

APRIL 2019

MCMURRAY ART LINES

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING:
APRIL 11, 2019

7:00 PM

www.mcmurrayartleague.com

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

With the warmer weather in the last few days, my bulbs ("Sunny Twinkles", crocus, and daffodils) are starting to bloom, bringing lovely color to the recently drab landscape. Adding to the color explosion are robins and cardinals, whose songs also add to the uplifting beginning of Spring! We're planning a paint-out field trip to the **Pittsburgh Botanic Garden** near Settler's cabin—they have a grove of very old dogwood trees. We'll be monitoring the bloom season for these beautiful trees so we can visit during peak bloom. They also have a lovely pond rimmed by plum trees and full of water lilies.

If you've recently joined **McMurray Art League**, I encourage you to get involved in this vibrant art league—you could help with minor tasks involved around our juried **Spring Exhibit**, or join the **Standards Committee**, making sure pieces in public shows adhere to **MAL** presentation standards (an hour or so a couple of days a year), or you could share a special craft with fellow members in a **CAFÉ (Creative Arts for Everyone)**. We have seasoned members who would love to help you learn the ropes. Or you could join the board as a **Committee Chair**—a wonderful group! 8-).

Thanks so much to all of you who help keep this active art league alive, helping encourage budding and seasoned artists to learn new skills and get inspired by our many wonderful classes and programs.

Keeping the Arts alive,

ANNE TRIMBLE

OPEN POSITIONS

A few of our board members have decided to retire at the end of this fiscal year (May 31). Consider joining one of the following committees (as part of the general board):

- **Nominations Committee** (current and next fiscal year) - Help make sure all positions have someone on the ballot for elections during our May General Meeting.
- **Standards Committee** - Make sure that all pieces in a public show meet **MAL** standards in cleanliness and presentation. Only one position needed - two already filled, including chair.

Remember that board members get a discount for classes at the studio. Please join us to keep the **McMurray Art League** running smoothly!

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 at newsletter@mcmurrayartleague.com. Please turn in your info by Thursday (or Friday if you choose) after the Board Meeting to be printed in the next newsletter.

MEETING DATES FOR 2019

Board Meetings 2:00 PM	General Meetings	Presenter
April 22, 2019	April 11, 2019 7:00 PM	Michael Schiavone
May 20, 2019	May 09, 2019 7:00 PM	Betsy and David Bangley



Mike Schiavone has been inspired and influenced by classical painting, and his current body of work explores the interaction of light and glass, and the textures of nature's bounty. He paints objects which elicit sensory memories such as the feel of smooth glass, raised letters on that slick surface, the softness of flower petals, and the plump ripeness of fresh fruit. He will present us with examples of works-in-progress, and share useful tips and tricks for rendering hyper-realistic glass and reflective surfaces in painting and drawing. Attendees are encouraged to ask questions regarding painting techniques and how to make a living as a professional artist.

UPCOMING CLASSES – 2019

We have a great variety of classes with some new instructors and classes in very diverse media and subject matter. **Please sign up early so we can make sure these classes can run! We had to cancel Gail Beems pastel class due to low registration.**

Date 2019	Class	Time	Members	Non-Members
Apr. 10, 17	Yelena Lamm , Oil Still Life, supplies (Register)	10:00-4:00	\$35/day	\$40/day
Apr. 24, May 1	Barry Jeter , Watercolor, supplies (Register)	10:00-4:00	\$40/day	\$45/day
May 8, 15	James Sulkowski , Pastel Landscapes (Register)	10:00-4:00	\$40/day	\$45/day
May 22, 29, Jun. 5, 12	Sue Levy, Beginner-Intermediate Watercolor, Artist Info (p.1) (p.2), Supplies (Register)	10:00-2:00	\$30/day	\$35/day

If you have any questions about class content, contact the Class Coordinator, Betty Roseborough, at classcoordinator@mcmurrayartleague.com or 412-854-2426.

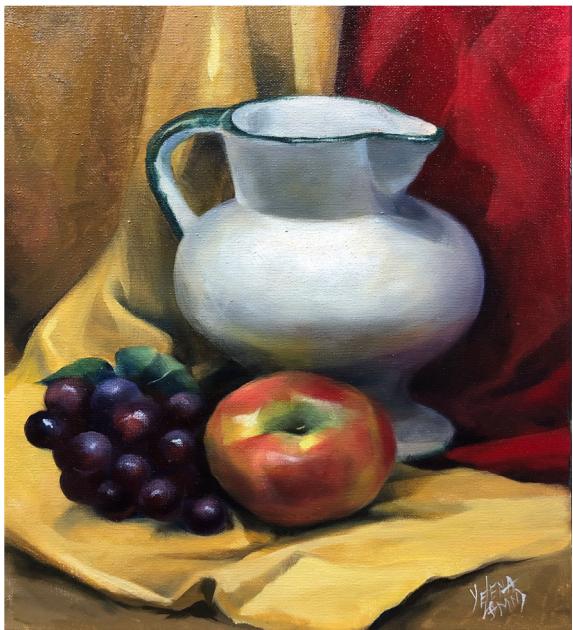
To register for a class:

1. You may register on the **MAL Website** by viewing the class under the [Events](#) menu option and clicking Register (register for the series or for each day separately) **OR** you may notify the Class Registrar, Jean Kunz, via email at classregistrar@mcmurrayartleague.com or 412-831-9992 and ask to be placed on the class list for the classes and dates desired.
2. After you register, you can pay on the **MAL Website** or mail a check made out to **McMurray Art League** for the cost of the classes to the registrar:

Jean Kunz;
1818 Kent Rd.;
Pittsburgh, PA 15241.

In the Memo section of your check, note which instructor classes and dates the check covers. You will receive an email confirmation of your registration.

CLASS PREVIEWS:



Yelena Lamm

In this two-day class Yelena Lamm will walk students through the steps necessary to create an oil painting from a still life setup. Yelena will perform a demo for each stage, followed by painting time, and work with each artist individually as possible. First day of class will concentrate on composition, drawing with paint, establishing large value relationships with an underpainting, and color blocking. Second day will be dedicated to building up form, refining details, and finishing touches.

<http://www.yelenalamm.com/>



BARRY JEETER

Teaching will place emphasis on developing the artist's own ability to take a painting from idea and concept through the selection of technique and approach to a finished piece of art. Individual attention will be given to each student to increase their level of understanding and confidence in the use of this medium.

<http://www.barryjeter.com>



James Sulkowski

"James Sulkowski teaches the concepts and techniques of Classical painting. These concepts include space, light and atmosphere; composition; color and color progressions; painting techniques and more. Demonstrations and individual instruction are available. His techniques apply to all mediums.

jamessulkowskifineart.com/

BETTY ROSEBOROUGH

OPEN STUDIO, APRIL

I'm a simple (not dumb) girl. I like yes to be yes, and no to be just that also. I like good food made simply with no wishy washy unrecognizable extras on my plate. I like simple shapes like squares and circles, not octagons and trapezoids. And I don't like April because it can't make up its own mind!! Second guesses for 31 freaking days. Will the daffodils freeze tonight? Will the Little League get canceled AGAIN? Can we have cocktails on the veranda (our teensy weeny front porch) yet? Can you believe your eyes...it's snow, it's hail, it's lightening!!!...it's SUPERMAN...all at once!

That's why it's the perfect time to sit in a cool dry place with hot coffee and good friends and create whatever "April" you imagine. You can be sure you daffodils won't wither and die right off your paper. You'll have them-to enjoy forever.

Come join us for **Open Studio**. You'll love it. This is a short month for us. No **Open Studio** on April 26 because Jan Pini is having a **CAFÉ (Creative Arts for Everyone)** on polymer clay jewelry that is to die for. Join her for a chance to take home your very own original piece of jewelry. Have fun.

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KAREN VITUCCIO

STUDIO GALLERY EXHIBIT

The current themed gallery exhibit show is called "**Changes in L'Attitude**" and will remain in the studio gallery until June 4. The next themed show will be called "**Take a Chance**". We have all taken a chance sometime or somewhere in our life and have either celebrated or regretted it. Now is the time to display the emotion connected with that event. More information will be available in the May newsletter about registering and hanging your paintings. Every artist can enter up to 3 pieces.

As a member of the **McMurray Art League** you have a tremendous resource available to you. You have a gallery where you can display your work without any tremendous overhead. When you hang your work, you can notify your friends that you have some new artwork they haven't seen. You can bring them to **Open Studio** on Fridays to view your work, or have a reception along with all the other artists so everyone can invite their followers to view our gallery. Why not take advantage of this opportunity? Looking forward to seeing your work!

PAUL REBOLZ AND KAREN VITUCCIO

SPRING JURIED SHOW AT THE PETERS TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

Because the Galleria waited so long to let us know whether they would be hosting a spring show, we made arrangements to have our **Spring Juried Show** in the Peters Township Public Library lobby. We did this a few years ago and it was quite well received. This year we were able to snag the favorable week just before Mother's Day so hopefully a lot of Moms will be receiving original art this year! Note the important dates below, including that the screening is on a Sunday to avoid the Pittsburgh Watercolor Society Waterworks show drop-off on Saturday. Our juror this year is one of our favorite instructors, Peggi Habets! Registration is now available online so please register soon! (Remember that you can register online and pay by mailed check if you prefer.) See the **MAL Website Events, Exhibits page** for more at www.mcmurrayartleague.com/Exhibits/. If you absolutely cannot make the Friday morning artwork dropoff, you can bring your work Thursday night and we will hang it.

Important dates	
Registration online or postmark:	Saturday, Apr 13
Screening dropoff (MAL Studio):	Sunday, April 28, 10-12
Screening pickup (MAL Studio):	Sunday, April 28, 3-4
Screen setup no artwork (Library):	Thursday, May 2 7-9 PM
Drop off work (Library):	Friday, May 3 9-11 AM
Reception:	Saturday, May 4 2-4
People's Choice voting cut-off:	Thursday, May 9 7
Show takedown:	Saturday, May 11 2-3:30

JAN PINI

GALLERIA SHOW SALES

We had a fairly successful "**Anything Goes**" show at the Galleria March 1-10. We had \$1,391 in pre-tax sales, despite our reduced sitting times. Just to let you all know we did NOT have \$100 disappear from our cash box as was feared earlier. We had been removing excess cash from the cash box and there was an error in recording how much had been removed, so all is good.

JAN PINI

CAFÉ (Creative Arts for Everyone) MAL MEMBERS ONLY OPPORTUNITY

Please join us for the following "**MAL Members Only**" offerings - **MAL CAFÉs**. For only a studio usage fee of \$3.00 (plus cost of materials and supplies, if applicable), **MAL** members can share artistic skills and information with each other. Upcoming **CAFÉs** include:

- April 26, 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. **Polymer Clay Workshop**; presenter Jan Pini. If you already have polymer clay supplies, please bring them. Jan will have extras, including: polymer clay dedicated pasta machine (for clay conditioning), polymer clay dedicated toaster oven, cutting mat with inch marks, needle nosed pliers, tissue blade (very sharp blade used with polymer clay), roller (acrylic), any clay tools you have. You will be making a "kaleidoscope cane" using your choice of color combinations. After reducing the triangular cane, slices will be used to make a pendant, earrings, ring bowl, and pen cover. Images available on our website.

For a materials list, more detailed description of each **CAFÉ**, and to register, refer to the links to each **CAFÉ** on the **Calendar** of our **MAL website**. To schedule a **CAFÉ** presentation, contact Leslie Baldwin at vicepresident@mcmurrayartleague.com or 412- 720-7380.

LESLIE BALDWIN

TOUR OF CARNEGIE MUSEUM OF ART—APRIL 18

We so much enjoyed Fran Marze's tour of the International Exhibit at CMoA (she's a docent there) in January, so we've scheduled another tour guided by Fran for April 18, meeting at 11:00 at the admission desk. Some of us are members of the museum and are allowed admission for guests, so there will be no charge for admission. We're also planning lunch at the museum Café for those of you who'd like to stay. Fran does need to make a reservation at the Café for lunch, so let us know if you want to join us!

MCMURRAY ART LEAGUE'S 2019 CAFÉ AWAY

Our plan to hold a **CAFÉ AWAY** at Touchstone May 22 – 24, 2019 did not get the 12 participants required, so that will not happen. We will continue to work toward other possibilities for holding future **CAFÉ AWAY** events. Stay tuned!

SANDY CONLEY

ARTISTIC YOU PAINT ALONG

Be an artist at **The McMurray Art League** on May 11 6:30-9:30. Complete a 16 x 20 painting with step by step instructions from Linda Van Newkirk. BYOB, bring a friend or meet new people, light refreshments will be served.

- When: May 11 6:30-9:30
- Where: **McMurray Art League Studio**
McDowell shops (behind Atria's)
- Cost: \$35 all supplies included

To sign up go on the **McMurray Art League website**.

Questions? Call Linda @ 724 941-5784

LINDA VAN NEWKIRK



STUDIO WINDOW EXHIBIT

Linda Saksa had a great **MAL Window Exhibit** for March. The following additional members will be showing their art in the next three months:

- B. J. Wettach – April
- Dan Hart – May
- Sharon Knight - June

The artists are all members of **MAL**. Please encourage your friends to visit the studio on Fridays when we are open from 10AM to 2PM to see the fine art work on display in the window and inside the studio.

DARLA RAE DUFFY

NEWS FROM OTHER LEAGUES

- **PITTSBURGH SOCIETY OF ARTISTS GUILD:** Newest exhibit is Small Works.(largest size 12 inches) Opening is April 12 from 6 pm to 9 pm at Ketchup City Creative at 612 Main St. Pittsburgh PA 15215 (Sharpsburg)
- **PITTSBURGH WATERCOLOR SOCIETY:** Deadline for entries to the Aqueous is July 1, 2019. Prospective is on web at Pittsburgh Watercolor Society
- **WHITEHALL ARTS:** Members are showing at the gallery at West Penn Hospital for the months of April and May. A meeting is planned for April 2 at Whitehall borough building at 12:30 pm. All are welcome. Diane Murray will demonstrate some techniques learned at recent workshop.
- **THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SECTION OF THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE AND ART OF PITTSBURGH:** Meetings are held 2nd, 3rd, 4th Tuesday of each month September through May. To view other news see website www.pghphoto.org.
- **BETHEL PARK ART:** Attend a meeting on April 4 at noon and enjoy speaker Robert Bowden, noted watercolor artist. He has paintings in museums and other places with three owned by Carnegie museum. All are welcome.
- **UPPER ST CLAIR ART LEAGUE:** Results of Juried Show:
 - First Place - Dot Strott, Second Place - Tim Cavman, Third Place - Jude' Earnest
 - Honorable Mentions: Wendy Macklin, Joan Green, Vi Laux

FRAN MARZE

PETERS TOWNSHIP LIBRARY EXHIBIT

Peters Township Library has recently renovated the exhibit space. Due to a more limited wall space, you may enter up to three 2-dimensional pieces no larger than 24" top to bottom. There is no entry fee but a 10% commission on sold works is donated to the library and 5% to **MAL**.

SHOW DATES	THEME
March 13 - May 22, 2019	Radical
May 22 – July 24, 2019	Summer Serenade
July 24 – October 23, 2019	ROYGBIV Series: Cool Tones
October 23 – January 7, 2020	ROYGBIV Series: Warm Tones

RADICAL is the theme for the MAL art exhibit currently hanging at Peters Township Library. Artists Betty Roseborough, Jan Pini, Brian Scales, Jeennie Nickolls and Sandy Conley are participating. The show hangs until May 15. Check it out!

SANDY CONLEY

MEMBER ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS AS OF MARCH 15, 2019

MAL welcomes new members Tianna Opuku and Vivian Osowski. Please enter their contact information additions and changes to your directories from the list below.

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Carnegie PA 15106

Osowski, Vivian 724-941-4735 vcosowski@gmail.com
103 Apple Court 412-554-3026 OI
McMurray PA 15317

CAROL AURIN AND LESLIE BALDWIN



THE PEARCE FAMILY

OIL ON CANVAS 1998

LUCIAN FREUD

THE McMURRAY ART LEAGUE

Officers & Chairs – 2018 – 2019

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Treasurer: Jan Pini treasurer@mcmurrayartleague.com

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By-Laws: Linda Saksa, Anne Trimble

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Class Registrar: Jean Kunz classregistrar@mcmurrayartleague.com

Directory: Leslie Baldwin
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Exhibit Chairs (Fall): Betty Roseborough erosie5@aol.com

Exhibit CO-Chairs (Spring): Anne Trimble; Jan Pini

Historian/Archivist: Paul Rebholz
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Hospitality: Nancy Hokaj nl.hokaj@gmail.com

Immediate Past President: Linda Saksa

Membership: Carol Aurin

Newsletter: Paul Rebholz newsletter@mcmurrayartleague.com

Nominations: Open

Open Studio: Karen Vituccio klvituccio@gmail.com

Peters Twp. Library: Sandy Conley

Program: Betty Roseborough erosie5@aol.com

Publicity: [Judy Ann DiGiacomo](mailto:JudyAnnDiGiacomo)

Scholarship: Carol Aurin

Standards: Karen Vituccio, Christy Osiecki, Jeennie Nichols,
Judy Lauso (Alternate)

Studio Exhibits: Michalina Pendzich, Linda Saksa

Studio Window: Darla Duffy

Webmaster: Jan Pini webmaster@mcmurrayartleague.com

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