



Beaver Valley Artists

Newsletter

May 2019

Next meeting:
May 9th, 7:00 PM, Merrick Art Gallery
Business Meeting *and* Drawing a Dancer

This **members-only meeting** will be our last meeting until September. Before we break for the summer, we have to take care of some business. Therefore, we are allowing extra time for that portion of our meeting.

After we do the work, we will get a reward—the opportunity to draw a ballerina! A dancer named Marissa will pose for us in costume. She will do three poses during the hour. Bring some drawing materials and enjoy this special opportunity. Bring an easel, or just a drawing pad. Even if you've never drawn from a model before, you will get something out of the experience.

More work from our talented artists:



See the last page for names of artists whose work is included throughout this newsletter.

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Snacks for the February meeting will be provided by

Kathy Bischak

Laurie Fillingner

Jennie Johnstone

Rhonda Pigman

Colleen Tittiger

Arrive at 6:45 for food and conversation!

Officers/Board. We will have an officer election at our May meeting. Officer positions are President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The current officers and chairpersons have offered to continue in their positions for next year. If there is someone else who would like to be considered for an officer position, please let Jennie know before we vote.



Debra Tobin's artwork, "Storm Over Tonica, Illinois Farm" was accepted into the *Westmoreland Art Nationals* juried fine art and photography exhibit and *Arts and Heritage Exhibit*.

The first exhibit will be held at the Westmoreland County Community College from Saturday, May 18 through Wednesday, June 5. The Opening Reception will take place Saturday, May 18 from 6:00–8:00 PM.

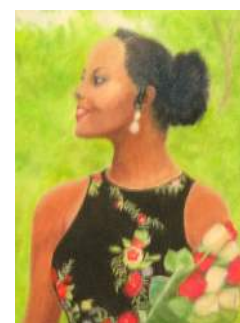
The second exhibit will be held Thursday, July 4 through Sunday, July 7, on site at the Westmoreland Arts and Heritage Festival with the Opening Reception set for Saturday, June 29 from 6:00–8:00 PM. Both shows are free and open to the public to attend.



Carol Volz Begley, PSA, has a pastel alleyscape juried into the Butler Institute of American Arts *83rd National Mid Year Exhibition*. The exhibit opens May 26 and closes July 26. The Opening is Sunday June 2 from 1:00–3:00 PM.

Several BVA members are also in the **Beaver Art Group** and will participate in *Garrison Day* outdoor festival in Beaver on **June 8**. If you attend the festival, stop by and say 'hello.' They should be found in Quay Park along 3rd Street.

Making original art together since 1949, The Beaver Art Group is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year. They will have an anniversary show of their work opening October 13, 2019 at the Merrick Art Gallery.



A note about membership...

We are finishing our calendar year for BVA with our meeting in May. Our membership for next year, 2019–2020, which goes from September through May, will begin again in September. We will be accepting memberships *starting in September*. Please don't send money over the summer. Looking forward to seeing you all in September.

Mary Jane Hadley, Membership Chair

Cranberry Artists Network

First Tuesday Open Studio at the Cranberry Municipal building continues. We will meet from 6:00–8:00 PM through May 7, and this year we will continue during the day starting in June until September. We will be meeting from 10:00 AM–1:00 PM June, July, and August. Cost is \$10 for the model. Snacks, Music, and Lights are also provided. Bring your own supplies. We meet in the Council Chambers.

Plein Air Painting will begin in May also. If you are interested in being on the email list, please send your email address to kbischak@comcast.net.



Calls for Artists

The Midland Arts Council Summer Gallery 2019 Exhibition will be held from June 25–July 4 at the Lincoln Park Performing Arts Center Atrium, 10th Street & Midland Avenue. Deliver work on Sunday June 16 between Noon–2:00 PM. An Opening Reception for Artists and Guests will be held on Tuesday, June 25, from 7:00–9:00 PM. Inquiries: Evelyn Adams, Council President, 724-643-9968.



Bridgewater Borough 4th Annual Spring Arts Festival, Saturday, June 1, 10:00–4:00 in the Riverside Park behind Stone Point Landing. Artists, crafters, painters, makers, musicians, and artisan food makers wanted. Vendor fee of \$35 for a 10'x10' spot. If interested in being a vendor, please send an email with a description of your goods to wvutim@live.com to receive an application. Application and fee due by May 25.

Cranberry Artists Network sponsors the *2019 Martinis with Monet Art Expo*, July 10–August 19. All regional artists are invited to enter up to two pieces of original art. The show benefits the Cranberry Township Community Chest. The show is juried, and applicants must register online by no later than June 30 at www.cranberryartistsnetwork.com/events-exhibitions. Entrance fees are due by mail. There will be an opening reception on July 10 from 7:00–9:00 PM.



Art Events of Note

On May 16th, **Christine Swann** will demonstrate her pastel painting process. This demonstration will be held at Sweetwater Center for the Arts in Sewickley at 7:00 PM.

A special way to spend Mother's Day! Join the **West Hills Art League** on Sunday, May 12 from 1:00–4:00 PM at Robin Hill for the *West Hills Art League Annual Mother's Day Art Show and Sale!* A handmade bookmark will be given to attendees while they last. More info can be found at www.westhillsartleague.com. Robin Hill Park is located at 949 Thorn Run Rd, Coraopolis, PA 15108.



Van Gogh in Bloom is the theme of the **Phipps Conservatory's summer flower show**, which opens on May 11. Experience the captivating work of Vincent van Gogh brought to three-dimensional life through vibrant blooms, majestic trees and hand-crafted props, as recreations of his legendary paintings take center stage at Phipps this summer. *Note:* On Monday, May 13, from 9:30–5:00, Phipps entrance fees will be half-price in honor of National Public Gardens Week.

On Saturday, May 11 from 5:30–9:00 PM there will be an opening for the **Society of Sculptors Exhibition** at the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts, 6300 Fifth Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15232. The exhibition runs from May 11–June 30.

The **Butler Institute of American Art** presents the *83rd National Midyear Show* from May 26–July 28, 2019. This annual juried show exhibits the artworks of adult artists from throughout the fifty United States and its territories. Artist Reception and Award Presentation on June 2, 1:00–3:00 PM. 524 Wick Avenue, Youngstown, OH 44502 <https://butlerart.com/exhibitions-2/>.

The Merrick Art Gallery News

Art Classes at the Merrick:

⌘ **Children's Art Class for Ages 5–12.** Five Saturdays: May 4, 11, 18, 25, and June 1, 10:00 AM–12:00 Noon. \$70 includes all materials.

⌘ **Teens on the Imagination Track: Surrealistic EYES!** for Ages 13 and up. Saturday, May 18, from 1:00–3:00 PM. \$75 includes all materials.

⌘ **Adult Workshop: Gel Printing.** Friday, May 24, from 7:00–9:00 PM. \$80 includes all materials.

Call 724-846-1130 or see <http://www.merrickartgallery.org> for more information.

The Merrick will start its summer schedule on Memorial Day until Labor Day: Open Wednesday–Saturday 10:00 AM–4:00 PM and Sunday 1:00–4:00 PM.



The artist should open the eyes of the viewer to overlooked beauty that is sometimes right in front of us. —*Kenn Backhaus*

Artwork throughout this newsletter by Mary Jane Hadley, Sally Sheffler, Mary DeSanzo, Lynn Roberts, Frank Bisceglia, Grace Caroll Hufnagel, Kathy Bischak, Marge Gardner, Laurie Fillinger, Norma Nicely, Lucinette Alvarado-Rivera, Linda Sant'Eufemia, Rhonda Pigman, Debra Tobin, Maria Bouman, Maya Peel, Suzanne Perkins, James Tobin, and Don Nelson.

Send **Newsletter** submissions to Jennie Johnstone, jennjo@comcast.net,
724-728-1693, 892 4th Street, Beaver, PA 15009.

Send **Website** submissions to Linda Headland, lheadland@beavervalleyartists.org,
724-775-1787.

BVA Membership Dues—Individual: \$20, Family: \$30. Dues will be accepted **starting in September**, either at the meeting or by mail to Lynn Roberts, 616 8th Ave., New Brighton, PA, 15066. (Note: **from December–April, the dues are \$25**)