



Beaver Valley Artists

Newsletter

OCTOBER 2019

Welcome Jack Puglisi to the BVA!

Join us as Jack shares his award-winning pointillism and crosshatch techniques!!



Jack Puglisi was born and raised in the Pittsburgh area and has been exhibiting his particular styles of artwork for the past three decades. He is a member of the Associated Artists of Pittsburgh, The Pittsburgh Society of Artists, and other local art organizations. He was a featured artist at the Westmoreland Museum of American Arts in Greensburg, PA, the 49th and 51st Annual Art of the State competition at the State Museum in Harrisburg, PA, the annual national Figurative Drawing and Painting Competition at the Lore Degenstein Gallery at Susquehanna University in 2016 and 2017 and the 2017 National Midyear Exhibition of the Butler Institute of American Art and numerous other exhibitions.

Pen and ink is his primary medium. The techniques of pointillism and cross-hatching are the two expressions that he favors most. Pointillism is the method of composing pictures from thousands of hand-placed dots of ink, creating colors and shades by the juxtaposition of the dots. A large picture can take over four months and an undetermined number of hours to produce. Crosshatching is the use of overlapping lines, drawn in multiple directions, building shade and texture as you go.

He is also a sought-after caricaturist and public speaker on matters of history.

Meeting date: Thursday, October 10

Time: 6:45 for snacks and conversation, with the meeting starting at 7:00

October Meeting

Thursday,
October 10

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will be demonstrating
pointillism

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Next Meeting

Thursday,
November 14



**Complimentary
snacks for our
October meeting
provided by:
Kathy Bischak
Patty Hill
& Laurie Fillinger**



**The Merrick Gallery
Parking Lot is now open!
Located behind the building and
accessible from 5th Avenue.**



Call for artists

[Oglebay Institute's Annual Juried Holiday Art Show & Sale](#)

November 14-December 23
Stifel Fine Arts Center, and the Schrader Environmental Education Center, Submit online application, along with a \$20 non-refundable application fee, through October 7. A full prospectus, including rules, booth sizes & fees and an exhibitor application can be found [HERE](#).

[North Hills Art Center - Hearing the Whispers and Roars Fundraiser for Crisis Center North,](#)

October 11-25
Drop off: Oct. 5, 10am – 12pm;
Oct. 7-9, 10am–3pm & Oct. 8,
7-9pm. Opening night Friday, Oct.
11th, 7-9pm light snacks, drinks,
live music, and stories!

[North Hills Art Center - Holiday Artisan Market, open to all,](#)

November 23-December 14
Drop off: Nov 13-15 10am-3pm,
Nov 16 10am -2pm
Preview party Nov. 22. They are
free for members to enter, \$25 for
nonmembers.

[Westmoreland Art Nationals Juried Fine Art and Photography Exhibition](#)

Two locations
May 18 - June 5 Westmoreland
County Community College and
July 4 - Sunday, July 7 onsite at the
Westmoreland Arts & Heritage
Festival. Deadline March 3, 2020.

Letter from the president



Thanks to [Kim Freithaler](#) for her wonderful demonstration on painting animals. After her demo, Kim sent along a picture of the completed painting of Mimi. Mimi is such a snappy dresser! Now I feel inspired to try painting an animal, which would be a first for me. Seeing so many of Kim's paintings all together was wonderful also.

I'm looking forward to hearing [Jack Puglisi](#) discuss his pointillism techniques and how he finds inspiration for his whimsical paintings. His paintings were highlights of recent Merrick Masters and CAN exhibitions.

Kim and Jack each work in a consistent and recognizable style that is their own. For those of us who are trying to figure out what our style is, this may help: Gail Sibley, of the excellent blog, How to Pastel, made a video on developing an individual artistic style. This is one of the most comprehensive explanations I've seen on this topic, and the information isn't only for pastel artists: <https://www.howtopastel.com/2017/11/finding-your-style/>

Here are the many points she covers in some depth: *Know your tools *Practice techniques *Understand basic painting principles *Practice drawing *Take workshops and classes *Explore different subjects and different palettes *Take risks *Let one piece emerge from the last *Be curious about the world *Look at art through the ages.

Of course, not everyone wants to develop one style. Some people prefer experimenting with new techniques and materials or just enjoy the process of making art for its own sake, and that's fine too!

I'll see you on October 10th!

[Jennie Johnstone](#), President of Beaver Valley Artists



COMPLETED PAINTING OF MIMI
FROM KIM FREITHALER'S
DEMONSTRATION IN SEPTEMBER.

Member and Local Art News

Enjoy the [Beaver Art Walk](#) on Saturday, October 5, from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Partnering with local businesses along Beaver's Main Street, artists and craftspeople will sell their work, and musicians will perform. Several BVA members will be among the participants.

Founded in 1949, The Beaver Art Group is celebrating its 70th Anniversary with a [Members' Art Exhibition](#) and Sale at the [Merrick Art Gallery](#). An Opening Reception will be held on Sunday, October 13 from 1:00 – 4:00 PM. The Exhibition will be open through Sunday, November 3. Many members of the Beaver Art Group are also in the Beaver Valley Artists. <http://www.merrickartgallery.org>.

[Beaver Valley Piecemakers](#) will hold their Annual Quilt Show, themed Grand Designs from Frugal Finds, October 10 – 12, 2019 at the [Chippewa United Methodist Church](#), Community Life Center, Beaver Falls, PA 15010. Hours: Thursday and Friday, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM and Saturday, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Admission is \$8. <https://www.bvpiecemakers.com/quilt-show> 724-495-0825



It's show time! [Kim Freithaler](#) Portraits at [Cooper-Siegel Library](#) in Fox Chapel. 30 original animal oil paintings. On display now! Reception October 21, 6-8pm. Join Ki for refreshments and an explanation of how to fit large canvases into a tiny hatchback!

During the month of October, [Cranberry Artists Network](#) members [Joan Stosser Pun](#) and [Marcy Bogdanich](#) will have art showing at the [Cranberry Township Municipal Center](#). Joan's work will be in the Back Hall Gallery and Marcy is exhibiting in the large Showcase near the Back Hall. On October 5 they are hosting an Artist's Reception for the public. They will be there to talk about their work from 2:00 - 4 pm. Refreshments will be served.



Mark your calendars for the October 17 [West Hills Art League](#) meeting at [Robin Hill](#) with demo by award winning pastel artist [Diane Grguras](#)! Guests welcome! For more info about Diane check out her web page at <https://dianegruras.com/>

The Merrick Art Gallery News



Lego Your Imagination!

Fall Children's Art Class - Lego Your Imagination!

Classes will be held on four (4 consecutive Saturdays) October 12, 19, 26, and November 2, 2019, from 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Classes are for ages 5 to 12 years.

Each week the students will explore elements and principles of art using the shapes, textures and their imagination with Legos. They will be printing with Legos, making Lego brick rubbings, painting a Lego self portrait, and designing their own Lego characters! Cost: \$65, all materials included.

To register, go to www.merrick-artgallery.org or contact the Merrick at 724-846-1130.

General Information

Website

<http://beavervalleyartists.org/>

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Membership Dues:

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

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Member and Local Art News

[Mary Mason](#) and [James Tobin](#) are among the BVA members who have had art accepted into the [As The World Falls Down Exhibition](#) on display at [Panza Gallery](#) October 4-26. The show is curated by Panza Gallery in cooperation with the Pittsburgh Society of Artists. Opening Reception Oct 12, 6-9pm Ticketed Closing Reception Masquerade Ball Oct 26, 6-9pm.



October 6th is the last day to see [Van Gogh in Bloom](#) at the Phipps Conservatory.

Also at [Sweetwater](#), the Masters Series of workshops continues with workshop Painting a Dynamic Portrait with Jeff Hein (Oct. 21-25).

[James Sulkowski](#) is offering one-day workshops in his studio: October 19th, November 9th, December 14th. James Sulkowski Art Studio, 10 N. Cherry Ave, Houston, Pa 15342. Workshop begins at 9 AM and continues to 4 PM. Lunch break from 12 noon to 1 PM. COST: \$125 Per workshop day.

[Elizabeth "Betty" Asche Douglas](#) will be the juror for LISTEN, the visual art exhibition component of Sewickley based Sweetwater Center for the Arts 23rd annual MAVUNO FESTIVAL of African American Arts & Culture, scheduled for September 19 - October 19, 2019.

Also, Betty's found-object assemblage sculpture Multi Emoji has been accepted for inclusion of Group A's upcoming exhibition What Deepest Remains, scheduled for October 4 - November 3 at the [Brew House Gallery](#), Pittsburgh.



[Debra](#) and [James Tobin](#) have a two person display at the Clearview Federal Credit Union in Sewickley through October 7 and will have pieces on display for the [North Hills Art Center](#) Members Show through October 4 where [Debra](#) was awarded an honorable mention by judge [Carolyn Brahney](#) for her digital art on metal piece "17".

[Debra Tobin](#) will be offering her two-session Glass Mosaic Workshop on October 14 & 21 and again on November 11 & 18 at [North Hills Art Center](#), 7-9pm. NHAC Registration deadlines are October 7 and November 4.