

MAY 2019

MCMURRAY ART LINES

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ARTS



The Praying Jew
Marc Chagall

NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

MAY 9, 2019

7:00 PM

www.mcmurrayartleague.com

1923
Oil on Canvas

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

I'm so thrilled with the lovely color coming out this spring—daffodils, tulips, and the beautiful flowering trees: magnolias, cherry, dogwood, and the tender green leaves on our tree-lined street. The color is so easy on the eye and so life-giving--and inspiring to dive into my pastels, and get some plein air painting in when it warms up (at the writing of this, it's 49 degrees 8-().

If you get a chance, get out to the Pittsburgh Botanic Garden (south of Settler's Cabin nature reserve) to experience their old dogwood orchard in the next week or so in full bloom—we didn't have enough time to organize a paint out with the upcoming exhibit, but hope you can get out there.

I'm amazed that it's almost the end of our fiscal year—and we've had so many wonderful classes, **CAFÉ's**, and outings in the past year. Betty Roseborough lined up a slew of wonderful artists to teach classes at the **MAL studio** and arranged some unique and talented presenters for **MAL** general meeting. **MAL Member** Fran Marze (a docent at the Carnegie Museum of Art) has given us a couple of wonderful private tours of the art collections there: the International exhibit in January, and the Carnegie collection of modern art in the Crossroads exhibit in April. We hope to do more of these next year—Fran has a wonderful wealth of knowledge about the Carnegie collection, and very willing to share it with private tours!

Next year we also hope to organize a couple of **CAFÉ Away** events, where members stay at an out-of-town site to create and share techniques in an intimate social setting for a couple of days. We did one at Oglebay in Wheeling a few years back—great fun! We'll be looking again at Touchstone Arts Center for a great artistic learning experience and at other get-away options. I'm looking forward to a great 2019-2020, and so looking forward to your participation in all our planned events. Your participation keeps the **McMurray Art League** alive, so please sign up for classes and other **MAL** events in the coming year! Love to see you there and inspired...

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) for the next fiscal year:

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| Nominations Committee | Help make sure all executive board positions have someone on the ballot for elections during our last General Meeting of the year. |
| Member of Standards Committee | We need one more person to serve on this committee. You'd need to participate at exhibit screenings only two or three dates a year (prior to exhibits). Standards list provided. |

Remember that board members get a discount for classes at the studio 8-). Please join us to keep the **McMurray Art League** running smoothly!

ELECTIONS

Elections for the **McMurray Art League Executive Board** are held on the last **General Membership Meeting** of our fiscal year (**May 9, 7:00**). We hope you will attend and vote in the slate (and/or volunteer to add your talent/energy to a current position or committee).

Here is the slate for the Executive Board for 2019-2020:

President: Anne Trimble

Vice President: Leslie Baldwin

Treasurer: Jan Pini

Recording Secretary: Sandy Conley

Corresponding Secretary: Jeennie Nickolls

Looking forward to **having you VERY INVOLVED in the McMurray Art League in our next year**—we've got the most active art league in the area, hope to keep it that way! **We hope you will attend and vote on the slate.**

ANNE TRIMBLE

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 |
|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| May 20, 2019 | May 09, 2019 7:00 PM | Betsy and David Bangley |

We're disappointed that the presenter for our last **General Meeting** (Michael Schiavone) cancelled at the last minute due to a personal crisis. We will try to reschedule him as a presenter for one of our meetings next year—love his interpretation of glass reflections...

Coming up in the next meeting:



Seeing with New Eyes: Light and the Human Form

The human body is a landscape of its own. Light that falls upon it sets the season. Art models Betsy and David Bangley present a demonstration of light, shadow and color. Explore lighting's impact on style, mood, and atmosphere before the first mark is made on paper or canvas. Learn how expanding your study into the realm of the figure can lead to new observational skills that apply to all artistic endeavors. See with new eyes.

Betsy and David Bangley

STUDIO WINDOW EXHIBIT

B. J. Wettach had a great **MAL Window Exhibit** for April. The following additional members will be showing their art in the next two months:

- 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

CHANGES TO BYLAWS AND POLICIES

The Board is proposing some changes to the **McMurray Art League Bylaws and Policies**. Most are cosmetic wording changes but there are a few significant changes. These are highlighted below. To see the full changes, visit the **Members, Forms and Org. Documents page** at <https://www.mcmurrayartleague.com/Docs> where you will find links to the proposed documents with Microsoft Word's "track changes" facility turned on so you can see the old and new wording. We will be voting on these changes at the **May 9, 2019 MAL General meeting**.

Significant Bylaws Changes:

- Article 4.2 – A quorum at a **General Meeting** shall be seven (7). (Used to be eight but an odd number is better.)
- Article 6.1.b - The Vice-President is responsible for coordinating **CAFEs (Creative Arts for Everyone)**. (Used to be "may supervise and advise the **Spring and Fall Show Chairs**" which hasn't been happening. The VP has other duties as well, of course.)
- Article 7.1.m - The **Standards Committee** shall consist of three members who shall ensure that all show artwork adheres to **League Standards**. (Used to be four members with a complicated "promotion" mechanism to determine who was in charge. The Board decided the committee can decide for themselves who is in charge and four members was too many.)
- Article 11.1 - Written notice of the proposed amendment must be sent to all members via the newsletter or email prior to the membership vote at the next **General Meeting**. (Used to call for a thirty-day notice but with the immediacy of email, the Board decided thirty days was not needed and caused too many constraints.)
- These changes will apply starting in the next fiscal year.

Significant Policies Changes:

- Article 2.f - All entries must be original work (not prints of original work), although photographs and digital art may be prints of the artist's work. (**The Fall Show** used to allow entries that were prints while the **Spring Juried Show** required all work to be original. This complicated things for the **Fall Show Chair** and there haven't been prints entered in the **Fall Show** for several years. Of course, bin art can be prints for both shows, as before.)
- Article 6.b - The show categories are: Still Life/Floral; Landscape/Seascape; Interior/Exterior/Architecture; Animal/Wildlife; Abstract/Non-Objective; Portrait/Figure; Photography/Digital Art; 3D/Sculpture. (Collage was dropped as a separate category as the Board determined that collage pieces could fall into a subject-based category.)

JAN PINI

CAFÉ (Creative Arts for Everyone) MAL MEMBERS ONLY OPPORTUNITY

We don't have any scheduled May "**MAL Members Only**" offerings - **MAL CAFÉs**. But we are asking **MAL** members to share their artistic skills and information with each other. If you have any unique skills or especially interesting projects, why not schedule a **CAFÉ** presentation to share the skill? Just contact Leslie Baldwin at vicepresident@mcmurrayartleague.com or 412- 720-7380 to schedule.

LESLIE BALDWIN

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 Beem's pastel class due to low registration.**

| Date 2019 | Class | Time | Members | Non-Members |
|---------------------------|--|------------|----------|-------------|
| 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:



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.

jamesulkowskifineart.com/



Sue Levy

We will be working on "The Elements of Design and Composition" How to edit a photo, creating a more simplified painting; waterfalls, barns, floral painting; and how to mix color from your paints to create beautiful color, neutrals and more. Come join in and have fun painting watercolor with me.

Sue Levy Watercolor Workshop

BETTY ROSEBOROUGH

STUDIO GALLERY EXHIBIT

The current themed gallery exhibit show is called **"Changes in L'Attitude"** and will remain in the studio gallery until June 6. 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. Register your work for this exhibit by June 4 online through the **MAL Calendar**, or send an email to Paul Rebholz (p.rebholz@live.com) or call 412-257-2731. Every artist can enter up to 3 pieces. Information is needed by the deadline to provide time to design and print tags. There is no entry fee but a 15% commission on sold works is retained by **MAL**. Pickup of your **"L'Attitude"** paintings and dropoff of your **"Take A Chance"** artwork will take place at 5:00 – to 6:00 PM on June 6.

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 REBHOLZ 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. Our juror this year is one of our favorite instructors, Peggi Habets! If you absolutely cannot make the Friday morning artwork dropoff, you can bring your work Thursday night and we will hang it.

| Important dates | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 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

OPEN STUDIO, MAY

Karen Vituccio asked me to fill in for her to compose this article for May. She apparently doesn't know how scary that is. After all, she is so eloquent, creative, inspirational and humorous that no one stands a chance of filling in for her.

So I'm going to use the KISS rule (keep it simple stupid). We want you to bring your Muse and your art supplies and come and join us on Fridays. You'll have plenty of time to create your best art while enjoying the friendship of other League members.

Come join us for **Open Studio**. You'll love it. We will have an **Open Studio** every Friday for the month of May, from 10:00AM to 2:00PM. Come and have fun. If you have any questions, don't call me - call Karen.

Klvituccio@gmail.com

412-835-1124

412-860-9049

PAUL REBHOLZ FOR KAREN VITUCCIO

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



NEWS FROM OTHER LEAGUES

- **PITTSBURGH WATERCOLOR SOCIETY:** Deadline for entries to the Aqueous is July 1, 2019. Prospectus is on web at Pittsburgh Watercolor Society
- **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.

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 15% commission on sold works (10% 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

MAL welcomes renewed member Mary Stuart. Please enter her contact information into your directory.

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CAROL AURIN AND LESLIE BALDWIN



**"WOMAN WITH ELBOW ON THE
TABLE"
OIL ON CANVAS 1915
OLGA SACHAROFF**

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THE McMURRAY ART LEAGUE

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