



# Beaver Valley Artists

## Newsletter September 2018

**Next meeting:**

**September 13th, 7:00 PM, Merrick Art Gallery**

**Controlled Realism in Watercolor**

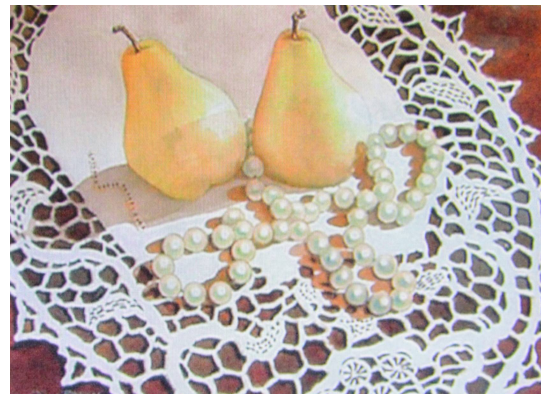
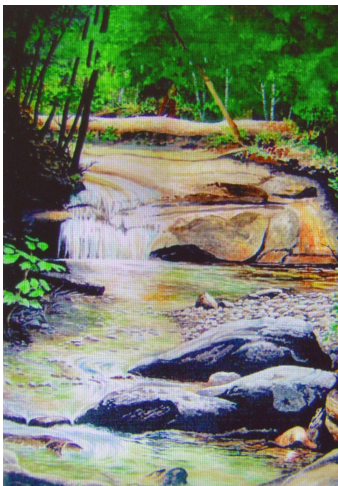
For our first meeting of the year, we are pleased to present watercolor artist **Doug Brown**. Art has been a major part of Doug's life since childhood when he used the comics to learn how to draw. Later, he discovered that controlled realism in watercolor was his medium of choice. Doug says about his work: *"Enjoyment to me is painting watercolors on location or in my studio. My favorite subjects are local landmarks in Pennsylvania. My paintings have an interplay of light and shadow with a realistic view of my subject."*

A Pittsburgh native, Doug attended the Art Institute of Pittsburgh. He recently returned to Pittsburgh after pursuing a career as a package designer and freelance artist for almost forty years in northeastern Pennsylvania. For the past thirty years, Doug has taught watercolor classes and shared his love of color with hundreds of students at multiple art venues.

Doug is a signature member and past president of the Pennsylvania En Plein Air Society. He is also a member of the Pittsburgh Watercolor Society. Doug has exhibited throughout Pennsylvania and nationwide, and has won many awards for his watercolor paintings. He is currently represented by Gilberti Fine Art Studio & Gallery in Coraopolis. For more information, visit Doug's website at [www.dbrownwc.com](http://www.dbrownwc.com).



**Here are some examples of Doug's work:**



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*Snacks for the September meeting will be provided by Kathy Bischak Mary Jane Hadley Jennie Johnstone Debbie Tobin Arrive at 6:45 for snacks and conversation!*

**Colleen Tittiger** will be doing a marbling demonstration at the Sewickley Library on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 10 AM–12 PM. The cost is \$10/person. Everyone gets to take home a painting.

**Dona Boots'** oil painting titled 'WPA Stone Steps' was purchased by the Lawrence County Court House, New Castle, PA for its permanent collection. The court house sponsored an art show in June asking for 2D art of people, places, or events from Lawrence County. Dona's painting depicts steps on the nature trail



in Ewing Park, Ellwood City. Many learned of the WPA through her painting. For information, search WPA on the web.

Congratulations to **Kathy Bischak** and **Mary Jane Hadley** for your successful show (along with BJ Wettach) at the Merrick Art Gallery in August. The work was outstanding!

**Debra and James Tobin** have their artwork on display in a few shows going on in September which include:

- A 17-piece joint show at Sewickley Clearview Federal Credit Union, 510 Beaver Street, Sewickley, PA from July 3rd through September 30th.
- A 19-piece joint show on display at the Backstage Bar, Cabaret at Theater Square, 655 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA from August 22nd through October 2nd which will be included in the *Pittsburgh Cultural Trust Gallery Crawl* on September 21st from 6:30–10:00pm.
- The *Fiber Art Show—Small Treasures* through September 9th and *The Teapot Show* September 22nd through October 21st at Campbell Pottery Stonewall Gallery in Cambridge Springs, PA.
- The *Members Show* September 10th through October 5th at North Hills Art Center, 3432 Babcock Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15237.
- James will also be a featured artist from September 6th through October 26th at the Oglebay Institute *Convergence: Art in the Digital Age* Exhibition, Stifel Fine Arts Center, 1330 National Road, Wheeling, WV.

**Linda Sant'Eufemia** will take part in the *Beaver Art Walk* on October 6th in Beaver.

**Elizabeth Asche Douglas** will participate in *Art on the Walls, A Retrospective Moment*, art by members of Women of Visions, Inc. September 2018–January 2019. A selection of art works from the artists' personal collections form this retrospective exhibition. The opening reception is Friday, September 21st at 5:30 PM at the Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council, 810 Penn Ave., Suite 600, Pittsburgh, PA 15222. The artists represent a diverse group of artistic talents and styles, including ceramics, collage, digital arts, fiber arts, jewelry making, mixed media, painting, photography, print making and sculpture.

**The Beaver Art Walk** is a celebration of the arts where artists and businesses collaborate for a one-day event on the main street in downtown Beaver. It will be held on **Saturday, October 6th** between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM. Artists are matched with businesses and show their work outside and sometimes inside the business space. Artists are encouraged to make the event interactive by demonstrating their work during the day. There are a few spots left now. If you are interested in being involved by showing work or by helping the artists that day, contact Kathy Courtney by September 15th at [kathy@courtney-laughlin](mailto:kathy@courtney-laughlin) or call her at 724-773-0306 or stop by Courtney-Laughlin Frame Shop and Gallery at 531 3rd Street in Beaver. Or, just come and enjoy seeing the art!

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## Cranberry Artists Network

The **Plein Air Group** will still be meeting every Thursday morning. You could still join us! If you are not on the email list and want to be, please email [kbischak@comcast.net](mailto:kbischak@comcast.net). We meet with the Cranberry Artists Network and other area artists who want to do plein air painting. We continue painting until the end of September.

The current **show at the Back Hall Gallery** in the Cranberry Township Municipal Building is Shari Finney's gorgeous *Portraits* in pastel, paint and pencil. This show will be on view till the end of September. The next show is the Plein Air show. Members of our combined group will show work from October 1st through November 8th. The **opening** for the Plein Air show is October 10th from 6–8 PM.

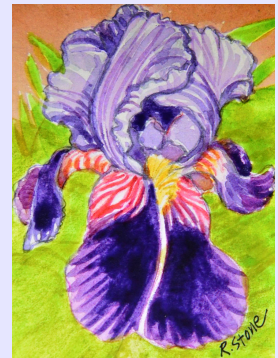
CAN will also begin **First Tuesday Open Studio** at the Cranberry Township municipal building. The first night is September 4th from 6–8 PM. Bring \$10 and your art supplies. We have invested in new lights. We also supply the model, and snacks. This year we have asked our models to wear either street clothes or costumes.

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It is with sadness that I write that we lost a friend and member of our group this summer. In June, cancer took **Ruth Stone**.

Ruth's friends knew her to be a creative, spiritual, and humble person. Ruth was a skilled artist, and she had a long career in Chicago as an illustrator, graphic designer, and art director. She worked on major accounts such as Sears during that time. After retirement, Ruth moved to Beaver and volunteered her talents to arts organizations including the Bobcat Players, the Beaver Art Group, and the Beaver Valley Artists. She did a wonderful job with our newsletter, and created a photo display for our 40th Anniversary Exhibition. Ruth loved exchanging Artists' Trading Cards, sketching outdoors, and photographing and drawing flowers. This little card shows her love of color and exceptional drawing skills. I and many others will miss Ruth a great deal.



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

Send **Website** submissions to Linda Headland, [headland@beavervalleyartists.org](mailto:headland@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)