

SEPTEMBER 2016

MCMURRAY ART LINES

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THE ARTS**



**Next General Meeting:
September 8 at 7 PM**

*East Field by Barry Jeter
12" x 6.5" - oil*

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Dear Fellow Artists,

Wow, has this summer gone by fast! We hope your summer was full of great adventures, inspirations, and creativity!

We will be participating in the Fall exhibit at the Galleria in October. Thanks so much to **Gina Judy** and **Carmen DiGiacomo** for taking on the planning tasks for this show!

Having receptions during our **Studio Exhibits** has been very successful—several pieces have been sold at the receptions in June and July. Even if you aren't putting anything in the studio shows, we encourage you to come to the next reception on Saturday, September 24 from 5:00 to 7:30 PM, and help us spread the word!

I really enjoyed attending the Wednesday Open Studios, which continued all summer! It gave me a reason to work on my art skills, start a couple of projects, and schmooze with good artist friends.

As you are probably aware, we are able to use our studio space in the McDowell shops without charge because of the Mosites company's generosity in honor of "Bunky" Mosites, charter member of the McMurray Art League. Bunky's husband, Don, passed away in May, leaving us wondering what would happen to our relationship with the company. In June, Darla Tsupros and I met with Jim Storer, vice president of Development at Mosites, who assured us that the McMurray Art League would always have a space free of charge as long as he had a say in the matter. He told us that there is a possibility that there may be changes to our current space. We have discussed this with the board, and have shared our concerns with him. We will let you know if/when anything has been decided.

Looking forward to an exciting year of classes and events! Hope to see you at the meeting on September 8 (7:00).

Keeping the arts alive,

Anne Trimble

SEPTEMBER SPEAKER

MAL's September speaker is Barry R. Jeter.

Barry R. Jeter is a native of Mount Hope, a small town in the Appalachians of southern West Virginia. Mr. Jeter now resides in Finleyville, Pennsylvania where he maintains his studio.

Upon graduating Mount Hope High School, in 1966, Barry joined the United States Air Force and served as an Air Policeman at several air bases both stateside and in Vietnam.

Interestingly, some of the first paintings to capture Barry's attention, at an early age, were those of aviation artist Charles H. Hubbell who had rendered paintings of WWI and WWII combat planes in action. The paintings were

used as the artwork for calendars in 1947 and 1948. Each image was accompanied with a story of the actual event. "These paintings fascinated me, and I read the stories over many times," Barry recalls. "I still have the calendars to this day."

Basically a self-taught artist, he is an accomplished painter with over thirty years of experience, the last twenty of which have been given primarily to watercolor and most recently mixed media including oils.

Many other artists, people and places have influenced his work including, Winslow Homer, Andrew Wyeth, Philip Jamison and Frederick C. Graff. Fond memories of his grandfather's farm are still the catalyst for many of his paintings.

Well known regionally, Jeter has had the privilege of judging works in competition, conducting watercolor workshops, giving lectures and critique. His work has merited numerous awards and presently appears in many collections, both private and commercial. He is an active member of the Pittsburgh Watercolor Society, having been elected to that organization in 1982.

"With every painting I begin, my primary objective is not necessarily to reproduce an exact image of what I see, but to communicate the visual impact of that moment for the viewer to contemplate. It's such an honor and privilege to be able to capture these fleeting images in time, to be enjoyed by others. I consider it a gift from the Lord."

FROM OUR CLASS COORDINATOR

Two of our esteemed class instructors won awards in the 2016 Pennsylvania Watercolor Society's Annual International Juried Exhibit. **Bill Vrscak's** lovely painting *End of Summer* won the FIRST PLACE award and **Bill Perry's** *Snow Covered* received the GLENN BLUE-LANDSCAPE IN WATERCOLOR award. Congratulations to both artists! Hope you had an opportunity to view the exhibit held this year in Millersburg, PA.

Tom McNickle, who also teaches for MAL, is the Featured Artist in the October - 2016 issue of *Watercolor Artist Magazine*. His painting *November Morning* graces the cover and there is a two page spread of his wonderful piece *The Long Road Home*, which is within a great eight page article on Tom by Stefanie Laufersweiler.

Aren't we fortunate to have these and so many other talented artists willing to share their enthusiasm and expertise for making art with us through our classes. Though not complete, we have the framework of a great schedule of classes lined up for you through May 2017. We hope we'll see you at some of them. Once again, we encourage early registrations. This helps us in our efforts to plan successful classes and to continue to provide quality instructors for them.

You may register on-line for classes by viewing the class under the **Events** menu option, or you may notify the class Registrar, Jean Kunz via e-mail at classregistrar@mcmurrayartleague.com or by phone at 412-831-9992. Any suggestions for classes or questions regarding them can be directed to the class coordinator, Stephany Myers, by e-mail at classcoordinator@mcmurrayartleague.com or by phone to 724-228-3774.

UPCOMING CLASSES

DATE	INSTRUCTOR	MEDIUM/DESCRIPTION	TIME	MEMBERS RATE	NON-MEMBER RATE
Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28	Tom McNickle	Watercolor	10:00 – 3:00	\$40/day	\$45/day
Oct. 5, 12, 19	Tom McNickle	Oil – Landscapes (see MAL website for supply list)	10:00 – 3:00	\$40/day	\$45/day
Oct. 26	Darlene Sanders	“Nostalgia, Story-Telling with Collage” (see MAL website for supply list)	10:00 – 4:00	\$35/day	\$40/day
Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Sue Levy	Beginner-Intermediate Watercolor (see MAL website for artist info, outline, and supply list)	10:00 – 2:00	\$25/day	\$30/day
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Jan. 31, Feb. 1	Jeannie McGuire	Watercolor	10:00 – 4:00	\$55/day	\$60/day
Apr. 5, 12	Barry Jeter	Watercolor (see MAL website for outline and supply list)	10:00 – 4:00	\$40/day	\$45/day
May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Sue Levy	Beginner-Intermediate Watercolor (see MAL website for artist info, outline, and supply list)	10:00 – 2:00	\$25/day	\$30/day

Open studio painting with your friends on ‘Open Tuesdays’ throughout the year when there is no class scheduled. The cost is \$3/day for members and \$5/day for non-members to cover building costs. You may also come and paint with the studio attendee for free on Thursday evenings from 5:00 – 8:00 PM when the gallery is open. For class calendar and more information, go to the MAL website and select Calendar from the menu.

CONFIRMED MEETING DATES FOR 2016-2017:

Board Meetings – Mondays
August 22 – 2:00 PM
September 19 – 2:00 PM
October 17 – 2:00 PM
November 21 – 2:00 PM
January 16, 2017 – 2:00 PM
February 13 – 2:00 PM
March 20 – 2:00 PM

General Meetings - Thursdays
September 8 – 7:00 PM
October 6 – 2:00 PM
November 10 – 2:00 PM
February 9, 2017 – 2:00 PM
March 9 – 2:00 PM
April 13 – 7:00 PM

GALLERY FAIR AT THE MAL STUDIO

Please join us as the MAL studio shows start out the year with an indoor art fair theme. Called a Gallery Fair, the show will be hung on Thursday, September 22 and come down on December 1.

Drop off of work will be from 5:00-6:00 PM on September 22. If you're not able to drop off work then, please contact Co-Chairs Michalina Pendzich or Linda Saksa to arrange an alternate drop off time.

We want to replicate the feel of an art fair by hanging artwork on ropes strung across the studio space – not on the walls – and decorating the studio. Only unframed pieces (no frame, no mat) - any theme – with a maximum vertical height of 20 inches will be hung. No restrictions on the horizontal size. The art should be lightweight as small clips will be used to hang the pieces. Work does not have to be recent. Go ahead and bring out older work that you like. You can even unframe/unmat a piece and reuse the frame for the Fall Show! Every artist can bring up to 3 pieces.

Since the show will hang until December, holiday themes are appropriate.

Because work will be hanging on ropes strung across the studio, please bring a cover for the

backside of your paintings if you've painted on both sides of a piece. Non-permanent double stick tape or paper clips can be used to hold the cover in place. The cover does not have to adhere to the painting but it must be cut to a size that covers the back of the painting. Make the covers from newsprint, colorful tissue paper, wrapping paper – think festive. If the back of your painting or photo is blank, no need for a cover.

Plan to attend the reception for the show on Saturday, September 24 from 5:00-7:00 PM. Feel free to invite family and friends. The public will also be invited. Contact Michalina, mpendzich54@yahoo.com or Linda, saxa3@msn.com with any questions.

Anyone wishing to take part in the fair should send an email to the Co-Chairs by Thursday, September 15 giving the titles of your pieces, medium and price.

Delivery for hanging is 5:00-6:00 PM. Send in your tag info a minimum of one week before the show. Please sign-up and send tag information (**artist, title, medium, price, size**) to Darlene Sanders at darleneganders@yahoo.com or 724-743-9197.

McMURRAY ANNUAL FALL ART EXHIBIT AT THE GALLERIA

Please let me introduce myself; I am Mrs. Gina Judy, your new fall-show co-chair, and, virtually new member, who is co-chairing the fall-show with veteran-member Carmen DiGiacomo. I am a retired art-educator from Ohio, and my husband works in Pittsburgh. We will be looking for show committee volunteers, such as a “takedown” show chair, truck/board delivery-person, and refreshments-chair. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, feel free to contact one of us. Carmen’s number is local; 412-563-1859. He will be handling most of the organizing-committees since he knows most all of you and does not live an hour away! I am more the on-line typist and handler of a lot of the show documents, and hanger of work; my number is 740-765-4410 or you may text or call my cell, 304-281-3002. My email is ginajudy@comcast.net, but phone is the fastest way to get a hold of me! I may have met several of you already through workshops, shows, and board-meetings or other art organizational events in the area.

FALL *for Art* is our show-theme this year, as we hope that most of our audiences will “FALL” for art as well! As those leaves FALL with beautiful colors, isn’t it the goal of ALL of us to promote the arts to elevate its level of importance to others, as it is for ourselves? That is why it’s important to participate in the upcoming fall show; even though the awards are limited to People’s Choice and Memorial Awards we are putting ourselves out there for our audience—the public—and our fellow- artists! (let us know—ahead of time would help—if you would like to donate \$25 toward a memorial-award in someone’s name and pick the winner yourself!) The prospectus should be going out within the week. We have not changed much in the way of show submissions; however, the Galleria is not sponsoring a special contest this fall, but may do so this spring. We will still be sponsoring the Print and Notecard sale opportunity, as well as the three-dimensional Artisan Craft items for sale. Who DOESN’T need a nice art-sale opportunity, either of the larger fine art pieces or smaller art-table items?? I have been informed that refreshment/food provided by the galleria will be simplified a bit and will be in the way of “sweets” and cookie-trays.

TWO changes; the first, there will be NO prior standards-screening-day. This is a board-decision, made for the convenience of the members, not to slight anyone’s committee. It may still take place for the spring-show; I do not have that information available to me. However, we would HOPE that everyone would know how to professionally present work, or if you need help, please contact a framing-place, the standards-committee informally, or feel-free to send a smartphone photo to me at my 304-number and I’ll give my opinion on any issue ahead of the drop-off day. All standards-information will be available in the prospectus. Also, show-postcards and flyers will be available at the September 8 evening meeting, and at the show-drop-off at the galleria.

The second-change, you will deliver your work on FRIDAY MORNING 7 AM-9 AM...if you cannot be there in the morning, please contact another member or friend who can bring your work in for you. MEMBERS DO NOT hang their work this time; the show chairs, along with their hanging committee will do this for you. ALL YOU NEED TO DO is to be there and drop-off! This was also a board-decision, to help avoid some of the confusion with the night-drop-off. Just be sure to follow the size-requirements for the three-pieces fitting on a board as listed in the prospectus.

IMPORTANT DATES for the upcoming **FALL** *for Art* Annual Exhibit at the Galleria:

- REGISTRATION items and \$20 for three entries and any sales-items to Jan Pini postmarked by FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, or online-registered by that date.
- SHOW DROP-OFF FRIDAY MORNING OCTOBER 7, 7-9 AM. This includes any prints, cards or artisan crafts, also.
- RECEPTION 6:30-8 PM on SATURDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 8.
- ALL PEOPLE'S CHOICE VOTING by 1 PM on Wednesday, October 12.
- SHOW TAKE DOWN from 5-6 PM on SUNDAY OCTOBER 16.

Hope to have everyone participating in the fall show!

LIBRARY SHOWS SCHEDULED FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE!!!

While hanging the Peters Township Library Show on June 29th, Sandy Conley asked Arlene Popko to think about some themes for upcoming library shows. A few hours later, Arlene sent the following list. She is not only a wonderful artist, but also a visionary when it comes to themes for art shows! What I truly love about these themes is that they can be **B R O A D L Y** interpreted. So, here is the schedule for Library shows until January 2018!

DATE	THEME
August 31 – October 26, 2016	Changing Seasons
October 26, 2016 – January 25, 2017	Year End Memories
January 25 – April 26, 2017	Bright Beginnings
April 26 – July 26, 2017	Window On the World
July 26 – October 25, 2017	Unexpected Drama
October 25 – January 24, 2018	Favorite Pastime

Sandy hopes you will participate in whichever shows fit your schedule. The Peters Township Library is a bright beautiful place to exhibit.

THE BUNKY MOSITES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The 2016 Bunky Mosites Memorial Scholarship went to Peters Township High School (PTHS) Senior, **Cory Ensle**.

Cory graduated this past June and is attending Point Park University this September. She will be majoring in Animation/Visual Effects and was recognized by the University with an Artistic Achievement Award for work that she had presented to the high school.

Although Cory is interested in animation and digital work, her numerous charcoal portrait studies are one of her passions. She has also created many of the Thespian theater group's covers for plays and musicals, as well as winning poster contests throughout her years at PTHS. Cory would like to eventually work in the digital art and animation field where "I will be able to broaden my skills and create something that will inspire the next generation of artists".

We wish her much success!

WINDOW EXHIBIT

Darla Rae Duffy will exhibit in September. Due to a resignation, Darla filled in for September. The pictures are now hanging.



The Banjo Player

Pastel

Anne Trimble

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