

November 2016

MCMURRAY ART LINES

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



**Next General Meeting:
November 10 at 2 PM**

Speaker: John Del Monte

"The Yellow Mirror"
John Del Monte

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Fellow Artists—

Last night, I arrived home from a two-week visit to Sicily where I was wonderfully inspired by graceful 2500-year old Greek sculpture, delicately decorated vases and urns, intricate gold jewelry; mosaics that graced a Roman villa (c. 300 BC), and Norman churches built in the 12th century. I was amazed at the skill and detail in these beautiful pieces of art. I walked through beautiful orchards of olives, prickly pears, oranges, and pomegranates. I experienced the vibrant colors, smells, and masses of people at the open-air markets in several cities I visited. I walked down narrow streets and enjoyed cappuccino and cornetti at outdoor tables on local piazzas.

My trip made me more aware that we can be artistically inspired by many things: nature, every-day life (at home or abroad), and fellow artists, whether they lived 2500 years ago or attend the Open Studio at McMurray Art League. Hope you find additional muses in your life to inspire more wonderful artwork!

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NOVEMBER SPEAKER

Our speaker for the general meeting on Thursday, November 10th, 2016 is Professor John Del Monte. Mr. Del Monte has spoken at our meeting as recently as last November, and his presentation was well received and his appearance this time is highly anticipated.

A native of Pittsburgh, born in McKees Rocks, he attended the Art Institute of Pittsburgh, and Carnegie Mellon University. He was awarded a scholarship to the Art Students League of New York, and has had exhibits in Italy, Pittsburgh, and New York. He has conducted lessons in Italy for over 40 years as well as teaching in New York City,



New Jersey, Carnegie Mellon, St. Vincent College and various private schools.

He lectures, gives demonstrations, and has been a juror for various art organizations and schools. He has also been a feature in the American Artist magazine.

Additionally, he had two books published about his life and work; "*Truth: An Inspired Artists Journey*" by Ed Zelinsky and "*Master Artist, Life And Works of John Del Monte*" by Ray Black.

It is with great appreciation that MAL welcomes John Del Monte as our speaker for this November meeting.

FROM OUR CLASS COORDINATOR

During the month of November, we are delighted to have our member, Sue Levy, teaching watercolor for the beginner/intermediate student each Wednesday. Sue's classes are perfect if you are just learning watercolor or are looking to refresh your techniques and improve your skills. She loves teaching and is always available to help with solutions to your watercolor painting problems. If you want to improve your watercolor skills and like an instructor that is always available to help you, this may just be the class for you!

At our October membership meeting, we all enjoyed the presentation by Pittsburgh artist, Ron Thurston. We have invited Ron to do a one day workshop for us on Wednesday, December 7, 2016.

Ron is nationally known for his beautiful watercolors and is the recipient of many prestigious awards. You may enjoy viewing some of his history and art on his website www.ronthurston.net. We hope you will enjoy his class offering entitled *Painterly Adventure*.

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 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 (home) or 724-288-8500(cell) if you have any questions, or via e-mail at classcoordinator@mcmurrayartleague.com.

UPCOMING CLASSES

DATE	INSTRUCTOR	MEDIUM/DESCRIPTION	TIME	MEMBERS RATE	NON-MEMBER RATE
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
Dec. 7	Ron Thurston	Watercolor	10:00 – 4:00	\$40/day	\$45/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. For class calendar and more information, go to the MAL website and select Calendar from the menu. PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Open Studio during December and January.

CONFIRMED MEETING DATES FOR 2016-2017:

Board Meetings – Mondays	General Meetings - Thursdays	Speakers
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

STUDIO SECURITY REMINDER

Several of us have access to the MAL studio key, and need to drop things off/pick things up, monitor classes, and lead meetings. We've recently had some issues with the studio not being closed down properly, so please remember to:

- Sign in and out of the studio on the log sheet on the front desk.
- If you are the last person to leave, make sure the back door is pulled tightly closed.

- Make sure the thermostat is set to the proper setting for the season.
- Turn off the coffee pot (done by turning off the power strip in the kitchen).
- Turn off the light switch.
- Make sure you lock the front door and check it before you put the key back in the lock box.

Thanks so much for making sure our studio place is secure and for helping us save money on utilities!

NEW WEBSITE LOOK COMING

MALs website 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".

PETERS TOWNSHIP LIBRARY EXHIBITS

For many years, the Peters Township Library has been the site of art exhibits by McMurray Art League members. Your art has graced the walls of the library, adding to patrons' enjoyment of their visit. Please consider participating in one or all of the shows listed below.

You can broadly interpret the suggested themes. Each artist can enter three 2-dimensional pieces. Make sure your pieces are framed and wired for hanging according to the McMurray Art League standards. If interested, contact **Sandy Conley** - conley1973@verizon.net one week before the hanging date to sign up for each upcoming show. **Bring your work to the library at 9:30 a.m. the day of the hanging.**

SHOW DATES	THEME
Aug. 31 – Oct. 26, 2016	Changing Seasons
Oct. 26, 2016 – Jan. 11, 2017	Year End Memories
Jan. 11 – Feb. 8, 2017	[Photography Club Show]
Feb. 8 – Apr. 26, 2017	Bright Beginnings
Apr. 26 – Jul. 26, 2017	Window On The World
Jul. 26 – Oct. 25, 2017	Unexpected Drama
Oct. 25 – Jan. 10, 2018	Favorite Pastime

ART LEAGUE LIAISON BETWEEN ALL GROUPS

Fran Marze is the liaison between other art leagues and groups including MAL. As such, she would like someone in each group to give her pertinent news about the league, such as exhibits, awards that members receive, speakers for meetings, classes and workshops, and anything else that the members of MAL would find interesting.

Please give this information to Fran Marze with the email and phone numbers of the person(s) that will contact her. Fran Marze can be reached via telephone – 412-563-4384 or 412-760-2148, or by email – fmarze@verizon.net.

STUDIO RECEPTION

McMurray Art League will have a reception for the studio wall change on December 3rd from 3 - 5 pm.

The reception will coincide with the Holiday Artists' Market that will be at the studio the same day from 10 am - 3 pm. We are giving the vendors the option to keep their merchandise out and available for purchase to the traffic for the Studio Reception hoping it might generate activity.

Again, MAL will provide beverages and light snacks.

Please encourage your family, friends and neighbors to enjoy our beautiful walls filled with local, original artwork. It is always a lovely experience to meet new people and socialize with members even if you don't have any work on display.

A CHRISTMAS CARD NEEDED

Darla Duffy has requested that MAL members create a Christmas card that can be display in December as our window exhibit. There is a Christmas box in the studio kitchen where members can place the card for the window. It can be as simple or as complex as members wish it to be. It can be in any medium even collage, crayon, or any mixed media is acceptable. The more the merrier.

Any cards from past Christmases are also welcome.

Darla will be hanging the cards on December 1 at 10 am. MAL members can drop of their cards at that time as well.

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 are changing from a plea for a chairperson to discussing this with attendees as 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!

If you are attending, please RSVP by November 21st by registering online or contacting Darla Tsupros by email at derpla115@gmail.com or 412-997-0833. MAL will supply the beverages; however, we ask that you bring your favorite holiday appetizer or dessert.

A CHRISTMAS EXHIBIT

MAL received this information and wanted to pass it along to its membership.

There is a Christian Art Show coming up that will be held at Calvary Lutheran Church, and

the art may be anything as God made everything. So, you may enter landscapes, dogs, etc., and the fee to enter is \$5. Up to four pieces may be entered.

Ribbons will be awarded.

Additionally, artist cards as well as extra copies of paintings can be entered to sell. All sales for these items will be charged a 15% donation fee that will be given to the homeless veterans.

However, if you sell one of your paintings there is no fee. A donation would be welcome and should be given to Calvary Lutheran Church.

In order to obtain an entry form, you may contact Sue Koepen at 724-327-4230 or email her at suezbobk@aol.com for additional information.

UPCOMING STUDIO SHOW

Please join us for the next MAL studio show titled, *Multiples*, which will be hung on Thursday, December 1 and come down on Thursday, March 23. The title of the show, "Multiples", means that you should use multiples in your work - people (your family, groupings), animals, flowers, even circles, squares or other similar shapes - the possibilities are endless. In other words, repetition of a similar shape should be the design element of your work.

Drop off your work from 5:00-6:00 PM on December 1. Pick up of work in the current

show "Gallery Fair" is on the same day and same time.

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. Work in this show should be framed and ready to hang. Every artist can enter up to 3 pieces.

Please register for the show online or send tag information (title, medium and price) to Linda Saksa, saxa@msn.com, or Michalina Pendzich, mpendzich54@yahoo.com, by Tuesday, November 22.

We hope that you'll take part in the show and share your work with other members.

"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.

Gift Certificates will be available online so think of Christmas or birthday gifts for women or men!

More information will follow.

MEMBERSHIP

Currently, we have 9 new members. On the following page (Page 9) is a list of those new members. Please add them to your Membership booklet.

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Reversal
By Lauren Moss
Mixed Media on Paper
22" x 30"

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THE McMURRAY ART LEAGUE

Officers & Chairs – 2016 – 2017

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