



Beaver Valley Artists

Newsletter

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Letter from the president



Hello Everyone,

I hope this finds you well as the new year begins. 2020 has been a difficult year, but we can look forward in hope that 2021 will be better.

I'm writing this before the holidays, but by the time you read this, you will know if you received that most desired of gifts for artists - art supplies, or a gift certificate to a favorite art supply store. This is always a default on my Christmas list. Artists aren't so difficult to please after all!

Visual artists share another attribute - we SEE the world differently. Even at this time of year, where some might see empty branches, we see patterns of light and dark woven into a lacy tapestry. Some might see ice on a stream, but we see swirls of blue, gray, and white with dark mysterious shapes beneath. We see sunlight shining through a water glass refracting into shapes and colors. We accept this gift with wonder and delight.

Inspired by what we see, artists use the raw materials of charcoal, paint, ink, clay, paper, cloth, etc. to create something brand new that has never existed before. This is amazing! This passion to create drives us to develop our skills. It can be frustrating if the product of our hands doesn't reflect our vision, but when we do achieve even a little success, the joy we feel is enough to keep us going. The process itself also brings us joy. We don't get bored because we always have something worthwhile to fill any spare time. We have a special power, and it is a privilege to be artists.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or ideas. Membership dues from a year ago will carry over through May.

Please be well and have a creative New Year.

Jennie Johnstone, President of Beaver Valley Artists

BEAVER VALLEY ARTISTS UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Our plans haven't changed over the last two months. Here are our current plans for meeting, assuming guidelines will allow it then:

February: No meeting

March 11th: Group critique

**April 8th: Meeting,
Program to be decided**

April 25th: Show opens

**May 13th: Meeting,
Juror critique, show ends**

There will be an option to move our show to summer, but for now, we are planning for April. If any changes to the schedule occur, we will let you know.



MERRICK NEWS

The Merrick Free Art Gallery, Museum and Library will be closed until Tuesday, January 19, 2021
Happy & Healthy New Year !



January/February Member Profile

COLLEEN TITTIGER

Colleen grew up near Conneautville, PA on a farm with 2 brothers and 3 sisters. She is an identical twin. Colleen has always loved creating paintings. She went to school at Edinboro University and received a Bachelor's Degree in Art Education. She substitute taught for a few years and worked several odd jobs until she began working for the Court system in Beaver County, PA. Later she obtained her Master's Degree in Criminal Justice. Colleen is married and a mother of three grown children and now a grandmother. Life is so

short, try and do what you love. Painting is her passion. Don't give up on your dreams!!

As an Artist Colleen likes to create pieces that have a variety of complementary colors and design. You will see that throughout her paintings. Usually something in nature or an individual will catch her eye and it will lead to a new piece. She paints because it is a part of her. She has painted and drawn since she can remember. Colleen believes we are all given talents and this is her gift to share with you. <https://www.colleentittiger.com>



Some Recent Member Artwork

Mary Jane Hadley



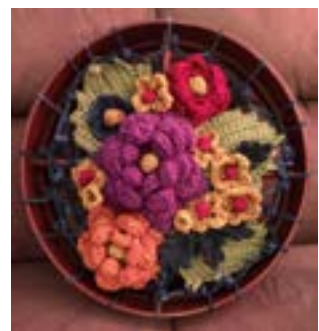
James Tobin



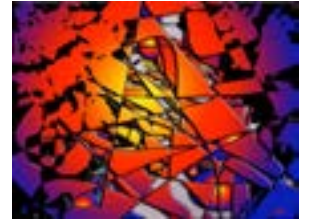
Kathleen Bischak



Debra Tobin



Duane Cacali



Rodica Constantine



Marge Gardner



Linda Sant'Eufemia



Colleen Tittiger





Call for Artists

The Erie Art Museum's 98th annual Nicole & Harry Martin Spring Show

The show is moving up this year. We're excited to kick off 2021 with the Spring Show. Registration and submission opens this week and must be completed before January 24, 2021. The juror will select the works on February 10, 2021 with the show opening in mid-March.

With the success of last year's digital submission, we are continuing it again this year. Each artist may submit up to three works. Museum members pay \$20 for the first submission and \$10 for any additional entries; non-members pay \$30 for the first submission and \$20 for any additional entries.

We look forward to announcing the Juror soon, until then, check out the prospectus, register and submit!
<https://erieartmuseum.org/prospectus2021/>

Not a member? First-time Memberships start at \$15 and include benefits such as free admission to the Museum, invitation to Members-Only events, our Quarterly magazine, and more. We also have monthly membership plans starting at \$2.25 per month. Members entering three works save \$30 on entry fees. Become a member today and save!



The North Hills Art Center Where Love Dwells* 2021 Winter Show Art Exhibit

*THEMED SHOW: Each entry MUST incorporate your idea of 'home' somewhere in the piece.

Benefiting Hello Neighbor
Juror for this show is William Pfahl

Awards Announced & Virtual Viewing February 6
Gallery viewing February 8-February 26

Call for Artists with full entry information
<https://northhillsartcenter.org/resources/Documents/Events/Call%20For%20Entries%202021.jpg>

Art Delivery Dates
January 25 – January 29, 10am - 3pm
January 26, 7:00pm - 9:00pm

[The Westmoreland Museum of American Art Virtual Events](#)

[Virtual January Community Day Sunday, January 3 Time : 10am-1pm](#)

For our Virtual January Community Day, The Westmoreland collaborated with local partners, BOOM Concepts, Pittsburgh Center for Creative Reuse, The Greensburgh-Hempfield Area Library, Blackburn Center, and artist educator Amy Roadman to create exciting activities for the whole family to enjoy, debuting here on our website on January 3, 10am! Join us virtually as we create watercolor portraits, one-of-kind greeting cards, DIY stuffed animals, enjoy a Jam Puppet Slam, listen to stories and more!

Registration is not required to attend, but encouraged!
To register, click [here](#) or call 888.718.4253.

[Virtual Children's Saturday Studio: Snowy Night Painting January 9, 2021 @ 9:30 am - 11:30 am Zoom Webinar,](#)

Create a 3D drawing and painting of a wintry snowy night with snow people in their natural environment. Specific studio materials will be provided via an art kit, but you will also need paint brushes, scissors, and Elmer's glue.

Advanced registration is required. The registration deadline is two weeks in advance of the Saturday Studio to allow our Education staff time to purchase materials, assemble art kits, and distribute the kits.

Registration Deadline:
December 26
To register, click [here](#) or call 1.888.718.4253.*



General Information

Website

<http://beavervalleyartists.org/>

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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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Call for Artists

Hoyt Regional 2021 Call for Artists

Artists are invited to submit electronic entries for the 48th Hoyt Regional Juried Exhibition. Elaine A. King, freelance curator and art critic, will select works and award winners for the exhibition.

DATES TO REMEMBER

* Deadline for Entries: 2/6/21

* Notification of Acceptance: 3/15/21

* Delivery of accepted works: By 4/3/21

* Exhibition Dates: April 13-June 24, 2021

<https://hoartcenter.org/hoart-regional-juried-exhibition/>



Westmoreland Art Nationals

Juried Fine Art & Photography Exhibit

Now Accepting Entries for 2021 Westmoreland Art Nationals Every year, the Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival holds the Westmoreland Art Nationals, a juried fine art and photography competition, featuring art from all around the country. Artists are permitted to enter as many pieces as they'd like to be considered in both of our exhibits.

The first exhibit will be held in Commissioners Hall at Westmoreland County Community College. The exhibit will run from Saturday, May 22 through Wednesday, June 9, with the Opening Reception on May 22 from 6-8 PM. Awards will be Announced at 7:00 PM on May 22 and posted on our Facebook page. The second exhibit will be held at the Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival on Thursday, July 1 through Sunday, July 4 with the Opening Reception set for Saturday, June 26 from 6-8 PM. Awards will be Announced at 7:00 PM on June 26 and posted on our Facebook page. Both shows are free and open to the public to attend.

A total of \$4,800 in prize money will be awarded in the following categories:

- Best of Show
- Sculpture
- New Entrant
- Painting
- Photography
- People's Choice
- Graphics
- Mixed Media
- Craft
- Digital Medial/Digital Art

Winners are selected for each exhibit and are not announced until the night of the Opening Receptions. Both shows provide excellent exposure and serve as wonderful networking opportunities to meet other distinguished artists.

Deadline for Entries: March 5, 2021

<https://artsandheritage.com/the-arts/art-nationals/>