

March 2018

MCMURRAY ART LINES

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



**Next General
Meeting:
March 8, 2018
2:00 PM**

**“Bathers at Asnières” 1884
George Seurat - Oil on Canvas**

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President's Notes

Sometimes I feel like I live at the **MAL studio**, with all the meetings, **CAFÉs, Classes, and Open Studios** I attend. I find all these encounters so life-giving—they are indicative of the vibrancy of our League. I love commiserating with wonderful artists who inspire me art-wise (great critiques/advice at the open studios, and great instructors for our classes), but also in other areas of my life. We have such great conversations on all sorts of topics. Never a dull moment at the McMurray Art League!

I'm looking forward to see what you've entered in our juried show at the Galleria—this exhibit always brings out our best work! (I wasn't able to make the screening, but have pieces

entered). We've got a really great location this spring, just inside the doors from the lower parking lot.

I'm looking forward to a very busy spring at the McMurray Art League studio. Thanks to all of you for your active participation in **MAL**, making it the most active art organization in the area (other leagues are jealous of our wonderful space)!

Hope to see you at a **Class, CAFÉ, or Open Studio** soon!

Keeping the arts alive,

Anne

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

After a short business meeting, our presenter will be watercolorist, Peggi Habets. Peggi's figurative and cityscape paintings have been exhibited and collected internationally and she has received awards in many prestigious shows, including the *National Watercolor Society* and the *American Watercolor Society International Juried Exhibitions*. Peggi will also be teaching a two-day watercolor class at the **MAL studio** on March 20 and 27. If you're not familiar with Peggi Habet's work, don't miss this **General Meeting!**

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.

UPCOMING LIBRARY SHOW- SALUTE TO NATURE

Please consider exhibiting your art at Peters Township Library. See the schedule 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.

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.	

CALLS FOR ARTISTS

Our Lady of Grace Church just off Bower Hill is holding their annual Pentecost Sacred Arts Juried Exhibition on May 16-20. Deadline for registration is March 23. Click here for a brochure that has more information on this exhibit.

<https://www.mcmurrayartleague.com/resources/Documents/Misc/OLG-Sacred%20Arts%20Festival%20Brochure%202018.pdf>

CONFIRMED MEETING DATES FOR 2018

Board Meetings Third Mondays, 2:00 PM	General Meetings Second Thursdays	Program Speakers
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

STUDIO CLASSES

We have had a nice representation of McMurray Art League interest over the fall classes. Despite the fact that we have a wounded class coordinator, you all have been carrying the ball and keeping the attendance high for all the classes. Current and upcoming classes for Winter/Spring 2018:

Date	Class	Time	Member	Non-Member
Feb. 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

We have enough folks registered for Peggi Habet's class, but need more folks to sign up for Bill Vrscak's watercolor class (which starts in the middle of the Galleria show). All classes are held at the **McMurray Art League Studio**. Check out details for classes at the **MAL website** <https://www.mcmurrayartleague.com/Classes>.

Happy Painting!

Fred Kunz

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.

SPRING SHOW AT THE GALLERIA MARCH 2-11

We're very excited to show off our talented artists' work at the Spring Juried Show at The Galleria in Mt. Lebanon. Be sure to join us at the reception! Awards will be announced at 7:00 PM!

Important dates	
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 March. 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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412-860-9049
klvituccio@gmail.com.

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

Karen Vituccio

CAFÉ

CAFÉs (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 **CAFÉ's**:

We'll re-presenting Barbara Jaenike on "Painting the Poetic Landscape" in a series of CAFÉs. This time we'll view one each day, then do the homework associated with the lesson. On the MAL website, 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. We've already learned a lot from Ms. Jaenike's first lesson, "Composition." We'll continue the series on the following dates:

- 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

And More **Cafe's**:

- Monday, March 26: Needle felting with Darlene Sanders
- Wednesday, March 28: Origami, with Nancy Hokaj
- Tuesday, April 3: Viewing of "Tim's Vermeer" (thanks, Betty Roseborough!)
- Late April or May: Patty Shields will be showing us her poured acrylic technique.

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

Anne Trimble

STUDIO GALLERY SHOW – “THEN AND NOW” will be displayed March 8, 2018 – Late May - early June

To save you a trip to the studio, you can pick up the **“Red, Red & More Red”** art and deliver **“Then & Now”** work on Thursday March 8 after the 2 PM **General Meeting**. And of course if you choose, you may pick up and deliver pieces from 5-6 PM on March 8 as we normally do. Please register by contacting the show chairs or online by noon Monday March 5 at <https://www.mcmurrayartleague.com/event-2616096/Registration>. Paintings should be framed and ready to hang.

How can I interpret the theme of the upcoming studio show, **“Then and Now”**? 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.

1. Submit either single pieces or a pair of artwork that somehow reflects the theme.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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 Monday, March 5 with title, medium, price and size. Feel free to submit 3-4 pieces. 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 that 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

Bethel Artist Guild: Next meeting will be Thursday March 1 at 2:30 PM. Guest speaker will be Luz Adriana Seidensticker, who is a textile artist. She has a Masters in Chemistry and material Sciences. Each quilted project is treated as a canvas, experimenting with sewing methods that achieve the illusion of more than three-dimensional forms using only commercially available fabrics and threads. Luz Adriana is an active member of the Round Table Quilters and Three Rivers Quilters guild and has served as instructor and register of the Three Rivers Quilt Show. She has won several awards for her work and is currently writing her first book on a sewing technique called Curved Piecing. Visitors are always welcome for meetings at the Bethel Park Community Center.

PITTSBURGH SOCIETY OF ARTISTS: New Member screening is Sunday March 18, 2018 Drop off is 12:30 to 1:30 PM. Applicants must submit 3 gallery ready art pieces that are exclusively created by the applicant and made within the last two years. Art must be picked up from 3:30 to 4:30 PM. Bring pieces to Panza Gallery 115 Sedgewick Street Millvale PA 15209.

There will be a new member show dedicated to new members from spring 2016 and fall/spring 2017 screenings. It will be at Frame 15, Studio Eight 27 on the South Side (Frame 15, Studio Eight 27, 827 East Warrington Avenue, third floor). The show runs from March 2 through March 29, 2018. Opening reception is Friday, March 9 from 6 until 8 PM.

Pittsburgh Watercolor Society: Waterworks show by members will be March 31 to April 22, 2018 at Spinning Plate Gallery 5821 Baum Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15206. Opening reception is Sat. March 31, 5-8 PM. Juror will be Kathleen Zimbicki, noted watercolor artist. Screening for new members is March 18, 2018. Drop off is between 1:30 and 2 PM at the chapel room of the sixth Presbyterian Church 1688 Murray Ave , Pittsburgh, PA 15217. To register for the spring 2018 Screening please go to: <https://www.pittsburghwatercolorsociety.com> . Select "Join Us" from the menu. For questions, please contact the screening chair at: screening@pittsburghwatercolorsociety.com .

SHAL (South Hills Art League): It is sad to report the outstanding artist and dedicated member Paul Trimmer passed away last week. His hard work, quirky humor, and positive attitude will be sorely missed in the local art scene.

Fran Marze

WINDOW EXHIBIT

February's **Window Exhibit** is David Soden, a long time supporter of **McMurray Art League**. Rosetta Dufalla will exhibit in March.

Darla Rae Duffy

MEMBERSHIP AND NOMINATIONS REPORT – NEW MEMBER INFO ON PAGE 7

Currently, there are 100 active members in **MAL**. To join us and 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.

McMurray Art League has so much to offer its members, including several sales and exhibition opportunities, **Classes** taught by internationally known artists in a variety of media, **Open Studio** painting time, and **Cafe** style classes during which

1. *VICE PRESIDENT* (and Cafe class coordinator) - Current VICE PRESIDENT: Carmen DiGiacomo
2. *RECORDING SECRETARY* - Current RECORDING SECRETARY - Anne Davis
3. *NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE* - Current Nominations Committee: (1) Leslie Baldwin (remaining) and (2) Sue Levy (outgoing).

Leslie Baldwin

ARTISTIC YOU

Our latest Artistic You was a wonderful evening. Although there were only four students, they all enjoyed themselves, loved their painting and want to attend our next class. Of course the food was great and the class ran smoothly thanks to our volunteers.

Linda VanNewkirk

MAL welcomes two new members Epto Badawi and Robin Kushner! Please add their contact information to your **MAL directories**.

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“Las Meninas”
Diego Velazquez 1656 Oil On Canvas

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