

October 2020

MCMURRAY ART LINES

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ON THE ARTS



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NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

October 8, 2020

7:00 PM

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Dear Artist Friends—

Where did the summer go? Fall is already here, and most of us have been stuck in our homes for months due to the Corona virus. We haven't been able to participate in our usual summer events (festivals, concerts, vacations), which really confuses our sense of passing time. I've been walking in our neighborhood a lot, but I hope to get out and explore some of our great local parks to experience the fall colors in the next couple of weeks.

Our October General Meeting is early in the month (Oct 8); hope you can join us on Zoom.

Though we haven't been able to meet in person, Betty Roseborough has come up with some great presentations to share with you after the upcoming virtual (Zoom) General Meetings.

This is **YOUR** art league, and we need you to help keep it as vibrant and creatively inspiring in the virtual world until we feel safe gathering again in our lovely studio. So please share your favorite online art-related workshops/videos with us!

ANNE TRIMBLE

MEMBERSHIP/DIRECTORY REPORT:

MAL has 80 paid members so far for the current year. **MAL Directories** for 2020-2021 will be emailed to **MAL members** at the time of the October General Membership meeting. If you have not renewed your **MAL membership** for 2020-2021, please be sure to do so this week so that your information will appear in the directory. Also, it is important to have renewed your membership to participate in our upcoming juried show.

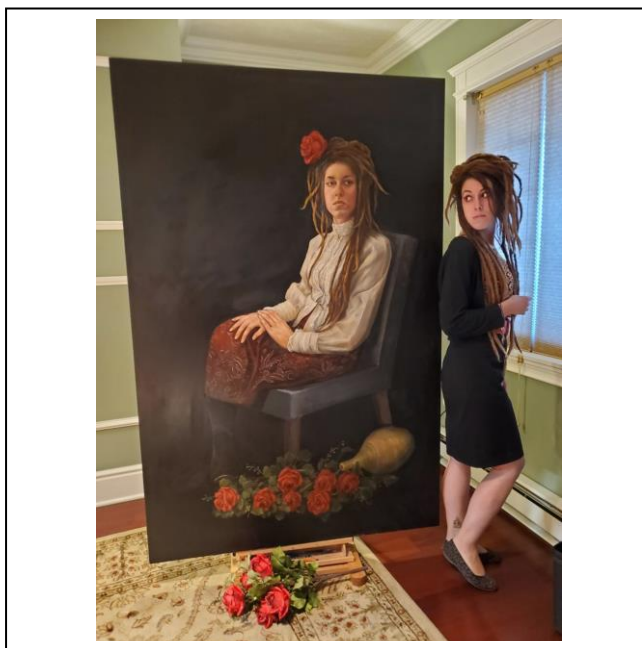
LESLIE BALDWIN

MEETING DATES FOR 2020

NOTE: ALL MEETINGS WILL BE ONLINE VIA ZOOM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. Since we don't have to worry about members driving after dark, **we have moved ALL general meeting times to 7:00 PM** on their respective dates to allow members who work during the day to attend meetings.

Board Meetings 2:00 PM	General Meetings 7:00 PM (2 nd Thursdays)	Presenter
	October 8, 2020	Bill Karaffa – Guided Studio Tour https://www.facebook.com/people/Bill-Karaffa/100011382820903
October 19, 2020	November 12, 2020	Jared Calums-(local Pittsburgh Artist) videos
November 23, 2020		TBD
January 18, 2021	February 11, 2021	TBD
February 22, 2021	March 11, 2021	Ben Lustenhouders -- Videos (very good instructor)
March 22, 2021	April 8, 2021	Marla Bagetta—Video pastel or acrylic
April 19, 2021	May 13, 2021	TBD
May 24, 2021		

Coming up in the next meeting: After a short business meeting our presenter will be Bill Karaffa to show us his studio set ups, review a few of his paintings and then describe how he develops a large painting. 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 League, the Pittsburgh Society of Artists Guild and the Portrait Society of America. Bill focuses on the technical aspects of figure drawing and has been successful in a variety of juried art exhibitions including most recently the Butler Institute's Annual Juried National Exhibition.



BETTY ROSEBOROUGH

"AWARD AWARDS AWARDS! REGISTER FOR ONLINE JURIED SHOW BY OCTOBER 17!"

Did I say awards? The **Juried Show** scheduled for the **Spring at the Peters Library** had to be postponed due to COVID-19. Your Board has decided to hold the show online during the month of November. Buyers will be able to view and purchase artwork through our website. The artist will be responsible for shipping and recovering any shipping or delivery costs from the buyer. When registering, you will be asked to upload an image of your artwork that does not include any mat or frame. In fact, work may be entered that is unframed and you will be asked to indicate framed/unframed when registering. Entering unframed work could be an advantage as it has a lower price point and buyers sometimes reframe purchased art anyway. The prospectus includes some information about photographing your work and resizing the resulting file. For more information, including the prospectus, visit <https://www.mcmurrayartleague.com/Exhibits/>.

JAN PINI

CONFUSED ABOUT PHOTOGRAPHING YOUR ART FOR THE JURIED SHOW?

Our resident photography expert and **Juried Show Co-Chair**, Arindam Sen, will be available to photograph your art October 10, 9-noon, and Jan Pini, **Juried Show Co-Chair**, will add the images to your juried show registration for the low price of \$5/piece and you get a copy of the image! This fundraiser will help both the **art league** and members who would like to be part of the show (and maybe win an award!) but who are uncertain about how to photograph their art and prepare the image for upload. So go ahead and register for the show and **ALSO** register separately for a time slot to have your work photographed (log in first). It's best if the art work is unframed (that is, not behind glass) but we can deal with the glass if necessary. The photographing will be done at or outside the studio and masks and social distancing will be required. Pay online or in cash or by check when you come. Note that this project will get your image submitted for the show for online review by the juror but may not be sufficient quality from which to make prints and is only open to members who have registered for the juried show.

JAN PINI

STUDIO WINDOW EXHIBIT

- Lisa Markowski will follow up in October.
- Denise Graham will exhibit in November.
- Rosetta V Dufalla will exhibit in December.

The artists are all members of **MAL**. Currently we can accommodate 9 artists for a one month display of your art in our studio window. If any member would like to display their work, contact Darla Rae Duffy at 412-680-5772 or email to darla.duffy801@gmail.com. Thanks to all our artist participants.

DARLA RAE DUFFY

MEMORIALS:

Memorialized member

1. Theresa Bozo
2. Ted Hardy
From Carmen DiGiacomo

3. Carmela Volpe
From Rosetta Volpe-Dufalla

Contact Rosetta Volpe-Dufalla for more information (rvdufalla@gmail.com) and see below.

ROSETTA VOLPE-DUFALLA

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

The **MAL Board** recently voted to recognize memorial donations in our monthly newsletter. Here is the process the League will implement

- What will be published? The name of the memorialized individual.
- Will the donor's name be published? Yes, unless the donor wishes otherwise.
- Will the monetary amount be published? No
- Will the family receive a notification of donation? Yes, but only if requested by donor. No monetary amount will be provided as this is a privacy issue. The donor is responsible for providing the contact information.
- Will the donor's name be mentioned in the notification? Yes, unless the donor wishes otherwise.
- How do I donate? Contact Rosetta Volpe-Dufalla (Corresponding Secretary) via email at corresponding@mcmurrayartleague.com with the following information:
 - Send me the memorialized individual's name and donor's name (optional) as you wish it to appear in the newsletter.
- Family acknowledgement contact information: If you would like **MAL** to send the family an acknowledgement letter, provide the following:
 - Donor's name to be mentioned (optional). Donor must include family's contact information: name and complete address.
- Where do I send the money? Make checks payable to **MAL** and indicate in the notes section: memorial donation. Send it to Rosetta Volpe-Dufalla, 104 Crabtree Dr., Moon Twp., PA 15108.

ROSETTA VOLPE-DUFALLA

OPEN STUDIO

We had our first **OPEN STUDIO** via Zoom on September 26 with seven participants. It was so great to connect with fellow artists who shared their current art projects via video. But it was even better to hear from each other about our journeys and thoughts during this weird time.

We decided we want to continue to hold online **OPEN STUDIO** sessions on second and fourth Fridays—via Zoom. We hope to see you on October 9 from 10 AM until 11 AM (link to come).

KAREN VITUCCIO

STUDIO UPDATES

Mosites will be replacing our defective water heater, which we will pay for (included in current budget).

ANNE TRIMBLE

NEW ITEMS FOR SALE

Former **MAL** member Barbara Riehle was downsizing her collection of art and framing supplies, so we purchased several items that might be of interest to our members:

- 2 Logan Mat Cutters, a professional paper cutter, a MABEF French easel (unused), a MUD wood plein air easel, 14 + full-sized (32 x 40) mat board in multiple colors, and 15 frames, new in packaging. We're working on setting up an online auction to pass these wonderful tools on to our members.

ANNE TRIMBLE



**"GIRL WITH PEACHES" BY
VALENTIN SEROV
1887 OIL ON CANVAS**

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