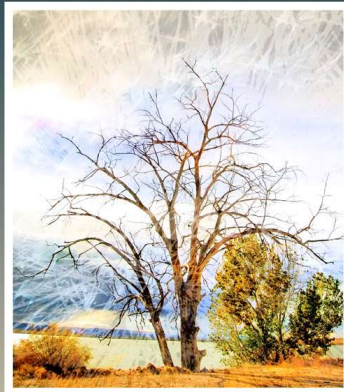


MCMURRAY ART LINES

October 2015

TO PROVIDE
AND
STIMULATE
FOCUS ON
THE ARTS



Autumn's Fire
by Jen Brinkle

FROM THE PRESIDENT

One of the benefits of living in Pennsylvania is the opportunity to experience all four of the seasons. Though I love winter, spring, and summer equally, I think it is autumn that holds the key to my heart. There is something to be said about the nights getting cooler, the leaves changing colors, and the excitement of the harvest as the stores explode with all things apple, pumpkin, and spice.

As I write this, September is drawing quickly to an end with October close on its heels. For those of you who may not know, Halloween is my favorite holiday, and I can't help but fill my Netflix queue with horror movies while dreaming up new ideas for Halloween decorations.

October also brings with it the fall show at the Galleria Mall! Even before I was a member of the League, the art show at the Galleria Mall was always a favorite of mine. Now that I know so many of the artists showing their works, the shows are even more special. We also have some wonderful classes lined up at the studio. If you haven't had an opportunity to check out the schedule, please do so. Even if you are not able to attend a class, please let friends and family know about them. Word of mouth is the best advertising, and I know each and every one of you wants to see the league succeed so that we can continue to promote the arts in the area.

Following on the coat tails of our wonderful instructors, this year we also have some fantastic speakers lined up for our general meetings. Our first general meeting was a huge success! I don't think I have attended one with that many members in attendance (although I will admit, it is entirely possible it felt this way because I was sitting at the head of the table looking out at the sea of faces before me)! I am certain our great attendance was due to the delicious cake we had, and our wonderful speaker Tom McNickle. Stay tuned for even more great speakers at our next meetings.

To end, I hope this newsletter finds you well. Within you will discover all the great happenings that are occurring within the next few months. I hope to see many of you at our future engagements! Don't be surprised if I am sipping on a pumpkin spiced latte while we chat.

With warm regards,

Jen

Nothing Gold Can Stay

*Nature's first green is
gold,
Her hardest hue to hold.
Her early leaf's a flower;
But only so an hour.
Then leaf subsides to leaf.
So Eden sank to grief,
So dawn goes down to
day.
Nothing gold can stay.*

~Robert Frost

MAL CELEBRATES IT'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY WITH A DINNER AFFAIR AT ROLLING HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

On Thursday, October 29 we will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the newly remodeled Rolling Hills Country Club in McMurray. That gives us 30 minutes to mingle and have drinks (cash bar) before a buffet dinner served at 7 p.m. (More details will follow as Rolling Hills is currently updating their menu.)

A few more people are needed in order to have the buffet, so please sign up promptly.

Please let Linda Saksa know if you are interested by September 28. You may email her at saxa3@msn.com or leave a message at 724-941-6413.

Please send checks for \$40.50 a person. Checks should be written out to MAL and be postmarked by Saturday, October 3. The cost of the dinner includes the service

charge and tax for three entrees: chicken, fish, beef. What a good way to celebrate and thank all those spouses and friends who have helped MAL thru the years! Woo hoo....it's celebration time for McMurray Art League's 50th year!

Looking forward to a great time with great and talented friends!

Your 50th Anniversary Committee: Carol Aurin, Theresa Bozzo, Fred Kunz, Linda Saksa, Darla Tsupros, Linda VanNewkirk

GIFT BASKETS

We are putting together gift baskets for a raffle at the 50th Anniversary Dinner. If you have any donations, please contact Darla Tsupros at derpla115@gmail.com or 412-997-0833 or Linda Saksa.

Tickets will be sold and the baskets will be raffled off at the 50th Anniversary Dinner.

A HALF CENTURY OF ART – MALs FALL SHOW AT THE GALLERIA IS JUST A TURN OF THE PAGE AWAY.

Come to the Galleria anytime between October 9th and the 18th and enjoy the works of our collective art

leagues many diverse talented artists. With the demise of Plein Air in Mt. Lebanon, it seems all the more imperative that we are there to support our local art scene.

Hope you can all be there!

LUSH BRUSH

Are you ready for a night of food, fun and art?

Come join your fellow artists on Thursday evening, November 5, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. We will be sharing food and wine and creating greeting cards provided by MAL. The cards will be used as a fundraiser and will also be used by the correspondence secretary.

Bring art supplies of your choice. Bring a beverage (wine, etc.) food (appetizer or dessert).

Reserve your spot online and coordinate refreshments by October 29th. You can also contact our co-vice presidents. Ginny Hults, ginnyhults@verizon.net 724-941-8531, or Anne Trimble, anne@annetrimble.com, 412-343-0498.

FROM OUR CLASS COORDINATOR: MAL FALL- WINTER - SPRING CLASSES - SIGN UP EARLY !

MAL would like to encourage you to sign up for class at least two weeks prior to beginning of class. Early sign up ensures that a class is not cancelled because we think there is a lack of interest instead of procrastination. Additionally, it is a courtesy to our instructors in order for them to plan accordingly.

Our fall workshops include:

- Botanical painting with Hiromi Katayama
- Watercolor with Bill Vrscak
- Pastel portraiture with Christine Swann
- Drawing the draped figure in conte' with Brian McDermott.

Besides the fall workshops, MAL is lining up classes for winter and spring as well. These classes will feature Tom McNickle teaching two separate workshops which include one watercolor and one oil class. Barry Jeter, Bill Perry and Sue Levy will be teaching watercolor workshops. Lisa Rasmussen and Margaret Williams McGowan are doing pastel classes. David Bowers will be instructing us in an ink and wash class and Robert Yonke is returning to teach in May.

Check the MAL website for details on classes offered, their description and the materials lists. Any questions regarding class content please contact Stephany Myers at 724-228-3774.

UPCOMING CLASSES

DATE	INSTRUCTOR	MEDIUM/DESCRIPTION	TIME	MEMBERS RATE
Oct. 6, 13	Bill Vrscak	Watercolor	10AM-4PM	\$40/Day
Oct. 20	Hiromi Katayama	Botanicals in Pen, Ink & Watercolor	10AM-4PM	\$35/Day
Oct. 7, 14,21	Christine Swann	Portraits in Pastel	10AM-4PM	\$45/Day
Nov. 7, 14 (Sat)	Brian McDermott	Drawing the Clothed Figure in Conte	10AM-4PM	\$35/Day
Feb. 2, 3	Jeannie McGuire	Watercolor	10AM-4PM	\$50/Day
Mar. 8, 15, 22,29	Tom McNickle	Watercolor	10AM-4PM	\$40/Day
Apr. 5, 12	Barry Jeter	Watercolor	10AM-4PM	\$40/Day
Apr. 6, 13, 20	Tom McNickle	Oil	10AM-4PM	\$40/Day
Apr. 19	Lisa Rasmussen	Pastel	10AM-4PM	\$35/Day
Apr. 26, 27	Bill Perry	Paint A Portrait – Watercolor and/or Oil		\$40/Day
May 3, 10, 17 24, 31	Sue Levy	Watercolor – Beginners & Intermediate		\$25/Day
May 4, 11	Robert Yonke	Watercolor & Mixed Media		\$40/Day
May 18	David Bowers	Ink & Wash		\$40/Day
June 7, 8	Margaret Williams McGowan	Pastel Animal Portraits		\$35/Day

Again, MAL encourages you to sign up early to take advantage of these great opportunities to learn from instructors with so much expertise and talent. You can sign up using our website by viewing EVENTS or CALENDAR or by contacting our class registrar Jean Kunz at 412-831-9992.

CONFIRMED DATES AND SPEAKERS:

1. Sept 10, 7:00 p.m. – Tom McNickle 724-946-3518 tommcnickle@comcast.net
2. Oct. 1, 2:00 p.m. (Thursday)- David M. Bowers 724-942-3274 - davidmbowers@comcast.net
3. Nov. 12, 2:00 p.m. (Thursday)-John DelMonte 412-833-2998 - Jrdelmonte3@gmail.com
4. Feb. 11, 2:00 p.m. (Thursday) – Calvin Lynch 724-329-4417 calvinartist@yahoo.com
5. Mar. 10, 2:00 p.m. (Thursday) –Cynthia Cooley 412-826-5845
6. Apr. 14, 7:00 p.m.(Thursday) – Margaret Williams McGowan 724-452-0845 - mwmac@zoominternet.net

Board Meetings – Mondays

October 19 – 2:00 p.m.
January 18, 2016 – 2:00 p.m.
February 15 – 2:00 p.m.
March 21 – 2:00 p.m.
April 18 – 2:00 p.m.

General Meetings - Thursday

October 1 – 2:00 p.m.
November 12 – 2:00 p.m.
February 11, 2016 – 2:00 p.m.
March 10 – 2:00 p.m.
April 14 – 7:00 p.m.

LSA

The PA Race Horse Development and Gaming Act (Act 2004-71), as amended, has established the Pennsylvania Gaming ("Local Share Account") in 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 gambling and related activities.

After learning that there might be monies available to our facility, I tried to get as much information as I could to see if MAL is eligible for the funds. I contacted Diana Irely and went to a meeting at Court House Square next to Washington County Court House.

Through the meeting, I finally acquired some answers from the Redevelopment Authority. One of the answers received was that MAL will need our Municipality to sponsor us.

At the Board meeting, MAL voted to move forward with the process. MAL came up with a list of movable items and their prices to improve our studio.

After the Board met and made the decision, the information was brought to Mike Silvestri, Peter's Township Manager to look over before he presented it at the Peter's Township Municipal meeting.

After talking to Mike, it seemed that the Board had already figured out what they were going to submit to the LSA for use in Peter's Township.

From this experience, I know that it has given us more recognition in the community, and it certainly provided a learning experience.

If we don't have any luck for the 2015 deadline, MAL can now understand the process, what is expected, and know who to go through for next year.

THE WINDOW EXHIBIT

October: Barbara Wettergreen will exhibit.

MEMBERSHIP

Thanks to all 100 new or renewing artists for helping us keep the arts alive. Interested in joining? You can via the website and pay via PayPal or snail mail by filling out a registration form (available on the website or at the studio) and mailing your check to: Carol Kilkeary, 276 Froebe Rd, Venetia PA 15367.

THE McMURRAY ART LEAGUE

Officers & Chairs – 2015 – 2016

Co-Presidents: Jen Brinkle, Darla Tsupros

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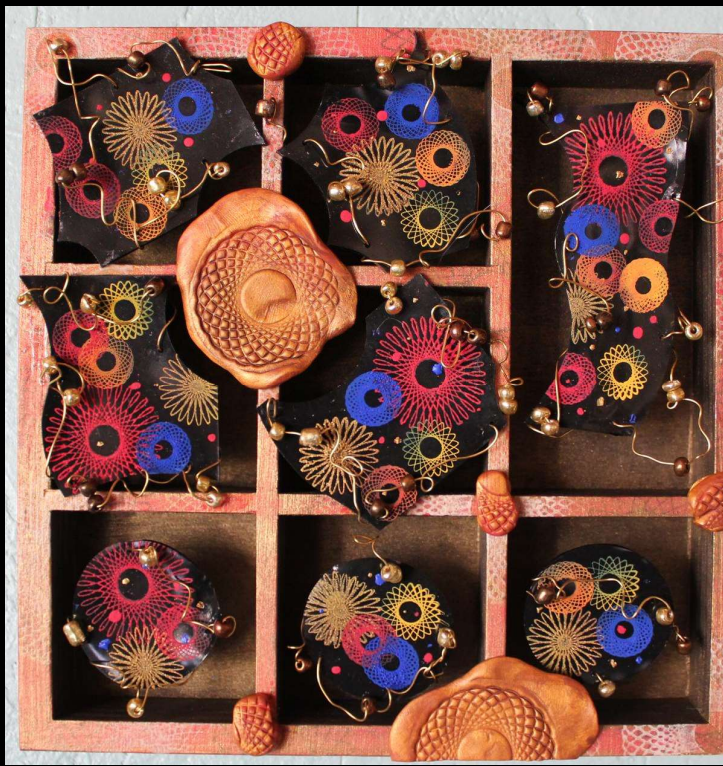
Scholarship: Carol Aurin

Standards: OPEN, Karen Vituccio, Leslie Fehling, Judy Lauso
(Alternate)

Studio Exhibits: Sandy Conley, Michalina Pendzich

Studio Window: [Darla Duffy](#)

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Sandra Conley - Small Obsessions #6

Painted Wood, Polymer Clay, Beads, Wire

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