

# MCMURRAY ART LINES

TO PROVIDE AND STIMULATE FOCUS ON THE ARTS

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE CO-PRESIDENT

While the November-December Holiday season is a whirl of activity, I think artists are busiest from September through November! There are so many opportunities to take advantage of as we each stretch and create art. Shows such as the **Fall Galleria show**, the **ARC Show**, and the **Peters Township Library** show are all in full swing, stimulating classes, intriguing **Art Talks**, **Open Studio** sessions, etc. Find details in this newsletter, then sign up to get involved and promote the arts in your unique way.

Looking ahead, the Board has set the date for our annual **JINGLE MINGLE** at the studio. On Thursday, December 14th, 11 - 2, you are invited to celebrate the holiday season with your art friends! Bring an appetizer or dessert to share. It is always a great chance to catch up with friends and enjoy some holiday cheer!

Don't forget that we switch over to 2:00 pm afternoon General meetings for November 9, February 8 and March 14 so we can travel during the daylight hours.

I look forward to seeing each of you at the studio soon!



**SANDY CONLEY,  
CO-PRESIDENT WITH JAN PINI**

### Giant Oaks Winery Exhibit Cancellation:

At the October 17 Board meeting it was decided the Giant Oaks Winery in Finleyville is not a good venue for a **MAL show**. Hanging, lighting, access and hours available for viewing were all considered to be too much of a challenge for us to work through.

**Sandy Conley**



## Upcoming Events

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING**  
**Nov 9, 2023 AT 2:00 PM**

**"NEXT ART TALKS"**  
**11/5 on Joaquin Sorrolla by**  
**Leslie Baldwin**

There is no December **ART TALK** during the Holiday break. If someone would like to do an **ART TALK** in January please contact Lolly Owens.

## NEWS IN MAL

**MAL** now has 78 active members.

### COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

We are requesting that everyone who attends events at the **MAL studio** (classes, meetings, **Open Studio**, etc.) follow current Covid-19 guidelines. Thanks so much for helping us keep each other safe.

## MAL EXHIBITS by JAN PINI

### ARC CANONSBURG EXHIBIT

The Fall exhibit at Arc in Canonsburg is in full swing. The registration for the Winter/Holiday show "**Winter Wonderland**" is due **Wednesday, November 1**. Go to **the Events, Exhibits page** on the website for the prospectus and registration. Remember that you can enter works that have been in previous **MAL shows** and prints are allowed (although no bin art or cards). The date to pick up unsold work from the previous show is Monday, November 20, 10-12. The dates to drop off accepted work for the "**Winter Wonderland**" show are Monday and Tuesday, November 20 and 21, 9-12.

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### FALL SHOW AT THE GALLERIA

The Fall Show is being held right now at The Galleria of Mt. Lebanon. It's a lovely show so be sure to stop by and see it before it comes down Sunday, October 29. People's Choice voting ends on Thursday, October 26 at 7 PM. If you can help with dismantling the screens and transporting them and the rest of the show gear back to the studio, please hang out at the show Sunday, October 29, 3-5 PM and lend a hand.

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### ST. CLAIR HOSPITAL EXHIBIT

We're on the schedule for an exhibit at St. Clair Hospital for September-October, 2024, so save the date and watch for more information coming in the future.



**JAN PINI**

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## MEMBERSHIP/NOMINATIONS

**MAL** currently has 78 members. **McMurray Art League** is looking for a few volunteers to help manage the activities in *your league*.

**HOSPITALITY CHAIR** is needed. A few people have listed "hospitality" as an area of interest in their **MAL** profiles, and even if you can't be at every event or meeting, the chair primarily must check on and replenish hospitality supplies as needed and contact others who can bring a refreshment to an event or meeting. A list of interested members will be provided to you.

**PUBLICITY CHAIR** is needed. Former publicity chair, Margie Mersky, has provided a list of activities to help you. Facility with checking our website for upcoming activities, and facility with posting events on social media is most needed. Contact Leslie Baldwin at [lesbld@verizon.net](mailto:lesbld@verizon.net).



**LESLIE BALDWIN**

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**PETERS TOWNSHIP LIBRARY NOTES**  
**2023 – 2024 Peters Township Library Show Schedule**

The artwork shown this year at **Peters Township Library Shows** has been fresh, colorful and imaginative. Thank you to all the artists who have participated. Currently on view is "Action/Reaction." The themes and dates through October 2024 are as follows:

Theme	Dates
Action/Reaction	September 20, 2023 – November 15, 2023
Gifts Abound	November 15, 2023 – January 17, 2024
Night and Day	January 17, 2024 – April 17, 2024
Evolve	April 17 – June 19, 2024
Start to Imagine	June 19 – September 18, 2024



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.



**SANDY CONLEY**

**STUDIO EXHIBIT – CHANGEOVER TO "SERENITY" FOR FALL OF 2023**

The current **Studio Exhibit "FLOW"** is coming down, and a new themed exhibit will be going up called **"SERENITY"**. The new show will be up through the Fall. Please sign up and register online for free. You can drop off new work and pick up your previous work at the **"Art Talk"** on Nov 5, from 2-4 or the general meeting on Nov 9 from 2-4. If you cannot meet those dates, please contact Lisa Markowski for other arrangements, at [Lisa\\_mark95@MSN.com](mailto:Lisa_mark95@MSN.com).

You may enter up to 3 pieces. Information is needed by Nov 5 to provide time to design and print the tags. There is no entry fee but 15% commission on sold works is retained by **MAL**.



**LISA TURBEVILLE MARKOWSKI**

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## STUDIO WINDOW EXHIBIT

**Carol Fritch-Anglin** is the November featured artist in the studio window for November, 2023. Carol is an art institute graduate and a retired graphic designer. We look forward to seeing her beautiful work displayed in our window. Thanks, Carol.

The **McMurray Art League** studio is located in the McDowell Shops shopping center between Opal Rose and Cedars Restaurant. Please contact me at 412-860-9049 or [Klvituccio@gmail.com](mailto:Klvituccio@gmail.com) if you are interested in displaying your work in the window.

## KAREN VITUCCIO

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### OPEN STUDIO

I'm sitting here by my window watching a hundred million leaves flutter to the ground in every color you can imagine. Gorgeous yellow greens, rich rusty reds and deep purples. And then there's the oranges! Not enough words to describe all that, too. The great thing is that we can save all this. All it takes is a piece of paper, a few primary colors, and a super brush. And **Open Studio** is the perfect place! Please come join us.

**Open Studio dates:** 10/27. 11/10. 11/17. Hours: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm or later, if need be. There will not be any **Open Studio** session on 11/24 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

For more information contact me at [Klvituccio@gmail.com](mailto:Klvituccio@gmail.com), or call 412-860-9049.



**KAREN VITUCCIO**

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## JINGLE MINGLE - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14 FROM 11 - 2 AT THE STUDIO

Be sure to mark your calendar and come to our annual **JINGLE MINGLE** at the **MAL studio** on Thursday, December 14 from 11 - 2. We will gather to celebrate the holiday season. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share, and perhaps a favorite beverage! Please register online at <https://www.mcmurrayartleague.com/event-5458141>.



Any questions, please contact Sandy Conley. [conley1973@verizon.net](mailto:conley1973@verizon.net)

**SANDY CONLEY**

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## 2023/2024 MEETING DATES

The meeting will be both in person and via Zoom. Please make sure you follow CDC Guidelines if you attend in person. Zoom information: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6392816322> (no password)

Board Meetings 2:00 PM Third or fourth Mondays via Zoom	General Meeting (2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursdays)	Speaker/Presenter
November 20, 2023	November 9, 2023 2:00 PM and Zoom	Speaker is Elana Ouimette – Live Plant Art.
January 15, 2024	February 8, 2024 2:00 PM and Zoom	Speaker is Kim Fox – Metal Art, and Sculpting
February 19, 2024	March 14, 2024 2:00 PM and Zoom	Speaker is Ron Jesiolowski Artist <a href="https://rjrdesign.wixsite.com/ron-jesiolowski">https://rjrdesign.wixsite.com/ron-jesiolowski</a>
March 18, 2024	April 11, 2024 7:00 PM and Zoom	Speaker is Matt Cosgrove – Potter Live Demo
April 15, 2024	May 9, 2024 7:00 PM and Zoom	Speaker is Renee Keil. Abstract Painting with Pastel.
May 20, 2024		



**BETTY ROSEBOROUGH**

## MEET OUR MEETING PRESENTER

The speaker for **MAL's** November Meeting is **Elana Ouimette** who will talk about live plant art. Elena says "I had recently traveled to South America and was intrigued by all the living walls that thrive in the warm, humid environment there, and decided to create something visually comparable, but without the moisture and maintenance.





## UPCOMING CLASSES – 2023/2024

The minimum number of participants 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 more information about a class contact** Class Coordinator, Betty Roseborough, at [classcoordinator@mcmurrayartleague.com](mailto:classcoordinator@mcmurrayartleague.com).

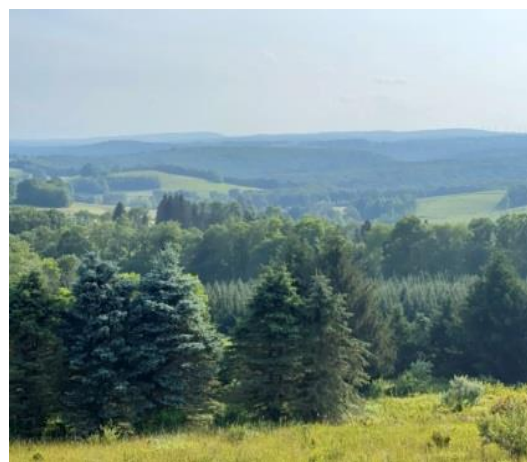
**You may register for a class** on the **MAL Website** by viewing the class under the **Calendar OR** the **Events** menu option and clicking Register (register for the series or for each day separately) **OR** you may notify the temporary **Class Registrar, Jan Pini**, via email at [classregistrar@mcmurrayartleague.com](mailto:classregistrar@mcmurrayartleague.com) or 724-518-5585 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: Jan Pini; 103 Crabtree Ct.; Venetia, PA 15367. 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 2023/2024	Class (In-person following CDC Guidelines)	Time	Member – Non Member
November 13, 15, 2023	Steph Moraca, Acrylic ( <a href="#">Register</a> ) <a href="#">Supplies</a>	10:00 - 4:00	Member \$45 day/ Non-Member \$50 day
February 12, 14, 2024	Steph Moraca, Acrylic ( <a href="#">Register</a> ) <a href="#">Supplies</a>	10:00 - 4:00	Member \$45 day/ Non-Member \$50 day
March 27, April 3, 2024	Barry Jeter, Oil or Watercolor ( <a href="#">Register</a> ) <a href="#">Watercolor Supplies</a> , <a href="#">Oil Supplies</a>	10:00 – 4:00	Member \$45 day/ Non-Member \$50 day
May 14,16, 2024	Diane Grguras, Plein Air Pastel ( <a href="#">Register</a> ) <a href="#">Supplies</a>	10:00 - 4:00	Member \$45 day/ Non-Member \$50 day

## PREVIEW OF MAL CLASSES 2023/2024

### STEPH MORACA ACRYLIC LANDSCAPE NOVEMBER 13, 15, 2023 AND FEB 12, 14, 2024

I will set up the class to complete an acrylic landscape painting using the layering method, while covering some additional topics such as composition, general rules of creating a realistic landscape painting, brush stroke techniques, and color / value tips while we work. This wooded scene is the painting that I will be working and referencing. Join us for a fun painting experience.



**STEPH MORACA** [WWW.StephMoracaFineArt.com](http://WWW.StephMoracaFineArt.com)

## BARRY JETER WATERCOLORIST AND OIL PAINTER – MARCH 27 AND APRIL 3 2024

Barry R. Jeter, native of Mount Hope, a small town in the Appalachians of southern West Virginia now resides in Finleyville, Pennsylvania where he maintains his studio. Basically a self-taught artist, he is an accomplished painter with over thirty years of experience, the last twenty of which have been given primarily to watercolor and most recently mixed media including oils. Barry



says "With every painting I begin, my primary objective is not necessarily to reproduce an exact image of what I see, but to communicate the visual impact of that moment for the viewer to contemplate".

[Barry Jeter Fine Art](#)



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## DIANE GRGURAS PASTEL ARTIST – MAY 14, 15, 2024

Diane Grguras has a B.S. in Medical Illustration from The Ohio State University and an A.S. in Scientific Illustration from San Bernardino Valley College (CA). She completed an internship in medical illustration at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in East Orange, New Jersey. She has worked as a graphic designer and



illustrator and is a member of the Pittsburgh Pastel Artists' League, the North Hills Art Center, and Cranberry Artists Network. She is an associate member of the Pastel Society of America. She has taught art classes for adults and children.

[Diane Grguras Fine Art](#)



**BETTY ROSEBOROUGH**

## ART TALKS AT THE MAL STUDIO

The October **ART TALK** was led by **MAL** member **Tom Peno** who presented watercolorist Joseph Zbukic, who is known for his atmospheric paintings conveying moody impressions of landscapes, both urban and rural. He has been honored with international awards for his work.

### November **ART TALK**



"Sewing the Sail"

**Joaquin Sorolla**  
(1863 – 1923) *Spanish master  
of capturing the fleeting  
effects of sunlight.*

Presented by **Leslie Baldwin**

**Nov. 5, 2023, 2:00 – 4:00 PM**

**Art Talk fee: \$5** per person.

Guests Welcome, too!



"Afternoon Sun"  
(Detail)

On November 5, **MAL** member **Leslie Baldwin** will present the best-known Spanish painter of his time, Joaquin Sorolla who was interested in the changing effect of light. He achieved great notoriety during his lifetime and his work stood out both on the national and international scene. He dedicated his life to painting, capturing light and beauty on canvas. His style was a variant of impressionism.

There is no December **ART TALK** during the Holiday break. If someone would like to do an **ART TALK** in January please email me at [owenslolly@gmail.com](mailto:owenslolly@gmail.com). Just pick your favorite artist and tell us why this artist inspires you.



**LOLLY OWENS**

### **NEW!!! ART TALK RECORDINGS AVAILABLE**

Several of the popular **Art Talks** have been recorded and made available on **MAL's** private YouTube channel. You can purchase a link to an **Art Talk** on the **MAL website** at the **EVENTS, CAFES** menu option. Just click on the item, then add it to your cart and check out. We're charging \$5 as that's the donation accepted if you had attended in person. If you pay by PayPal, you'll get an automatic email right away with the link to the video. If you pay by check you'll have to wait for the check to be received before you get the email with the link.

Check out the **Art Talks** as they are entertaining and informative!

### **LOLLY OWENS**



## NEWS AROUND TOWN

- **Mt. Lebanon** – No current events scheduled.
- **South Arts Pittsburgh** – No current events scheduled.
- **Upper St Clair** – The Sugarplum Artisan Marketplace begins Nov 9 to the 14 at the activity Center on McLaughlin Run Rd from 10 AM to 5PM.
- **The Pittsburgh Watercolor Society** –The Aqueous Open International Exhibition will run through Nov 30, 2023. Go to their web site for information <http://www.pittsburghwatercolorsociety.com>.



**NANCY HOKAJ**

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## HERE'S A TWIST – VIEW SOME REAL BAD ART

Did you know that there is a museum dedicated to “Bad Art”? The Museum Of Bad Art (MOBA) is located in Boston, Massachusetts for the benefit of local highbrows. Now where would you expect this museum to be housed? Here’s a hint – Dorchester Brewing Company taproom. MOBA is the world’s only museum dedicated to the collection, exhibition, and celebration of bad art in all its forms. Their growing collection awaits your discerning eye – both online and in-person in the Dorchester Brewing taproom! Take a virtual stroll through the museum by clicking this link:

[Museum Of Bad Art – art too bad to be ignored](#)

If you want to go to the brewery, just click here:

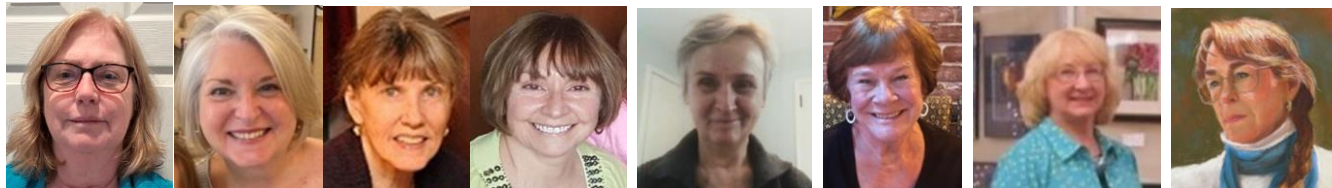
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**PAUL REBHOLZ**



### SOME OF YOUR BOARD MEMBERS



Jan

Sandy

Betty

Leslie

Michalina

Lisa

Linda and Anne  
Past Presidents

Here are some of the people that make **McMurray Art League** work so well for you and me. If you take advantage of any of the benefits that the League has to offer, then please consider volunteering some of your time to ensure the long-term viability of our League!

**Thank you ladies for your hard work and dedication.**

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