

APRIL 2017

# MCMURRAY ART LINES

TO PROVIDE  
AND  
STIMULATE  
FOCUS ON  
THE ARTS



*Pretty Fail Miss Crankie*  
Ellen Gozion

**Next General Meeting:**

**April 13, 2017**

**Guest Speaker: Ellen  
Gozion**

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## **PRESIDENT'S NOTES**

I can hardly believe it's finally Spring—especially with the late snow and cold weather. But my daffodils know...

There are two open Wednesdays in April with no classes scheduled, so we'll continue with Open Studio—on April 19 and April 26. Join us with your latest project, or start something new!

Would you like to help with McMurray Art League but don't want to commit to a long-term position? There are several one-time events that members enjoy that need an organizer or two:

- Organizing a summer luncheon or potluck.
- Manning a MAL booth at the Peters Township Community Day on June 24 in Peterswood Park. MAL owns a pop-up booth, and I have the registration form.
- Organizing a "Lush Brush"—members get together to create note cards and enjoy some wine, snacks, and conversation.

We've had great attendance at our recent general membership meetings—hope to see you at the next one on April 13—at 7:00. Come for the "Crankie" experience!

Keeping the arts alive,  
Anne Trimble

## APRIL SPEAKER

Our April speaker is more than a speaker. She is Ellen Gozion. Ms. Gozion will be presenting a somewhat theatrical feature known as "CRANKIES". She will be accompanied by several other presenters.

Crankies are an extremely entertaining event that combines a moving art rendition along with narrative, music and song, all of which have been created by a group for the sole purpose of providing an extremely clever form of entertainment.

Crankies, blend art and performance that is absolutely captivating and truly unusual.

Mr. Fred Kunz's impression of this form of entertainment is that it is a mixture of West Virginia mountain folk music, creative art and story-telling all designed to reach any and all audiences.

If you have not seen this done before, you will be captivated by the uniqueness and originality of the event.

If you have seen this before, you will simply be entertained.

It will be our pleasure to greet Ms. Ellen Gozion and "CRANKIES".

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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>					
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 DATES AND SPEAKERS:

<b>Board Meetings – Mondays</b>	<b>General Meetings - Thursdays</b>	<b>Speakers</b>
April 24, 2017 – 2:00 PM	April 13 – 7:00 PM	Ellen Gozion - Crankies

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## RECENT CAFÉ

On March 15, sixteen people attended a CAFÉ (Creative Arts For Everyone) at the studio led by Michalina Pendzich and Jan Pini. Jan brought some wonderful textured papers, which we painted with watercolor, tore into pieces, then created a collage on illustration board or heavy watercolor paper. It was so

much fun! The texture of the papers really added life to our pieces, and I was amazed how attending artists used them to create wonderful landscapes and still-lives. Michalina will be organizing a studio show to exhibit what we created. Thanks, Jan and Michalina!

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## SHADES OF GREEN RECEPTION

Our Thematic Studio Shows continue in 2017.

On March 24th from 6-8 pm Jeannie Polizanno and Darla O'Korn Tsupros received over 20 people to enjoy the change on our studio walls.

The theme is "Shades of Green" and it runs through June.

Each artist submitted up to 3 pieces or less of work that expressed the show's theme in some manner. Original art, as well as class work,

prints and work previously exhibited in MAL shows is accepted for display.

Light refreshments were served, the weather was great and the door was open. We had people mingling inside and outside.

A watercolor by Darla O'Korn Tsupros titled "Summer Bouquet" was purchased off the wall by one of her guests.

It was a great night!

Hope to see you and your work at the next Exhibit in June.

## SPRING SHOW

The Annual Juried Spring Show will be held at the Peter's Township Library, May, 5-15, 2017.

Important dates/times are as follows:

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Registration online or postmark:	Saturday, April 15
Screening drop-off (MAL studio)	Saturday, April 22, 10-12
Screening pick-up (MAL studio)	Saturday, April 22, 3-5 pm
Screen setup <b>help only</b> (Library):	Thursday, May 4, 3-5 pm
Drop off work (Library):	Thursday, May 4, 5-7 pm
Reception (at the library):	Sunday, May 7, 2-4 pm
People's Choice Voting Cut-off:	Thursday, May 11, 8 pm
Show Take-Down:	Monday, May 15, 4-7 pm

Those participating in the show will be required to sit during show hours at the library. Sitting hours will end no later than 9 PM and earlier on Friday/Saturday/Sunday.

All details about the show will be published soon. Co-Chair contacts for the Spring Show are:

- Linda Van Newkirk: 412-400-7116
- Carmen DiGiacomo: 412-563-1859

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## PETERS LIBRARY EXHIBIT NEWS

The current McMurray Art League/Peters Township Library Show's theme is "Bright Beginnings."



A painting by Joanne Cox titled "Daydreams" was part of the exhibit until it was sold to art patron Louise Carmichael.

It is believed that the Spring show at the library will impact the dates for the next library show, but right now, there is no way to tell exactly how that might play out.

## NEWS FROM OTHER LEAGUES

### PITTSBURGH PASTEL ARTISTS LEAGUE

The group is having a juried show at the Artsmith Gallery on Banksville Road in Mt. Lebanon next to Atria's.

The reception will be on Palm Sunday, April 9, 2017 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Catered refreshments will be served.

SCHEDULE OF GALLERY TALKS AND DEMOS DURING PPAL "PURE PIGMENT" EXHIBIT April 9 – May 20, 2017

- History of Pastel – Fran Marze, A Docent at Carnegie Museum of Art, April 20, 1:00 – 2:30 pm
- PanPastels – A New & Convenient Pastel Medium – Diane Murray, local artist, April 22, 1:00 – 2:30 pm
- What Not to Bring – A Simple Approach To Plein Air Painting – Diane Grguras, Local Plein Air Painter, May 6, 1:00 – 3:00 pm
- Portrait Demonstration From a Live Model – Christine Swann, Nationally Known Portrait Artist, May 7, 2:00 – 3:30 pm
- An Evening With Pittsburgh Artist, Linda Barnicott – Pittsburgh Cityscape Artist, May 11, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

### PITTSBURGH WATERCOLOR SOCIETY

"Waterworks", an exhibit by PWS members will open on April 1, 2017 with a reception from 5:00 – 7:00 pm at the Spinning Plate Gallery, 5821 Baum Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15206.

Exhibit runs through April 23. At that time, there will be a talk by the juror at 1:00 pm and then takedown.

McMurray members who are members of PWS and will be exhibiting are Leslie Baldwin, Jan Pini, Darla Duffy, Fran Marze, and Michaelina Pendzich.

### PHOTOGRAPHIC SECTION ACADEMY OF SCIENCE AND ART OF PITTSBURGH

Meetings are held on the second, third and fourth Tuesday of every month from September to May at 7:30 pm at the Mt. Lebanon Recreation Center.

Guests are welcome anytime to see what this group is about.

### PITTSBURGH SOCIETY OF ARTISTS

PSA will have a meeting on Sunday April 23 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm at the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts.

Guest speaker will be Brett Yasko who will present a selection of work as well as talk regarding an exhibit about a single person, John Riegert. Brett asked 252 Pittsburgh artists to create a portrait of John Riegert who is a native of Pittsburgh.



## BETHEL PARK ART LEAGUE

The league has an ongoing gallery wall at the community center.

Photographer Jim McNutt is the speaker for Thursday, April 6 at 12:30 pm.

Jim McNutt is a photojournalist who had been with the Observer Publishing Company for 46 continuous years. He retired in 2016.

During those years, he also worked as an adjunct professor teaching photography at Washington and Jefferson College for 26 years.

His specialty is capturing images of people and events in Washington and Greene counties.

Jim has won numerous awards for his work including the Pennsylvania Associated Press, Keystone Press and Three Rivers Juror's awards. Jim published a book of his first 20 years of work, "Shifting Images", followed by a yearlong grant awarded project, "A Fitting Time for Women."

Mr. McNutt has participated in many photography exhibits over the years. He is one of the founders of the Western Pennsylvania Lensshooters Camera Club in Peters Township, and he currently teaches photography through the Peters Twp. Public Library.

The meeting is at the Bethel Park Community Center at 5151 Park Avenue, Bethel Park, PA.

This will be the last meeting for the fiscal year. The new year begins the first Thursday in September. BPAL now only meets six times a year.

The league has an ongoing gallery wall at the Bethel Park Community Center.

## 2017/2018 NOMINATIONS

**Nominations Committee: Leslie Baldwin and Sue Levy**

**MAL needs your help in the following areas for 2017-2018!**

- **NEWSLETTER Chair:** Our outgoing chair, Mary Dunn, has very kindly provided her Microsoft Word template used for our MAL newsletter. This template will be of enormous help to the new chairperson.
- **HOSPITALITY CO-Chair** with Nancy Hokaj. Hospitality is now a co-chaired position, making duties and obtaining assistance from other members easier for both chairs.
- **Co-Vice President** with Carmen DiGiacomo
- **Co-President with** Anne Trimble



## **MAL TRIPPERS TO LITTLE LAKE THEATER**

Interested in a night out? Here is something MAL members might want to do as a group to Little Lake Theater.

### **The Philadelphia Story**

When: June 1, 2017

Time: 8:00 pm

Tickets: \$19.75

If you would like to see the play, call **Little Lake Theater Box Office (724 745 6300)**, and ask for Susan. When contacting Susan, request to be with Darla R. Duffy and the McMurray Art League.

You will pick up your tickets the night of the performance.

Additionally, you may bring a guest if you wish and may have a preference to sit with or without the group. Tell Susan your preference. They have a nice snack menu for intermission under \$10. They serve wine, and coffee or tea.

\* Please notify Darla that you have ordered a ticket for **The Philadelphia Story**. She would like to account for those attending.

### **RESTROOM ART HANGING**

Lottery Winner for the unframed art for MALs restroom was Paul Rebholz. His new piece is now hanging there.

If anyone would like to enter this small piece exhibit, there is space to have three small paintings, 8 by 10, hang in the restroom.

If interested, please call or email Darla Duffy at:

- 412 860 5772
- [darla.duffy@verizon.net](mailto:darla.duffy@verizon.net)

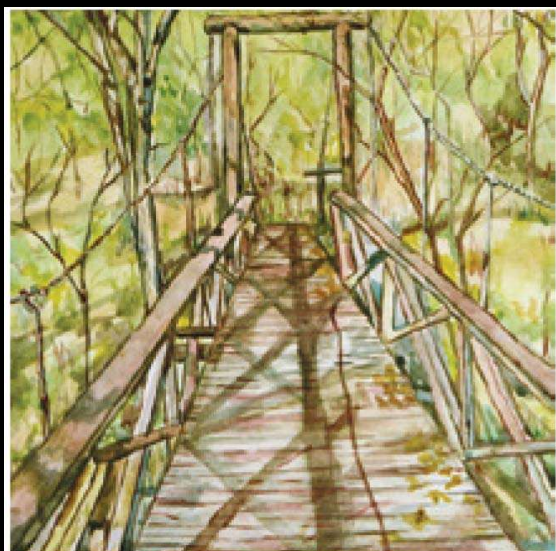


### **MAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The McMurray Art League Senior Scholarship is awarded each year to a graduating high school senior.

Students who will attend college (or art school) to continue their education in the art field, and either attend Peters Township High School or have an immediate family member of the art league, can apply. The application can be found on our website.

\*Due to a change in judging date from that listed on the application, students interested in the scholarship, or those who have questions should contact Carol Aurin at 724-348-4714 to get more information.



Jeenie Nickolls *Bridge to Terabithia*  
Elizabeth, Pa.  
\$150 14" x 17"

## THE McMURRAY ART LEAGUE

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