



# Beaver Valley Artists

## Newsletter

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### Letter from the president

Hello Everyone,

I hope this finds you well. As we move out of the gray winter into a more colorful spring, upcoming BVA activities may give you something to look forward to.

\* In March, we will have a brief meeting followed by a group critique.

\* In April, we will have a short meeting to discuss our upcoming show, and we will drop off our artwork for the show. We won't have a program in April.

\* Our show will open on April 25th. The opening will be more low key than usual. (A show prospectus will be sent out by the end of February.)

\* In May, our juror will provide a critique. We will take utmost precautions for all of these events, including masks and distancing.

With our group critique in mind, it is worthwhile to consider the elements and principles of design. The elements of art are the visual tools that artists use to create a composition. These are line, shape, color, value, form, texture and space. The principles of design are created using the elements of design. They are balance, contrast, emphasis, movement, pattern, rhythm, and unity/variety.

One of the most interesting principles is Rhythm. This excerpt from a blog post of the Principle Gallery explains it:

*"Rhythm, in reference to visual artwork, describes the way that the elements flow into one another. There is a movement to the way we experience the image.*

*Thinking of this concept in musical terms is a fascinating and effective way to grasp the ideas more fully. Imagine that as you look at a painting, the movement of your eye results in audible sounds. Would the sequence of sounds slowly and easily flow into one another, or would they have abrupt changes and vivid contrast? 'Hearing' the 'music' of a painting helps the viewer appreciate more deeply the thoughtful way in which the artist arranged the elements of line, value, etc."*

<https://principlearttalk.com/2017/09/26/technique-tuesday-rhythm/>



To those BVA members who are able to venture out in public, I hope I will see you at the group critique. For all BVA members, even if you don't mingle yet, please feel welcome as always to participate in our annual exhibition.

*Jennie Johnstone, President of Beaver Valley Artists*

PLEASE NOTE: This year, we will NOT require attendance at two meetings for award eligibility at our show. Any new members who joined late last year or join this year before our show will be eligible as well. Membership dues paid in the 2019-2020 year will carry over for this year.

### UPCOMING SCHEDULE

March 11th: Group critique

April 8th: Meeting and Show Art Dropoff,

April 25th: Show opens

May 13th: Meeting, Juror critique, show ends



### MERRICK NEWS



#### Merrick Art Gallery News

In January of 2021, Michelle Long was named the new director of the Merrick Art Gallery. Michelle had been serving as acting director over the prior 18 months, working closely with Karen Merrick Capper. Michelle's love of art and history will serve her well as the director of the historic Merrick Art Gallery. Scott Tady wrote a wonderful article about Michelle in the Beaver County Times:

<https://www.timesonline.com/story/entertainment/2021/01/31/merrick-art-gallery-and-new-director-keeping-busy/4247267001/>

## March/April Member Profile

# MARGE GARDNER

Art has been her hobby since childhood. Marge is a local Beaver County resident. She joined the Beaver Art Group in 1989 and still receives instruction from the teachers and students as she grows as an artist. Marge works mainly in oil and also with watercolor, acrylic, pencil and pen and ink. Her art has been in local shows throughout the years including The Merrick Art Gallery, Cranberry, Garrison Days in Beaver, Ambridge and Baden Fall Festivals, Midland, Horse Trading Days in Zelienople and more. She has completed three murals; one for the Beaver County Humane Society, Noah's Ark for the Baden United Methodist Church and a 4ftx9ft sectioned oil painting of a pond and seven dogs for a private home. She is a member of the Beaver Art Group, Beaver Valley Artists and Cranberry Artists Network. She tries to capture a subject worthy of a painting, an unusual moment in time. We are always learning in art as well as life.







## Classes for Artists

### **JAMES SULKOWSKI ANNOUNCING A RETURN TO MY MONTHLY ART WORKSHOPS!**

WHEN: March 20, 2021 APRIL 17, 2021 MAY 15, 2021

WHERE: James Sulkowski's Art Studio ;

10 N. Cherry Ave ; Houston, Pa 15342

WHAT TIME : 9 AM to 4 PM ; lunch break 12 NOON to 1 PM

COST : \$ 125.

CONTACT: James Sulkowski 412 874 4435 or  
sulkowskijames@gmail.com

Class size is VERY LIMITED . We must wear masks while in the studio.

Reserve your place in any or all of these classes by confirming with a phone call or email.



### **ELIZABETH MYERS CASTONGUAY ZOOM SATURDAY LIFE DRAWING CLASSES AND SUNDAY 2D STUDIO**

FEBRUARY 27 – APRIL 17 ( 8 CLASSES)

**ZOOM SATURDAY LIFE DRAWING** -LOCATION: Your Studio

- A photo of the model with drawing suggestions will be sent on Saturday afternoon.
- Personal critique of your drawing during the week. Elizabeth will call you and you will look at it together on Zoom or discuss via phone.
- Final Drawing to be submitted by Friday at 6:00pm
- Saturday Group Critique 11:30am - 1:30pm (optional) Discussion of selected museum paintings followed by group critique.
- COST OF CLASS: \$168 for 8 weeks
- MODELS: Undraped and partially draped
- MATERIALS: Your Choice

SUNDAYS 12:30-4:30pm ... come and go as you wish

- ZOOM 2-D STUDIO.** Many artists stay for the entire time leaving zoom on so they can enjoy working with other artists. Some people mute themselves or turn off the sound of everyone while some like hearing the sounds of people working. Artist's choice of critiques throughout the 4 hours or at the beginning and end.
- COST OF CLASS: \$20/week

TO CHECK SPACE AVAILABILITY AND RESERVE:

Email [emcstudio@comcast.net](mailto:emcstudio@comcast.net), Text or Call 412-913-6628

MAILING ADDRESS FOR CHECKS: Creation Art Studio,  
c/o E. Castonguay, 241 Grandview Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15211.

[www.CreationArtStudio.com](http://www.CreationArtStudio.com)

## Member News

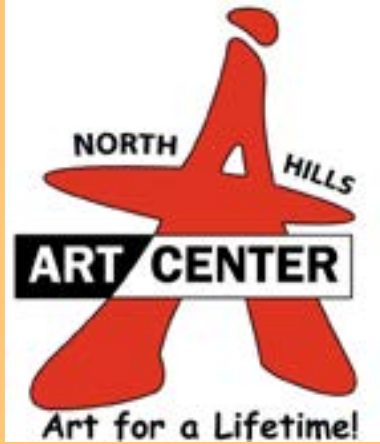
BVA member Rob Ivanisn will have two pieces "ALICE" & "Depression" in the "Trigger Warning" show at The Sweetwater Center.



Sweetwater has kept their gallery closed since March 2020, but they are ready to reopen and will be starting off their 2021 gallery schedule with Trigger Warning. The dates are March 19 – April 24, 2021. This show has very high quality work and an important theme.



## CALL FOR ARTISTS



### Regional Show:

### Inspired by Nature, Highlighting the Sakura Project and the Pittsburgh Sogetsu Ikebana Group

OPEN TO ALL

Each piece must fit the theme: Inspired by Nature) - 2021 Inspired by Nature w/nature theme.

Drop Off 4/5-9, M-F 10am-3pm, plus Tues nite 7-9pm.

Judge is James Sulkowski.

Virtual show live at 6pm Sat. 4/17.\

In gallery show 4/19-5/14

**North Hills Art Center**  
3432 Babcock Blvd  
Pittsburgh, PA 15237  
412-364-3622

## Member News

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

Congratulations to [James Tobin](#) for being among the 85 works selected out of the 450 entries for the Erie Art Museum's 98th Annual Nicole & Harry Martin Spring Show! His artwork BRC will open on March 19 by appointment only and the closing celebration will be 7 -9 pm on June 25, 2021



BVA members [Debra](#) and [James Tobin](#) participated in the North Hills Art Center Where Love Dwells 2021 Winter Show Art Exhibit.





## CALL FOR JUNIOR ARTISTS (Grades K through 4)



We are now accepting design submissions for our 2021 Earth Day Design Contest! Your design could be featured on our Moon Park Bandannas which will be given out at our Moon Park Earth Day event. The contest is open to children in grades K through 4. **Submissions are due by Friday, March 26th.** Download a submission form at:

[DESIGN CONTEST FORM HERE](#)

Moon Township Green Team and Moon Parks & Recreation Earth Day Design Contest. Please place your design to the online page or attach to another piece of 8 1/2 x 11" paper to the design contest form. All entries must relate to the Earth Day theme: "Save the Monarchs". All entries MUST be a SINGLE BLACK COLOR design with text and/or art designs. One design will be featured on bandannas which will be given out at the Earth Day event and the design winner will be presented an award at the Earth Day event on April 25 at Moon Park. Contest is open to Grades K-4. All entries need to be mailed to: Earth Day Contest c/o Moon Parks and Recreation, 1000 Beaver Grade Road, Moon Township, PA 15108 by Friday March 26, 2021.

## Moon Parks Earth Day!

Date: Sunday, April 25th Time: 1:00pm to 3:00pm Location: Moon Park

## CALL FOR ARTISTS

### Latrobe Art Center Annual Open Art Show

This exhibition will be on display at the Latrobe Art Center, 819 Ligonier St., Latrobe, PA, and online at [LatrobeArtCenter.org](http://LatrobeArtCenter.org) Thursday, May 6 - Saturday, June 5, 2021. A Reception will take place on Thursday, May 13, 2021 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 p.m. at the Latrobe Art Center. Awards will be presented at 7:00 p.m. and will be livestreamed via YouTube and Facebook.

Artwork can be dropped off at the Latrobe Art Center on Saturday, May 1 and Monday, May 3, 2021 between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Categories for entry are as follows:

1. **Open Division**—original work and composition by an established artist.
2. **Amateur Artist Division**—an artist with little experience and who has not won any previous prizes in our annual show.
3. **College Artist Division**—any artist ages 18-21 who are currently enrolled in college (current student ID proof required).
4. **Junior Artist Division**—any artist ages 14-17.
5. **Young Artist Division**—any artist ages 3-13.

<https://www.latrobeartcenter.org/2021-open-show-prospectus>





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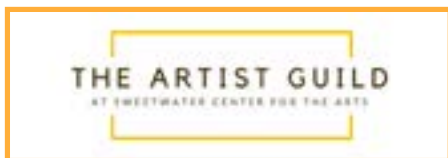


## HAND TO MOUTH

The cup is the quintessential ceramic form. Potters throughout history have obsessed on the vessel shape, searching for their own perfect balance of beauty, function, concept, and expression. Contemporary ceramic artists have continued this exploration creating cups, mugs, tumblers, etc. that make their user think, feel, laugh, admire, and want to drink more!

Hand to Mouth is a national juried exhibition of ceramic cups, functional and non-functional. Entries must be made of 80% ceramic material. All artists 18 and older that resided within the United States and territories are eligible.

Submission Deadline: April 1  
 Artist Notification: April 5  
 Exhibition Dates: May 7 - June 5  
 Entry Fee: \$20 for up to 3 entries  
 \$250 in prizes!



### CALL FOR ART!

The Laughlin Children's Center in Sewickley is seeking artworks to be shown in their waiting room.

This is part of their new Sensory Upgrade. The Center is looking for works geared toward engagement of children and/or their families.

Proposals should be in PDF format.

Include:  
 Artist Name  
 Email  
 Address  
 Images of up to 6 available artworks  
 Title, media, size in inches, & price for each work

Total size of PDF should be no larger than 8MB

Interested artists please send proposal to

**Jennifer Birnie**

Director of Development, Laughlin Children's Center

## 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/>



## Greensburg Art Center 2021 Biennial Juried Exhibition

Open Juried Exhibition May 15 – June 25  
 Entry Deadline: March 12 Entry Fee: \$35  
 OVER \$1500 in Awards and Prizes

[www.greensburgartcenter.org](http://www.greensburgartcenter.org)

<https://www.greensburgartcenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/2021-Biennial-Prospectus.pdf>



## Art News

**CLASSES & WORKSHOPS**

Registration is still open!

SMALL IN-PERSON CLASSES AVAILABLE ACROSS VARIOUS MEDIUMS.

Sweetwater Center for the Arts  
Community, Classes, Culture.

## General Information

### Website

<http://beavervalleyartists.org/>

### Facebook

[@BeaverValleyArtists](https://www.facebook.com/BeaverValleyArtists)

### Beaver Valley Artists Board

Jennie Johnstone - President  
jennjo@comcast.net

[Debra Tobin](#) - Vice President  
debratobin@ymail.com

Colleen Tittiger - Secretary  
tittiger@comcast.net

Lynn Roberts - Treasurer  
724-480-7112

Laurie Fillinger - Programs  
724-847-3495

Mary Jane Hadley - Membership  
724-776-1955

Kathy Bischak - Publicity  
kbischak@comcast.net  
Phone: 724-728-4658



### Membership Dues:

If Paid By Nov 30  
Individual: \$20 - Family: \$25  
If Paid After Nov 30  
Individual: \$25 - Family: \$30

Make checks payable to:  
Beaver Valley Artists

Mail to:

Lynn Roberts  
616 8th Avenue,  
New Brighton, PA, 15066



### Send Newsletter submissions to:

Debra Tobin  
debratobin@ymail.com



### Send Social Media submissions to:

Kathy Bischak  
kbischak@comcast.net

**Pittsburgh Pastel Artists League**

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**BARBARA JAENICKE WORKSHOP, PAINTING THE POETIC LANDSCAPE**

Come learn from one of the masters, Barbara Jaenicke!

**Dates:** 09/10/2021  
09/11/2021  
09/12/2021

**Structure:** 3 sessions

**09/10/2021, 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM (EDT)**  
**09/11/2021, 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM (EDT)**  
**09/12/2021, 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM (EDT)**

**Location:** Sweetwater Center for the Arts, 200 Broad St., Sewickley, PA 15143

**Open to:** All

**Waitlist:** 17 registrants

**Registration:** \$395.00

**Barbara's description of the workshop is:**

Do you learn the mechanics of painting the landscape, it's time to learn how to add the magic...the poetry...we'll examine the differences between paintings that merely contain elements of the landscape, and those that convey a distinct visual message...and how to gain the skills necessary to accomplish this.

Specific skills addressed will include composition and editing, value structure, color temperature, and edge control. We'll also address how to make every stroke count, considering the particulars of how you apply pigment to surface and how the quality of the application will contribute to your painting's message.

Each day of the workshop will begin with a demonstration followed by students working on a specific painting exercise for the remainder of the day. Students will receive plenty of individual help from the instructor at the easel during their painting time.

This workshop is open to all levels, but those with at least some experience using pastels will benefit most.

**Sweetwater Study with a Master Series**  
<https://www.ppal-artists.com/event-4178368?CalendarViewType=1&SelectedDate=9/19/2021>

For more information on Barbara, visit her website at [www.barbarajaenicke.com](http://www.barbarajaenicke.com).

Pay securely online by using PayPal (available even without a PayPal account), or send a check for \$395 made out to "PPAL" to:

Rosemary Hogan  
1001 Meetings Park Dr., #219  
Bridgeville PA 15017

A maximum of 25 attendees will be accepted. Fee does not include hotel reservation or meals.