

FEBRUARY 2016

MCMURRAY ART LINES

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AND
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FOCUS ON
THE ARTS



Next General Meeting:
February 11 at 2 pm

The Bouquet of Margueritas - Jean-Francois
Millet – oil on canvas – date unknown

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Here is to a Happy New Year and another 50 years of expressing our passion to the Arts.

After a very busy schedule of celebrating McMurray Art League's 50 years of existence, The Fall Show, Open Studios, Lush Brush, Mingle (which we decided to call "The Jingle Mingle"), Holiday Artist's Market, Peters Library Shows, Studio Themed Exhibits, and classes, winter is once more upon us. Now is the time, if you haven't started already, getting your art projects ready for the Spring Show which is just around the corner.

Our current membership is 108. We usually get a few new members for the Spring Show, and we are always trying to recruit new members. When the new member's information is posted in the newsletter please cut and paste it in you directory.

Classes will resume in February. Please try to register as soon as you can so we can make sure we don't have to cancel the class. If you could pass on the class schedule to any non-member (friend or family) who might be interested, it could make a difference in keeping all the classes we have scheduled so far. We are diligently trying to get our schedule out to people other than our members so that we can offer more classes and get more exposure in the community.

If you have any personal news (awards or upcoming shows) or information regarding a fellow member (you must respect their privacy and get their permission first) that you would like to have posted in an upcoming newsletter, please send to Mary Dunn at newsletter@mcmurrayartleague.com the Friday following the monthly board meeting. The dates will be as follows; February 19, March 25, April 22. Also send a copy of the article to Jen Brinkle and/or Darla Tsupros at president@mcmurrayartleague.com.

I can't say that this has been an easy task for me but I can honestly say that it has been a very educational and rewarding undertaking. I am getting familiar with names and faces and have a better appreciation for how much activity goes on behind the scenes in this art league. Keep up the good work!

Darla O'Korn Tsupros

FEBRUARY SPEAKER

Ron Donoughe will be our speaker for the February 11th meeting. He is known for painting 90 different scenes of various areas in Pittsburgh. He will be speaking immediately following our business meeting and will incorporate a demo of his style during that talk.

Examples of his work can be viewed online at www.donoughe.com

Having spoken with him a couple of times via telephone, Mr. Kunz can vouch for him to be a congenial and entertaining speaker as well as an accomplished artist.

Fred urges as many MAL members to make plans to be at the general meeting on Thursday, February 11th.

I really believe you will be educated and entertained by Mr. Donoughe.

2016/2017 NOMINATIONS

It is time to begin recruiting members to participate in keeping this wonderful art league moving forward. MAL hopes 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
- Corresponding Secretary

These positions are critical to keep MAL running. 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 and Spring Shows
- Hospitality
- Nominations

The following 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.
- Members currently in these positions will be asked if they are willing to continue serving. If you are willing to participate, please contact Theresa or Fran 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 responsibilities of each board member.

The slate for the Executive Board must be published twice prior to the election in April. Thus, the slate 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.

2016 THEMATIC STUDIO SHOWS

Continuing into 2016, all McMurray Art League members are invited to exhibit their art in the Thematic Shows at the studio/gallery. Each artist can submit up to four 2-dimensional 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 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, provide Titles, Medium, Prices to the co-chairs. MAL will make show tags from the information you provide. For your convenience, drop off your work from 5 – 6 PM 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.

2016 Dates and Themes:

January 28 – March 24, 2016: "Food for Thought" – Lettered recipes, still life with fruit, restaurant scenes, and cupcakes are all possible subject matter for this themed show. What do you have in mind?

FROM OUR CLASS COORDINATOR

Our Winter/Spring schedule of classes includes a nice variety of mediums and styles of art. MAL tried to find an interesting mix of offerings for you. Register early and give yourself something to look forward to during these cold winter days. You may view the list of upcoming classes at our website www.mcmurrayartleague.com or www.mcmurrayartleague.org by viewing Classes under the EVENTS menu option. To register for a class, find the class under the Calendar menu option, click on its name, and click on REGISTER, or you may notify our Class Registrar, Jean Kunz via e-mail at classregistrar@mcmurrayartleague.com or at 412-831-9992.

UPCOMING CLASSES

DATE	INSTRUCTOR	MEDIUM/DESCRIPTION	TIME	MEMBERS RATE	NON-MEMBER RATE
Feb. 2, 3	Jeannie McGuire	Watercolor - Figures	10AM-4PM	\$50/Day	\$55/Day
Mar. 8, 15, 22, 29	Tom McNickle	Watercolor	10AM-4PM	\$40/Day	\$45/Day
Apr. 5, 12	Barry Jeter	Watercolor	10AM-4PM	\$40/Day	\$45/Day
Apr. 6, 13, 20	Tom McNickle	Oil – Landscapes/Color Theory	10AM-4PM	\$40/Day	\$45/Day
Apr. 19	Lisa Rasmussen	Pastel	10AM-4PM	\$35/Day	\$40/Day
Apr. 26, 27	Bill Perry	Portrait Essentials – Watercolor and/or Oil -	10AM-4PM	\$40/Day	\$45/Day
May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Sue Levy	Watercolor – Beginner and Intermediate	10AM-4PM	\$25/Day	\$30/Day
May 4, 11	Robert Yonke	Watercolor/Mixed Media	10AM-4PM	\$40/Day	\$45/Day
May 18	David Bowers	Ink and Wash - Landscapes	10AM-4PM	\$40/Day	\$45/Day
May 25	Diane Grguras	Pastel Landscapes	10AM-4PM	\$35/Day	\$40/Day
June 7, 8	Margaret Williams-McGowan	Pastel Animal Portraits	10AM-4PM	\$35/Day	\$40/Day

CONFIRMED DATES AND SPEAKERS:

1. Feb. 11, 2:00 PM (Thursday) – Ron Donoughe
2. Mar. 10, 2:00 PM (Thursday) – Cynthia Cooley
3. Apr. 14, 7:00 PM (Thursday) – Margaret Williams McGowan

Board Meetings – Mondays
February 15 – 2:00 PM
March 21 – 2:00 PM
April 18 – 2:00 PM

General Meetings - Thursdays
February 11, 2016 – 2:00 PM
March 10 – 2:00 PM
April 14 – 7:00 PM

CAFÉ – GRAPE CLUSTER BEADED WINE CHARMS with JAN PINI

Friday, Feb. 19, 10:00-12:00 at the MAL studio
 Come join us as we make beaded wine charms that look like a cluster of grapes!

There is a \$3 studio fee plus \$10 materials fee for four charms, collected at the studio. You can register online or email or by contacting Jan Pini at 724-941-2394 or janpini@verizon.net.



CRANKIES?

Anne Trimble is currently enrolled in a class on creating “crankies”.

A crankie is a hand-turned illustrated scroll in a doweled box or frame used to tell a story. It is basically a pre-movie/TV/YouTube media venue to add a visual image to a song or a story. It is a manually controlled panorama: turning the crank on the dowel advances the illustrations to coincide with the vocal text or song.

For the class—and for presentation at the first Pittsburgh Crankie Fest (see details below)—Anne has chosen to illustrate the Edward Lear poem, “The Owl and the Pussycat”, which she has loved since she was very young.

If you are interested in this art form, come to the Pittsburgh Crankie Fest February 28 at 7:00 PM at the Wilkins School Community Center in Regent Square. Several local Crankie creators will be presenting/performing their creations.

SPRING JURIED EXHIBIT

The MAL Spring Juried Exhibit is coming up in the middle of March. Put these important dates on your calendar:

Registration Postmark Cut-off	Saturday, February 13, 2016
Screening Drop-Off @ MAL Studio	Saturday, February 20, 10:00-11:30 AM
Pick up work from screening	Saturday, February 20, 1:00-2:00 PM
Poster contest deadline	Monday, March 7
Drop off work/ Show Setup (Galleria)	Thursday, March 10, 9:00 PM
Reception	Saturday, March 12, 6:30 – 8:30 PM
People's Choice Voting Cut-off	Thursday, March 17, 8:00 PM
Show Takedown	Sunday, March 20, 5:00-6:00 PM

Note: the post-screening pick-up is later the same day as the drop-off (February 20).

Our juror will be watercolorist Kit Paulsen. We've all enjoyed her presentations at membership meetings, and she's very excited to be asked to jury our show for awards.

The prospectus and registration forms are available on the MAL website.

Looking forward to seeing what you've been working on this winter! Spring Exhibit Co-Chairs for this show are: Anne Trimble and Jeennie Nickolls.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

Applications are being accepted for the Westmoreland Arts and Heritage Festival Artists Market to be held June 30 and July 1, 2 and 3, 2016 at beautiful Twin Lakes Park near Greensburg PA.

Last year the festival featured 190 booths of fine art and handmade crafts.

To be considered as an artist for the Artists Market, a full application can be downloaded at the Westmoreland Arts and Heritage Festival website at

www.artsandheritage.com. If you have no computer access, please call 724-834-7474 to have a paper application mailed to you or write for the application at Westmoreland Arts and Heritage Festival, 252 Twin Lakes Road, Latrobe PA 15650

The Postmark Deadline for applications is March 09 2016.

OPEN STUDIO SCHEDULE

Due to classes scheduled for Tuesdays in February and March, Open Studio will now be held on WEDNESDAYS per the following calendar:

February 10, 17 and 24

March 02, 09, 23 and 30

This is an opportunity to come and work on a current project, bond with other MAL members and generally just hang out.

The cost of Open Studio is \$3 per person and the hours are 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Come join us and don't forget to bring your lunch!

PETERS LIBRARY EXHIBIT

The next Peters Library Show will hang February 11th to April 14th 2016.

The working title of the exhibit is: Winter into Spring. Note: These works will hang during the Galleria Show days, so choose your entries with that knowledge.

Delivery of work to the Library will be 9:30 AM on February 11th.

Artists may enter three works unless exceptionally large, then only two.

For the exhibit, we need Artist Name, Title, Medium

and Price if for sale. Work should be marked NFS if not for sale.

An email will be sent to MAL members prior to the show.

Entries should be received by February 7th to facilitate brochure preparation.

Artists may enter by registering online, or by emailing to windpainter@hotmail.com, or calling 412 833 2374. There is no entry fee; however, a 10% commission will be paid to the Library if a painting sells. Thanks for participating.

PROBLEMS WITH WWW.MCMURRAYLEAGUE.ORG VERIZON EMAILS RESOLVED

After much persistence, your intrepid webmaster, Jan Pini, was able to get our domain name off Verizon's blacklist. This means that emails that include the text "mcmurrayartleague.org" are no longer considered spam by Verizon.

SECOND DOMAIN NAME OBTAINED:
WWW.MCMURRAYARTLEAGUE.COM

In the process of researching our blacklisting problems, Jan Pini found that our desired domain name www.mcmurrayartleague.com had become available. So now we have two domain names, both of which are directed to the same website hosted by Wild Apricot. Jan also set up our "generic" email addresses again (like treasurer@mcmurrayartleague.com.) which are forwarded to the correct individuals. So going forward, please use the new domain name for public reference as people are more used to a ".com" extension than a ".org" extension anyway (although either will work).

DIRECTORY UPDATES

The following directory entries are for new members and prior members who missed the renewal date and were omitted from the directory. Cut these out and add them to the blank pages in your paper member directory.

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MAL WINDOW EXHIBIT

January	Marlene Boas	Encaustic Art
February	Roseann Wagner	Acrylic, Multimedia, and Watercolor
March	Mary Dunn	Oil, Acrylic, and Pastel

NEW THIS YEAR CHRISTMAS CARD CHALLENGE

MAL is asking members to plan on submitting a Christmas Card for our December 2016 window

Exhibit, and all the cards will be displayed on our screens from December 1 thru Jan 2nd.
The cards may be any medium you wish.

A NOTE FROM MAL MEMBER – MICHALINA PENDZICH

MAL member, Michalina Pendzich, will have a one woman show of her watercolors in the Upper Gallery at the Mt Lebanon Library for the entire month of February.



Banwell Castle – Jan Pini

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](#)

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