

November 2020

MCMURRAY ART LINES

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



**"Booth Group"
1983 Water Color on Paper
RALPH GOINGS**

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING:
NOVEMBER 12, 2020
7:00 PM**

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Dear Artist Friends—

We saw our first snowflakes this week, and the leaves are half-gone from the maple tree in my back yard. The whole summer went by so fast! I've been trying to keep my brain sharp, playing word games, watching TED talks, taking classes (500 years of American Immigration, fiddle tunes) and yoga sessions via ZOOM and YouTube. While the weather was still warm I was able to get out a few days a week to play music with friends on porches and in parks, but now that it's gotten cold, a couple of the jams have been cancelled outright, and one has moved inside—I don't feel comfortable attending indoor functions at this point. It's going to be an interesting winter.

I was so excited to see how many folks participated in our on-line juried exhibit. EXCELLENT work! Congratulations to all who won awards. Make sure

you share the exhibit with your friends and family; I'm tickled that my family in California can see the show!

This is going to be a very interesting week. We have the election (which will probably still be up in the air when you receive this). And I sent a letter to Mosites last week addressing a proposal they presented to us at the end of September (see previous e-blast). We should be hearing back from them this week.

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

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 to allow members who work during the day to attend.

Here is the link to ALL MAL Zoom meetings (my personal Zoom ID):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3421716361>

Meeting ID: 342 171 6361

Board Meetings 2:00 PM	General Meetings 7:00 PM (2 nd Thursdays)	Presenter
	November 12, 2020	Jared Cullum - (local Pittsburgh Artist) videos http://jaredcullum.com
November 23, 2020		
January 18, 2021	February 11, 2021	Ben Lustenhouters -- Videos (very good instructor)
February 22, 2021	March 11, 2021	Marla Bagetta—Video pastel or acrylic
March 22, 2021	April 8, 2021	TBD
April 19, 2021	May 13, 2021	TBD
May 24, 2021		

COMING UP IN THE NEXT MEETING: After a short business meeting we will present two videos from Jared Cullum who paints in watercolor and gouache. Member discussion and Q & A will follow each video provided by our experienced and talented members.

- The feature film is "Approaching a Landscape: Watercolor VS Gouache" length 15:01
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tRYNgUIDCuY>
- Modifying a Masterson Sta-Wet Handy Palette for Gouache/Oil; and a Plein Air Gouache Demo length 15:27 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7AcB2oOGQms>

BETTY ROSEBOROUGH

STUDIO WINDOW EXHIBIT

- 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

PETERS TOWNSHIP LIBRARY EXHIBIT

TELLING A STORY show was hung at Peters Township Library on Wednesday, Oct. 28. Nicole Courtmanche, Arlene Popko, Betty Roseborough, Leslie Baldwin, Jan Pini and Sandy Conley have paintings hanging. The show will be on display until February 10, 2021. The library has a new director, Lacey Love, who made a point to introduce herself to us. If you get a chance to visit the library you will enjoy the “visual stories” as well as the book.



OPEN STUDIO

We will continue to hold online Open Studio sessions on second and fourth Fridays from 10:00 to 11:00 AM—via Zoom. Bring your COVID-19 stories, artwork you’ve been working on, and stories & jokes to share. We hope to see you on November 13. It’s so good to connect with everyone—even if not in person.

Here’s the link to the Open Studio Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3421716361>

KAREN VITUCCIO

STUDIO UPDATES

Mosites oversaw the replacement of the defective hot water heater. **MAL** was able to pay for it as it was included in our budget, and water in the studio is now running.

ANNE TRIMBLE

MAL VIRTUAL JURIED SHOW

Our long awaited juried show is finally up! Congratulations to the winners (your prize will be sent soon)! Click [here](#) to see the show and be sure to vote for your favorite for People's Choice!

JAN PINI AND ARINDAM SEN, SHOW CO-CHAIRS

Awards	
Best of Show	Bill Ceriani "The Golden Hour": Ceriani, Bill, "The Golden Hour", Pastel, 19"x25"
Best of Category Abstract/Non-Objective	Linda Saksa "Awakening II"
Best of Category Animal/Wildlife	Diane Murray "Carolina Wren"
Best of Category Interior/Exterior/Architecture	Gina Judy "Deck at Fallingwater"
Best of Category Landscape/Seascape	Diane Murray "Renziehausen Rose Garden"
Best of Category Photography/Digital Art	Betty Roseborough "Celestial Stairway"
Best of Category Portrait/Figure	Renee Keil "1940s Harley Girl"
Best of Category Still Life/Floral	Nicole Grigor "Autumn Bokeh"
Best of Category 3D/Sculpture	Denise Rosi Graham "Hen House II"
Juror's Awards	Leslie Baldwin "Retro Mixology"
	Bill Ceriani "Sea Grottoes of Lagos Portugal"
	Bill Ceriani "The Church of Santa Maria de Belem, Lisbon, Portugal"
	Sandy Conley "Long Shadows"
	Gina Judy "Dad's 'Golden Years' Not so Golden"
	Renee Keil "The Road along the Way: Ligonier Countryside"
	Andrea LaNasa "Alexandra the Ballerina"
	Charles Morreale "Cedar Waxwing"
	Charles Morreale "Josie Crooks - Singer"
	Patty Shields "An Artichoke Flower"

MEMBERSHIP/DIRECTORY REPORT:

The **MAL Directory** is accessible on online. Please follow instructions on our website for your PC or Mac computer to print a copy if you desire one. A very limited number of directory copies have been printed (from a home computer) and mailed to members who had previously been receiving printed newsletters. Foregoing a printed **MAL Directory** for 2020-2021 has been a necessary cost saving measure for **your McMurray Art League** in these difficult times.

LESLIE BALDWIN

NEWS FROM OTHER LEAGUES OCTOBER 2020

NOTE: Because of the pandemic, the art leagues are not as busy as usual.

Pittsburgh Watercolor Society: The Annual Members show and the Aqueous have been online. The Aqueous is still available to view. It is a beautiful show. I could not find any **McMurray Art League** members listed, but Connie Clutter (past **MAL** member) had a piece displayed. There were a lot of realistic portraits exhibited.

Bethel Art League: There is no meeting in November, but a meeting is planned for December. Only 25 members can attend and there will be no speaker. However, the group did change paintings in the Bethel community Center.

Whitehall Arts: the group had a meeting at the outside at Oliver Miller Homestead instead of indoors. Because of the pandemic, paintings are still on exhibit at St. Clair Hospital. I understand some have been sold but I don't have a count.

South Arts is having a few people at the Schoolhouse for Friday painters.

Charming Charlie's: The possible art exhibit at the empty **Charming Charlie's** store was cancelled because there were not enough participants to man the show.

Upper St. Clair Art League: Their big event is the annual **Sugarplum Store** at the Activity Center at 1770 McLaughlin run Road (next to the 3 hole golf). They will be open Nov. 5,6,7 from 10-5; Sunday Nov. 8 from 10-2; Monday Nov. 9 from 10-5; and Tuesday Nov. 10 from 10-2. Partial proceeds from sales will fund a scholarship for an Upper St. Clair student.

FRAN MARZE

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

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



**"THE UMBRELLA'S" BY
PIERRE AUGUSTE RENOIR
1885 OIL ON CANVAS**

THE McMURRAY ART LEAGUE

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