

# MCMURRAY ART LINES

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FOCUS ON  
THE ARTS



Next General Meeting:  
September 14, 2017

7:00 PM

[www.mcmurrayartleague.com](http://www.mcmurrayartleague.com)

“Morning Walk” Oil on Canvas 1888  
John Singer Sargent

## PRESIDENT’S NOTES

As summer winds down, I look forward to the cooler weather, the return of non-summer routines, and the anticipation of fall colors.

I really enjoyed **Open Studios** this year. Attending these sessions made sure I was working on my art at least once a week, a routine I’d gotten out of. I took the time to experiment further with fascinating techniques I learned in the member-taught **CAFES**. I love the camaraderie and the advice and opinions of fellow artists when I was unsure about a color or placement of a shape.

I so appreciate all the enthusiastic members of our league who inspire me and are so passionate about their art, whose hard work makes the **McMurray Art League** the most vibrant in the area. We’ve got a great line-up of classes and presenters set for the year, and are planning other fun events (mingles, Lush Brush, Artists’ Market). I’m really proud to be a member of this organization!

Keeping the arts alive,

Anne

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## By-laws and Policy Changes

We have made some updates to the **MAL By-Laws and Policies** to reflect current practices and added new and removed outdated information. These changes will be in the 2017-2018 **MAL** directory that will be distributed during our General Meeting on September 14. Please make sure you have read through the proposed changes so that we can vote to approve them at the meeting. You can view the bylaws and Policy changes here at <https://www.mcmurrayartleague.com/page-1498586> .

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## 2017-2018 PROGRAMS

Our new Program coordinator, Betty Roseborough, has engaged a wonderful lineup of presenters for our general meetings:

Date	Presenter	Medium	Topic
Sept. 14	Artist & Craftsman Supply Haley Dillon & Kyle Anger	Mixed Media/Art Supplies	Products Samples Mixed media demo
Oct. 12	Eileen Sudzina	Water-based media on Yupo	
Nov. 9	Yelena Lamm	Oil	
Feb. 8	Ashley Garner	Acrylic	
Mar. 8	Peggi Habets	Watercolor	
Apr. 12	Sandra Conley	Music & Art	
May 10	Kathleen Frost	Oil plus	Outdoor palette

At our first general meeting on September 14, Kyle Anger and Haley Dillon of Artist and Craftsman Supply, will present information about their store and provide a demonstration of Golden Mediums and their multimedia applications.

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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 [classregistrat@mcmurrayartleague.com](mailto:classregistrat@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

Well folks, we have a full schedule for September & October!

Watercolor techniques with Barry Jeter: September 6, 13 & 20.

Pastel portraits with Christine Swann: September 12, 19 & 21.

Oil Landscapes with Tom McNickle: October 4, 11 & 18.

We had a great turnout for Bill Vrscak's classes. So, let's keep the enthusiasm going for these fine instructors! If you have any questions regarding the above, contact me at 412 831-9992.

Happy Painting!

Fred Kunz

## CONFIRMED MEETING DATES FOR 2017/2018

<b>Board Meetings Third Mondays, 2:00 PM</b>	<b>General Meetings Second Thursdays</b>	<b>Speakers</b>
August 21 – Exec Brd Mtg	September 14, 2017 – 7:00 PM	Haley Dillon, Kyle Anger-Product
August 25, 2017	October 12, 2017 – 7:00 PM	Eileen Sudzina – Water Media
September 18, 2017	November 9, 2017 – 2:00 PM	Yalena Lamm - Oil
October 16, 2017	February 8, 2018 – 2:00 PM	Ashley Garner - Acrylic
November 20, 2017	March 8, 2018 – 2:00 PM	Peggy Habets - Watercolor
January 15, 2018	April 12, 2018 – 7:00 PM	Sandra Conley – Music and Art
February 12, 2018	May 10, 2018 – 7:00 PM	Kathleen Frost – Oil Plus
March 12, 2018		
April 19, 2018		
May 21, 2018		

### September 2017 STUDIO SHOW – *Collage and Texture!*

It's that time again! Please join us for the next MAL studio show titled, ***Collage and Texture***, which will be hung on Thursday, September 7 and taken down on Thursday, December 7. Feel free to interpret the title of the show, "Collage and Texture", to mean that you can submit collages (watercolor or paper), work that looks like collage, work that includes actual texture (eg. salt, sand or bubble wrap) or work that is painted to simulate texture.

Drop off your work at the studio from 5:00-6:00 PM on September 7. Pick up of work in the current show "**Clothesline Art**" is on the same day and same time. If you're not able to drop off work then, please contact Co-Chairs

**Future Studio Gallery themes are:**  
**"Red, Red, and More Red" – December 7**  
**"Then and Now" – March**

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 and send tag information (title, medium and price) to Linda Saksa, [saxa@msn.com](mailto:saxa@msn.com) or Michalina Pendzich, [mpendzich54@yahoo.com](mailto:mpendzich54@yahoo.com) by Thursday, August 31. ***Be aware that the show will be hung before we have our first general meeting of the 2017-2018 year (general meeting is September 14 at 7pm).***

We are looking forward to a great start to the new year, hoping that you'll take part in the show and share your work with other members.

## CAFÉS

This past year we had some very interesting **CAFÉ (Creative Arts for Everyone)** presentations. We learned how to make collages using special textured paper, which we water colored, tore into pieces, and glued onto a piece of watercolor paper. Lovely results! This summer, Nancy Kenney showed us how to use gouache and India ink to form a resist—very cool woodblock affect! Jeennie Nickolls presented a class on using alcohol inks on white tiles. This was so much fun—the inks are unpredictable, brilliant colors, so we had some wonderful “happy accidents” as we learned how to use this medium.

If you have a special skill, or learned a unique technique that you’d like to share, please let us know! Or if you know of a member who does something that you’ve always wanted to learn, ask them if they’d share! CAFÉ sessions are generally only a couple of hours long, with a short instruction time.

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## FALL ART SHOW

**“AUTUMN ART”** is now upon us! All forms for the Galleria Show are available online on the Events, Exhibits page at [www.mcmurrayartleague.com/Exhibits](http://www.mcmurrayartleague.com/Exhibits) and will also be available at the general meeting September 14. Please come out and show your best!

### Important dates

Registration online or postmark:	Saturday, September 23
Screen setup help only (Galleria):	Thursday, October 5 9-11 PM
Drop off work (Galleria):	Friday, October 6 7-9 AM
Reception:	Saturday, October 7 7-8:30
People's Choice Voting Cut-off:	Thursday, October 12 8 PM
Show Take-Down:	Sunday, October 15 5-6 PM

We will be displaying in the hall next to Pottery Barn Kids. If you would like to donate an artist/in-memory ribbon (and select the award yourself!) for a fellow artist, please contact me [ginajudy@comcast.net](mailto:ginajudy@comcast.net) for details (\$25....or more....portion to the artist/portion to **MAL**). The GALLERIA is not providing any refreshments for the reception. Please contact the Nancy Hokaj [nl.hokaj@gmail.com](mailto:nl.hokaj@gmail.com) and let her know how you can help! **ALSO** we will be letting artists hang their own work this year on FRIDAY MORNING from 7-9 on Oct. 6, and looking for volunteers to man that and the show-setup. I am planning on being at the general meeting to pass-out paper-prospectuses for those who need them...grab me to volunteer!

There will be no contests sponsored by the GALLERIA, but the usual bin-art, card-art, and KIOSK case are available for sales and three-dimensional work

Gina Judy

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## OPEN STUDIO

### **CHANGES FOR THE COMING YEAR**

Before we get into the **Open Studio** changes I want to take time to thank Darlene Sanders for the great job she has done during her time as monitor for **Open Studio**. Her dedication and determination are key factors in keeping this great venue a welcoming, viable atmosphere in which to practice our crafts, hone our skills, and gather knowledge from one another. We will miss you at the helm, Darlene, but we know you will still be by to see us. In the meantime, enjoy your "retirement". Rest and recharge.

Since this is such a busy time of the year for the league, it's a little hard to carve out a space for us. Rather than jockey days back and forth to accommodate class schedules we've chosen Fridays for open studio. The time is the same, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Also, I still have a few commitments ahead, so the first "Friday **OPEN STUDIO**" will be September 15. I will

also monitor **Open Studio** on September 29<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime, if you have any questions or comments you can reach me at [klvituccio@gmail.com](mailto:klvituccio@gmail.com) or call or text at [412-860-9049](tel:412-860-9049). Hope you all come out and join us...we have lots of fun.

**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!

Karen

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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

**MAL** members must have their 2017-2018 memberships renewed and paid in order to participate in the Fall Show at the Galleria from October 5-15. **Dues are \$35.00**. Yes, that is an increase from \$28.00, (which works out to be 58 cents per month).

What does your **MAL** membership provide that many other art organizations do not? **MAL** has the technology to accept payments for artwork through cash, credit, debit, or PayPal, and since many artwork purchases are impulse buys, there is a greater possibility of sales through **MAL** than through many other organizations.

**MAL** also utilizes technology for timely and important communication with its members, including surveys regarding membership interest in types of shows, presenters, and instructors of all types of media. Our new offerings are based on immediate feedback from our membership which **MAL** Program and Class Chairpersons were able to analyze and engage from these surveys.

Most importantly, **MAL** has something many other art organizations do not: a permanent venue for meetings and a workplace and studio for its members.

distributed to members at our September 14  
General Membership meeting.

Leslie Baldwin

If you have considered renewing but have not  
yet done so, renew your membership as soon  
as possible to be included in our **MAL** hard  
copy membership booklet, which will be

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## 2017 WINDOW EXHIBIT

Arlene Popko will do our September exhibit.  
Ginny Hultz will hang her art for October.  
Michalina Pendzich will hang her art in November.  
We will hang your Christmas cards again this year.

A Christmas Box will be available to drop off your card art.  
The Christmas Art Card display will hang December 1.  
We look forward to your participation.

Darla Duffy

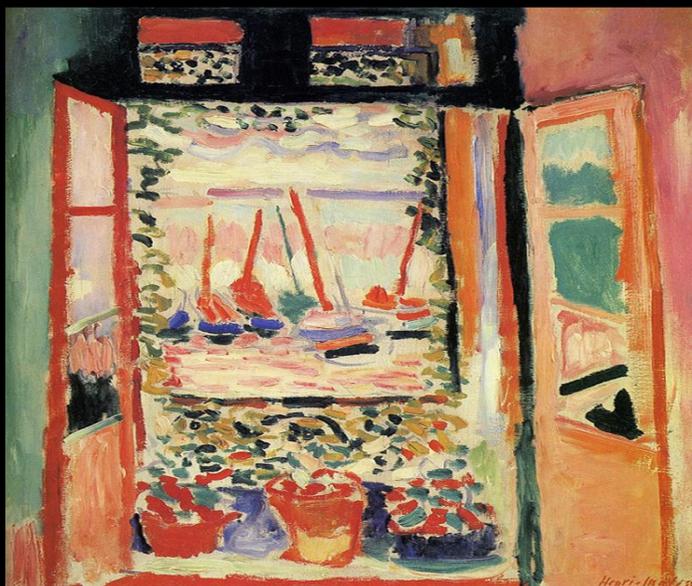
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## THE McMURRAY ART LEAGUE

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*"Open Window, Collioure"*  
*Oil on canvas*  
*Henri Matisse*





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