

# MCMURRAY ART LINES

October 2019

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



**The Lovers  
Oil on Canvas 1928  
Rene Magritte**

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING:**

**October 10, 2019**

**7:00 PM**

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

## **PRESIDENT'S NOTES**

Fall is here! I'm looking forward to cooler weather and hopefully beautiful Fall colors. Great painting opportunities!

A bunch of us had a great time working with polymer clay at **JAN PINI'S** excellent class. We created a beautiful underwater landscape wall hanging. Because we made more individual "canes" for each plant than we could use, we'll probably schedule a **CAFÉ** (shorter than a class) to let other members experience this very cool medium without having to create the canes.

I've also been enjoying Friday's **OPEN STUDIO**, hosted by **KAREN VITUCCIO**. I love having a dedicated time to just do art, schmooze with fellow artists, and get some great feedback on my current projects.

**Make sure you read this whole Newsletter:** At the last board meeting, we moved around some event dates and added another **CLASS** with **SUE LEVY** and some fun **CAFÉ's** !

I'm 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**

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## **MAL STUDIO GALLERY EXHIBIT**

**MAL STUDIO GALLERY EXHIBIT "Humans and Other Animals"** will be displayed until Tuesday, December 10. Check it out to see what your art friends have created and get some inspiration at the same time! The theme of the winter show will be **"Warmth"** (details in November newsletter).

**LINDA SAKSA AND MICHALINA PENDZICH**

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## 2019 FALL EVENTS

- Wednesday, **October 23, 5:30: *Lush Brush***. Share some wine, camaraderie as we paint small canvases and greeting cards to sell at the November 23 **Artist Market** as a **MAL** fundraiser for our new screens.
- Saturday, **November 9, 6:30-9:30: *Artistic You***. Paint a Christmas-themed acrylic under the guidance of Linda VanNewkirk.
- Saturday, **November 23, 11:00 AM: *Artist's Market***. This will be at the **Peters Township Library** as part of our **Fall Exhibit**. Bring your crafts to sell for holiday gifts!
- Friday, **December 6: *Visit to Clayton*** on the Frick Art Museum grounds. Details to come.
- Thursday, **December 12, 11:00 AM: *Jingle Mingle***. Lunchtime **Holiday Potluck Lunch!**

We're also looking into planning another **CAFÉ Away**.

## ANNE TRIMBLE

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### STUDIO WINDOW EXHIBIT

**CALLING MAL ARTISTS** - I would like to invite you to have a **MAL Window Exhibit** for a month during the months of January through July 2020. Pick a month now and let me know. Please contact me if you are interested. My email address is [darla.duffy801@gmail.com](mailto:darla.duffy801@gmail.com).

The following members will be showing their art in the next three months:

- Gina Judy – October
- Linda Van NewKirk – November
- Holiday Window Exhibit

The artists are all members of **MAL**. Please encourage your friends to visit the studio on **Open Studio** days to see the fine art work on display in the window and inside the studio.

## DARLA RAE DUFFY

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### MEETING DATES FOR 2019/2020

Board Meetings 2:00 PM	General Meetings	Presenter
October 21, 2019	October 10, 2019 7:00 PM	Christine Swann – Pastel – Portraits <a href="https://swannportraits.com/">https://swannportraits.com/</a>
November 25, 2019	November 14, 2019 2:00 PM	Lisa Markowski - Mosaic <a href="http://markomosaics.com/">http://markomosaics.com/</a>
January 20, 2020	February 13, 2020 2:00 PM	Bill Karaffa – Art Study In Italy <a href="https://www.facebook.com/people/Bill-Karaffa/100011382820903">https://www.facebook.com/people/Bill-Karaffa/100011382820903</a>
February 24, 2020	March 12, 2020 2:00 PM	Marlene Boas - Encaustics <a href="http://marleneboas.wix.com/encaustics">marleneboas.wix.com/encaustics</a>
March 23, 2020	April 9, 2020 7:00 PM	Julie Agar – Norman Rockwell – His Life and Art
April 20, 2020	May 14, 2020 7:00 PM	Sue Schnieder - Zentangle
May 18, 2020		

**Coming up in the next meeting:** After a short business meeting our presenter will be Christine Swann.

Christine Swann – Pastel – Portraits

Christine will be demonstrating the creating of a portrait with a live model, Madeleine Piquette (see photo on the right). Madeleine is training as a runway model at the Barbizon School of Modeling and is looking forward to this assignment. She is not being paid but is working for tips.

<https://swannportraits.com/>



## UPCOMING CLASSES – 2019/2020

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!** The minimum must be met a week prior to the first class or the classes will be canceled. This is a courtesy to our instructors who prepare handouts/class instruction for the number signed up. Their time is valuable....they could be painting a masterpiece! **For information about a class contact** Class Coordinator, Betty Roseborough, at [classcoordinator@mcmurrayartleague.com](mailto:classcoordinator@mcmurrayartleague.com).

**You may register for a class** 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](mailto:classregistrar@mcmurrayartleague.com) or 412-831-9992 and ask to be placed on the class list for the classes and dates desired. 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.

Date	Teacher Class	Time	Member – Non Member Class size
Oct 16, 23	Sue Levy, Beginner-Intermediate Watercolor, Artist Info ( <a href="#">p.1</a> ) ( <a href="#">p.2</a> ), <a href="#">Supplies (Register)</a>	10:00 – 2:00	\$30/day - \$35/day 5 minimum
Oct 16, Nov 13	Arindam Sen – Photography Level II “Advanced editing using free software”	6:00 – 8:00	\$15/day - \$20/day 8 minimum
Oct 29, 31, Nov 1	Christine Swann, Pastel, Portraits <a href="https://swannportraits.com/">https://swannportraits.com/</a> <a href="#">Supply List (Register)</a>	10:00 – 4:00	\$50/day - \$55/day 8 minimum
Nov 5, 6	<a href="#">James Sulkowski</a> , Oil/ Pastel Landscapes <a href="#">(Register)</a> <a href="https://www.jamessulkowskifineart.com/">https://www.jamessulkowskifineart.com/</a>	10:00 – 4:00	\$45/day - \$50/day 10 minimum

**BETTY ROSEBOROUGH**

## CLASS PREVIEWS:



### Sue Levy

#### *Watercolor - Painting Fall and Winter scenes*

Work with the Elements of Design:

Bring your painting gear, paints and brushes and enjoy painting and learning

\*\*\*brush strokes

\*\*\*color that harmonizes

\*\*\*using mixes from your palette.

\*\*\*techniques to create beautiful watercolor paintings

### Arindam Sen-- Photography - Advanced Editing: Level II

This is an advanced editing session scheduled for Oct.16 and Nov 13. This will continue with the more advanced FREE editing software tools available today like GIMP and PhotoScape and will include:

1. Photo resizing – I personally prefer MSPAINT as that is an easier to use interface. This is not very hard to grasp, so we can cover multiple software programs with participants if need be.
2. Type of files – we will cover JPEG, JPG, TIFF, GIF, PNG, BMP, RAW.
3. Calibration – we will explain it, however for this topic we typically need hardware. I can explain the Datacolor Spyder5 Express used to calibrate my monitor.
4. We will use PhotoScape for further editing. I have PhotoScape X Pro installed in my laptop which is free. It is available for Windows and MAC's. Participants should have the program downloaded if they will bring their computers.

<https://pittsburghartistregistry.org/accounts/view/ArindamSenPhotography>



### Christine Swann

Christine is a Signature Member of the Pastel Society of America, and a member of the IAPS Masters' Circle, a designation she received in only 6 years. She is a past President of the Pittsburgh Pastel Artists League and a Past President of the Pittsburgh Watercolor Society. She is also a long-time member of the Pittsburgh Society of Illustrators and Portrait Society of America. She currently teaches the "Power of Pastel" Workshop to groups around the country.

<https://swannportraits.com/>



### **JAMES SULKOWSKI**

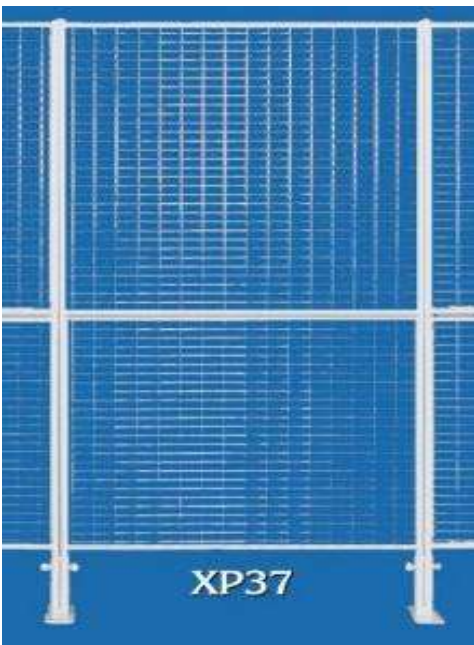
Description: Students will study the concepts and techniques of classical painting in oil and pastel. Students will learn and paint the basic shapes and apply this knowledge to still life objects as well as the landscape and portrait. Students will also develop and refine their skills in understanding specific painting materials, applications and techniques. Textures, Color, Concepts of painting Light, Atmosphere and Space will all be discussed and demonstrated. Individual instruction.

<https://www.jamessulkowskifineart.com/>

### **BETTY ROSEBOROUGH**

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### **NEW SCREENS ARE COMING**



#### **First Eight New Screens Here!**

Jan and Jim Pini picked up the first eight replacement screens! These screens can be easily transported in a car as the two parts come apart and can be configured in a variety of ways. The cost of the eight screens is close to \$1000, therefore we will need some fundraisers throughout the year to pay for them. Some ideas are: raising the cost of **OPEN STUDIO** and **CAFES** to \$5 (done!), optional donation with show entry fees (done!), donation bucket at meetings and classes, meeting 50/50 raffle, multiple person yard sale of donated items, Chinese auction, and Lush Brush sale. Please consider donating to the "New Screen Fund"! So far we've raised \$389!

**JAN PINI**

### **GOFUNDME ACCOUNT SET UP FOR NEW SCREEN FUND**

We've set up a **GoFundMe** account for our New Screen Fund! Be sure to share it with your friends and family to help us reach our goal of \$1000 for the first eight replacements for our total of 24 screens. Here's the link: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/mcmurray-art-league-new-screen-fund>

**JAN PINI**

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## FALL SHOW AT THE PETERS TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

You have one more month to get your work ready for the Fall Show! We've also decided to hold the Holiday Artist's Market in the Reading Room on the second floor of the library during the show, so start working on your inventory! Please see the important dates listed below. We are also asking for exhibiting artists to consider an extra donation of \$5 or \$10 to the New Screen Fund since you are the ones who will directly benefit from the new screens! For more information and to register, visit <https://www.mcmurrayartleague.com/Exhibits>.

### ANNUAL FALL SHOW

**November 17-24, 2019**

Peters Township Public Library  
616 East McMurray Rd.  
McMurray, PA 15317



Important dates	
Registration online or postmark:	Saturday, November 2
Screen setup <b>no artwork</b> (Library):	Sunday, November 17, 12-2 PM
Drop off work (Library):	Sunday, November 17, 2-4 PM
Reception (Library):	Monday, November 18, 6-8 PM
People's Choice voting cut-off:	Thursday, November 21, 8 PM
Holiday Artist's Market:	Saturday, November 23, 11-4
Show takedown (Library):	Sunday, November 24, 2-4 PM

### JAN PINI AND BETTY ROSEBOROUGH, SHOW CO-CHAIRS

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### CAFÉ (Creative Arts for Everyone) MAL MEMBERS ONLY OPPORTUNITY

- **October 8, 10:00-1:00:** View the movie "*The Impressionists*" **NOTE DATE CHANGE.**
- **October 15, 10:00:** View the video "*Gerald Brommer, From Line and Shape to Complex Surfaces*" (75 minutes).
- **October 30, 10:00-1:00:** *Origami* with **NANCY HOKAJ** (Halloween theme).
- **November 11, 10:00-12:00:** Pseudo "Zentangle" (pen and ink doodles) with **DARLENE SANDERS**. Bring any Micron pens and Bristol/parchment paper if you have them. Otherwise, they'll be provided at the **CAFÉ**.

### LESLIE BALDWIN

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## OPEN STUDIO

Dear Karen:

As I write this it is a sweltering 87 degrees outside. How can you think "fall" under these deplorable conditions? Hopefully by the time you read this it will be a bright sunny day with a beautiful 60 degree snap in the air. This is my favorite time of the year. The reds, golds, and oranges speak to me and set my heart aflutter (oops! That's the A Fib). But you know what I mean. We all love that walk on the trail this time of year. So snap a few pics and spend the day with us at **OPEN STUDIO** painting yourself on that trail. It's a great memory to preserve forever. We'll be there from 10 to 1...or 2 if we want.

And we better address the snow day issue now, because you never know...if schools are closed, we are closed. If schools are delayed we will operate on our regular schedule. You can contact me any time with any questions or suggestions at:

412-835-1124  
412-860-9049 cell  
[Klvituccio@gmail.com](mailto:Klvituccio@gmail.com).

Yours truly,

**KAREN VITUCCIO**

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## MCMURRAY ART LEAGUE 2020-21 PETERS TOWNSHIP LIBRARY SHOW DATES AND THEMES

We can once again thank **Arlene Popko** for the intriguingly creative themes for our PT library exhibits in 2020. Please consider showing your 2-dimensional pieces at the library. You may enter up to three 2-dimensional pieces no larger than 24" top to bottom. There is no entry fee but there is a 15% commission on sold works (10% is donated to the library and 5% to **MAL**). Contact Sandy Conley [conley1973@verizon.net](mailto:conley1973@verizon.net) or register on **MAL** website by the Monday before the exhibit. Provide artist's name, title of piece, medium and price.

Library Director, Myra Oleynik recently expressed her appreciation for our beautiful artwork. The exhibit space is decidedly smaller than in years past, but a lot of people who come to the "What's New" section of the library to view books, admire the art while they are there.

SHOW DATES	THEME
July 24 – October 23, 2019	ROYGBIV – Cool Tones
October 23 – January 8, 2020	ROYGBIV – Warm Tones
January 8 – March 11, 2020	Out and About
March 11 - May 20, 2020	Salute to Color
May 20 – July 22, 2020	Something Exotic
July 22 – October 21, 2020	Seasonal Highlights
October 21 – January 6, 2021	Telling a Story

**SANDY CONLEY**

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## IF YOU ARE A PHOTOGRAPHY BUFF

**Photographer Natalie Lennard**, better known as **Miss Aniela**, offers an unconventional twist on editorial fashion portraits. The images are part of her ongoing series called *Surreal Fashion*, in which she crafts compositions that initially look like high-fashion spreads but have peculiar qualities once you look closer. Check out:

<https://mymodernmet.com/miss-aniela-surreal-fashion-photographs/>

**PAUL REBHOLZ**



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## CALLING MAL ARTISTS "12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS" DECEMBER WINTER EXHIBIT

We would like to display small paintings (8x10 and up to 10x12) of any media with a winter or holiday theme in our studio windows for the month of December. We will hang as many as we can reasonably place on the screens. Please drop off art Friday at **Open Studio** Nov 29<sup>th</sup> before 2:00PM. I will hang the art on November 30<sup>th</sup> at 11AM.

Registration is extended to Nov 15. **Call Darla Duffy at 412 860 5772** [darla.duffy801@gmail.com](mailto:darla.duffy801@gmail.com).

**DARLA RAE DUFFY**

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### ARTISTIC YOU.

On November 9th 6:30-9:00 at the **McMurray Art League Studio** we will be painting a beautiful poinsettia. Step by step instructions by **LINDA VanNEWKIRK** makes it easy and fun. Bring a friend and your favorite bottle. We will serve light refreshments. Go to the **McMurray Art League website** to reserve your spot. Any questions call Linda at 724 941-5784





## LUSH BRUSH

Are you ready for a night of food, fun and art? Come join your fellow artists for our annual **Lush Brush** event. We will be sharing food and wine and creating small canvases and greeting cards provided by **MAL** and donated to the art league for sale. The cards and small paintings will be used as a fundraiser. The original cards will also be used by the correspondence secretary. Bring art supplies of your choice. Bring a beverage (wine, etc.) or food (appetizer, main dish or dessert). Wednesday, October 23, 2019 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM **MAL studio**. [Register here.](#)

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## NEWS FROM OTHER LEAGUES

**PWS** --Aqueous Open 2019 kicks off with a reception on Saturday, October 5 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM, at Spinning Plate Gallery at 5821 Baum Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15206. This reception is free and open to the public. The exhibit runs from Wednesday, October 3 through Saturday, November 2. Gallery Hours are Wednesday 11-4, through Saturday 1-6. Several **MAL** members are in this show.

**PPAL**--The reception for the "Petite Pastels" show is October 18 from 5-8pm at Gilberti Fine Art Studio and Gallery on 5th Avenue in Coraopolis. The show is compiled of 6"x6" pastels in black frames. All paintings are \$125. The show runs until the end of the year. Several **MAL** members are in this show. Check it out!

**USC ART LEAGUE** – Sugarplum Shop 2019 sells local artists original fine art and hand crafted gift items. The shop opens Thursday November 7 through November 12. Hours are 10 am – 5 pm at the McLaughlin Run Activity Center, 1770 McLaughlin Run Rd., Upper St Clair.

## FRAN MARZE



Willow Grove: Impression of Light and Shadow  
1905 Oil On Canvas Piet Mondrian

## THE McMURRAY ART LEAGUE

### *Officers & Chairs – 2019 – 2020*

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**Exhibit CO-Chairs (Spring):** OPEN

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