

December 2019

MCMURRAY ART LINES

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

Paris Street on Rainy Day.
1877 Oil on Canvas
Gustave Callebutte



NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

February 13, 2020

2:00 PM

www.mcmurrayartleague.com

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Winter and cold weather are upon us, and as we wind down 2019, we take a break from events at the **Studio** to spend quality time with family. And maybe a chance to sneak into the **Studio** for a couple of days with some new inspiration!

Betty Roseborough has again lined up a bunch of great classes starting in February. She's also collected a very interesting group of artists in multiple genres to present at our group meetings. Thanks, Betty!

We're working on a couple new exhibit possibilities and some interesting excursions to existing exhibits. As a valuable member of the **McMurray Art League**, we'd love your help to make these events happen. You'd have lots of help by veteran members, and we'd love to show you the ropes! And if you have any ideas for an event or class you'd like to see, please let us know--we value your participation in this great art league

I'm also looking forward to upcoming **Open Studios**, where I enjoy schmoozing with fellow artists and working on new and current projects.

Be sure to stop by the **Studio** this month to view the wonderful smaller holiday themed multi-member exhibit curated by Darla Duffy! Hope to see you at the **Jingle Mingle** this coming Thursday, December 12. Wishing you and yours a wonderful, creative holiday!

Keeping the Arts alive,

ANNE TRIMBLE

OUTING TO CLAYTON

On December 6, member and docent **Beth Braugher** gave several members a private tour of Clayton, the Frick family mansion. The mansion was decorated for the holidays as the Frick family would have done. Beth also focused on the plethora of art work in the mansion. Afterwards, we visited the Frick museum to take in the exhibit of Audrey Hepburn's collection of costumes used during her career. It was a great tour!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thursday, **December 12, 11:00 AM: *Jingle Mingle***. Luncheon **Holiday Potluck Lunch! Please register online, or reply to me to let me know you're coming and what you will bring to share.**
- Monday, **January 13, 11:00 AM: *tour of Jasper John's exhibit at the CMoA*** with member docent Fran Marze.

NEW EXHIBIT POSSIBILITIES

- Member Darlene Sanders recently moved into **Chartiers Bend retirement community** and was approached by the manager to plan an art exhibit at the core lobby. We're working on dates and details, possibly in February.
- Member Paul Rebholz is working with **St. Paul's Episcopal** for an exhibit in late March in or early April 2020.

ANNE TRIMBLE

MAL STUDIO GALLERY EXHIBIT will switch to **"BEGINNINGS"** March 17, 2020.

It does seem too early to think about the show in March. But with the winter weather coming, you may find yourself snowed in and cozy. With the holiday rush behind you, you may find that perfect opportunity to paint. Think **"Beginnings"**.

On Tuesday, March 17 between 5-6pm please drop off your gallery items for "Beginnings" and pick up the "Warmth" entries. This exhibit will remain up until the beginning of June for the summer show (date to be determined by the summer crew). If you cannot make that time, please contact Linda or Michalina to arrange an alternate drop off/pick up time.

Work in this show should be framed and ready to hang. As always, feel free to interpret the title of the show freely. "Beginnings" could be an early painting, the buddings of spring, young children, bride and groom, architecture, learning to fly, and nonobjective beginnings. It could be you experimenting in a new medium or style in your art. Please register online or email Michalina at mpendzich54@yahoo.com or Linda at saxa3@msn.com and send tag information (title, medium and price) by Thursday, March 12.

Looking forward to sharing/viewing art in 2020!

LINDA SAKSA AND MICHALINA PENDZICH

HOSPITALITY

All social gatherings seem to be enhanced by refreshments and tasty morsels. Surely our artist members are the most creative people, and enjoy culinary presentations. Any type of treats are enjoyed. I hope you are willing to share your culinary talents by volunteering to assist with the setting at a monthly meeting. Please call Nancy Hokaj at 412 833 6412 with the date when you can assist. Or email me at nl.hokaj@mail.com.

NANCY HOKAJ

MEETING DATES FOR 2020

Board Meetings 2:00 PM	General Meetings	Presenter
January 20, 2020	February 13, 2020 2:00 PM	Bill Karaffa – Art Study In Italy https://www.facebook.com/people/Bill-Karaffa/100011382820903
February 24, 2020	March 12, 2020 2:00 PM	Marlene Boas - Encaustics marleneboas.wix.com/encaustics
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 Bill Karaffa to review with us his Art Study tour in Italy.



CAFÉ (Creative Arts for Everyone) MAL MEMBERS ONLY OPPORTUNITY

We don't have any **CAFÉs** scheduled yet for 2020. If you have a special craft/medium you'd like to share, we'd love to have you present a short, hands-on demonstration. In past **CAFÉs**, we've made wineglass charms, holiday origami, worked with alcohol inks, learned different collage techniques, created polymer clay jewelry and pop-up cards, learned about dry felting, and Darlene Sanders' take on Zentangle. Let us know if you have a craft or technique you'd like to share with fellow members!

ANNE TRIMBLE

UPCOMING CLASSES – 2020 Winter/Spring

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.

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 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
Feb 19, 20 Snow Dates Feb 26, 27	Bill Karafa – Drawing the Human Form - with live model. https://www.facebook.com/people/Bill-Karaffa/100011382820903	10:00 – 4:00	\$40/day - \$45/day 8 minimum
Mar 11, 18, 25. Snow date Apr 1	Gail Beem – Pastel. Idea to finished piece. https://gailbeem.com/	10:00 – 4:00	\$40/day - \$45/day 6 minimum
March 27	Jan Pini – Polymer Clay – To be determined \$10.00 Materials fee.	10:00 – 4:00	\$30/day - \$35/day 5 minimum
Apr 14, 16	James Sulkowski – Oil/Pastel; Classical, Multiple types	10:00 – 4:00	\$45/day - \$50/day 10 minimum
Apr 29, May 6	Barry Jeeter – Watercolor – Friend or Foe? Barry will be teaching Composition, Values and Color. Create Art not copy it	10:00 – 4:00	\$40/day - \$45/day 8 minimum
May	Sue Schneider - Zentangle	10:00 – 4:00	TO BE DETERMINED
May - June	Sue Levy – Watercolor. Beginner/Intermediate	10:00 – 2:00	\$30/day - \$35/day 5 minimum

BETTY ROSEBOROUGH

CLASS PREVIEWS:

Bill Karaffa

In February, we have Bill Karaffa demonstrating “Drawing the Human Form with Live Model”. You can see more of Bill’s work at <https://www.facebook.com/people/Bill-Karaffa/100011382820903>. Bill Karaffa is a practicing Pittsburgh based creative who focuses on capturing the human figure in many of his works. He is a current member of McMurray Art League, Pittsburgh Pastel Artists, the Pittsburgh Society of Artists Guild and the Portrait Society of America.



Gail Beem:

In March we will be treated with a class from Gail Beem entitled “Idea to Finished Piece”. This class will help the artist to further develop his/her working method—how to start, what to include, format, color palette, development to finished piece and alternatives.

Gail Beem, known for her strong use of color, is a Pittsburgh based artist whose work has been recognized both regionally and nationally. Gail has taught numerous workshops and given many demonstrations in the Pittsburgh area focusing on color and pastel. She is a Signature Member of both the Pittsburgh Pastel Artists League and the Central Pennsylvania Pastel Society and is past president of the Pittsburgh Pastel Artists League.

<https://gailbeem.com/>



BETTY ROSEBOROUGH

MAL ARTISTS "12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS" DECEMBER WINTER EXHIBIT

Thank you to all who participated. Thanks to new and long standing members for submitting such wonderful pieces to make the **12 Days of Christmas** so beautiful. I loved the Caribbean Santa by Mabel Lee, a very unique piece. Also, a darling Christmas Tree by Marlene Belasco, both of whom are new members.

We had snowy landscapes, Christmas trees, Christmas mice, winter birds, wonderful dogs, wreaths, cupcakes, bells and barns.

We want to thank all of you and wish each and every artist of the **McMurray Art League** a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2020.

DARLA RAE DUFFY

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

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 a 15% commission on sold works (10% is donated to the library and 5% to MAL). Contact Sandy Conley conley1973@verizon.net or register on MAL website by the Monday before the exhibit. Provide artist's name, title of piece, medium and price.

SHOW DATES	THEME
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

ANNUAL FALL SHOW WRAP-UP

The **MAL Fall Show** at the Peters Township Public Library went off without a hitch. Setup was smooth and fast with our new screens and take down was easy as well. Sales were a bit disappointing with a total of \$506.58 in pre-tax sales. We did sell two of our **Lush Brush** canvases (those by Paul Rebholz and Jeennie Nickolls). The **Holiday Artists' Market** had little traffic and fewer sales although Arindam Sen's beautiful photography was a big hit. We're rethinking the best venue for the **Artists' Market** for next year (maybe the library lobby?). The **Fall Show** sales commissions netted \$50.66 for the library and the same for **MAL**.

By the way, 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

SAVE THE DATE: Spring Juried Show at the Peters Library 4/25-5/2

Due to our disappointment in the Galleria's unreliability for art shows, we scheduled the Spring Juried Show at the Peters Library for April 15-May 2, hoping to capitalize on the Mother's Day buying. More details to come.

SAVE THE DATE: Galleria "Anything Goes" Show 3/6-15

Just when we had lost faith in the Galleria's support of the Arts, they offered the leagues a timeslot in the early spring. So we will have another **"Anything Goes"** show where you can put in up to four pieces, even those that have been included in prior shows. Keeping things very simple, there will be no cards or bin art and sitting times will be limited. You can see the prospectus and register online by looking on the website under Events, Exhibitions. There is no fee for this exhibit but we continue to ask for donations for our new screens project.

Important dates	
Registration online or postmark:	Saturday, February 22, 2020
Screen setup no artwork (Galleria):	Thursday, March 5, 8-9 PM
Drop off work (Galleria):	Thursday, March 5, 9-10 PM
Reception (Galleria):	Saturday, March 7, 6-8 PM
Show takedown (Galleria):	Sunday, March 15, 5 PM

JAN PINI

OPEN STUDIO

Wow!! It's December 4th already! I better get moving! I'm not done shopping and who knows about the wrapping....and I've only thought about putting up the tree. Ugh!! Sorry people, but some years it's just such a chore. I love it once it's up and looking beautiful. I just hate getting it there. You know what I mean. Already I'm overwhelmed. I need an escape, for just a few hours, so we're having a quickie **Open Studio** on Friday, December 13. Regular hours 10 to 2. Then we'll start back up on January 3. There are 5 Fridays in January so we'll have plenty of time to punch out some decent pieces of art. As for the weather, same as before. If schools are closed, we're closed. If schools are only delayed, we will start at the regular time. Come on and join us. It'll be cozy, and maybe there'll be some leftover Xmas cookies to munch on. Now, let's see.....finish the cards, cyber shop, finish the ugly sweater,....and, yes, start the tree. See you on the 13th!

You can contact me any time with any questions or suggestions at: 412-835-1124; 412-860-9049 cell; Klvituccio@gmail.com.

KAREN VITUCCIO

DO YOU KNOW.....

"*The Travel*" online news magazine identified "10 Breathtaking Murals From Around the World"; and a mural in the Pittsburgh Strip District was one of them (see below). Here is a link to the article:

<https://www.thetravel.com/murals-from-around-the-world/>

Located in downtown Pittsburgh, The Strip Wall Mural was painted by artists Shannon Pultz and Carley Parrish. The mural wrapped up in October 2010 and takes up the entirety of the back wall of the Hermanowski Building.



If you are interested in Pittsburgh Street Art, you can learn more here:

<http://explore.imaginepittsburgh.com/explore/street-art-in-pittsburgh>

PAUL REBHOLZ

NEWS FROM OTHER LEAGUES

- **PITTSBURGH WATERCOLOR SOCIETY:** Three members of **MCMURRAY ART LEAGUE** were in the Aqueous Show: Leslie Baldwin, Jan Pini and Linda Saksa.
- **PITTSBURGH SOCIETY OF ARTISTS GUILD: *Annual Art Exhibit*** - Five **MCMURRAY ART LEAGUE** artists were represented: Gina Judy, Bill Karaffa, Fran Marze, Paula Siebieda and Bill Ceriani. Bill Karaffa and Paula Siebieda have won prizes.
- **WHITEHALL ARTS: *WA*** is busy displaying at some local hospitals. After successful sales at Shadyside Hospital this past summer, the group is getting ready for an exhibit at St Clair Hospital in 2020.
- **BETHEL PARK ART:** During the whole year, members display their work at the Bethel Recreation Center.
- **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 their website at www.pghphoto.org.
- **USC ART LEAGUE** – Sugarplum 2019 was the most successful one to date with sales breaking all previous records. Thanks to all artists who participated and those who were customers. The leagues shared at least three members who participated in Sugarplum: Judy Ann DiGiacomo, Betty Roseborough and Arindam Sen.

FRAN MARZE

STUDIO WINDOW EXHIBIT

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

- Fran Marze – January
- Leslie Baldwin – February
- March – Karen Vittuccio

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

MEMBERSHIP/DIRECTORY REPORT:

Welcome **MAL** members Nicole Grigor and April Ryan. Please add their contact information to your **MAL** directories:
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LESLIE BALDWIN



**DRIFT OFF TO DREAM
OIL ON LINEN 2006
DANIEL F. GERHARTZ**

THE McMURRAY ART LEAGUE

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