



# Beaver Valley Artists

## *Newsletter*

APRIL/MAY 2020

## Juror's YouTube Video Critique



Our juror Tara Zalewsky-Nease has offered to give us a YouTube video critique of our Spring show. People would get the link and could see her mouse over parts of the images and hear her voice. Tara has also offered to take questions in advance and then address them in the video. If you are interested, please send questions to Jennie at [jennjo@comcast.net](mailto:jennjo@comcast.net) by 4/14. Jennie will compile the questions and forward them to Tara who will get a video back to us in early May to post online.

Tara Zalewsky-Nease is a fine artist who specializes in densely colored oil paintings with whimsical and theatrical themes, frequently featuring creature subjects in the landscape. She is currently exploring the connection between her artwork and animation, by taking Digital Art and Classical Animation coursework. Tara received her MFA in Painting from the University of New Mexico and her BFA in Graphic Design and Illustration from Kent State University, OH. Tara teaches at Point Park University.

**April Meeting**  
**Thursday, April 9**  
**Cancelled**



**Next Meeting**  
**Thursday, May 15**  
**Tentative depending on**  
**Covid-19 situation**



**Tara Zalewsky-Nease**  
**will give a**  
**Juror's Critique of the**  
**BVA 43rd Annual**  
**Spring Exhibition**  
**via YouTube Video**



**The Merrick Gallery**  
**is closed to the public**  
**until further notice.**



**The pick up date for**  
**the BVA 43rd Annual**  
**Spring Show artwork is**  
**yet to be determined.**



## Call for artists

**[Art Association of Harrisburg 92nd Annual International Juried Exhibition](#)** May 15th – June 18th, 2020 Now accepting submissions through April 2, 2020. All media welcome!

**[Oglebay Institute's Stifel Fine Arts Center Crosscurrents Exhibition](#)** May 7-June 27, 2020. Any artist 18 years or older is invited to apply. \$25 entry fee entitles each artist to submit up to three entries. Deadline for entries April 4 [Prospectus and Registration](#) .

**[Manifest Gallery Photo Solo Proposals](#)** To Launch Manifest's 17th Season. For complete details and to apply online visit: [http://www.manifestgallery.org/proposals\\_photo](http://www.manifestgallery.org/proposals_photo) email [info@manifestgallery.org](mailto:info@manifestgallery.org) with any questions Submission deadline: April 19, 2020

**[The Midland Arts Council](#)** will hold its Summer Gallery 2020 Exhibition from June 25–July 4. Deliver artwork Sunday, June 14, between noon and 2 PM the Lincoln Park Performing Arts Center front entrance at 10th Street & Midland Ave.

**[The Butler Institute of American Art's 84th National Midyear Show](#)** July 26th – August 30th, 2020, MacIntosh, Finnegan Hynes, & Davis Galleries. Artist Reception: July 26th 1-3pm 84th Midyear \Entry Form Deadline: Saturday, June 13, 2020

## 43rd Annual Beaver Valley Artists Spring Show Awardees

Hello, below is our link to the 43rd Annual Beaver Valley Artists Spring Show video which has been posted to our new BVA YouTube channel for your viewing enjoyment. <https://youtu.be/TCVJrY0amt4>



Congratulations to our winners and thank you to all of our participants and to our juror, Tara Zalewsky-Nease!

**BEST IN SHOW: 35. Rhonda L. Pigman,**  
Yinz drink tea?, Oil, NFS



**FIRST PLACE:**  
38. **Dona Boots,** Horseshoe Crab, Oil, \$550

**SECOND PLACE:**  
77. **Jacqueline Kushner,**  
The Old Mill, Oil, NFS



**THIRD PLACE:**  
64. **Jennie Johnstone,** Pearish,  
Pastel, NFS

**HONORABLE MENTIONS:**  
2. **Pastor Tom Knowles,**  
Sky Fall, Acrylic, NFS



7. **James Tobin,** Blue Cruiser,  
Digital on Metal, \$300

41. **Linda Sant'Eufemia,**  
I Love Being Here, Oil, \$495



47. **Maria Bouman,** Concord and Green Grapes,  
Oil on Porcelain, \$195

74. **Linda McCausland,**  
Bamboo Copper Cross,  
Ceramic-Raku, \$125



79. **Sue Ann Masley,** Tomatoes,  
Photography, \$250

## Letter from the president



“If an exhibit is hanging in a gallery but the gallery is closed, is it still an exhibit?” Yes, if it is available to view online! And ours is, thanks to Debra Tobin, Laurie Fillinger, and James Tobin. We were able to get the artworks submitted, judged, and hung before the Merrick Art Gallery had to close. Laurie got permission to enter the gallery and photograph the works, Debbie created a slide show, with music and labels, and Jim set up a YouTube channel, all so that we and our friends may view the exhibit.

The video of the show is beautiful. A silver lining might be that the video is accessible to some people who would not have been able to physically attend the show, like family and friends who are far away. And we can watch it as many times as we want. Here is the link to the show: <https://youtu.be/TCV-JrY0amt4>

We would have held our juror’s critique at our April meeting, but the meeting has been cancelled. Our juror, Tara Zalesky-Nease, has offered to create a video critique for us. She has been teaching her art students online, so she knows how to do this.

In her critique, Tara will discuss why she chose the award winners. She will also discuss any of our artworks for which we request her feedback. Please send me your questions and the name(s) of the artwork to be discussed by email, regular mail, or phone by April 14. My contact information is below. I would like to compile all the questions and submit them to Tara in time for her to create the video, which we will post in May.

Thanks to everyone who helped take in and hang the art. I am very proud of our show and the quality and variety of work from our members. Tara said it was challenging to narrow down the choices for awards.

We don’t know whether or not we will have a meeting in May. Just in case we don’t, Laurie has rescheduled our May program, the abstract landscape painter Joan Barenbregge, for September.

I hope that art and beauty will provide some comfort and hope to you all during this difficult time. I’m looking forward to the time when we can meet again as a group.

Jennie

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## Cranberry Artist Network New Member Electronic Email Screening

Interested candidates please fill out our Membership Application Form at <https://www.cranberryartistsnetwork.com/membership-application> and email three digital images of recently created artwork by April 19 to Mary Jane Hadley [Membership@cranarts.com](mailto:Membership@cranarts.com)



## Sweetwater Center for the Arts

closed to the public effective March 16 for an initial period of 14 days and will continue to evaluate that time frame as new information becomes available.

Along with Sweetwater being closed, the **Artist Guild** meetings have been canceled until further notice.



## I Set My Painting on Fire Art is a Journey

Christine Swann shares tips, tricks, and the demolition of her paintings after every lesson.

<https://swannportraits.com/>



## General Information

### Website

<http://beavervalleyartists.org/>

### Facebook

[@BeaverValleyArtists](#)

### Beaver Valley Artists Board

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### Membership Dues:

If paid by Nov 30  
Individual: \$20 - Family: \$25  
If paid after Nov 30  
Individual: \$25 - Family: \$30

Make checks payable to:  
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### Send Newsletter submissions to:

[Debra Tobin](#)  
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### Send Social Media submissions to:

Kathy Bischak  
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## Member and Local Art News

The Beaver Valley Artists 43rd Annual Juried show has been hung at the Merrick Art Gallery in New Brighton, and was juried by Tara Zalewsky Nease. Although the Merrick is closed to the public you may view the show pieces at <https://youtu.be/TCVJrY0amt4>.

BVA artists are well represented at the Art for Animals exhibit at the North Hills Art Center with submissions by **Kathy Bischak, Duane Cali, Mary Jane Hadley, Debra Tobin, and James Tobin**. The Center is closed to the public but now you can see each and every piece of art in the virtual gallery show at <https://youtu.be/28Y-BiAQTGE>! This is a benefit show to help support Pigsburgh Squealers and Hello Bully rescues. Any questions about purchasing art can be sent to [info@northhillsartcenter.org](mailto:info@northhillsartcenter.org).

**Kathleen Miller** had a one woman exhibition of watercolors and oils at Dar Takafa Cultural Center in Tiznit, Morocco, in December 2019. Kathleen is a Navy veteran. When she asked the Navy to send her to the West Coast, she was sent to the west coast of Africa--to Morocco. Later, she married a Moroccan and now happily lives part-time in Morocco. The watercolors and oils in this show reflect her life in Tiznit, Morocco, on the west coast near the Atlantic Ocean and the Atlas Mountains.



The June 6 **Cleveland Museum of Art “Picasso and Paper” Show** bus trip organized by the West Hills Art League has been cancelled. Refunds will be sent out to those who have already sent in their payments.

Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council will be holding a series of workshops for artists, such as “Search Engine Optimization for Creatives”. Find out more at <http://www.pittsburghartscouncil.org/events-and-workshops-etc/event/737>

### VIRTUAL EXHIBITIONS OF NOTE

#### - A Virtual Tour of the Frick Collection

<https://www.frick.org/exhibitions/moroni/virtualArtland>

#### - Artland

<https://www.artland.com/exhibitions/continuum-554864>

#### - Kunstmatrix’s 3-D Exhibitions

<https://www.artland.com/exhibitions/continuum-554864>