

# MCMURRAY ART LINES

February 2017

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



"Blast of Red"  
Ron Donoughe

**Next General Meeting:  
February 9 at 2 PM**

**Speaker: Ron Donoughe**

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## **PRESIDENT'S NOTES**

Fellow Artists—

Happy 2017, everyone! We hope your holidays were full of family, good friends, good health, you got some cool art stuff as gifts, and that you've had some time to start a new painting or craft. I know that a lot of us have traveled in the last few months, so we hope you can share your adventures with us through your art.

This year is going to be an interesting one for the league with a couple of important events that are up in the air. The Galleria will not be holding its Spring multi-league exhibit, so our Spring Juried Exhibit will be elsewhere and later in the year, and the status of the studio remodel is still up in the air (see articles below).

I look forward to participating in the upcoming classes, general member meetings (we have some great presenters), Open Studios, and in the next Studio exhibit. I hope to see you—and your work--at one of these events!

Anne Trimble Co-President

## FEBRUARY SPEAKER

McMurray Art League Speaker for February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 will be Mr. Ron Donoughe.

Mr. Donoughe has been painting Western Pennsylvania for 30 years. He paints on location through all seasons in the plein air style, documenting the various textures of the region.

Ron's interest in plein art painting led to the formation of The Plein-Air Painters of Western Pennsylvania. The group meets informally to paint Pittsburgh from April through November.

Donoughe's work has been juried into many regional and national exhibitions and can be found in the collections of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art, The Duquesne Club, and The Westmoreland Museum of American Art.

Donoughe's book, *90 Neighborhoods of Pittsburgh*, consist of his paintings and experiences. This book served as a catalog of Donoughe's exhibition held at the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts in 2015.

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## FROM OUR CLASS COORDINATOR

***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, Fred Kunz by phone 412-831-9992 (home) or 412-337-3366 (cell) if you have any questions, or via e-mail at [classcoordinator@mcmurrayartleague.com](mailto:classcoordinator@mcmurrayartleague.com).

## UPCOMING CLASSES

DATE	INSTRUCTOR	MEDIUM/DESCRIPTION	TIME	MEMBERS RATE	NON-MEMBER RATE
<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

## CONFIRMED MEETING DATES FOR 2017:

Board Meetings – Mondays	General Meetings - Thursdays	Speakers
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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### MARCH STUDIO SHOW – SHADES OF GREEN!

Please join us for the next MAL studio show titled, "*Shades of Green*", which will be hung on Thursday, March 23 and take down on Thursday, May 25.

The title of the show, "*Shades of Green*", means that the color green should appear in your work - trees, plants, flowers, landscapes, clothing, or green should be included in the painting concept, e.g. greed, money, St. Patrick's Day, all things Irish.

Drop off your work at the studio from 5:00-6:00 pm on March 23. Pick up of work in the

current show "*Multiples*" 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, wired and ready to hang. Every artist can enter up to 3 pieces.

Please register for the show and send tag information (title, medium and price) to Linda Saksa, [saxa3@msn.com](mailto:saxa3@msn.com) or Michalina Pendzich, [mpendzich54@yahoo.com](mailto:mpendzich54@yahoo.com) by Thursday, March 16.

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

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### SHADES OF GREEN RECEPTION

MAL will host an open house reception on Friday, March 4th from 6-8 pm to welcome "*Shades of Green*" to our studio walls!

It is so exciting to see all the new art work displayed and so insightful to talk to the artists about their work and ideas for future projects.

Please spread the word to your family and friends. Everyone is welcome. MAL will provide light refreshments.

Anyone who would be able to help with this event please contact Darla Tsupros at [derpla115@gmail.com](mailto:derpla115@gmail.com) or by phone at 412-997-0833.

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## SPRING SHOW

MAL is sorry to announce that the Galleria has *cancelled the annual Spring Art Exhibition due to lack of staff.*

*We* are working on holding our own juried show in May.

We could have it in our own studio but we would have to cancel any classes during the show plus the exposure at a place with continued foot traffic helps with sales.

We are searching for an alternative site to hold it on our own.

Several locations are on our radar;

- Peters Township Library
- Peters Township Community Center
- Lois Guinn Studio
- Judy's Java at Rutherford Shopping Center
- Canonsburg Library
- Art Smith in Mt. Lebanon

The ideal place should have easy access with ample parking and considerable foot traffic.

Another consideration is how much commission the facilitator wants from our sales.

Any suggestions are welcome to [president@mcmurrayartleague.com](mailto:president@mcmurrayartleague.com)

***MAL is looking for co-chairs.*** We need 2 co-chairs for the event. Carmen DeGiacomo has committed to co-chair if it is in May and we still need one more volunteer.

Please contact [president@mcmurrayartleague.com](mailto:president@mcmurrayartleague.com) if you are able to help.

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## PETERS TOWNSHIP LIBRARY EXHIBITS

From now to March 8, THE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB is exhibiting at the PT library. On Wednesday, March 8 at 9:30 am plan to bring your paintings for MAL's next library show. The theme is "Bright Beginnings." Contact Sandy Conley [conley1973@verizon.net](mailto:conley1973@verizon.net) by March 5 to register for the show. Provide title, medium and price for your art. Each artist can exhibit up to 3 pieces. McMurray Art League has been exhibiting at the library for many years. The current exhibit space is bright and your work will be showcased beautifully

SHOW DATES	THEME
Jan. 11 – Mar. 8, 2017	Photography Club Show
Mar. 9 – 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

## WATERCOLOR COLLAGE CAFÉ

On Wednesday, March 15, 10:00 am -2:00 pm, join fellow MAL members in creating a watercolor collage.

Watercolor collage is a bit different from traditional collage. The process starts with white or natural Japanese paper which you stain (color) using your watercolors. The stained paper is then used to create a collage on a piece of illustration board or other stiff background. Once the paper is glued to the board using matt medium or glue, it can be painted over, more paper applied etc. You get the idea.

The result is a richly textured, beautifully colored image.

Jan Pini and Michalina Pendzich will lead the Cafe and will provide a packet of Japanese paper for all attendees for \$5.00-\$10.00. If you have your own white or natural Japanese paper feel free to bring it to the class.

You will also need an 11"x 15" piece of illustration board, watercolors, brushes, palette, matt medium or plain white glue and a reference photo or idea.

We hope you can join us. Register online at the MAL website. Cost for the cafe is \$3.00.

If you have any questions contact Jan, [janpini@verizon.net](mailto:janpini@verizon.net), or Michalina, [mpendzich54@yahoo.com](mailto:mpendzich54@yahoo.com). Hope to see you at the studio!

## UPDATE ON STUDIO RENOVATIONS

Jim Storer, our contact from Mosites, gave us this information:

As of January 9<sup>th</sup> Cedar's Restaurant has the lease amendment for their consideration. Jim Storer is waiting for Cedar's response.

When/if things start to get put into motion he will email us a schedule. Until then everything is in a holding position.

In the meantime, we are cleaning and organizing the back storage room so it will be an easy transition. We will hope for the best!

## **NOMINATIONS 2017-2018**

It's time to get involved! Following are open positions in MAL leadership. For our organization to continue to provide outstanding opportunities for artists, we need your support! Please review the following MAL Leadership **OPEN** positions, and consider becoming a nominee for one of these positions: (Contact nominating committee members, Susan Levy by email: [stlevy1@icloud.com](mailto:stlevy1@icloud.com), or by telephone: 412-276-0767, or Leslie Baldwin by email: [lesbld@verizon.net](mailto:lesbld@verizon.net), or by telephone: 412-788-0525).

Co-Presidents: Anne Trimble, **OPEN**

Co-Vice Presidents: Carmen DiGiacomo, **OPEN**

Hospitality Chair: **OPEN**

Membership Chair: **OPEN**

Newsletter: **OPEN** (The Newsletter chair will provide WORD template for new chairperson.)

Spring Show Chairs: **OPEN** (Venue to be determined - time of show: in May)

Standards Committee: 1)Judy Lauso, 2)Karen Vituccio, 3)**OPEN**, 4)**OPEN**

## **NEWS FROM OTHER LEAGUES**

### **WHITEHALL ARTS**

Although a small league, Whitehall Arts is thriving through its many exhibits in prominent places. Last year the group exhibited at St. Clair Hospital, Shadyside Hospital, Jewish Community Center and The Galleria.

Currently, the group has an exhibit at West Penn Hospital through February with plans for Magee Hospital May and June of this year.

President is Diane Murray and new members are welcome.

### **PITTSBURGH PASTEL ARTISTS LEAGUE**

Dedicated to the promotion of pastels as an art form and to learning more through workshops, the group meets at least twice a year. A meeting at Nan Hought's home in Bradford Woods (Jan. 31) will be a potluck lunch get together and showing of current art work by members.

If you wish to join or find out more go to their website on Wild Apricot. (Pittsburgh Pastel Artists League) An exhibit at Artsmith's is planned for April.

### **PITTSBURGH WATERCOLOR SOCIETY**

Screening for new members will be March 12, 2017 at 2 pm in the Chapel Room of Sixth Presbyterian Church, 1688 Murray Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15217.

Prospective members should go on website for registration. Plan to have three pieces of watercolor art that show consistency of style.

Some Mc Murray members have received honors or are having exhibitions: Gina Judy's

watercolor, *The Sitter*, was on display as the Best of Show in the Southeast Ohio Watermedia Society Juried Exhibit in Zanesville Museum of Art. *The Sitter* has also been accepted into the Elk River Arts Alliance International Show to be a City Hall in Blaine, Minnesota from Jan 31-March 30, 2017.

Some members who have won awards in 2016 with Pittsburgh Watercolor Society are Gina Judy, Jeenie Nickolls, Fran Marze, Leslie Baldwin, and Michalina Pendzich.

MAL member Renee Keil will be having a solo exhibit at the Square Café in April.

## NEW MEMBERS

### December 2016

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Current membership count as of 1/7/17

114 current active members

40 – Overdue renewals

38 – Lapsed

(155 total)

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## **OPEN STUDIO**

It's time again to begin Open Studio. The MAL Studio space will be available to us on the following dates through February and March. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

**Wednesdays - February 15, 22 and March 01, 08, 22, 29** from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm.

Please note the omission of March 15 due to a scheduled CAFÉ.

Open Studio gives members an opportunity to work on their own individual art projects in the

company of other MAL members. We exchange ideas, offer tips on technique, discuss new art products, encourage one another and if requested, give 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 of \$3 goes toward MAL expenses. Don't forget to bring your lunch!

## **ARTISTIC YOU**

The artistic you painting class was a success with 16 artists participating. Fun was had by all as they laughed, drank, and completed a winter wonderland 16 x 20 original painting.

Thanks to all that helped to make it a great evening.

## **THERESA BOZZO UPDATE**

Many folks have been asking how Theresa Bozzo has been doing. She had surgery a couple of weeks ago, spent a few days at Kane Rehabilitation, and is now home, improving daily. Hopefully she'll be out and about soon, taking classes and attending meetings at the studio. She would love to hear from fellow MAL members (412-429-1619)—she misses us all!





***Eastern Bluebird 2***  
***E. Roseborough***  
**oil**

## **THE McMURRAY ART LEAGUE**

### *Officers & Chairs – 2016 – 2017*

**Co-Presidents:** Anne Trimble, Darla Tsupros [president@mcmurrayartleague.com](mailto:president@mcmurrayartleague.com)

**Co-Vice-Presidents:** Carmen DiGiacomo [vicepresident@mcmurrayartleague.com](mailto:vicepresident@mcmurrayartleague.com)

**Recording Secretary:** Anne Davis

**Corresponding Secretary:** Jeennie Nickolls

**Treasurer:** Jan Pini [treasurer@mcmurrayartleague.com](mailto:treasurer@mcmurrayartleague.com)

**Art League Liaison:** [Fran Marze](#)

**By-Laws:** Linda Saksa, Jen Brinkle

**Class Coordinator:** Fred Kunz [classcoordinator@mcmurrayartleague.com](mailto:classcoordinator@mcmurrayartleague.com)

**Class Registrar:** Jean Kunz [classregistrar@mcmurrayartleague.com](mailto:classregistrar@mcmurrayartleague.com)

**Directory:** Laura Mooney

**Exhibit Chairs (Fall):** Gina Judy, Carmen DiGiacomo

**Exhibit Chairs (Spring):** OPEN

**Historian:** Christy Osiecki

**Hospitality:** Karen Vituccio

**Immediate Past President:** Linda Saksa, Jen Brinkle

**Membership:** Marlene Boas [membership@mcmurrayartleague.com](mailto:membership@mcmurrayartleague.com)

**Newsletter:** Mary Dunn [newsletter@mcmurrayartleague.com](mailto:newsletter@mcmurrayartleague.com)

**Nominations:** Leslie Baldwin, Sue Levy

**Peters Twp. Library:** Sandy Conley

**Program:** Fred Kunz

**Publicity:** [Judy Ann DiGiacomo](#)

**Scholarship:** Carol Aurin

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

**Studio Exhibits:** Michalina Pendzich, Linda Saksa

**Studio Window:** [Darla Duffy](#)

**Webmaster:** Jan Pini [webmaster@mcmurrayartleague.com](mailto:webmaster@mcmurrayartleague.com)

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