



TO PROVIDE AND STIMULATE FOCUS ON THE ARTS

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GET CREATIVE THIS SUMMER!

Your **McMurray Art League** is ramping it up! Read on to discover the exciting activities your Board has planned for the summer. The summer, you say? Doesn't **MAL** go to sleep in the summer? Not any more... We have **classes, CAFés, and Art Talks** planned for the whole summer! And don't forget that we're open Thursdays and Fridays 11-7 and Saturdays and Sundays 11-3. Stop by and work on your recent projects in the company of other artists (**\$5 Open Studio donation**). And don't forget to sign up for your sitting time from the menu under **Calendar, Studio Hosts Calendar** (it takes a village...). We'll only be successful if **YOU** sign up to attend these fun events. We're looking forward to seeing you at the beautiful **McMurray Art League Studio and Gallery** soon!

- The **Studio and Gallery** is open Thursdays and Fridays 11-7 & Saturdays and Sundays 11-3. The public is encouraged to visit. **PLEASE NOTE:** The **studio** is run by volunteers. If the studio is not open, we do not have a volunteer available.
- **OPEN STUDIO** – The **studio** is a place for member artists to work on their art and connect with the community. **MAL members** can sign up on the website calendar to attend or host **Open Studio**. Coordinated by **Jenny Martin and Lana Sakharova**.
- **ART TALKS** – Open to the Public! Sundays 3-4:30. \$5 per person donation. Light refreshments. Coordinated by **Lolly Owens**.
 - June 2 - Norman Rockwell presented by **Jan Pini**.
 - June 23 - Jackson Pollock presented by **Peter Stamoolis**.
 - July 14 – Georgia O'Keefe presented by **Kimberly Adams**.
 - August 18- The Art of The Challenge presented by **Jenny Martin**.
 - September 15 – Metaphors in Masterworks presented by **Ron Jesiolowski**. October 13 – MC Escher presented by **Peter Stamoolis**.
- **CAFÉS (Creative Arts For Everyone)** Open to the Public! See schedule for these intriguing low-cost mini craft classes presented by **McMurray Art League artists**. Older children accompanied by their parents are welcome to participate. Suggestions for future **CAFÉS** wanted. Coordinated by **Sandy Conley**.
- **CLASSES:** Members and Non-members can sign up. See schedule and sign up via website: www.mcmurrayartleague.com
- **FEATURED ARTISTS:** Member artists are invited to be the featured artist in the gallery each month. Coordinated by **Laura Sippos**.
 - **June: Gina Judy**
 - **July: Donna Reilly**
 - **August: Tom Peno**
- **MAL GALLERY EXHIBITS:** Starting in September, member artists will be mounting "one" and "two-person" shows at the studio. Coordinated by **Lisa Markowski**.
- **McMurray Art League** begins a new fiscal year on June 1. **RENEW** your membership or **JOIN** to enjoy all the benefits of membership! **Just \$35 per year**.
Visit our website for more detailed information about **classes, exhibits and events!** www.mcmurrayartleague.com

NOTE: Per our arrangement with Mosites, we need to make sure we abide with their request that we park away from spaces that their other tenants need. **All MAL members and guests visiting the Studio must park between Key Bank and the Dollar Tree Store.** We are allowed to off-load materials temporarily parking near the **Studio**, but we need to move all vehicles to the designated spaces after off-loading. We are working with Mosites to address parking for members with mobility or accessibility problems.



SANDY CONLEY



JAN PINI CO-PRESIDENTS

SAVE THE DATES!

- Peters Township Library:
- Arc Canonsburg Fall exhibit "A Colorful Journey": August 1-November 25. Arc now only accepts exhibitors from members (join at <https://archumanservices.org/advocacy/become-a-member/>). Submit up to five pieces by June 25 online at <https://archumanservices.org/art-submission-form/>.
- Studio: "Spring into the Future" extended to August 31. This is an exhibit by 38 MAL artists and is well worth seeing! Other studio exhibits are starting in the Fall.
- Bethel Park Arts and Music Festival: July 27 10 am-8 pm (prospectus and registration coming soon)
- St. Clair Hospital: September-October 2024 (prospectus and registration coming soon - small works only)
- Mt. Lebanon Library upper hallway: January 2025
- St. Clair Hospital: July-August 2026

ARC 7 EXHIBIT

The **Arc 7 exhibit** is hung and ready for viewing. Stop down to Chicco Baccello for a delicious breakfast or lunch and view the impressive show. **Arc** is located at 111 W. Pike St., Canonsburg, PA 15317 and is open during breakfast and lunch, Monday through Saturday.



JAN PINI

PETERS TOWNSHIP LIBRARY – "EVOLVE" APRIL 17 - JUNE 19

EVOLVE - April 17-June 19, "Start to Imagine" June 19-October 9. If you wish to exhibit your work at the PT 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 or register on the **MAL website**.



SANDY CONLEY

STUDIO GALLERY EXHIBITS - MAL

Plans for future exhibits are shaping up! We are hoping you will be able to leave your current pieces in the gallery until the end of August. If you need your piece before that, please contact Lisa.

Beginning in September, we are planning to hold a series of solo exhibitions by **MAL members**. Ron Jesiolowski has reserved the gallery for September, and Sandy Conley has reserved it for November. That leaves October, December and all of 2025 for **YOU** to hold an exhibit of **YOUR** work. Please consider hanging either a solo show or share the walls with a friend (or two) whose work would complement yours.

This is a **GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY** to show your work in a beautiful gallery **at a very low cost**. The cost to **MAL members** for an exhibit will be \$25 per week plus a 15% commission on any sales made while the exhibit is hung. Lisa Markowski is the **Exhibits Chairperson**. **Please contact her about specifics**. She is eager to help **MAL member artists** gain exposure to the public via a show at the **McMurray Art League studio and Gallery**. You can contact her at 412-302-6258 or markomosaics@gmail.com



LISA MARKOWSKI

MAL STUDIO DAYS - CALL FOR STUDIO ARTIST/HOSTS

We are in dire need of Studio Hosts!!! Just as a reminder, **Studio Hosts** open the **studio and gallery** and welcomes visitors. They also handle any sales that might happen. Don't panic, there is an instruction book and lots of phone numbers to call if you need help. We are trying to raise the awareness of our lovely **Studio and Gallery** by being open more often to business. **Think of it as a chance to have FOUR WHOLE HOURS to work on your latest art project!** The Thursday and Friday shifts are 11 AM to 3 PM and 3 PM to 7 PM., and Saturdays and Sundays the shift is 11 AM to 3 PM. You can sign up on the website at <https://www.mcmurrayartleague.com/Studio-Hosts-Calendar>. Just log in and choose your day and time slot to register!



JENNY MARTIN



LANA SAKHAROVA

OFFICERS ELECTED AT THE MAY 9, 2024 MEETING

The following **Officers** were re-elected at the May 9 **General Meeting**. We need some new people in these positions going forward! Consider running for an officer position next year!



JAN PINI

Co-Presidents: Sandy Conley and Jan Pini

Vice-President: Leslie Baldwin

Corresponding Secretary: Rosetta Volpe-Dufalla

Recording Secretary: Michalina Pendzich

Treasurer: Jan Pini

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

We have added and removed some **Committee Chairs**. Here's the list with the current **Chairperson(s)** included. Note that some positions are still **OPEN**. Please consider taking one of the open positions or volunteering to help the current **Committee Chair**.

- a. The **Art League Liaison** (Nancy Hokaj) shall contact other art organizations and report their activities to the Newsletter Chair and report the League's activities to the other organizations.
- b. The **Bylaws and Policies Committee** (Linda Saksa, Anne Trimble, Sandy Conley, and Jan Pini) shall consist of three past Presidents, if possible, and the current President. The Committee shall review the Bylaws and Policies annually and recommend changes when needed.
- c. The **Class Coordinator** (Betty Roseborough) shall be responsible for organizing classes, contacting instructors, and setting the class schedule, working with instructors to set fees and class size, and providing class details to the Newsletter Chair and Webmaster. Any new classes suggested by members may be presented to the Class Coordinator for consideration. Also collects and records payments for classes, forwards the payments to the treasurer, and recruits class monitors from the class attendees.
- d. The **Directory Chair** (Leslie Baldwin and Jan Pini) shall compile, edit, and make available the annual directory of current members and current Bylaws and Policies.
- e. The **Exhibitions Chair** (Betty Roseborough) shall schedule and oversee all non-studio exhibits except for the exhibits that have their own chairs. Works with the individual show chairs such as:
 - i. The **Fall Show Chair** (**OPEN**) shall arrange for a non-juried exhibit and sale in the fall of each year.
 - ii. The **Spring Show Chair** (Gina Judy) shall arrange for a juried exhibit and sale in the spring of each year.
 - iii. The **Peters Library Exhibit Chair** (Sandy Conley) shall organize ongoing shows at the Peters Township Library.
 - iv. The **Studio Exhibit Chair** (Lisa Markowski) shall be responsible for arranging a show of members' work in the studio space and reporting any sales to the treasurer.
 - v. The **Studio Featured Artist Chair** (Laura Sippos) shall be responsible for scheduling monthly displays of members' work in the studio space.
- f. The **Hospitality Chair** (Lana Sakharova and Jenny Martin) shall coordinate refreshments for the meetings and events of the League and replenish studio supplies.
- g. The **Immediate Past President** (Anne Trimble) shall serve in an advisory capacity as a member of the Board.
- h. **Member at Large** (Linda Saksa) is a Board position that serves in an advisory role and takes on responsibilities as needed. There may be up to three Members at Large on the Board.
- i. The **Membership Chair** (Carol Aurin) will collect the dues of all new and current members, turning dues over to the Treasurer for deposit and keep accurate records of address changes and the status of all members.
- j. The **Newsletter Chair** (Peter Stamoolis) shall compile, edit, and provide monthly newsletters to be emailed to members and print and distribute copies to members who do not have email.
- k. The **Nominating Chair** (Leslie Baldwin) shall present the proposed slate of officers and Committee Chairs at the March Board meeting and include the proposed slate of officers and Committee Chairs in a newsletter before the last General meeting of the fiscal year. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor (with the consent of the nominee) at the last General meeting of the fiscal year, at which time the League members will vote for the slate of officers.

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- i.** The **Programs Chair** shall oversee the coordination of non-class and non-exhibit activities, such as field trips, book clubs, Art Talks, and CAFEs (Creative Arts for Everyone). Several other chairs working on “programs” coordinate with the Program Chair with other positions created as needed:
- i.** **Art Talks Chair** (Lolly Owens) shall recruit and schedule Art Talks.
 - ii.** **CAFes Chair** (Sandy Conley) shall recruit and schedule CAFEs (Creative Arts for Everyone).
 - iii.** **Meeting Presenter Chair** (**OPEN**) shall arrange for and introduce speakers for General meetings.
- m.** The **Publicity Chair** (**OPEN**) shall advertise all events and concentrate on maintaining good public relations.
- n.** The **Scholarship Chair** (Carol Aurin) shall be responsible for selecting the Bunky Mosites Memorial Scholarship winner and arranging for framing their artwork, if necessary.
- o.** The **Standards Committee** (Leslie Baldwin, Gina Judy, and **OPEN**) shall consist of three members who shall ensure that all show artwork adheres to League standards.
- p.** The **Studio Manager** (Lana Sakharova and Jenny Martin) shall coordinate use of the studio and recruit Studio Hosts to be present during open studio hours.
- q.** The **Webmaster** (Jan Pini) shall maintain the League website.



JAN PINI

UPCOMING CLASSES, CAFÉS AND EVENTS (SEE THE SUMMER OFFERINGS NEXT PAGE)

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.

You may register for a class on the **MAL Website** by viewing the class under the **Calendar** **OR** the **Events, Classes** 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 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.

(SEE THE SUMMER OFFERINGS NEXT PAGE)

Summer 2024 Offerings at McMurray Art League

Visit www.mcmurrayartleague.com for details and to sign up for any of these classes and activities!

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	Thurs, May 30 10a-2p at studio	1 CLASS - Micro Mosaic Jewelry Class with Lisa Markowski	Teacher: Lisa Markowski Create your own jewelry. Lisa helps with design and steps to make your own unique piece of jewelry. Popular Class!	\$35/Mem \$40/Non-mem +\$20 Materials fee/piece
	Sun, June 2 3p-4:30p at studio	ART TALK: Norman Rockwell	Presenter: Jan Pini Jan has visited the Rockwell Museum, informing her talk about the iconic artist's work and life.	\$5.00 – Drop-ins welcome
	Fri, June 14 11a-3p at studio	C.A.F.E. Painted Greeting Cards	Teacher: Gina Judy Paint florals or other subjects in watermedia and markers on cards. Calligraphy can be added to complete greetings.	\$5.00 plus minimal materials fee
	Mon, June 17 & Tues June 18 10a – 3p at studio	2 CLASSES - Drawing and Perspective 101 Beginner & Intermediate	Teacher: Carol Aurin 1 st Class: How to execute shading and tone on basic shapes while creating a simple still life. 2 nd Class: Perspective will be covered as students create a simple landscape.	\$45/Mem/per day \$50/Non-mem/per day
	Thurs, June 20, 27, July 11, 18 5:30p – 8p at studio	DROP IN & DRAW! Still Life Set Up	Facilitator: Carol Aurin Each session Carol will set up a still life for participants to draw. Practice drawing skills at your own pace. Bring your own supplies.	\$5.00 per session Drop- ins welcome
	Sun, June 23, 3p-4:30p at studio	ART TALK: Jackson Pollock	Presenter: Peter Stamoolis Learn about Jackson Pollock, a major figure in the abstract expressionist movement.	\$5.00 – Drop-ins welcome
	Tues, June 25 6p – 9p at the studio	1 CLASS – Roll the Dice: A Mixed Media Mosaic Workshop	Teacher: Laura Sippoe Roll the dice to randomly select a color scheme, object & theme. Create one of a kind art! Great date night or sign up with a friend. No experience necessary	\$45/Mem \$50/Non-mem Materials included
	Fri July 12 5:30 p-7p at studio	C.A.F.E. Mini Books	Presenter: Laura Sippoe Create mini books out of one sheet of paper	\$5.00 – Drop-ins welcome
	Sun, July 14 3p-4:30p at studio	ART TALK: Georgia O'Keeffe	Presenter: Kimberly Adams Georgia O'Keeffe, American modernist painter whose long career and works will be discussed.	\$5.00 – Drop-ins welcome
	Mon, July 22 & Wed, July 24 10a-4p on location	2 CLASSES - Oil and Watercolor Plein Air with Barry Jeter	In a local setting TBD, Barry Jeter will instruct the class about his methods for painting on location. More info available online .	\$45/Mem/per day \$50/Non-mem/per day
	Fri, July 26 1p-3p at studio	C.A.F.E. Paint ON Leaves Using Various Media	Presented by Peter Stamoolis Peter has developed this exciting method of preserving and enhancing leaves! Check it out!	\$5.00 – Drop-ins welcome
	Sat, July 27 10a – 8p at Bethel Rec Ctr	ARTS and MUSIC FESTIVAL	McMurray Art League members will have art on display and for sale at this regional art festival! Check it out!	
	Thurs, August 8 6p – 8:30 p at studio	1 CLASS: Thrift Altered Art Workshop	Teacher: Laura Sippoe Rework a piece of thrift store art. From whimsical to movie-themed, to downright weird. No experience necessary. Sign up with a friend!	\$45/Member \$50/ Non-mem Materials included
	Sunday, August 18 3p – 4:30p at studio	ART TALK: The Art of The Challenge	Presenter: Jenny Martin Discussion about creativity applied by various artists.	\$5.00 – Drop-ins welcome
	Mon, Aug 19 & Wed, Aug 21 10a-4p on location	2 CLASSES- Plein Air with Steph Moraca	Weather permitting, in a local setting TBD, Steph Moraca will guide students through her methods of working on site. Oil/Acrylic (Oils strongly preferred for outside painting.)	\$45/Mem/per day \$50/Non-mem/per day
	Thurs, August 29 1p-3p at studio	C.A.F.E. Quilling	Presented by Donna Reilly Make a snowflake ornament and/or flowers using rolled and shaped strips of colored paper.	\$5.00 – Drop-ins welcome
	Sun, Sept 15 3p-4:30p at studio	ART TALK: Metaphors in Masterworks	Presenter: Ron Jesiolowski Visual metaphors open a dialogue between artist and viewer. Join the discussion!	\$5.00 – Drop-ins welcome

YOUR ARTWORK COULD WIN A \$50,000 PRIZE CALLED "THE BENNETT PRIZE"

This was news to me – maybe because I’m not a woman trying to make it in the male dominated art world. This arts prize awards \$50,000 to a woman artist to create her own solo exhibition of figurative realist paintings. THE BENNETT PRIZE is a biennial prize, meaning the exhibition is planned for every second year. The next exhibition is in early 2025, and a call for artists opened in April 2024 and will close Oct 4, 2024. THE BENNETT PRIZE was created in 2018, and is only open to a woman artist. The intent of the prize is to propel the careers of women figurative painters who have not yet realized full professional recognition. Although this prize is a national event, it is administered locally through the Pittsburgh Foundation. If you are interested, you can find more information about it at this website where you can read about the Bennetts and the drive behind this prize: [The Bennett Prize Home](#) | [The Bennett Prize](#)



PAUL REBHOLZ

NEWS AROUND TOWN

- **Bethel Art Guild - The first annual Bethel Park Art & Music Festival is Saturday, July 27:** This all-day event will be from 10 AM to 8 PM. South Arts will fill the Schoolhouse with artwork. Our screens will be set up in the co-op room, and the other first floor classrooms will be filled with art vendors. This neighborhood festival will include art and craft vendors, live music, businesses/vendors and food trucks. The event is sponsored by the Bethel Park Fantastic Four. Over 2000 people are expected to attend this festival.

Artists sign-ups will be accepted until July 7th, and based on the number of artists we will determine the maximum number of hanging pieces each artist can hang. You will receive more information and a form to register your artwork after July 7th. **There is no fee to participate, however you must volunteer for sales sitting (DAY OF in 2 hour shifts), set-up (NIGHT BEFORE), or tear down (MORNING AFTER).** If you have additional questions please email: Alexbaratta@live.com. Please fill out the Google form below, and you will be emailed a receipt of your submission. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSefsxZQ0rwSuXSlv2zB5TkEBPDiAnuH0khzb1JKp6VGk5hCfw/viewform?usp=sf_link

- **South Arts Pittsburgh** has a schedule of classes for the summer months. There is a figure drawing session on Wednesday in the studio in the Schoolhouse. That is located at Park Ave and South Park Road in Bethel Park. For more information visit www.southartspittsburgh.org



NANCY HOKAJ

WEBSITE TRICKS

This is the first in a series of articles about how to take advantage of all our website has to offer.

Forgot your password? There are several areas of the website that are only accessible to members who are logged in. For example, in order to register for a class at the Member's rate or get to the Members menu option content, you need to be logged in so the website knows you're a member. If you've forgotten your password, first click the "Log in" link in the upper right corner of the Home page:




Then click the "Forgot password" link next to the "Log in" button on the next page:

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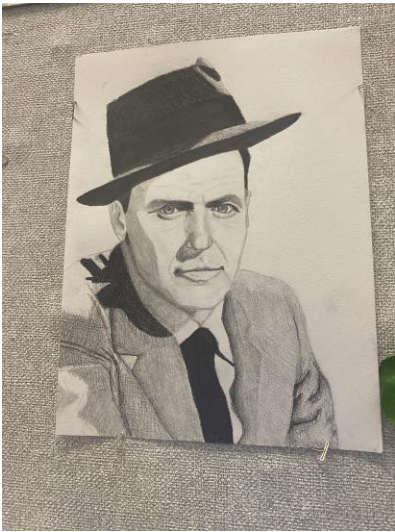
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You'll receive an email with a link that allows you to set a new password. I hope this helps!



JAN PINI

THE BUNKY MOSITES SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

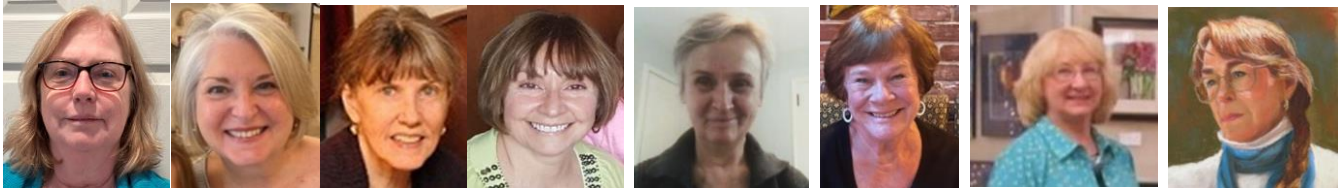


Karina Stabile is the 2024 recipient of the Bunky Mosites Senior Scholarship Award. Karina is active in the Art Club, soccer, track, and volunteer work at the high school and township. She loves working in pencil. She will be attending The Ohio State University in the fall, where she will major in architecture.

Carol Aurin



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.

THE McMURRAY ART LEAGUE
Officers and Chairs – 2023 – 2024

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