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FROM THE DESK OF THE CO-PRESIDENTS

Dear McMurray Art League,

As your **MAL Co-Presidents**, we have had the privilege of being at the forefront of some major changes this 2023-24 fiscal year. Since last September, ideas, challenges and many hours of problem-solving by the Board and other members have resulted in a **transformation of the Studio and Gallery space. MANY THANKS** to all who have set the stage for **MAL to "Spring Into The Future."**

This newsletter is full of updates and new initiatives which celebrate and promote the arts. We are so touched by your enthusiasm and generous response to requests for renovation help, money for the HVAC replacement, and ideas for how to shape the art league as we move into the future.

As always, we invite you to **READ THIS NEWSLETTER** to learn more about what is happening and how YOU can be part of all!

### **STUDIO AND GALLERY TRANSFORMATION**

If you have not been able to come to the **Studio** yet, make sure you stop by. Or better yet, attend an **event or class** soon! The walls have been freshly painted, new seating area has been established, the **Studio** workspace is rearranged, and the gallery exhibit space is very professional-looking and attractive.

We express a **HUGE THANK YOU** to Lana Sakharova for the hours and hours and hours she spent painting the **Studio**, kitchen and bathroom walls, replacing the coving, painting doors and furniture items, and picking out/arranging new furniture to give us a warm and welcoming **Studio and Gallery**. Thank you also to the many others, who cleaned, organized and offered their considerable assistance throughout February and March.

Warmly,

**SANDY CONLEY AND JAN PINI**



### **Upcoming Events**

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING**  
**April 11, 2024 2:00 PM**

#### **"NEXT ART TALK"**

**4/14 on Joni Mitchell by**  
**Sandy Conley**

If someone would like to do an **ART TALK**, please contact  
Lolly Owens.

### **NEWS IN MAL**

#### Important Announcement

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.**

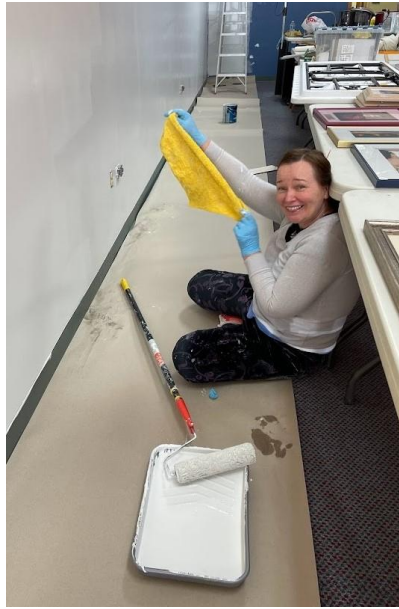
We are allowed to off-load materials temporarily parking near the **Studio**, but we need to move all vehicles to the designated spaces after off-loading. We are working with Mosites to address parking for members with mobility or accessibility problems.

#### **COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS**

Please follow current Covid-19 guidelines. Thank you.

**The STUDIO AND GALLERY TRANSFORMATION in Pictures:**

**The studio was transformed with the help of these people and went from this:**



**To this:**



## **WORKING ARTISTS Exhibition – March 13 – April 12**

It was decided the artists who volunteered their time to help with the **Studio and Gallery** transformation should be the first to exhibit their work in the **Gallery** space. They are: **Sandy Conley, Ken Courtney, Maxine Ellis, Toni Jo Kidd, Jenny Martin, Jan Pini, Paul Rebholz, Lana Sakharova, Linda Saksa, Ron Jesiolowski, and Marlene Boas as the Featured Artist** (Formerly known as the **Studio Window Exhibitor**.)

This is the first of many exciting shows that will grace the walls of **McMurray Art League Gallery**.

### **AND HERE IS THE NEXT EXHIBIT**

## **GALA STUDIO CELEBRATION – "SPRING INTO THE FUTURE" April 26 and April 27**

Plans are in the works for a celebration and official unveiling of the new **Studio** space. All **McMurray Art League Members** are encouraged to come and **INVITE ALL YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS** to join in the fun on Friday, April 26 from 5 – 7 pm and Saturday, April 27 from 11 am – 1 pm. **Here are the details:**

### **"SPRING INTO THE FUTURE" EXHIBIT**

- All **McMurray Art League** artists are invited to submit ONE piece of art to hang in the show. (Depending on response, participants may be asked to bring another piece so the **Gallery** will be filled with good art)! Sign-ups will be **post-Spring Show**, so you can exhibit a piece that was in the **Spring Show**. Sales will be encouraged.
- The reception will offer a delicious spread of hors d'oeuvres and desserts, beverages (including wine.) Lana Sakharova will set the menu and ask for food donations from members.
- "Festive Attire" is encouraged! A chance to be "artsy!"
- Lana Sakharova will oversee the decorations for the Gala. No doubt it will be gorgeous!
- Sandy Conley will organize the show, but will appreciate lots of help!
- We will heavily advertise this event to the public, other art leagues, etc.

### **Important Dates (Times TBD):**

**Sign Up Deadline: April 17.**

**Register at [McMurray Art League - "Spring into the Future" Exhibit register by 4/17](#)**

**Bring Work to Studio: April 22 or before**

**Hang Show: April 22**

**Gala Reception: Friday April 26, 5-7 and Saturday, April 27 11-1.**

**Take Down Show: June 3**



**AND**



**JAN PINI, CO-PRESIDENTS OF MAL**



## STUDIO HVAC REPLACEMENT AND FUNDING



I am so very proud of **MAL's membership!** We had donations from more than 34 of our members to help fund our new HVAC system! The total was counted from direct donations, people not taking reimbursement from expenses, those who added a donation when registering for an event, and a bake sale! At this point, we have fully funded our enormous \$8215 goal.



We made our goal without dipping into any of our surplus! Yay us! We're still taking donations to cover the **Studio** refurbishing, so if you wish, you can mail a check made out to "**McMurray Art League**" to Jan Pini, 103 Crabtree Ct., Venetia, PA 15367.  
**JAN PINI**



## MAL STUDIO DAYS - CALL FOR STUDIO ARTIST/HOSTS

Following **Board** approval, plans are in the works to **OPEN THE STUDIO/GALLERY** regularly beginning on MAY 2, 2024!

On Thursdays & Fridays from 11 – 7, and Saturdays & Sundays from 11 – 3 you can come to the **Studio** and work on your own projects, joining others who are working on their own projects. To defray the cost of having the **Studio** open, a \$5 fee will be collected each day you attend. Now and then, during those days, special **CAFÉ (Creative Arts for Everyone)** classes will be scheduled. We will encourage the public to visit as well.

We are hoping **ALL MAL MEMBERS** will sign up to be **STUDIO ARTIST/HOSTS!** Hosts will work 4-hour shifts. (No \$5.00 daily fee for Hosts the day they work.) They open the **Studio**, put out the welcome sign, greet visitors and show them around the **Studio**, and are encouraged to work on their own projects while at the **Studio** during their 4-hour shift. If you are interested in signing up to be a **STUDIO ARTIST/HOST**, please let **Studio Managers** Jenny Martin (412-478-7314) or Lana Sakharova (412-551-8383) know via text message. Easy sign-up for each date you want to host is available through the website calendar. A **TRAINING SESSION** for hosts is scheduled for Sunday, April 14 at 2:00 pm at the studio. Stay tuned for more details in an e-blast and emails.



**SANDY CONLEY**

## STUDIO GALLERY EXHIBITS

**New Plans!** We are going to be offering the **Gallery to MAL member artists** to have their own shows for 2-4 week timeframes. Possibly 2-3 artists could do a show together. There will be a fee (proposed \$25/week and a 15% commission on sales). You would be responsible for your own "Opening Reception." **MAL** would do some marketing and you would also do your own to generate enthusiasm within your network.

Several artists have already expressed interest and we will be putting together a six month schedule for June - December. Note: November and June or July may already be taken. Since this is a new concept, still in the planning stages, **please let me know if you are interested (without commitment)**. Lisa Markowski 412-302-6258, [markomosaics@gmail.com](mailto:markomosaics@gmail.com).



**LISA MARKOWSKI**

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## ARC 7 EXHIBIT

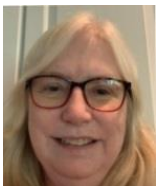
The **Arc 7 exhibit** is hung and ready for viewing. Stop down to Chicco Baccello for a delicious breakfast or lunch and view the impressive show. There will be a reception on Wednesday, April 24, 5:30-7:00 PM. **Arc** is located at 111 W. Pike St., Canonsburg, PA 15317 and is open during breakfast and lunch, Monday through Saturday.

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## SAVE THE DATES!

Betty Roseborough has been busy getting **MAL** on the books for several venues. Save the dates for these exhibits:

- Mt. Lebanon Library, upper hallway – August, 2024
- St. Clair Hospital, along the entrance from the parking garage – September and October, 2024
- St. Clair Hospital, along the entrance from the parking garage – March and April, 2026
- First Annual Bethel Park Arts and Music Festival – July 27, 2024



**JAN PINI**

## SPRING JURIED SHOW AT THE GALLERIA REGISTRATION DUE MARCH 29

Our **Spring Juried Show "Springing Ahead"** will be held at **The Galleria of Mt. Lebanon** from April 5-14. You may remember that we have changed how many prizes that will be awarded at our juried show due to the cost and the fact that vendors are not offering merchandise and gift certificates as often as in the past. This change to the Policies was voted on and accepted by the membership at the September 14, 2023 meeting. In addition to a ribbon, the awards are:

First Place: \$100 value of cash and/or merchandise

Second Place: \$50 value of cash and/or merchandise

Third Place: \$25 value of cash and/or merchandise

Three Honorable Mentions: no monetary award, just bragging rights

First, Second, and Third People's Choice awards: no monetary award, just bragging rights

We have received some awards from these vendors contacted by Rosetta Volpe-Dufalla, our Recording Secretary: Armadillo Art & Craft, Artist and Craftsman Supply, Blick Art Materials, Golden Artist Colors, M. Graham and Co., and The Frame Dame. Our Juror of Awards will be Jim Sulkowski.

### Here's a list of important dates for the Spring Show:

Important Dates	
Online registration deadline	Friday, Mar. 29, 2024
Drop off art (Galleria)	Thursday, Apr. 4, 7-8 PM
People's Choice voting ends	Thursday, Apr. 11, 7 PM
Pick up art (Galleria)	Sunday, Apr. 14, 4-5 PM
Reception	Saturday 3:30 -5:00 Awards at 4:00

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## OPEN STUDIO

The **Studio** has gone through some major changes over the past month, what with a new furnace and the interior paint job. Hopefully, now we can have **Open Studio** for the next month with no interruptions. Here are the upcoming dates: April 5, 19. Hours: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm or later, if need be. Hope to see you all there.

**Open Studio** will be changing due to the advent of the **MAL Studio Days** initiative.

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



**KAREN VITUCCIO**

## PETERS TOWNSHIP LIBRARY – "Night and Day Exhibit" January 17 - April 17, 2024



**MAL** artists Jan Pini, Beverly Fredericks, Carol Fritch-Anglin, Lana Sakharova, Betty Roseborough, Nancy Kenney, Margie Mersky, Ye Han, Peter Stamoolis, Debra Tobin and James Tobin are participating in the current show. The following are the Themes and Dates for shows through October 16, 2024.

Night and Day	January 17, 2024 – April 17, 2024
Evolve	April 17 – June 19, 2024
Start to Imagine	June 19 – October 16, 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**

## **MAL DIRECTORY/MEMBERSHIP/NOMINATIONS by LESLIE BALDWIN**

**MAL** currently has 92 active members and 1 lifetime member. **MAL** welcomes new members Angie Brandon, Jim Daugherty, Donna Guillen, Judé Ernest, and Dennis Moran.

- **Angie Brandon's** signature artistic name is Angie Candell, and her favorite medium is acrylic painting.
- **Jim Daugherty's** preferred media are acrylic and collage. Jim is willing to help **MAL** in the areas of **Fall Exhibit, Spring Exhibit, Peter's Library Exhibit, and as Historian.**
- **Judé** (Joo-day) **Ernest** is known for her handmade textiles, 2D & 3D art, and garments made from unspun wool, silk, and other sustainable materials. A member of the Pittsburgh Fiber Arts Guild, Washington Spinners and Weavers, and Upper St. Clair League for the Arts, she teaches adult art classes and workshops. She is Resident Artist at the Mt. Lebanon Public Library and Upper St. Clair Library. Judé is interested in helping **MAL** in the areas of **Hospitality, Spring Exhibit, and Studio Exhibit.**
- **Donna Guillen** works in several media, including acrylic, mixed media, pastel, pottery, wood carving, and watercolor.
- **Dennis Moran** is the retired Founder and Principal Designer of Dennis Moran Design and a printmaker. He is a graduate of Carnegie Mellon University with a BFA in Graphic Design, a Fellow of AIGA (American Institute of Graphic Arts, the Professional Association for Design), and was an Adjunct Professor at Carnegie Mellon University from 1988-1995. He is willing to help **MAL** in the areas of **Fall Exhibit, Programs, and Studio Exhibit.**

### **NOMINATIONS:**

Now is the time to become a member of **MAL's committees!** Exciting new initiatives which are part of **MAL's "Reboot"** will help to keep our studio open daily. Instead of one or two people wearing many hats, all the time, more members can do something to make this happen! Get started in any of these positions:

- **Class Coordinator:** Obtains and schedules instructors for **MAL classes.** Three instructors have agreed to teach for **MAL** next year, so this task is part of the way completed! (Many thanks to Betty Roseborough who currently wears too many "hats").
- **Class Registrar:** Receives checks for classes and records those payments on the website, then mails the checks to the **Treasurer.**
- **Meeting Presentation Coordinator:** Obtains speakers for meetings, which are often also the upcoming instructor! Works with the **Class Coordinator.**
- **Exhibitions Chair:** is Betty Roseborough, who oversees and recruits all external **MAL exhibitions** excluding the **Fall Show, Spring Show, Peters Library Exhibition and MAL studio exhibits.**

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- **Fall Show Committee Chairs:** Two people are responsible for organizing and either completing or overseeing the following tasks:
  - (1) Schedule show venue and times
  - (2) Obtain registrations from the **MAL** website to print tags for paintings and to print programs,
  - (3) Scheduling **MAL** members to sit and take sales during open show hours,
  - (4) Organizing the "show box" and "show binder" with information for the upcoming exhibition,
  - (5) Scheduling people to deliver screens and supplies to venue , to set up, and hang the show,
  - (6) Coordinating with **Standards committee** to receive works on day of set-up,
  - (7) Coordinating with **Hospitality** on show reception
  - (8) Delivering sales cash, show binder, and receipts to treasurer,
  - (9) Scheduling people to take down show and return screens and supplies to studio.
- **Spring Show Committee Chairs:** Two people are responsible for organizing and either completing or overseeing the following tasks:
  - (1) Schedule show venue and times
  - (2) Contact **Corresponding Secretary** with show dates so **Secretary** can obtain awards,
  - (3) Determining type and amounts of awards,
  - (4) Find a juror for the show,
  - (5) Obtain registrations from the **MAL website** to print tags for paintings and to print programs,
  - (6) Scheduling **MAL members** to sit and take sales during open show hours,
  - (7) Organizing the "show box" and "show binder" with information for the upcoming exhibition,
  - (8) Scheduling people to deliver screens and supplies to venue , to set up, and hang the show,
  - (9) Coordinating with **Standards committee** to receive works on day of set-up,
  - (10) Delivering sales cash, show binder, and receipts to treasurer,
  - (11) Scheduling people to take down show and return screens and supplies to **MAL Studio.**
- **Historian:** Keeps a record of **MAL activities**, formerly done through scrapbooking but now can be done digitally. Saves copies of **MAL** newsletters, show programs, **MAL** activity images from easy-to-take-and-save phone screen shots that can be obtained from members. This position is usually associated with the **Newsletter Editor.**

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- **Hospitality Co-Chairs:** Two people will share the duties of providing or scheduling members to provide refreshments for upcoming meetings and shows and will keep track of **Studio** supplies (paper towels, water, trash bags).
- **Programs Chairperson:** To keep our **Studio** open and active on non-class/non-meeting days, the **Programs Chairperson** will oversee the scheduling of the following non-class/non-meeting activities: **Art Talks, CAFÉ**, outside “field trips” for **MAL members** to museums, art show openings etc.
  - **Programs Subcommittees:**
    - **Art Talks** – obtains an **MAL** member to lead a discussion (with optional laptop aided presentation) about a famous artist. These are scheduled periodically on Sunday afternoons from 3:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M.·
    - **CAFÉ (Creative Arts for Everyone)** – finds **MAL** members who will share an activity (origami, collage, etc.), a video, or interesting book (think art “book club”) to share with **MAL** members on a non-class day.
    - **Anyone can suggest a field trip to the programs chairperson**, but the suggester will be in charge of organizing scheduling, transportation and obtaining of fees, if any from interested members.
- **Publicity Co-Chairs:** Posts information on **MAL** to social media and contacts local news outlets regarding upcoming **MAL** events. Shares relevant images and information with **Historian and Newsletter chairs.**
- **Retail Sales:** (2 people) Maintain the inventory list and product placement and display of items for sale. Provides **Treasurer** with retail sales data. Is able to work with charge card reader and train **Studio Hosts** in its use and the sales process
- **Studio Manager:** Works with **Class Coordinator, Meetings Presenter, and Programs Chairperson** to develop monthly upcoming schedule for **Studio** use. Primarily oversees **Studio** sitting and usage schedule during non-activity times and oversees maintenance of **Studio** space.
- **Studio Exhibition:** Two people needed. Works with current **Committee Chair** Lisa Markowski to organize and hang themed shows in the **MAL Studio** space.

If you have an interest in either of these positions contact Leslie Baldwin at [lesbld@verizon.net](mailto:lesbld@verizon.net).



**LESLIE BALDWIN**

## 2024 MEETING DATES

The meetings will be in person. Please follow our Mosites requested parking rules, and please make sure you follow CDC Guidelines if you attend in person.

Board Meetings 2:00 PM Third or fourth Mondays	General Meeting (2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursdays)	Speaker/Presenter
	April 11, 2024 7:00 PM	Speaker is Matt Cosgrove – Pottery Live Demo
April 15, 2024	May 9, 2024 7:00 PM	Speaker is Masha Geht – International Water Color exhibitor. <a href="https://www.mshageht.com/">https://www.mshageht.com/</a>
May 20, 2024		

## UPCOMING CLASSES – 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 2024	Class (In-person following CDC Guidelines)	Time	Member – Non Member
March 27, April 3	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
April 23,30 May 7,14	Sue Levy, Beginner-Intermediate Watercolor ( <a href="#">Register</a> )	10:00 - 2:00	Member \$35 day/ Non-Member \$40 day
May 1	Lana Sakharova, Mini-Cupcake Decorating ( <a href="#">Register</a> )	10:00 - 2:00	Member \$35 day/ Non-Member \$40 day
May 15,16	Diane Grguras, Plein Air Pastel ( <a href="#">Register</a> ) <a href="#">Supplies</a>	10:00 - 4:00	Member \$45 day/ Non-Member \$50 day
May 30	Lisa Markowski, Micro Mosaic Jewelry ( <a href="#">Register</a> )	10:00 - 4:00	Member \$35 day/ Non-Member \$40 day

## PREVIEW OF MAL CLASSES 2024

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

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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### SUE LEVY BEGINNER TO INTERMEDIATE WATERCOLOR ARTISTS

**APRIL 23, 30 and MAY 7, 14**

A great class for beginner to intermediate watercolor artists! To the artist, Spring is a palette of color explosion to paint and we immediately think of what paint colors to mix and the techniques to capture these vibrant colors. Drawing is important to plan the design and composition using a sketchbook, then the real fun begins when we put the drawing on paper and begin to paint. Come join me on this art adventure of learning to paint spring by learning the following watercolor composition and techniques, perspectives, depth, atmosphere and values.





## Lana Sakharova, Mini-Cupcake Decorating MAY 1



Lana Sakharova, Mini-Cupcake Decorating, May 1 10-2 \$35 Members, \$40 Non-Members

Lana is a cake decorator extraordinaire! She will teach us newbies how to do some simple designs and you will go home with some mini-cupcakes that you've decorated by yourself. The morning before class, you'll make your own butter cream icing (recipe coming) and bring it to class (for the right consistency it must be made that morning). She will show us how to color the icing and make

some simple designs. More information coming on other supplies that will be made available or you can bring if you already own.

## DIANE GRGURAS PASTEL ARTIST – MAY 15, 16

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](#)



## Lisa Markowski, Micro Mosaic Jewelry May 30

Lisa Markowski, Micro Mosaic Jewelry May 30 10-2 \$35 Members, \$40 Non-Members



Create your own micro mosaic jewelry! Choose your favorite colors and start designing. A tempting array of materials will be provided including many types of glass: Filati, Millifiori, rods, stained glass, Italian smalti and numerous other embellishments.

We will discuss how to design, cut and use materials and to securely place the small pieces. You can make either square, round, or rectangle silver plated pendants or earrings. New sizes and shapes will be available. All tools will be provided. The supply fee, payable to the instructor, is \$20 for each piece you make. Come have fun and leave with a finished piece to wear or gift.

If you have any of the following, please bring them:

- Tweezers
- Wheeled glass nippers
- Jewelry files



**BETTY ROSEBOROUGH**

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### **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, CAFÉ'S** 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!



**JAN PINI**

## ART TALKS AT THE MAL STUDIO

Here is the schedule for the coming **ART TALKS:**

- Sunday April 14, 3pm. Canadian-American singer-songwriter Joni Mitchell is also a painter whose depictions of other musicians such as Bob Dylan and Graham Nash and her paintings of the Canadian prairies are popular. Presented by Sandy Conley
- Sunday May 19, 3pm. Norman Rockwell, artist and illustrator, known for works that are reflections of our country's culture. Presented by Jan Pini who has visited the Norman Rockwell Museum in Massachusetts and viewed many of his works up close.
- Sunday June 23, 3pm. Jackson Pollock a major figure in the abstract expressionist movement. Presented by Peter Stamoolis.

Members and non-members are welcome. Registration on **MAL website** preferred but not required (we like to know how many snacks to have). A \$5 donation per person will help with League operating costs. If someone would like to do an **ART TALK** 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**  
**Represented by JJ Gillespie Gallery, McMurray, PA**  
**Nautilus Fellow Member, International Society of**  
**Experimental Artists Member**

## CONGRATULATIONS TO LOLLY OWENS



**Resilience #2** Mixed Media

Lolly Owens has two paintings accepted into an exhibit at the Columbus Cultural Centre in Columbus, Ohio, April 12 – May 18, 2024. Opening reception is April 27, 6-8 pm and features visual artworks, writings, music and more. The public is invited. Complimentary food and drink provided. The exhibit is part of the biennial meeting of the National League of American Pen Women. The theme is "To Create Takes Courage".



**Wings In Flight #2** Mixed Media



## NEWS AROUND TOWN

- **Bethel Art Guild** meets in the Bethel Park Community Center on the first Thursday of the month. Artists will participate in the Spring Show at the Gallaria. This month, one member, Bea Kilwein will have her works displayed on the wall in the Bethel Park Community Center.
- **South Arts Pittsburgh** meets in the Schoolhouse in Bethel Park. The members now have an exhibit in the lobby, which is open most days for the coffee shop, and The Historical Society of Bethel Park has a museum room in the building. The current works are featuring artwork from the board members. The Schoolhouse is located at 2600 South Park Road, Bethel Park, PA 15102. An Art festival is being planned for later this summer.
- **The Pittsburgh Watercolor Society** has completed the screening for new members this year. Their Member's Show will be from April 13 through May 25, 2024 at the Latrobe Art Center. The address is 819 Ligonier St, Latrobe PA 15650. An Opening reception will be on Saturday, April 27, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.



**NANCY HOKAJ**

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## DO MUSIC AND PAINTING GO TOGETHER?

If you're anything like me, you love music when you're painting or doing your brand of artwork. I begin my painting thought process in quiet solitude (if possible). But after I have my mood analyzed for the painting, and I'm into it for a little while, then I know what kind of music I want to hear.

Well Thomas Blanchard has taken this process further. Mr. Blanchard creates a video of colorful beads of paint floating in a "Sea Of Color" to the sound of classical music. If you choose to check this out, you will find that this is a very entertaining, relaxing and hypnotic video. Enjoy.

[Paint Whirls Through a Sea of Color and the Melodies of Chopin in a New Video by Thomas Blanchard — Colossal \(\[thisiscolossal.com\]\(http://thisiscolossal.com\)\)](#)



**PAUL REBHOLZ**



## APRIL NEWSLETTER FEATURED MAL ARTIST

**Carol Aurin** is on **MAL's Membership Committee and Scholarship Committee**. Thanks Carol for selecting the Peters High School Student deserving of receiving a monetary award from **MAL!**

Carol's painting is acrylic on canvas. Carol said, "The subject of this painting was mist coming off the ocean at dawn in Myrtle Beach".



**CAROL AURIN**

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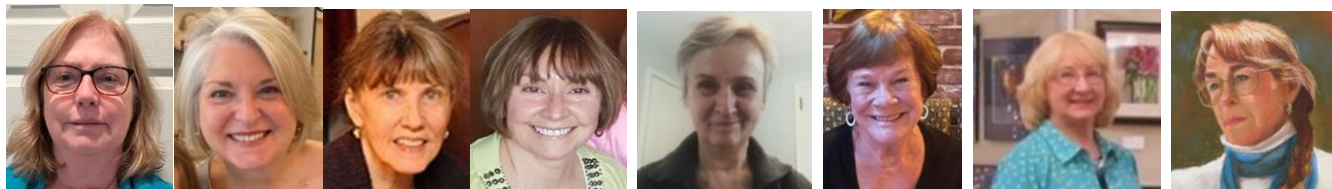
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