

MARCH 2016

MCMURRAY ART LINES

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FOCUS ON
THE ARTS



**Next General Meeting:
March 10 at 2 pm**

*Peace – Shepard Fairey – Mural – date
unknown*

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Spring is in the air! And with its return - renewed energy within the Art League. For those of you able to make our last general meeting, it was a pleasure to see everyone! The holidays are always a hectic time of year, and it is good to get back to the basics and begin more activities with friends while we usher winter out, and welcome spring in! By the time you read this, the spring art show screening will have come and gone, but it will welcome you in time to mark your calendars, and make your way to the Galleria to see all the wonderful art, and join in on the festivities.

Our calendar is filling up quickly so make sure you keep checking the website to see what events and activities are coming up. If you see something you are interested in attending, please register online. This way, in the event of a cancellation, we will notify you and save you a trip!

There are only a few more meetings before we transition into another year with a new board. With my current workload, the past few months have been extremely hectic for me, and I want to publicly thank everyone who has shouldered a little extra weight in the interim. It is with regret that I inform you that I will not be continuing as Co-President into the New Year. I will continue to be active within the League as my schedule permits and available for questions whenever needed. Darla will remain on with a new Co-President so please take the time to thank and congratulate her on this decision.

Jen

MARCH SPEAKER

Our Speaker for the March 10th meeting will be Cynthia Cooley. Ms. Cooley is known for her vivid paintings of steel mill interiors and of Pittsburgh's hillside neighborhoods and industrial valleys. Her paintings also reflect the many places she has travelled ranging from her watercolors of Giverny to acrylics of doorways in Tunisia.

She graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Lawrence University, which honored her with the 1997 Distinguished Career Achievement Award. She has had over 45 individual exhibitions in 8 states, including one at the National Academy of Sciences in Washington D.C.

In 1989, she won Artist of the Year at the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts. She was named a "Master Artist" in Pittsburgh in 1998. In 2003, she was one of the selected artists who participated in the DinoMite Days event sponsored by the Carnegie Museum of Natural History.

Over 1,860 of Ms. Cooley's works are in private collections, and over 90 are in public and corporate collections. Her accomplishments and credentials are far too numerous to list here, but in the opinion of this writer (Fred Kunz), her presentation is truly an experience that you do not want to miss.

2016/2017 NOMINATIONS LIST FOR EXECUTIVE OFFICERS / BOARD OFFICERS

Below is the proposed slate of officers and Board members for 2016/2017. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor (with the consent of the nominee) at the March and April meetings. League members will vote for the officers at the April meeting. At present, we do not have Fall Show Chairs, Spring Show Chairs.

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2016 THEMATIC STUDIO SHOWS

Continuing in 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.com. **One week before each show begins, 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 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.

The next show:

Thursday, March 24 – May 26, 2016:
"Cityscapes" – Pittsburgh is a breathtaking city to paint. Or have you been inspired to paint buildings or architectural features from other parts of the world or your imagination?

We look forward to putting together the next thematic show with all YOUR beautiful art!

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.com 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
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. Mar. 10, 2:00 PM (Thursday) – Cynthia Cooley
2. Apr. 14, 7:00 PM (Thursday) – Margaret Williams McGowan

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

General Meetings - Thursdays
March 10 – 2:00 PM
April 14 – 7:00 PM

OPEN STUDIO

The March schedule for Open Studio is as follows: March 2, 9, 23 and 30th from 10 AM to 2 PM. Note that there will be no Open Studio on March 16th.

Due to a full Class schedule in April and May, we will not have an opportunity to meet again until possibly the Summer months. Watch for further information via email and on MAL's web site.

WINDOW EXHIBIT

Thanks to Rosann Wagner for our February exhibit.

Mary Dunn will hang in our window for March. Gloria Parker will follow up in April.

Thanks to all for the fine work we have to see and share. If you have a Facebook page, post

your exhibit so others can see and like.

If there are any questions about our Window Exhibit, please, contact Darla Rae Duffy at darla.duffy@verizon.com.

LUSH BRUSH

MAL is planning a new event that will be held at the studio and open to the public. This would be a promotional event and a fundraiser. It will be a party-like atmosphere with wine and appetizers.

We are calling it Lush Brush and we will have a teacher leading everyone in the same painting. We will charge a fee (\$35-\$45) and provide all the materials needed for each participant to take home a painting of their own.

Our target dates are either May 7th, 14th or 21st.

MAL will need volunteers to help teach, set up and monitor.

Once we have the exact date and all the details we will ask for volunteers.

If this is successful, we can visit having this type of fundraiser at the studio every so often and have the members choose what type of class they will teach.

As always any ideas or suggestions can be sent to me at derpla115@gmail.com.

RECEPTION STUDIO CHANGE

At our last Board meeting, we agreed to try having a reception open to the public to introduce our Studio Exhibit Shows.

MAL will have a Reception at the Studio on April 3rd from 2 to 4 PM to introduce our show

entitled CITYSCAPES. Light refreshments will be served.

Members are encouraged to come and invite your friends, neighbors and relatives even if you don't have any pieces in the show. Flyers will be sent out with all the information that can be used as an invitation.

MAL thought this might be a good way to have the studio open to the public to view our

Exhibit as well as to generate interest and maybe even a few sales!

If we have a good response, we can plan a reception for each studio change, which would be six times during the year.

Any ideas, suggestions or volunteers to help on April 3 can contact Darla Tsupros derpla115@gmail.com.

SPRING SHOW AT THE GALLERIA

We hope you're looking forward to the Juried Spring Show at the Galleria! Remember that we'll be hanging on Thursday, March 10 at 9:00. Our location for this exhibit is in the middle of the lower level on the Starbucks side of the elevators. The reception is Saturday, March 12 from 6:00 to 8:00.

Painting Relay: During the Galleria exhibit reception, *Painting With a Twist* will be hosting a painting relay. *Painting With a Twist* will provide a canvas and paint for each league and a subject to be painted. Each league will form teams of five to ten people. The subject matter isn't going to be known until the relay starts. Each league member will have a certain amount of time in which to paint on the canvas before they need to pass the brush to the next painter. The length of time each person will have to paint is determined by the number of

painters. Each team will need to work well together to complete their painting in a certain amount of time. There is nothing members have to do to "prepare" for the event. Just participate and have fun! If you're interested in participating in this event, please email me (anne@annetrimble.com) or call 412-343-0498. *Painting With a Twist* needs to get an idea of how many members each team can have.

Poster Contest: The deadline for digital submissions for the Galleria wine-themed poster contest is March 7. Rules and more information about the contest is in the back of the Spring Show prospectus, available on the website.

SUCCESSFUL CAFÉ – WINE MAKING CHARMS

On February 19, we had lots of fun making beaded wine charms that look like clusters of grapes. The cost was minimal and the fun maximal. If you have an idea for a project or technique that you want to share with your fellow MAL members, contact

vicepresident@mcmurrayartleague.com.



FINAL NOTES

MAL member, **Michalina Pendzich**, will be taking part in the March 2016 Exhibit in the Undercroft Gallery at the First Unitarian Church of Pittsburgh which will honor Women's History Month. The exhibit is called "Notions: Western PA Women Explore Legacy." The opening reception takes place Friday, March 4 from 6 to 9:00 PM.

Undercroft Gallery is located at the First Unitarian Church, 605 Morewood Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15213. The show runs from Friday, March 4 through Sunday, March 27. The church is open most Monday through Friday evenings, 6 to 9 PM, for viewing. Sunday, 8 AM to 2 PM and 6 to 9 PM Closed on Saturdays.

Sandy Conley has organized an exhibit at Westminster Church near South Hills Village of paintings that represent the words to the hymn "Joyful, Joyful". The show includes the art work of Sandy, Jan Pini, Stephany Myers and Anne Davis and runs through March.

For the 16th consecutive year, **Carmen DiGiacomo** (AKA Como), will be showing his images of Ireland at the Wheeling Celtic Celebration. **The 20th annual Wheeling Celebration will be held on Saturday, 5 March 2016 at the Wheeling Artisan Center, 1400 Main St., Wheeling.** Hours for the event are 11 AM to 11 PM. Come and celebrate the Irish with food, entertainment and thematic gifts of Ireland, including Carmen's images taken during his 15 trips to the Emerald Isle since 1996.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

When submitting newsletter articles, please send them to pghartist@outlook.com. The yahoo email address is not working properly and many newsletter articles are not reaching Mary Dunn. Thanks for your cooperation.



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Mary Dunn

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