

NOVEMBER 2015

MCMURRAY ART LINES

TO PROVIDE
AND
STIMULATE
FOCUS ON
THE ARTS



**Next General Meeting:
November 12 at 2 pm**

*Simple Pass. Reading – 1911 – John Singer
Sargent – Watercolor on paper.*

NOVEMBER SPEAKER SCHEDULED

The speaker for the November general Meeting on November 12, at 2:00 pm is John Del Monte.

The following is a brief Bio.

Mr. Del Monte was born in McKees Rocks. He attended the Art Institute of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon. He went to the Art Students League of New York on a scholarship and he has had exhibits in Italy, Pittsburgh and New York.

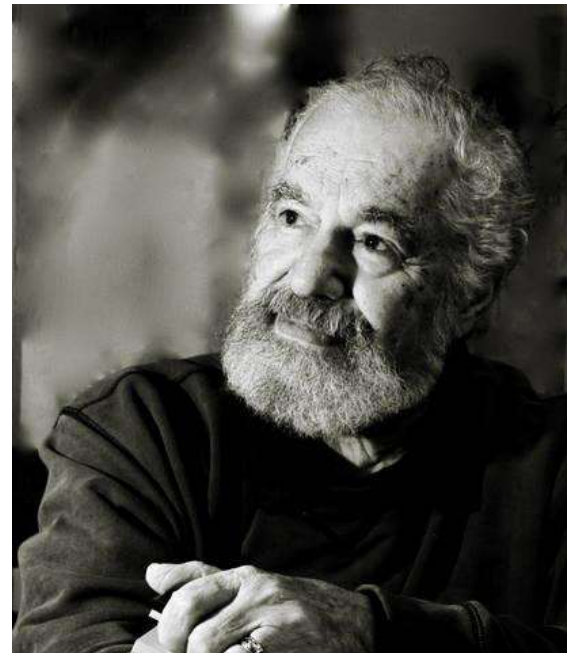
He is a renaissance man, a master artist in the old world tradition, in his study and preparation of art. For instance in his preparation for a painting of pears, he would cut open the pear and examine the seeds. This was the approach of the old masters as they would study the bone structure of the human body and the muscles before painting a person.

Oil is Mr. Del Monte's primary medium, but he also works in watercolor. He has spent time in Italy where he has taught art to English speaking students for 43 years.

Mr. Del Monte is 88 and has a studio in the historic Schoolhouse Arts Center in Bethel Park.

Art Lover, Raymond Black has composed a book "Master Artist" on the paintings of Mr. Del Monte who has lived in Bethel Park for 50 years.

We look forward to his presence at our November 12th meeting.



HOLIDAY ARTIST'S MARKET

If you have any artwork, crafts or jewelry you want to sell, then here is your chance.

MAL plans a Holiday Artist's Market at the studio on December 5th from 11 am till 6 pm. MAL coordinated this event with the shopping and lunch crowd.

There will be a fee of \$10 a table. Tables can be shared with another artist.

Original artwork, arts and crafts, jewelry, pottery, etc. can be sold.

Each artist will be responsible for the sales at their own table.

Please contact Darla Tsupros with questions or concerns, or to make arrangements for a table. Here is to a festive holiday season!

MAL'S MINGLE HOLIDAY GET TOGETHER

Our classes are coming to an end in November for this year, and our next general meeting isn't until February 11, 2016. We are going to set aside a time to gather with our art league friends at the studio.

This year, MAL's Mingle will be held Tuesday, December 8, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. This will be an ideal opportunity to socialize with each other and take a breather before the Holiday rush.

We will ask everyone to contribute some hor d'oeuvres, cookies or treats at this festive

gathering. The Mingle has always been great fun and a huge success.

Please contact Theresa Bozzo at ozzobt@aol.com or at 412-429-1619 or Darlene Sanders at darlenegsanders@yahoo.com or at 724-743-9197 by Friday, December 4, to let us know if you will be attending and what you would like to contribute to the party.

Hope to see you on the 8th of December.

MEMBERSHIP

Here we grow again! With fall comes a "spring" in membership of new & renewing members and we are now total 107 artists. Interested in joining? Membership is \$28.00 per year. Register via website and pay

through PayPal or by snail mail: registration forms available online or at the studio. Mail form and check made payable to McMurray Art League to Carol Kilkeary, 276 Froebe Road, Venetia, PA 15367

FROM OUR CLASS COORDINATOR

Our October classes have done very well as all of the instructors gave us their best. Our thanks to them and to the monitors for their hard work and for making the teaching experience at MAL a pleasant one for our instructors.

In November, MAL has scheduled two Saturday classes with pastel artist, Brian McDermott. Brian will teach *Drawing the Draped Figure* using sanguine conte' stick and white pastel. He will provide photos from which to work. Classes are on November 7 and 14.

JEANNIE IS COMING !!!!! We are so pleased to report that Jeannie McGuire will be our first instructor for 2016. She will teach two watercolor sessions entitled *Figurative Design Workshop: Single Figure Project*. She will explore the effects of putting a single figure in two different environments; one an expressive and obscure background, and the other a purposeful background with scenery elements. Jeannie's work is nationally and internationally recognized. She has become a much sought after instructor, and we are very fortunate to have her for two days: Tuesday, February 2 and Wednesday, February 3, 2016. We need to fill these classes in order to meet our costs for them.....**EARLY REGISTRATION** is critical so why not give yourself a treat and sign up now !

Check our website for information on more great classes being offered in March, April, May and June.....Lot's of good *stuff* is coming our way. As always, we encourage early registration for classes. You can register on the MAL website by viewing CALENDAR or EVENTS on the Home Page or by calling the class registrar, Jean Kunz at 412-831-9992.

Any questions or suggestions you may have regarding instructors or class content may be directed to the class coordinator, Stephany Myers at 724-228-3774

UPCOMING CLASSES

DATE	INSTRUCTOR	MEDIUM/DESCRIPTION	TIME	MEMBERS RATE
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

CONFIRMED DATES AND SPEAKERS:

1. Nov. 12, 2:00 p.m. (Thursday)-John DeMonte 412-833-2998 - Jrdelmonte3@gmail.com
2. Feb. 11, 2:00 p.m. (Thursday) – Calvin Lynch 724-329-4417 calvinartist@yahoo.com
3. Mar. 10, 2:00 p.m. (Thursday) –Cynthia Cooley 412-826-5845
4. Apr. 14, 7:00 p.m.(Thursday) – Margaret Williams McGowan 724-452-0845 - mwmac@zoominternet.net

Board Meetings – Mondays

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 - Thursdays

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.

UPDATE ON THE FALL EXHIBIT

The Half-Century of Art exhibit held recently from October 9 - 18 is now in the books. Twenty one members of MAL showcased their work on the lower level of the Galleria.

As in the past, the Galleria personnel selected 10 featured artists from all of the participating leagues to display their artwork during the holiday season. Denise Graham and Jeennie Nicholls have been selected from MAL to be participating artists.

Voting for the People's Choice Award concluded on Thursday, October 15. MAL is pleased to announce Jen Brinkle received the first place award with her beautiful oil painting, "*Sister of Mercy*". Second and third place were awarded to Andrea Correale-LaNasa for her watercolor paintings, "*Linnea 3*" and "*The Tree*".

MAL hopes you all had the opportunity to visit the show and enjoy the beautiful works on display in our Fall Show!

MANY THANKS

I don't know if words alone can tell all my friends in MAL how much I appreciated all of your good wishes, cards and visits while I was recuperating from my recent surgery.

Unfortunately, it turned out to be more complicated than originally expected and they had to "rebuild" my right hip and femur. It was a much longer recovery than I anticipated, but I

am slowly getting stronger and getting around much better. You all were the best medicine and it's even more wonderful when those kind gestures come from a whole group of wonderful people you are fortunate to call your friends. You are a blessing and great gift in my life. Thanks so much to all of you. May all your kindness and thoughtfulness be returned to you many times over. *Theresa Bozzo*

NEW SHOW AT PETERS LIBRARY

The **McMurray Art League** has a new show at Peters Library.

For the first time the Peters Library Poetry Writers Group have joined us in our Library Gallery Display. The current show title is **AUTUMN COLOR SINGS**, and celebrates Paintings and Poetry.

It runs through December 17th, 2015. Most paintings are for sale with a percentage of the sales benefiting the Peters Library. If interested in having work in future shows, contact S. A. Williams at windpainter@hotmail.com or call Shirley at 412-833-2374.

ART AND POETRY COLLABORATION

Along with other members of the league exhibiting at the Peters Township Library, Darlene Sanders, Jan Pini and Carol Modery Kilkeary have combined their artistic

expressions with the original poetry of Joyce Leep Petrichek to celebrate autumn. It's worth a visit to check out this wonderful art on display.

PARTICIPATE IN SOUTH ARTS MERRY MERRY ART MART

South Arts and Heritage Box are sponsoring a juried art show and sale at the historic Schoolhouse in Bethel Park. Members of all the art leagues in the South Hills are invited to participate. The show dates are November 14 through November 24 with the gallery open Wednesdays through Saturdays 10:00 am-4:00 pm. The reception will be held November 14, 5:00 pm-8:00 pm, with free appetizers, desserts, wine and soft drinks.

This is a juried show with ribbons awarded for "Best of Show," "Excellence," "Merit," and "Honorable Mention" before the show opens and a "People's Choice" ribbon awarded at the end of the evening on November 14th. You may

enter up to three original paintings (framed photography, prints, digital art or sculptures will be displayed for sale but not juried). All art work must be in good taste, properly framed and finished with a wire hanger. The entry fee is \$15.00, paid at drop-off. Show tags will be provided by South Arts.

Copy and paste the following URL into your web browser [http://www\(dot\)mcmurrayartleague\(dot\)org/resources/Documents/Misc/MAL_SouthArtsArtMart_2015.pdf](http://www(dot)mcmurrayartleague(dot)org/resources/Documents/Misc/MAL_SouthArtsArtMart_2015.pdf) for the prospectus, including tags for the back of your work and a copy to be submitted at drop-off. South Arts will take a 15% commission on any art sold.

Please help by signing up for a sitting time at the drop-off.

Drop-off date: Saturday, November 7, 11:00 am-2:00 pm, at the historic Schoolhouse, 2600 South Park Road, Bethel Park.

Pick-up date: Wednesday, November 25, 11:00 am-1:00 pm. If you absolutely cannot make it,

an alternate pick-up date is Tuesday, December 1, 11:00 am-1:00 pm.

Questions? Call Sally Cordis: 412-831-8156 swcordis@gmail.com or Mary: 724-941-3081 marystuart502@gmail.com.

MAL WEBSITES COMBINED

For several years, MAL has had two websites, our original "white" site and our newer Wild Apricot "red" site. The information from both sites was recently combined to our Wild Apricot "red" site. The website address remains the same as before.

If you have any problems finding information on the website, please contact Jan Pini, your webmaster.

Aside from completing this long overdue task, this was an attempt to fix our recent problems with our website and "generic" email addresses

from being "blacklisted" by Verizon. Even though our website in its Wild Apricot home is no longer blacklisted, Verizon still rejects any emails that include "mcmurrayartleague(dot)org" (with the (dot) replace by a real dot).

Your webmaster is still working on this but for now, don't put our website address in any emails sent to or from any Verizon email users as Verizon will treat the email as spam.

NOVEMBER THEMATIC SHOW IN MAL STUDIO

On Thursday, November 19, all McMurray Art League members are invited to drop off their art for the next thematic show at the studio. The theme for November is "**Selfies**". By this we mean artwork that shows off your personality. This could be very interesting!!

Each artist can submit **up to four 2-dimensional pieces of work** that express your personality 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 know they are planning to participate in a show.

Contact Sandy Conley – conley1973@verizon.net or Michalina Pendzich – mpendzich54@yahoo.com or sign up through our website – www.mcmurrayartleague.org. **One week before each show begins (for the November show this is Thursday, November 12), provide Titles, Medium, Prices to co-chairs. We will make show tags from the info you provide.** For your convenience, drop off your work from 5 – 6 p.m. on the same day you pick up work from the previous themed show. We ask that your work be ready to hang – make sure frames and wires are sturdy and secure.

We look forward to putting together November's thematic show with all YOUR beautiful art!

LUSH BRUSH – NOVEMBER 5!

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, card blanks provided by MAL. We will use the cards as a fundraiser and for McMurray Art League correspondence. Bring art supplies of your choice. Bring a beverage (wine, etc.) food (appetizer or dessert).

Please register for Lush Brush on the MAL website by October 29th so we can coordinate refreshments.

You can also contact our co-vice presidents: Ginny Hults, ginnyhults@verizon.net, 724-941-8531 or 724-941-8531.

Anne Trimble, anne@annetrimble.com, 412-343-0498 or 412-343-0498.

Hope to see you November 5 for an evening of creativity and good food and conversation!





Andrea Correale LaNasa - Provence
Watercolor

THE McMURRAY ART LEAGUE

Officers & Chairs – 2015 – 2016

Co-Presidents: Jen Brinkle, Darla Tsupros

Co-Vice-Presidents: Ginny Hults, Anne Trimble

Recording Secretary: Anne Davis

Corresponding Secretary: Judy Kandel

Treasurer: Jan Pini treasurer@mcmurrayartleague.org

Art League Liaison: [Darlene Sanders](#)

By-Laws: Linda Saksa, [Theresa Bozzo](#), [Sandy Conley](#)

Class Coordinator: Stephany Myers

Class Registrar: Jean

Kunz classregistrar@mcmurrayartleague.org

Directory: Laura Mooney

Exhibit Chairs (Fall): Patty Shields, Anne Trimble

Exhibit Chairs (Spring): Anne Trimble, Jeennie Nickolls

Historian: Christy Osiecki

Hospitality: Karen Vituccio

Immediate Past President: Linda Saksa

Membership: Carol

Kilkeary membership@mcmurrayartleague.org

Newsletter: Mary Dunn

Nominations: [Theresa Bozzo](#), Fran Marze

Peters Twp. Library: Shirley Williams

Program: Fred Kunz

Publicity: [Judy Ann DiGiacomo](#)

Scholarship: Carol Aurin

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

Studio Exhibits: Sandy Conley, Michalina Pendzich

Studio Window: [Darla Duffy](#)

Webmaster: Jan Pini webmaster@mcmurrayartleague.org

McMurray Art League
PO Box 1063
McMurray, PA 15317
www.mcmurrayartleague.org