

MARCH 2016

MCMURRAY ART LINES

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THE ARTS



**Next General Meeting:
April 14 at 7 PM**

*Blue Turban – David Gray – 12 x 16 panel -
oil*

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

It's hard to believe that another month is upon us and the Spring Show is over and done. As I sit here pondering what to write for this article, it dawned on me that this will be my final editorial written as Co-President of the League. My how fast a year can fly! I cannot tell you how nice it was to see so many of you at the reception for the Spring Show at the Galleria Mall. I really wish there had been more time to speak with all of you, but what conversations I had were inspiring. Despite some initial hiccups, I feel the show was a success overall, and I am already looking forward to the Fall Show in October!

April and May are shaping up to be very busy months for classes. Please make sure to check the calendar and spread the news to your friends and family to help fill those seats and keep our great instructors coming back for more. Our current board members will also be handing over the reins to our new Board soon. To insure a seamless transition, please make sure you are using the generic emails that Jan has taken the time to create that will reach the proper person in charge (i.e. president@mcmurrayartleague.com, etc).

In closing, though I will no longer be Co-President, I will still remain a member of the League, and will hopefully have more time to dedicate to our Facebook page for social networking. (Don't worry; you can't get rid of me that easily.) ☺ Happy Spring everyone!

Jen

APRIL SPEAKER

Margaret Williams-McGowan, PSA, will be our speaker at MALs general meeting on April 14, at 7:00 PM

Born and raised in Sewickley, PA, Ms McGowan studied both commercial and fine art. She has over thirty years' experience as a retail advertising artist/art director working in such diversified fields as advertising agencies, newspapers, direct mail publications and large department store chains including nine years at Gimbels, Pittsburgh.

Areas of expertise include fashion illustration, layout, and graphic design.

She's been featured in the Sunday North Edition of the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*. She has

been a finalist in the Animal Category of the Artist's Magazine's Annual Art Competition four times and is the recipient of numerous awards at national and international exhibitions including Best of Show. She was one of five artists featured in the "Animal Attraction" article in the June 2008 issue of the *Pastel Journal*.

Ms McGowan is included in the book *Best of America Pastel Artists Volume 11, 2009* and *Best of Worldwide Artists working in Charcoal, Pastel and Pencil Volume 1*, Kennedy Publishing 2010. She is a Signature Member of Eight distinguished Pastel and art societies. Needless to say, she is a valued speaker at our art league.

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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Membership: Marlene Boas
Newsletter: Mary Dunn

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SPRING JURIED SHOW AT THE GALLERIA

The Spring Juried Show at the Galleria was a great success! Juror **Kit Paulsen** was very impressed by the quality of our work--she spent over an hour selecting pieces for awards (see her comments about Best-in-Show winners below).

Winners were:

Best in Show	Connie Clutter	"Before the Battle"
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Best In Category

Abstract/Non-objective	Linda Saksa	"Beacon of Disorder"
Animal/Wildlife	Jan Pini	"Shake it Off"
Landscape/Seascape	Jan Pini	"Ocean's Power"
Portrait/Figure	Anne Trimble	"Carnie"
Photography	Carmen DiGiacomo	"Flashback"
Still Life/Floral	Katie Koenig	"Stacked PBJ"
3D/Sculpture	Felicia Browell	"Rocky Mt. Aspens in Fall #1"
Interior/Exterior/Architectural	Michalina Pendzich	"Washington Road Rooftop II"

Juror's Awards

Joey Lanasa	"Beaver Tail"
Ann Davis	"Thomas"

Diane Murray	"Greetings—Got Treats?"
Diane Murray	"Goat's Beard on Montour Trail"
Stephany Myers	"Winter Timber"
Jen Brinkle	"Redemption"
Patty Shield	"Punjab Camel Trader"
Virginia Byer	"Memory"
Judy Kandle	"Childhood Friends"
Jeennie Nickolls	"Butterfly Kisses"

People's Choice

1st	Jen Brinkle	"Redemption"
2nd	Katie Koenig	"Stacked PBJ"
3rd	Jan Pini	"Ocean's Power"

Sales at the show were the best we've ever had—almost \$1400 worth! Six pieces of artwork were sold, as well as many prints and card sets.

Seven MAL members participated in the painting relay hosted by *Painting with a Twist*—we had so much fun! Each team member (4 to 6 member teams) got two minutes to work on a painting before passing the brush to the next team member, for a total of 20 minutes. Painting with a Twist chose the theme, and four teams produced some very nice pieces. Neither of the two MAL teams won (Bethel Park took the "award"), but we hope they hold that event at the next Galleria art exhibit.

Juror's Comments on Best-in-Category Awards, by Kit Paulsen

I chose **Connie Clutter's** "Before the Battle" as Best in Show because of the power this portrait conveys. I can feel this man considering all his options, aware of their life or death potential.

In the Still Life/Floral category, I gave the Best in Category award to **Katie Koenig's** "Stacked PBJ", which is just such an iconic image, and was my favorite meal in the third grade. My favorite in the Architectural category is **Michalina Pendzich's** "Washington Road Rooftops II"; it has a sense of being seen from a window, on a calm, warm day. **Linda Saks's** absolutely joyous "Beacon of Disorder" in the Abstract category took the award for the happy, floating feeling it conveys. My choice was difficult in the Landscape category; this group has a plethora of good landscape painters. I chose **Jan Pini's** "Ocean's Power" because of its immediacy; one can hear the sound of the waves

crashing and feel the salt spray (a wonderful thing in the winter here in western Pennsylvania). In the Photography category, the composition of **Carmen DiGiacomo's** "Flashback" gave such a feeling of sunny small-town nostalgia. **Jan Pini's** "Shake it Off " in the Animal/Wildlife category is so beautifully done that I felt the need to wipe the water off my legs...this artist completely captured the twist that dogs do in order to sling that water. **Felicia Browell's** glass piece "Rocky Mt. Leaves in Fall #1" in the 3-Dimensional category is the very essence of a walk in the woods, and extending the trunks outside the square format is brilliant. Lastly, in the Portrait category, **Anne Trimble's** "Carnie" is beautifully designed; the young man's expression makes me wish to know what he's thinking.

FROM OUR CLASS COORDINATOR

We are pleased to add to our schedule a Silk Scarf Painting class. Hiromi Katayama will teach the class, and she will supply scarves as well as the paint.

Hiromi's class will complete our spring schedule. MAL has a very full schedule of classes for you in April, May and early June. We hope you will take full advantage of the offerings of the talented, award winning instructors we have lined up. You can enjoy a no-stress approach to learning watercolor techniques with Sue Levy, improve your portraits with Bill Perry, learn color theory and paint oil landscapes with Tom McNickle, explore combining watercolor and mixed media with Robert Yonke or try ink and wash with David Bowers. Discover how to use pastel to do lovely landscapes with Diane Grguras or great animal portraits with Margaret Williams McGowan. Barry Jeter's watercolor class is full and Lisa Rasmussen has canceled the pastel class on April 19 due to a pressing obligation. We hope to reschedule something with the multi-talented Lisa in the fall.

You may register for classes on-line by viewing the class under the Events menu option and clicking Register or you may notify the Class Registrar, Jean Kunz, via e-mail at classregistrar@mcmurrayartleague.com or by phone at 412-831-9992. If you have questions about class content, or have a suggestion for a class please contact the Class Coordinator, Stephany Myers, via e-mail at classcoordinator@mcmurrayartleague.com or at 724-228-3774.

UPCOMING CLASSES

DATE	INSTRUCTOR	MEDIUM/DESCRIPTION	TIME	MEMBERS RATE	NON-MEMBER RATE
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 - CANCELLED	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
June 14	Hiroimi Katayama	Silk Scarf Painting	10AM-4PM	\$40/Day	\$45/Day

CONFIRMED DATES AND SPEAKERS:

1. Apr. 14, 7:00 PM (Thursday) – Margaret Williams McGowan

Board Meetings – Mondays
April 18 – 2:00 PM

General Meetings - Thursdays
April 14 – 7:00 PM

NEW WAY TO REGISTER FOR CLASS ON LINE

You may now register for an entire class series rather than having to register for each day separately. It is still possible to register for individual days but we encourage you to use

the new feature both because it is easier for you and the treasurer but also because it helps us fill all days for a class so we can continue to offer the high quality instructors that we do.

WINDOW EXHIBIT

Our Window Exhibit is open to all members to display their art for one month.

We have filled our quota for 2016. If any of you have work and you have not had an opportunity to display your art in our window exhibit please contact me and

MAL will give you a slot in 2017. Please contact: Darla Rae Duffy 412 860 5772

Gloria Parker will be exhibiting for April.

"ARTISTIC YOU" – IT'S A PAINT PARTY!!

MAL is very excited to announce that we are making plans for a fundraiser on May the 7th, from 7:00 - 9:30 PM. We have voted on the name "Artistic You" so that it can be used for all mediums not just painting. Linda VanNewkirk will be the instructor for the night. We will compensate \$100 for her time and preparation. She will lead with simple step-by-step instructions. Each person will create and take home their own 16 x 20 Van Gough's Starry Night. We will supply all the tools and materials needed. Light snacks and beverages will be provided and students have the option to BYOB. The fee for the class is \$35 payable at registration. We hope to get around 20 people for the first time and see how it goes. We will make some flyers and get the word out to the public. We encourage you to promote this fundraiser to the community to make it as successful as we can.

To sign up for this fun event people can register on line

at www.mcmurrayartleague.com or call Darla at [412-997-0833](tel:412-997-0833). Deadline to register is April 27th.

Please get the word out to friends, neighbors and family.

We will need volunteers to make a few appetizers. We will also need help to set up, help during the event to keep everything moving smoothly. and help afterwards to clean up. Contact Darla @ derpla115@gmail.com or call [412-997-0833](tel:412-997-0833) to volunteer.

We plan on a fun night with lots of laughter. If it is successful we can plan future fundraisers using other instructors and other mediums.

Please help to make this a success!!!!

CITYSCAPES THEMATIC SHOW

As mentioned in our March newsletter, MAL will have a reception at the studio on April 3rd from 2-4 PM for the new Thematic Show "CITYSCAPES". We will provide light refreshments and encourage members to invite

family, friends and neighbors even if you don't have any pieces on the walls. Come join the excitement of seeing all the beautiful art hanging for the first time!

PETERS LIBRARY EXHIBIT

The next **Peters library Show** will hang **Thursday April 14th, 2016 to Wednesday June 22, 2016.**

Working title is **Floral Scented Breezes** and anything goes. **Art work delivery** and pick up of work in the current show will be **9:30 AM on April 14th at Peters Library.**

Artists may enter three works unless exceptionally large then only two. 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 April 9th** to facilitate brochure and wall card preparations.

Artists may enter by sending information by return email to windpainter@hotmail.com or calling 412 833 2374. There is no entry fee. A 10% commission is paid to the Library if a work is sold. Price your work accordingly. Thanks for participating.



On the Vine – Acrylic

Katie Koenig

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