

MCMURRAY ART LINES

MAY 2017

TO PROVIDE
AND
STIMULATE
FOCUS ON
THE ARTS



*After Luncheon – Oil
Berthe Morisot*

Next General Meeting:

September 14, 2017

7:00 PM

www.mcmurrayartleague.com

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Wow, it's already May -- April went by so fast! I'm reveling in the wonderful palette of colors presented by blooming bushes, trees, and flowers, and the lush green of the height of Spring. Time to start planning my garden and getting out for some plein air painting.

Though I couldn't participate in the Spring Show this year, I'm really looking forward to seeing all of your work at the reception next Sunday! Many thanks to Carmen DiGiacomo and Linda VanNewkirk for making this happen in such a short timeframe...

I love this vibrant organization! Even though we don't have regular meetings during the summer, we're planning several events, including a couple of very interesting Cafes and a Lush Brush session. **Maybe you'd like to help plan an event, such as a potluck lunch or a paint-out at your favorite park—the possibilities are endless!**

Keeping the arts alive,

Anne Trimble

RECENT SURVEY

The response to the request for preferences for our art classes, while not overwhelming, was interesting and informative.

As of April 24th, here are some of the trends we are seeing. These results will likely keep changing.

PLEASE NOTE: IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO PARTICIPATE!!

To provide your input on the survey, go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NYWMNZY>.

#1. Request for various mediums were as follows:

1. Watercolor – 74%
2. Oil – 55%
3. Pastel – 55%
4. Graphite/Charcoal – 40%
5. Colored Pencil – 37%
6. Acrylic – 34%
7. Ink – 34%
8. Polymer Clay – 25%

9. Photography – 25%
10. Jewelry Making – 17%
11. Other – 17% Drawing human body, matting & framing, book making, conte & collage.

#3. Subject Matter:

- #1 Landscape/Seascape
- #2 Portrait/Figure
- #3 Abstract/Non-Objective
- #4 Animal/Wildlife
- #5 Still Life/Floral
- #6 Interior/Exterior /Architecture

The rest of the survey had to do with instructors, days, times and class prices.

Needless to say, we will attempt to provide classes in the mediums, subject matters and instructors that will meet the desires expressed in the responses to our survey.

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 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.

UPCOMING CLASSES

DATE	INSTRUCTOR	MEDIUM/DESCRIPTION	TIME	MEMBERS RATE	NON-MEMBER RATE
2017					
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 2017/2018

Board Meetings – Mondays – 2:00 PM	General Meetings - Thursdays
August 21, 2017 – Exec. Board Mtg.	September 14, 2017 – 7:00 PM
September 18, 2017	October 12, 2017 – 7:00 PM
October 16, 2017	November 9, 2017 – 2:00 PM
November 20, 2017	February 8, 2018 – 2:00 PM
January 15, 2018	March 8, 2018 – 2:00 PM
February 19, 2018	April 12, 2018 – 7:00 PM
March 19, 2018	May 10, 2018 – 7:00 PM
April 16, 2018	
May 21, 2018	

CAFÉ – WORKING WITH ALCOHOL INKS

Jeennie Nickolls will be sharing what she learned recently about painting with alcohol inks on tiles. **Join us on Wednesday, August 2, 10:00-1:00 to learn this fun technique.** The cost is a \$3 materials fee plus a \$3 studio fee. Jeennie will supply 4" white smooth ceramic tiles, alcohol in spray bottles, Sharpie colored markers and a small set of Jacquard Pinata alcohol inks to share. You bring watercolor brushes (the ink may stain them), paper towels and a small plastic container to drop ink into, as well as reference photos. To experiment some more, bring your own inks and markers, different sizes of tiles (available from Home Depot) and other surfaces, like glass, watercolor paper, metal, etc.



SPEAKING OF CAFÉs (Creative Arts for Everyone)...

If you work in a special medium or use an unusual artistic technique you think might be interesting to MAL members, consider sharing it as a CAFÉ. These sessions are very informal, and you can make them as simple or complex as you want. In the past, we've learned to make wine charms, watercolor collages, and jewelry. We'd love to learn from you! Members may email vicepresident@mcmurrayartleague.com.

LUSH BRUSH

Let's have some hot fun in the summer time while painting and imbibing in the air conditioning of our MAL studio!

Our next "Lush Brush" will be held on Thursday, July 13, from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. More details will follow in an email blast.

SUMMER STUDIO GALLERY

"Clotheslines Art" will be hung on Thursday, May 25 for the summer show with take down on September 21.

A reception will be held at a later date giving us a chance to get together this summer. Delivery for hanging is 5-6 PM on May 25. Send in your tag info by Thursday, May 18. Please sign-up and send tag information (artist, title, medium, price, size) to Darlene Sanders at darlenegsanders@yahoo.com or 724-743-9197.

What is Clothesline Art? Art that is "naked"-- not matted or framed! We will hang the light weight art with clothespins on clotheslines hung along the studio walls (no stretched canvases as they are too thick for the clothespins. The canvas could be removed from the wood stretchers if you want to hang it in this show).

So, dig out those paintings/drawings/photos/prints that haven't been framed or matted and show them at the next themed studio exhibit show. Prices can be lower without the frames. This show was very popular last year with requests for it to return this summer.

Please sign up by May 18. If you have any questions, contact Darlene Sanders at 724-743-9197 or Linda Saksa at 724-941-6413. Purchases made at the reception will get a 15% discount on the posted price (part of MAL's commission). This would not affect what the artist receives for their art sold. Use your sunny imagination to brighten our studio!

OPEN STUDIO CONTINUES:

Please mark your calendars to reflect the continuation of Open Studio during May and June 2017.

During the month of May, we will be meeting at the MAL studio on TUESDAYS beginning with May 2 and continuing through Tuesday, May 30th.

In June, OS will switch to WEDNESDAYS beginning with Wednesday June 7 through June 28th.

The studio is open for our use from 10:00 – 2:00, but members may arrive and leave to fit their

schedules. If your schedule only permits staying an hour or two, there are still many benefits to be derived; not the least of which is being away from the interruptions usually encountered when trying to paint or draw at home.

The fee is \$3 which is applied to MAL studio expenses.

Come join us and don't forget your lunch!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL COMING DUE

You will soon be receiving an email reminder that your membership dues will be due on June 1. You can renew online and pay securely via PayPal even if you do not have a PayPal account. You can also renew online and mail a check made out to "McMurray Art League" to our new Membership Chair (as of June 1), Leslie Baldwin at [407 Countryside Dr., McKees Rocks, PA 15136](tel:407-407-4074). Your user name is your email address. If you have forgotten your password, you can click the Forgot Password link to have a new one emailed to you. You can also renew by mailing Leslie a check. **Please note the dues increase to \$35.**

Membership Levels and Dues Changes

MAL is a very active organization. We host a lot of activities and fun events which cost the

organization money. We also have a nice studio space which needs continuous maintenance and improvements. In order to continue this high level of activity, we need to raise our annual dues from \$28 to \$35. Student memberships will now become \$17.50. We will also be eliminating the Newsletter Only membership level (we don't have anyone using that and our newsletters are all available online). We have historically had a membership level for Couples which provided a slight discount. We currently have only two couples using this membership level. The management headaches associated with maintaining this level of membership is driving us to eliminate it, and these members will each have individual memberships going forward.

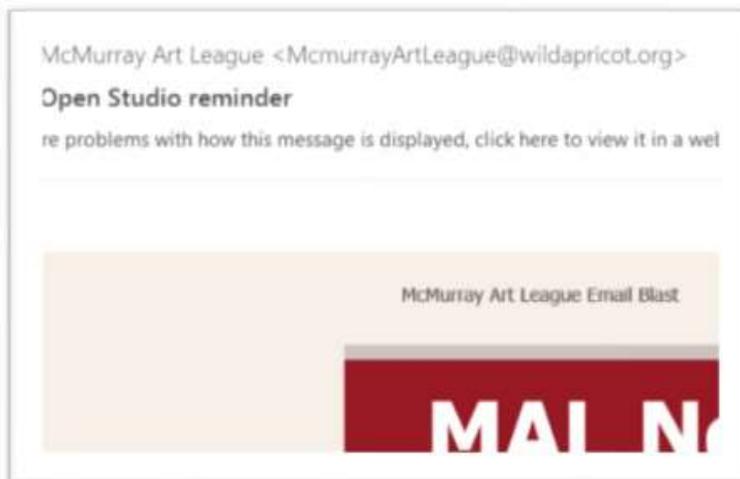
WEBSITE SECURITY

It was recently brought to your webmaster's attention that our website login and password fields are not secure in that the values typed in are transmitted in plain text, not encrypted. Some recent releases of Internet browsers have pointed out to users that our website is using "http" not "https" which is unsecured. Other websites also are unsecured but all sites that process password and financial information should be secure. After researching this with Wild Apricot support, that observation was confirmed. **Please note that payment information is handled by PayPal and is always secure.** We have implemented a fix for this problem, so that all information entered on our site is secure. (The next part gets geeky, so your eyes may glaze over...) The effect of the fix is to make our "primary domain name" be the one provided by Wild Apricot, which is secure. In our case this is mcmurrayartleague.wildapricot.org. If someone types in or clicks a link to one of our other domain names (www.mcmurrayartleague.com or www.mcmurrayartleague.org) they are automatically sent to our WA-provided domain name and all our pages, etc. With this fix, there are two differences that our end users will see:

1. The browser address field will show <https://mcmurrayartleague.wildapricot.org> instead of <http://www.mcmurrayartleague.com> as before. A sample is shown below.



2. Any emails we send will appear to come from mcmurrayartleague@wildapricot.org rather than from admin@mcmurrayartleague.com, as before. Note that who actually gets the email when someone replies (like janpini@verizon.net) is a different setting in the email setup process and not affected. A sample is shown on page 7.



In order to go back to having www.mcmurrayartleague.com as our primary domain name and still keep the https security on all transmitted information, including the login and password, we would have to purchase a SSL Certificate and have WA install it. This would cost about \$150/year and the board decided that amount of money was better spent elsewhere for such a limited cosmetic improvement.

2017/2018 NOMINATIONS

Paul Rebholz will be the MAL Newsletter Chair for 2017-2018. MAL leadership still has openings in the following positions: Co-President with Anne Trimble. Co-Vice President with Carmen DiGiacomo. Co-Hospitality Chair with Nancy Hokaj,

and Programs Chairperson. In regard to the co-chairing of the Fall Show, we do not have dates or a location for this show yet. Contact Leslie Baldwin at (412) 720-7380 or lesbld@verizon.net regarding MAL positions.

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.

SPRING SHOW RECEPTION

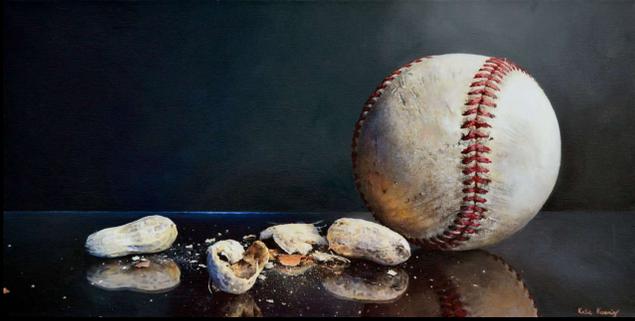
A reception for our Annual Spring Juried Show will be held on Sunday-May 7th, 2017 from 2-4 PM at The Peters Township Public Library.

The library is located at 616 E. McMurray Road, McMurray, PA 15317. Library hours that day are from Noon to 4 PM, so come early and enjoy the artistic talents of the 24 members of our league who participated in this annual event.

Bring your family, friends and clients to enjoy the artistic creations of league members.

Those members who have earned ribbons/awards by the juror, Hiromi Katayama will be honored during the reception. Most items on display at the show are available for purchase. Hope to see you at the reception.





Baseball and Peanuts

15 x 30

Katie Koenig

THE McMURRAY ART LEAGUE

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