



Bethlehem Art Association

Jan./Feb. 2022
Newsletter



Dear Members:

Happy New Year to all! I hope everyone is well and stays well. I don't think there has been more hope ever extended for better times than now. I wrote earlier that this year will be a hybrid one for the BAA, and indeed it is. Our planning group met recently via Zoom to ensure that our months ahead will be productive and exciting regardless of our environmental challenges.

We had an excellent Zoom presentation in December with member, Kris Kelly, and our January meeting will also be via Zoom with Marc Josloff. Marc will feature his technique for travel journaling, even if one can't travel, and trust me this will be a fun and informative program. See inside for details on Marc who is coming to us from Long Island. In February, we expect to meet live again at the Bethlehem library. This will be our usual annual member critique program, with Gary Shankman, albeit a little earlier than usual, so plan on participating with some work in progress and get some tips.

While we had a great fall Members' show at the Bethlehem Library, we also had to accompany it with a virtual presentation on our website. A special note of thanks goes to Mike Joyce for his professional photographing of the artwork. We discovered there are many more tasks to make all of this happen. Consequently, we are looking for more members to volunteer to help with our shows in a number of capacities. See inside for our call for "volunteers".

On a more forward looking and hopeful basis, we would like to hold another one-day Art Show and Sale at the Delmar Reformed Church, on May 21. We agreed as well that since we are missing each other, that we will once again hold our June meeting as a member picnic.

My best wishes for the new year,
Lynda

BAA Mission Statement

The BAA is a focal point for all kinds of visual art activities in Bethlehem.
We promote art, art activities, and artists in Bethlehem.

www.bethlehemartassociation.com

Please welcome new members: Lynn Couey, Jaye Frisina, Peg OConnor, Amy Schallop and student members: Asia Ferrera and Alicia Prieto

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Meetings

VIA ZOOM!

**Thursday,
January 20, 6:45 p.m.**

Marc Josloff
Travel Journaling
Line and Blob Demonstration

Marc is a NY Artist and will feature his new technique for (Virtual) Travel Journaling involving gesture lines intermingled with lush color blobs. He is a representational artist who enjoys reducing images impressionistically to their essentials. Marc is also an art instructor and a photographer. His work has been exhibited in galleries through the NY Metro area. One of his works is in the permanent collection of the NY Art Students League and was included in the League's traveling exhibit alongside those of Georgia O'Keefe, and Norman Rockwell. In 2004 he was featured in Watercolor Magic magazine as "11 Hot Artists to Watch." As a photographer, Marc was an international award winner many times, and is on the board of directors of the Long Island Center of Photography.



Self Portrait by Gary Shankman

**Wednesday,
February 16, 6:45 p.m.**

Member Critique with Gary Shankman

On February 16 members will have the opportunity to have a piece of work reviewed by a professional artist at the annual critique. This event is scheduled prior to the annual spring show so that artists have the option of submitting a work in progress and incorporating suggestions for the show.

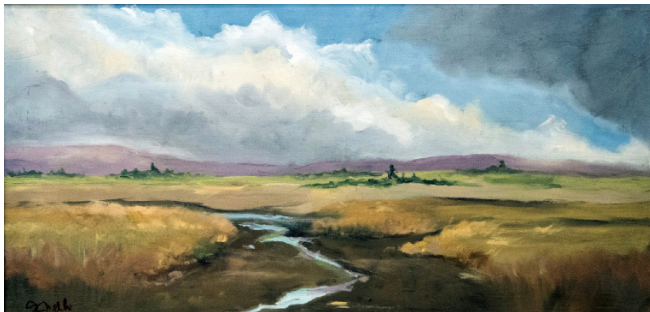
This year's guest will be Gary Shankman. Gary has joined us at a number of BAA events in the past and his presentations are always informative and entertaining. Gary began his art studies at age nine, has a BFA in Painting from Boston University, and an MFA in Painting from American University. His paintings have been displayed in many exhibits in the U.S. as well as in Europe. Gary had a long career teaching drawing and painting at Sage College.



News of Our Members

Barbara Via

has 18 watercolor paintings on display at the Short and Stout Tea Lounge on Western Ave. in Albany, through January. The painting on the right has sold.



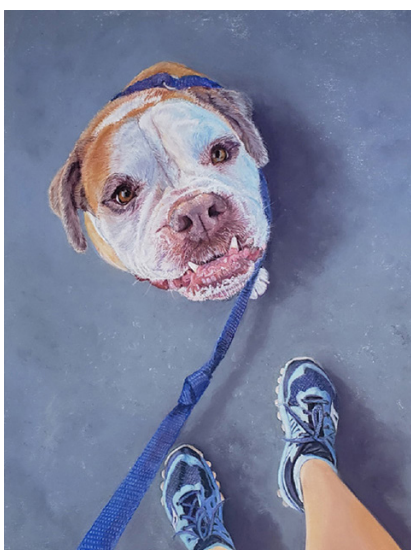
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Sal Aiello

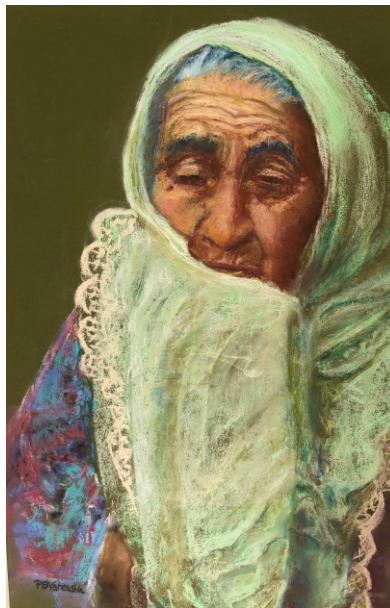
Sold his painting on the left that was on display in the BAA Fall Art Show.

Pam Agin-Smith's

painting, **A Walk With Nancy**, was accepted into the Pastel Society of Eastern Canada's 26th online international exhibition, The 'Les Pastellistes'. <https://pastelsec.com/en/les-pastellistes-exhibition-2021/>



A Walk With Nancy



Hopeful

Patricia Bryne Varcasia

The Art International Juried Show exhibition 2021 had my artwork **Hopeful** accepted where it won Honorable Mention. This was Best in Show at Bethlehem Spring Show 2021.

Patricia Bryne Varcasia's

artwork **Lacemaker**

has been selected among the works that will constitute the online international exhibition 'Les Pastellistes'. Pastel Society of Eastern Canada. This 26th edition of 'Les Pastellistes' is accessible on the PSEC website: www.pastelsec.com



Lacemaker

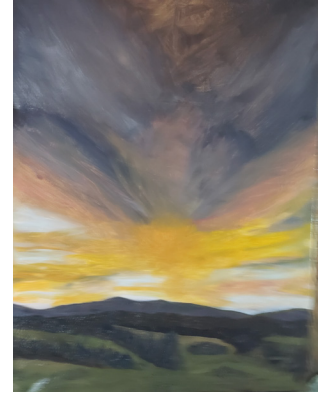


News of Our Members and Meeting Recap

Dee Foley is happy to announce that her art show has been extended through February 28 at the Bethlehem Public Library. Sold paintings have been replaced with new work and all are available for purchase.



Jacqueline Smith has sold her painting, **Sandia Sunrise**, at the Albany Center Gallery Members' Show 2021 in December.



Sandia Sunrise

Holiday Member Virtual Demonstration with Kris Kelly

Kris gave a wonderful demonstration/talk on her pursuit of asemic painting which she has studied at the Woodstock School of Art. Asemic painting is a method of mark making that has no meaning, it is a meditative and therapeutic exercise in making calligraphic marks. She showed examples by Wassily Kandinsky and Cy Twombly, who are abstract expressionist artists.

She doesn't start with a concept in her paintings, but assembles her materials and starts working. Sometimes she paints with her eyes closed, or uses both hands, which she finds very freeing. She keeps a notebook of doodles that include lines and shapes, varying in quality and medium. Her paintings include many layers of work and don't necessarily have a traditional focal point. She will often work on a piece, put it aside and then return to finish it. She likes to experiment and uses lots of different mediums and substrates.



Technology set-up provided by John and Glen Sheppard

Using Asemic Writing in your Abstract Art

SOME IDEAS

- Practice doing designs, doodles, shapes, lines
- Keep a mark making notebook
- Look at other artists' work and other languages-letters, shapes
- Vary the line - thick, thin, color, wiry, curious, calm, frenetic
- Use a variety of media - ink, pastel, dirt, acrylic, oil, wax, graphite, w/c



Along the Line, 2021



News

Annual Fall Show

November 2021 ~ Bethlehem Public

We were able to hold our Annual Fall Show in person at the Bethlehem Public Library. A very big thank you goes out to Michael Joyce for photographing all the entries so we could have a power point show and give out the awards in the Community Room. Unfortunatley our Juror was ill and unable to share her comments on the awards, but we improvised and had each award winning artist comment on their piece, as well as receiving comments from those in attendance. Also, a big thank you to Diane Wosniak for providing individually wrapped goodies that we could take home to eat.



Looking at Sorolla with Kevin Kuhne

Best in Show: *Looking at Sorolla* Kevin Kuhne

Oil:

- 1st *Serenity* Peg OConnor
- 2nd *No "Egrets"* Ann Madeo
- 3rd *Waterfall* Linda Starr
- HM *Scooter Ray* Margo Janack

Watercolor:

- 1st *Sunset on the Mohawk* Criss Macaione
- 2nd *Resting Place in Desenzano, Italy* Susan Nye
- 3rd *Petunias on Rice Paper* Darla Jowett
- HM *Thank You for Your Service* Lynne Kaiser

Pastel:

- 1st *"Forever Smiling" Portrait of Jackie Grimes* Pam Agan-Smith
- 2nd *Touhey Family Preserve* Jacqueline Smith
- 3rd *Balloon Man* Patricia Bryne Varcasia
- HM *Life on Ice* Rita Buttiker

Acrylic:

- 1st *Motif #1* Pat Viglucci
- 2nd *Expired* Peter Keitel
- 3rd *Deep in December* Tom O'Toole
- HM *Ruth* Gary Mehlum

Mixed Media/Other:

- 1st *Poetess* Lynda Spielman
- 2nd *Misty Morn* Bev Braun
- 3rd *Layers of Fall* Denise Crisafulli
- HM *Cliff Dwellers* Joan Van Alphen



Motif #1 with Pat Viglucci



News

BAA One-Day Show and Sale Saturday, May 21, 2022

By popular demand and to present all those wonderful pieces of art you have been creating while keeping in place, we are planning another One-Day Show and Sale for Saturday, May 21, 2022, to be held at the Delmar Reformed Church. As in the past, the site accommodates some 20-22/23 single artists, or more if space is shared. More details will be forthcoming, but for now, Dee Foley has agreed to organize the event, but she needs help. Members are needed to join her committee to a) organize refreshments (simple coffee, cakes); b) plan signages, including updating the lawn signs we already own; c) prepare and distribute publicity; d) organize a welcome entrance table and program material; and e) and f) be on hand for setting up and assisting others, and more. We have past plans on hand so many tasks are already defined. More about participation will be communicated in the coming months. For now, members interested in being on the organizing committee should contact Dee at deefoley3@mac.com or 518-7271228.

Volunteers Needed:

Program production for Fall and Spring shows:

Need to be able to use Word pc format (or a publisher program) to prepare show program in brochure format for printing; same information and award winner listing for website.

Contact: Ellie Prakken ellieprakken@gmail.com

Show program general assistance to Coordinator (Ellie Prakken)

Preparation, intake and implementation tasks

Contact: Ellie Prakken ellieprakken@gmail.com

Web site assistant:

Experienced or willing to learn Wix program, posting, page designing.

Contact: Peter Keitel pjkeitel@gmail.com

Call for Art Teachers

Colonie Senior Service Centers

THE CENTER at CSSC, a program of Colonie Senior Service Centers, is looking for artists to teach weekday, daytime classes to seniors in Albany. Mediums can include acrylic, pastel, collage, pencil drawing or any creative platform. Experience teaching is required. Pay is flexible, as is time and duration of classes.

Please contact Caroline Barrett, Lifelong Wellness Director at 518-459-2857 x 327 or cbarrett@colonieseniors.org.

Master Gardeners at Cooperative Extension

Plein Aire Instructor requested by the Master Gardeners at Cooperative Extension, Vooheersville. Artist will need to consult with organization to determine details, materials, costs, etc. to hold a few painting events next spring or summer. Watercolor preferred, but they are open to other media based on the instructor. Contact Lynda Spielman, lyndaspelman@aol.com, for more information.

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CALENDAR
FOR REVISIONS
OF DATES**

Chamber of Commerce

Members can now put artwork at the Chamber for a month at a time starting in February. Please contact Diane Wozniak to schedule a month. Check Venues page.



Venues

BAA Community Exhibit Schedule Jan. 2022 through Apr. 2022

Sign up at a monthly meeting to schedule a showing of your work
or contact Jacqueline Smith at 518-489-1882 or TShock1882@aol.com

Please sign up!

VENUES RESERVED FOR BAA MEMBERS

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
UPSTATE WINE AND SPIRITS Delaware Plaza, Delmar 8-10 hangers NEW VENUE	OPEN	SUE NYE	LYNDA SPIELMAN	JACQUELINE SMITH
BANK OF COXSACKIE Rte. 9W, Glenmont - 10-13	JACQUELINE SMITH		OPEN	
MOHAWK HUDSON LAND CONSERVANCY Kenwood Ave., Delmar 6-8 hangers	DIANE WOZNIAK	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
BETHLEHEM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Contact Diane Wozniak dcwozniak@gmail.com or 518-698-1819	DIANE WOZNIAK PETER KEITEL	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN

VENUES FREQUENTLY AVAILABLE FOR BAA MEMBERS

The Massry Residence at the Daughters of Sarah Senior Community:

Contact Antoinette Guenette at 724-3406 or guenette@dosscc.org. Space for 15 pictures

Merriman and Pfister, An Artisan's Marketplace. Located behind the Perfect Blend at the Four Corners.

Contact Kathy Agneta at 588-7268

Big Eye Gallery Fine Arts and Crafts, 270 County Route 405, South Westerlo, NY

Contact Hope Konecny at 966-5833

Capital Bank, Slingerlands Price Chopper Plaza:

Contact Greg Bruno at 694-5625 or email gbruno@capitalbank.com

Bethlehem Public Library, Delaware Ave., Delmar:

Contact Michael Farley, 439-9314. Ask for the Information desk. Space is available on a 24 month cycle and requests are handled on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Beverwyck Independent Retirement & Assisted Living:

Contact Jessica Newman, 451-2111. Beverwyck Lane/Autumn Drive, Slingerlands, 15 spaces, availability. Please call.

Greenville Public Library, Rte. 32, Greenville:

Contact Stanley Maltzman, 634-7386. Two month showings. Space for up to 50 pieces.

Uncommon Grounds Coffee & Bagels, 1235 Western Ave., Albany:

Contact Geralee Hall at geralee.hall@gmail.com. Please note that Ms. Hall also arranges exhibits for their Saratoga location on Broadway.

Voorheesville Public Library: 51 School Rd., Voorheesville

Contact Lynn Kohler at 765-2791 to schedule a show and reception.

Greene County Bank, Rte. 32 near Bryant's Plaza, Greenville: Contact Rita Buttiker, 634-2272



CALENDAR IS SUBJECT TO REVISION

This Year's Main Events
All Monthly Meetings begin at 6:45PM

Pay close attention to DAYS, DATES, and LIBRARY or ZOOM

- Wednesday, September 15** ~ Elements and Principles of Design by
Nina Stanley
- Tuesday, October 19** ~ Watercolor Demonstration with Kevin Kuhne
- Monday, November 1** ~ Fall Show Submissions Drop-off at
Bethlehem Public Library ~ 4:00pm - 6:00pm
- Saturday, November 13** ~ Workshop with Kevin Kuhne ~ Watercolor
- Tuesday, November 16** ~ Fall Show Reception ~ Judge's Comments by
Belinda Colon
- Tuesday, November 30,** Fall Show Removal by **5:00pm (No Exceptions)**
- Wednesday, December 15** ~ Holiday Member Demonstration ~
Via Zoom Kris Kelly
- Thursday, January 20** ~ Travel Journaling/Line and Blob Demonstration
Via Zoom Marc Josloff ~ Ink and Watercolor
- Wednesday, February 16** ~ Member Critique ~ Gary Shankman
- Thursday, March 17** ~ Mastering Disaster ~ Kris Woodward
- Saturday, April 9** ~ Mastering Disaster Workshop with Kris Woodward
- Thursday, April 14** ~ Annual Planning Meeting
Via Zoom
- Thursday, April 21** ~ Painting from Photos ~ Francis Driscoll
- Monday, May 2** ~ Spring Show Submissions Drop-off at
Bethlehem Public Library 3:30-5:30pm
- Thursday, May 19** ~ Spring Show Reception ~ Judge's Comments by Ed Ticson
- Friday, May 27** ~ Spring Show Removal by **5:00pm (No exceptions)**
- Thursday, June 16** ~ Picnic