

February 2018

MCMURRAY ART LINES

TO
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FOCUS ON
THE ARTS



“Family Portrait” Max Beckmann
Oil on Canvas - 1920

Next General
Meeting:
February 8,
2018
2:00 PM

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President's Notes

I hope you had a wonderful Holiday full of family and fun—and creative inspiration! Maybe the cold weather has forced you to spend more time in your studio, creating lovely new pieces.

I really loved attending events during a very busy Fall/early Winter at the **McMurray Art League**—taking classes, attending **Open Studios, Fall Luncheon, Jingle Mingle, CAFEs**, and our very successful **Holiday Artist Market**—we had nine participants who had a wonderful variety of art and craft pieces. Sales were good!

We have some great events lined up for the rest of the Winter: a full range of classes, new **CAFEs**,

and **Artistic You** (great hands-on paint-out with Linda VanNewkirk). See the following articles for details.

I'm looking forward to a very busy, inspired, creative 2018. Thanks to all of you for your active participation in the **McMurray Art League**, making it the most active art organization in the area!

Keeping the arts alive,

Anne

Next General Meeting, Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 2:00 PM

With a couple-month hiatus for the holidays, our next **General Meeting** will be Thursday, February 8, at 2:00 at the **MAL studio**. After a short business meeting, our presenter will be acrylic painter **Ashley Garner**, who enjoys working with the human figure in oil and acrylic. Her colorful, edgy paintings are inspired by personal influences and experiences, expressing daily struggles. She sees each painting as a moment of triumph.

NOTICE - If you have information you want to share with **MAL** members, please submit your article to our President, Anne Trimble with a copy to the newsletter coordinator, Paul Rebholz. Please turn in your info by Thursday (or Friday if you choose) after the Board Meeting to be printed in the next newsletter.

Peters Township Library Exhibits

We look forward to shows at Peters Township Library again in 2018. Please see below for show dates and themes. By the Monday before the show start date email Sandy Conley (conley1973@verizon.net) the title, medium and price for up to 3 pieces of work. You can also register on our website.

2018 Library Show Dates:

SHOW DATES	THEME
Jan. 10 – Mar. 14, 2018	Photography Club Show
Mar. 15* – May 23, 2018	Salute to Nature
May 23 – July 25, 2018	Near and Far
July 25 – Oct. 24, 2018	Mismatched
Oct. 24 – Jan. 9, 2019	Playtime
*Note the drop off is THURSDAY, Mar. 15, 2018 to coordinate with the Photography Club.	

STUDIO CLASSES

Thanks so much to our class coordinator, Fred Kunz, who scheduled all **Studio Classes** through May before he had some serious health issues last fall. We were so tickled to see him and lovely wife (and class registrar), Jean, at the **Jingle Mingle** in December after Fred's surgery and ongoing recovery. Current and upcoming classes for Winter/Spring 2018:

Date	Class	Time	Member	Non-Member
Feb. 7, 14	Hiromi Katayama , Botanical Ink-Watercolor	10:00-4:00	\$35/day	\$40/day
Feb. 21, 28	Tom McNickle , Oil Landscapes	10:00-3:00	\$40/day	\$45/day
Mar. 7, 14	Bill Vrscak , Watercolor	10:00-4:00	\$40/day	\$45/day
Mar. 20, 27	Peggi Habets , Watercolor	10:00-4:00	\$40/day	\$45/day
Apr. 4, 11, 18, 25	Sue Levy , Beginner-Intermediate Watercolor	10:00-2:00	\$30/day	\$35/day
Apr. 28, May 5	David Csont , Watercolor	10:00-3:00	\$35/day	\$40/day
May 9, 16	Ashley Garner , Acrylic/Oil Figures	10:00-2:00	\$30/day	\$35/day

All classes are held at the **McMurray Art League Studio**. Check out details for classes at the MAL website <https://www.mcmurrayartleague.com/Classes>.

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.

CONFIRMED MEETING DATES FOR 2018

Board Meetings Third Mondays, 2:00 PM	General Meetings Second Thursdays	Program Speakers
February 19, 2018	February 8, 2018 – 2:00 PM	Ashley Garner - Acrylic
March 19, 2018	March 8, 2018 – 2:00 PM	Peggy Habets - Watercolor
April 16, 2018	April 12, 2018 – 7:00 PM	Jeannie McGuire - Watercolor
May 21, 2018	May 10, 2018 – 7:00 PM	Sandra Conley – Music and Art

Spring Show Juried Show Registration due Feb. 10

The **McMurray Art League Spring Juried Show** will be held at the Galleria this year. The date we and the other art leagues were assigned is March 2-11. Please review the important dates below. The show prospectus and registration forms are available at <https://www.mcmurrayartleague.com/Exhibits>. Remember that you can register online at <https://www.mcmurrayartleague.com/event-2778916>. You can pay the \$25 registration fee online securely using PayPal (even if you do not have a PayPal account) or you can mail your registration fee to Jan Pini. All the information you need is on the website on the Exhibits page (snail mail members have been mailed the information). Our juror this year will be Barry Jeter. If you have any questions, contact co-chairs Jan Pini (janpini@verizon.net or 724-518-5585) or Betty Roseborough (erosie5@aol.com or 412-613-4427).

Important dates	
Registration online or postmark:	Saturday, February 10
Screening drop off (MAL studio)	Saturday, February 17 10-12 AM
Screening pick up (MAL studio)	Saturday, February 17 3-5 PM
Screen setup no artwork (Galleria):	Thursday, March 1 9-11 PM
Drop off work (Galleria):	Friday, March 2 7-9 AM
Reception:	Saturday March 3 6-8 PM
People's Choice voting cut-off:	Thursday, March 8 8 PM
Show takedown:	Sunday, March 11 5-7 PM

Jan Pini

OPEN STUDIO

As it has been, **Open Studio** will continue being open to members on Fridays from 10AM to 2PM through February. Also, we will be following the no school/no **Open Studio** plan. However, in the case of sudden severe weather, you can find information about closings on the **MAL Website** and/or via an eblast message to your email. As well, you can always contact me directly via phone or email any time.

Karen Vituccio
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Come out and be creative in a fun environment with good friends. Nothing more perfect than that...hope to see you there!

Karen Vituccio

WINDOW EXHIBIT

February's **Window Exhibit** is David Sodan, a long time supporter of **McMurray Art League**. Randolph Choich will exhibit in March.

Darla Rae Duffy

CAFÉ

CAFEs (Creative Arts for Everyone) are sessions where **MAL** members share a technique they've learned that is unique to the arts community. Fee for each session is only \$3.00 to help pay for utilities. Here's what's happening with the **CAFEs**:

- We will be rescheduling watching the movie "Tim's Vermeer"—we needed a Blue Ray reader to view it (the DVD drives on the laptops we brought to the scheduled CAFE couldn't read the Blue Ray disc).
- We also have to reschedule **Nancy Hokaj's CAFE on Origami**, which was cancelled because of the weather.
- **Wednesday, January 27, 12:30 PM: Judy DiGiacomo** will show us how to make **pop-up greeting cards**.
- We'll re-presenting **Barbara Jaenike** on "Painting the Poetic Landscape" in a series of **CAFEs**. This time we'll view one each day, then do the homework associated with the lesson. Click on the lesson name to view details about each lesson and the materials you need to bring. Note that, though Ms. Jaenike paints with pastels, these lessons can be applied to any medium.
 - **Tuesday, February 20, 10:00 AM** - [Composition](#)
 - **Tuesday, February 27, 10:00 AM** - [Color Harmony](#)
 - **Tuesday, March 13, 10:00 AM** - [Color Temperature](#)
 - **Wednesday, March 21, 10:00 AM** - [Edges and Editing](#)

When she gets back from Florida in April, **Patty Shields** will be showing us her **poured acrylic** technique.

At the last **Open Studio**, I saw Darlene Sanders working on some lovely felting art. She said she would be willing to share her technique with us at a **CAFE**. Will let you know...

Hope to see you at a **CAFE** soon to learn some really interesting art and craft demos and videos!

Anne Trimble

NEWS FROM FRED GRAFF

Dear Fellow Friends and Artists,

Having recently moved to our new residence in South Carolina, we have decided to conduct only two very select workshops this year. However, it should be noted that registration for my New England Watercolor Society Workshop in Boston, MA has already been finalized but there are still a few available openings for our Maine Coast Watercolor Workshop in Stonington, ME. The course description and registration form for our 36th Annual Maine Coast Workshop can be viewed on my website: www.fredgraff.com. Hopefully, you will be able to join us.

In the event that you have any questions, please contact us at:
fredgraff@earthlink.net

Carpe diem,

Fred and Jan Graff

ATTENTION "RED" STUDIO EXHIBIT PAINTERS: MAL Spring Show paintings are to be delivered on Friday, March 2 from 7-9 AM. The show is at the Galleria. We wouldn't want you to miss the chance of entering your "Red" Painting in the **Galleria Spring Show**. So we will accept your request to remove your "Red" painting early for the screening Feb 17. Please let Michalina Pendzich at mpendzich54@yahoo.com or Linda Saksa at saxa3@msn.com know if you would be entering the **Spring Show** and when you would like to remove your painting.

STUDIO GALLERY SHOW – "THEN AND NOW" March 8, 2018 - June

The **"Red, Red & More Red" Studio Gallery Show** will come down on March 8 from 5-6 PM when we switch to the **"Then & Now" Studio Gallery Show** which will be on display until the beginning of June (date to be determined). Please register online by Monday March 5 at <https://www.mcmurrayartleague.com/event-2616096/Registration> . Paintings should be framed and ready to hang.

"Then and Now" March-June drop off date is Thursday, March 8 from 5-6 PM. How can I interpret the theme of the upcoming studio show, **"Then and Now"**?

1. As always use the theme loosely as a guideline; feel free to interpret it any way you want. This is what makes the shows interesting - seeing artists' interpretations of a theme.
2. Submit either single pieces or a pair of artwork that somehow reflects the theme.
3. Subjects can be most anything. "Then" can mean the past as in covered bridges, historical buildings or sites, scenes that evoke the past - personal or public, old age etc. etc. The "now" can be the present as in people in our life, street scenes, objects of daily use etc. etc.
4. You may also enter an old painting of yours to hang next to a new painting of yours. Old painting vs. what you are doing now. Let us know of this so that they can be hung next to each other.

If you can think of another way of interpreting **"Then and Now"** (other than past and present) feel free to do so. For example, first this then that happened i.e. the water was blue then turned gray. Please submit your entries to Michalina Pendzich at mpendzich54@yahoo.com or Linda Saksa at saxa3@msn.com by Thursday, March 1 with title, medium, price and size. Thanks for sharing your art!

Linda Saksa, Michalina Pendzich

McMurray Art League Scholarship

The **2018 Bunky Mosites Memorial Senior Scholarship** application has been posted to the art league website. The scholarship application is open to any high school senior who either attends Peters Township School District, or has an immediate family member (parent or grandparent) who is a current member of the McMurray Art League. The student must be a current high school

Senior planning on furthering their education in fine arts, art education, graphic design, or architecture. The judging for the \$500 scholarship will take place on May 1, 2018. Questions may be directed to Carol Aurin, Scholarship Chair at ca0460@verizon.net or 724-348-4714 or Linda Van Newkirk at ljvartist@comcast.net or 412-400-7116.
Carol Aurin

NEWS FROM OTHER LEAGUES

SHAL (South Hills Art League): The next screening for new members will be Tuesday, February 6 at the **McMurray Art League Studio**. Artwork should be dropped off between 6:30 -7:00 PM. All information for the screening is provided at <http://www.southhillsartleague.org/join-us>. The next general meeting will be on Thursday February 15 at 7:30 PM. Diane Murray will be sharing her pan pastel techniques with us.

WHITEHALL ARTS: Members are currently exhibiting paintings at both Shadyside Hospital and St. Clair Hospital during the months of January and February 2018. Mary Dunn has already sold a painting at St Clair Hospital.

Bethel Artist Guild: Speaker for First Thursday in February is William Pfahl. He has taught at Touchstone since 2007. He previously taught middle school and high school visual arts in Pittsburgh Public School systems for 12 years.

Fran Marze

ARTISTIC YOU

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! If you are interested in providing a light snack and/or assistance in monitoring and helping participants, please contact Rosetta Volpe-Dufalla DIRECTLY at rvdufalla@gmail.com. The program is scheduled for February 10. Volunteers will be needed from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

The **Artistic You Class** will be held at the **McMurray Art League Studio** located at the McDowell shops near Kmart in Peters Township on February 10th at 6:30PM. We will be painting a 16 x 20 canvas by following easy step by step instructions by Linda VanNewkirk. Bring your choice of bottle and your friends and dream of a warmer tropical sunset which is our subject. All supplies included and light refreshments will be provided. To sign up go to the **McMurray Art League** website. Children are welcome if accompanied by an adult.



Linda VanNewkirk and Rosetta Volpe-Dufalla _

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – NEW MEMBER INFO ON PAGE 7

Currently, there are 100 active members in **MAL**. If you do not have your membership fully paid through May 31, 2018, you cannot participate in our juried spring show at the Gallery. Registration deadline for this show is February 10, 2018. If you need to pay your membership in full, the cost is \$17.50 for the second half of our fiscal year. Contact Leslie Baldwin at (412)720-7380 or lesbld@verizon.net with any membership questions.

Leslie Baldwin



“Morning Walk”

John Singer Sargent 1888 Oil On Canvas

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MAL welcomes a new member, Elizabeth (Beth) Loflin. Please add her information to your address book.

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