a single panel measuring 60" tall by 36" wide. The screening date for standards compliance will be drop off on Sat., Sept. 26 from 10:00-11:30. Your art work must be picked up the following day, Sun. Sept. 27 between 10:00 and 11:30. The documents necessary for submitting your work will be available online very shortly. I look forward to starting the next half century with a show befitting our long and illustrious past fifty years! Patty Shields [shieldspatty@gmail.com](mailto:shieldspatty@gmail.com)rs!

### **THANK YOU, LINDA!**

This marks the end of Linda Saks's term as President of our art league and I believe I speak for all of our members in issuing a rousing thanks for all the effort and work she has put into this league during her time in this office.

## From our Class Coordinator:

### **MAL FALL CLASSES:**

Hope you've had a beautiful summer and are looking forward to honing your artistic skills. MAL has a great lineup of instructors for our fall class schedule. You can enjoy enhancing your creativity by signing up for some of them. We have a nice variety of media and techniques being taught with watercolor, oil, yupo, mixed media, pastel portraiture and ink with watercolor.

Check with the MAL website for details on the classes being offered, their description, and the material lists.

You can sign up for classes using our website by viewing EVENTS or CALENDAR or by contacting Jean Kunz at 412-831-9992 or by e-mail at [classregistrar@mcmurrayartleague.org](mailto:classregistrar@mcmurrayartleague.org).

Any questions regarding class content, suggestions for class topics and media, or recommendations of artists who would make good additions to our group of instructors please contact the class coordinator, Stephany Myers at 724-228-3774 or at [classcoordinator@mcmurrayartleague.org](mailto:classcoordinator@mcmurrayartleague.org).

### **UPCOMING CLASSES**

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SEPT. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 – 10:00 -2:00 -- SUE LEVY (WATERCOLOR LANDSCAPES)....	\$25/DAY
SEPT. 8, & 15 – 10:00 – 4:00 -- LISA RASMUSSEN (OIL) .....	\$35/DAY
SEPT. 29 –10:00 – 4:00 -- NICOLE RENEE RYAN (WATER COLOR ON YUPO).....	\$45/DAY
OCT. 6, 13 – 10:00 – 4:00 -- BILL VRSCAK (WATERCOLOR).....	\$40/DAY
OCT. 7, 14, 21 – 10:00-4:00 – CHRISTINE SWANN (PASTEL PORTRAITS).....	\$45/DAY
OCT. 20–10-4–HIROMI KATAYAMA (BOTANICAL PAINTING INK & WATERCOLOR)	\$35/DAY
FEB. 2,3--10-4:00—JEANNIE MCGUIRE (FIGURES IN WATERCOLOR).....	\$50/DAY
MAR. 8, 15, 22, 29-10--4:00-TOM MCNICKLE (WATERCOLOR).....	\$40/DAY
APR. 5, 12-10-4:00--BARRY JETER (WATERCOLOR).....	\$40/DAY
MAY 3, 10, 17, 24, 31--10-2;00—SUE LEVY (WATERCOLOR).....	\$25/DAY
JUNE 6 – 10-4--MARGARET WILLIAMS-MCGOWEN (PASTEL ANIMAL PORTRAITS)...	\$35/DAY

## Changes in Policies

The Bylaws Committee reviewed the Bylaws and Policies and is presenting these changes. The Bylaws are printed at the back of your directory. There are no changes to the Bylaws. The Policies changes are as follows with **Red = remove** and **Blue = an addition**. We will vote on these changes as a membership at the September meeting.

### Policies

#### 2. Fall Show

**f. Sale of artwork due to exposure at the show is subject to the League's commission fee regardless of when the sale is completed.**

**f. Sale of artwork due to exposure at MAL shows and exhibits is subject to the League's commission fee for a one month period after the end of the show.**

#### 6. Spring Show

b. The show categories are: Still Life/Floral; Landscape/Seascape; Interior/Exterior/Architecture; Animal/Wildlife; Abstract/Non-Objective; Portrait/Figure; **Photography; 3D/Sculpture.**

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#### 8. Studio

**a. Use of screens.....will be at the discretion of the Executive Board.**

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**d. Sale of artwork due to exposure at MAL shows and exhibits is subject to the League's commission fee for a one month period after the end of the show.**

## Upcoming Themed Studio Exhibits

Sandy and Michalina have been hard at work trying to determine what our themes should be at the Studio this year, and have finally announced what they are! The calendar is updated with details on latest dates and themes but, just to give you a preview, we have September 17--"By the Water's Edge," November 19--"Selfies," January 21--"Food for thought," and March 24--"Cityscapes!" Please turn in tag information by 7 days before the hanging.

**Thank you** to Mary Dunn for accepting the position of Newsletter Editor and thank you to Fred Kunz for jumping in to put together this first issue.

## **NEWS ITEM REGARDING FOR THE LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT**

At a recent meeting chaired by Darla Tsupros, the concept of applying to Washington County for Local Share Account funding was discussed. This meeting was on August 13<sup>th</sup>. The funding is available through the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for the purpose of distributing 2% of gross terminal revenues of certain licensed gaming facilities in an orderly and timely fashion to support and enhance community and economic well-being and mitigate the impact of gaming and related activities. The eligible uses of funds that would apply to MAL are projects that improve or create civic, cultural, or recreational activities or facilities. Also, those that improve the quality of life in the affected communities.

Some of the items discussed as being the subject of the funding were as follows:

- Updated Lighting for the studio
- New Screens
- Kitchen Facilities
- Cabinets/ Storage
- Computer/Printer
- Audio Equipment
- Internet access

The Board is being asked to advise on the items and provide any further content they will want to add to the funding application, if they approve.

## **Pittsburgh Watercolor Society**

Congratulations to the following MAL members whose work has been juried into the 2015 Aqueous Open, the Pittsburgh Watercolor Society's 69<sup>th</sup> Annual International Exhibition: Lynn Angelelli, Connie Clutter, Michalina Pendzich and Pattie Shields.

The Aqueous Open runs October 3-25 at the Spinning Plate Gallery, 5821 Baum Blvd. Gallery Hours are Wednesday 11-4; Thursday 11-8; Friday 11-4 and Saturday 11-4. Opening Reception is October 3 from 5-8 pm.

Juror, Mark Mehaffey, will give a demo on Sunday, September 27 at 1:00 pm at the Gallery. Admission is \$5 if you are not a member of the Pittsburgh Watercolor Society.

**“Something Very Cool”** will be the next Gallery Show at the **Schoolhouse Arts Center in Bethel Park** beginning August 15 and running through September 26. Stop in to see the show and support a fellow art group.

**Pittsburgh Society of Artist** 50<sup>th</sup> Annual show runs November 13, 2015 to January 17, 2016 at the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts at 1047 Shady Ave. The Opening Reception is Friday, November 13 from 5:30-9:00. Our Jan Pini was accepted into this show.

