

OCTOBER 2016

# MCMURRAY ART LINES

**TO PROVIDE  
AND  
STIMULATE  
FOCUS ON  
THE ARTS**



**Next General Meeting:  
October 6 at 2 PM**

"Out Door Seating" 19 x 25  
Ron Thurston

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## **PRESIDENT'S NOTES**

I write this article on the first day of Fall, and the McMurray Art League is swinging into action. I hope your summer was a lovely inspiration for your creative muse. The exhibit at the Galleria is fast approaching. We're looking forward to seeing what you've been working on!

**Ginny Hults** has resigned as co-vice president of the MAL board due to family issues. Would you like to be a part of this vibrant board? The role of vice president doesn't require a lot, mostly attending board and general meetings. We'd love to have you join us!

I was delighted to see how many members attended the General Meeting on September 8--I think it was the largest attendance we've had yet, with many new faces! After a spirited business meeting, Barry Jeter gave us a very informative demo on how he approaches his watercolor painting. I've never taken a class from him, but I liked how he used plain water to spray his piece to blur edges and was surprised that he uses no green from tubes, but mixes them from blues and yellows—it really made sense. I'll just have to take a watercolor class soon.

As we start out this busy season, we hope to see you at the numerous meetings, events, and classes we have planned! We'd love to have your input on what you like about the McMurray Art League, and suggestions on how we could make it better.

Keeping the arts alive,

Anne

## OCTOBER SPEAKER



MALs speaker for October will be on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm and is Ron Thurston.

In addition, Ron has done illustrations for Bayer, Alcoa, PPG, Wall Street Journal, NY Times, Heinz, McDonalds, and Ford Motor Company.

He also teaches watercolor classes in Sewickley, PA from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm with his fall session beginning October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

His concept is described as follows; *His classes begin with the basics of brushes, paints and paper and move into that all important design and composition.*

The painting comes alive when the foundation is exciting, abstract or otherwise.

We look forward to Mr. Thurston's appearance at our October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mr. Thurston has presented in six American Watercolor Society International Exhibitions which include:

- Silver Medal-Adirondacks National Exhibition Of American Watercolors.
- Seven Signature American Watermedia Exhibitions- Fallbrook Art Center, Fallbrook, CA.
- Keystone Award and Medal- PGH Watercolor Society.
- Grumbacher Gold Medal
- Three Best Of Shows – Pgh. Aqueous Open Internationals.
- Watercolor Artist Magazine Feature.

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## FROM OUR CLASS COORDINATOR

Many of you have requested classes in painting with OIL, and MAL is delighted to have Tom McNickle share his expertise in and enthusiasm for oil paint with us during a series of three classes scheduled for October 5, 12, and 19 in the MAL studio. This is a wonderful opportunity for oil painters and all those wishing to try their artistic hand using this medium. Join Tom for some excellent instruction.

On October 26, our own multi-talented member, Darlene Sanders, will hold a one-day workshop for us in COLLAGE techniques on gallery wrapped canvases. Darlene is providing some of the materials for the class such as the canvases. A complete materials list can be found on the MAL webpage under the tab Events, Classes. The theme for the class is *Nostalgia-Story Telling* using your old photos as focus. It's a great opportunity to explore, enjoy and learn about the medium with an accomplished artist who is happy to share her tips for successful collage pieces. Join us!

**Important Reminder:**

**Registration** for classes can be done on-line or by contacting our **Class Registrar, Jean Kunz** via e-mail at [classregistrar@mcmurrayartleague.com](mailto:classregistrar@mcmurrayartleague.com) or by phone at 412-831-9992. Early registration is encouraged.

Suggestions for classes and questions regarding class content may be directed to Class Coordinator, Stephany Myers by phone 724-228-3774 or via e-mail at: [classcoordinator@mcmurrayartleague.com](mailto:classcoordinator@mcmurrayartleague.com).

**UPCOMING CLASSES**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>INSTRUCTOR</b>	<b>MEDIUM/DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>MEMBERS RATE</b>	<b>NON-MEMBER RATE</b>
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
<b>2017</b>					
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:**

<b>Board Meetings – Mondays</b>	<b>General Meetings - Thursdays</b>	<b>Speakers</b>
October 17 – 2:00 PM	October 6 – 2:00 PM	Ron Thurston – Watercolor
November 21 – 2:00 PM	November 10 – 2:00 PM	John Del Monte - Pastel
January 16, 2017 – 2:00 PM	February 9, 2017 – 2:00 PM	Ron Donoughe - Oil
February 13 – 2:00 PM	March 9 – 2:00 PM	Marlene Boas, - Creativity
March 20 – 2:00 PM	April 13 – 7:00 PM	Ellen Gozion - Crankies

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## **OPEN STUDIO**

The MAL Studio is open every Tuesday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm to give members an opportunity to work on their own individual art projects.

At the studio, we often exchange ideas, tips on technique, have discussion on new art products, encourage one another and if desired, receive friendly critique.

Put Open Studio on your calendars and come join us! It's fun and a great opportunity to meet, paint and share with other art league members.

Fee for the Open Studio is \$3 which goes toward MAL expenses. Don't forget to bring your lunch!

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## **JINGLE MINGLE**

We're planning our annual "Jingle Mingle" for **Thursday, December 1**, from **11:00 am to 2:00 pm**. This is a lovely time to share a pot-luck lunch and fellowship before the holidays get too busy. **We need someone to chair**

**this event**, which shouldn't require much work. We'd love your participation--there are those who've done this before and are very willing to help!

## "ARTISTIC YOU" FUNDRAISER

Wonders of Winter

MAL is pleased to announce that we are planning another fundraiser for the public to come into our studio and enjoy a fun night of painting and socializing.

Linda VanNewkirk will again be the step-by-step instructor for the night.

Each person will create and take home their own 16 x 20 Wonders of Winter painting.

We will supply all the tools and material needed.

The fee for the class is \$35. Light snacks and beverages will be provided and students have the option to BYOB.

The date will be Saturday, January 21 from 7-9:30 pm with a "snow-date" of January 28th in case of inclement weather.

MAL will have registration on line and more information will follow.

We did this last May and it was a fun evening for all and a successful fundraiser.

Think of Christmas gifts or birthday gifts for men or women.

More information will follow.

## HOLIDAY WINDOW AT MAL

Greetings Artists,

The December Window Exhibit will be an assemblage of our own designed Christmas Cards.

I made up a Christmas Box to place your Christmas art cards in for a Christmas display in our window for this December.

I will put it on the table in the classroom for all to see.

Please mention it and ask people to place their cards in clear plastic bags so I can hang them from a ribbon across the screens.

Better ideas are welcome on how to hang the cards. Any ideas?

Mostly, I would appreciate it if you mention to other artists, to make a card and contribute it to our December window display. All cards may be returned.

**The cards should be submitted by our November meeting so we can have them collected for display by December 1.** Place an address sticker on the back of the bag for an ID.

The cards can be new or made for a past Christmas. They do not have to be new this year.

The effort is what counts so we have a delightful holiday display of original Art Christmas Cards in our studio window.

Any suggestions are welcome.

Thanks,

Darla Rae Duffy

**Here are the following window exhibits scheduled for the 2017 year.**

<b>January</b>	Anne Trimble
<b>February</b>	Bill Karaffa
<b>March</b>	Carmen DiGiacomo
<b>April</b>	Linda Van Newark
<b>May</b>	Jan Pini
<b>June</b>	Jeenie Nickolls
<b>July</b>	Mary Dunn
<b>August</b>	Stephany Myers
<b>September</b>	Judy Lauso (pending)
<b>October</b>	Arlene Popko
<b>November</b>	Michalina Pendzich
<b>December</b>	Christmas Card Display

**NEW WEBSITE LOOK COMING**

MALs website [www.mcmurrayartleague.com](http://www.mcmurrayartleague.com) will soon be undergoing a change. Our hosting service, Wild Apricot, offers new "responsive themes" that look great on a PC and also on a mobile device. Our current theme is not a "responsive theme" so your webmaster, Jan Pini, will be switching us over to a new theme soon. Same great content, some new capabilities but a new color scheme and "look".

**HOLIDAY ARTIST'S MARKET**

MAL is planning another Holiday Artist's Market at the studio on December 3rd from 10 am to 3

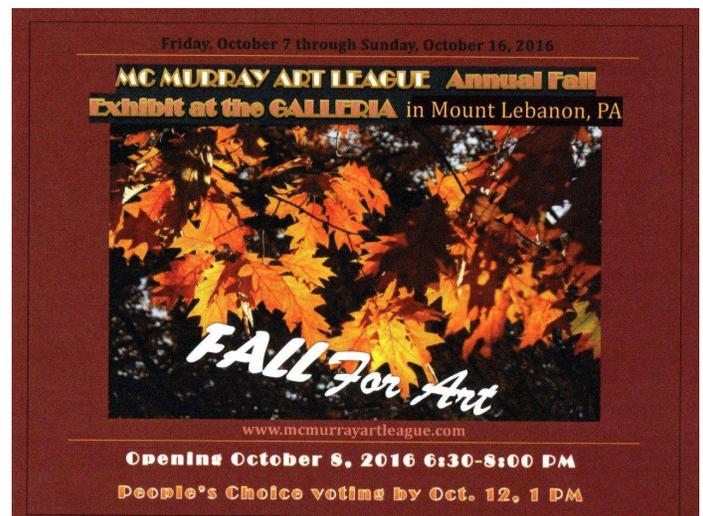
pm. You will have a chance to sell your original artwork, arts and crafts, jewelry, pottery, etc.

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

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

Please contact Linda VanNewkirk at [ljartist@comcast.net](mailto:ljartist@comcast.net) or 724-941-5784 to register for a table or with any questions or concerns.

**FALL ART SHOW**



With the completion of registration, it is now time to move forward in preparation for this great event "**Fall for Art**".

The McMurray Art League display will be located on the ground level between Footloose and Williams-Sonoma.

It looks like MAL will have 30 exhibitors for the show. Each exhibitor will be required to sit for 2

sessions. Those who sit during the last sitting of the day will be required to take the cash box and credit card machine and return in the morning to the first sitter of the day.

Carmen DiGiacomo will be calling to arrange for your sitting times. If you have questions call him at 412-563-1859

**Set Up:** The screens will be moved from the studio to the Galleria and set up on Thursday, October 6. Bill Karaffa has volunteered his truck for this move; however, we still need others to join the team at the studio to load the truck and at the Galleria to unload the truck as well as to erect the screens. We can start erecting the screens at 9 PM. Please call Carmen D. @ 412-563-1859 to volunteer to be on one or both of these teams.

For issues that occur during this event please contact Gini Judy @ 304-281-3002.

**Drop off of Art:** You can drop off your art work at the Galleria between 7-9 AM on Friday, October 7.

At the time of drop off, you will check in your work and review the sitting schedule. Yes, we will be there to accept art work after 9 AM. Hanging will begin by members of the committee after the art work has been dropped off.

If you have a problem and will be late, call Carmen D. @ 412-606-8539 and let him know

what time you expect to be there. Please be sure to follow the Standards for Acceptable Artwork. Any serious deviations from these standards may delay your work being displayed.

**People's Choice Ballots:** The voting cut-off is Wednesday, October 11 @ 1 PM

**Take Down:** The show will officially close at 5 PM on October. 16 All work will be available for pick-up after 5 PM. You or your designee must sign out your work. To be a member of the team to return the screens and other items to the studio, please contact Gina Judi @ 304-281-3002.

**A Special Note:** We have prepared a special e-mail message that you can send to your family, friends and clients. This is a great way to invite people to the show to view art at its finest. Invite your family and friends to see your creations and perhaps vote for you in the People's Choice Balloting. Be proud of your work and the work of your fellow artisans. We hope you will send the e-mail message to as many individuals as possible.

Success to all of you who have entered **'Fall For Art'**.

**Questions:** Contact Carmen DiGiacomo, tippfado@verizon.net or 412-563-1859 or Gina Judy, ginajudy@comcast.net or 304-281-3002.



***Head First***

***22" x 30"***

***Mixed Media on Black Paper – 2014***

***Lauren Moss***

## **THE McMURRAY ART LEAGUE**

*Officers & Chairs – 2016 – 2017*

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**Scholarship:** Carol Aurin

**Standards:** OPEN, Karen Vituccio, OPEN, Judy Lauso (Alternate)

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