



Beaver Valley Artists

Newsletter

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Letter from the president



Hello Everyone,

I hope you all are well.

Now that the temperature is cooler, at least for today anyway!, it feels like autumn is on the way. Fall is my favorite season, because of its crisp weather, beauty, and nostalgic sense of in-between-ness.

Every October, I look forward to the Beaver Valley Piecemakers Annual Quilt Show. These artists and artisans use a medium of small pieces of cloth to create their works. Each quilt displays dedicated craftsmanship, and many quilts move beyond craft into signature artwork. The artists may use traditional patterns, but make individual color choices to convey a theme or feeling. I'm fascinated by the variations and awed by the patience required to work in this medium. Show information is provided below.

Also coming soon will be the Fall Flower Show at the Phipps Conservatory, beginning October 9th. The troll theme continues with Happy Troll-O-Ween! Whimsical new additions to the show are surrounded by tens of thousands of stunning chrysanthemum blooms.

For our meeting this month, we will draw a dancer, the lovely Sydnee. I hope everyone takes advantage of this opportunity.

May the colors of autumn inspire your creativity.

-Jennie

Meeting

Thursday, October 14
Draw a Dancer
from Life
Meeting 7:00

October 14, 2021 is the next meeting at of BVA at 7 p.m. in the Merrick Art Gallery in New Brighton!

Our meeting will offer you the opportunity to draw from a live model.



Membership News

We are back to "Normal" at BVA! Yeah! So that means that dues for this year, 2021-2022 are due.

Membership Dues:

If Paid By November 30

Individual: \$20 - Family: \$25

If Paid After November 30

Individual: \$25 - Family: \$30

Make checks payable to Beaver Valley Artists.

Mail to:

Lynn Roberts

616 8th Avenue,

New Brighton, PA, 15066



Collage Meet-Up by Contemporary Craft

Join us on the third Wednesday of the month for Collage Meet-up day in the Mixed Media Studio.

Meet-ups are a great way to get to know other artists working in a similar medium and enjoy the company of others while you craft. No formal instruction is offered during the meet-up, but everyone is encouraged to learn from each other.

Dates:

October 20
November 17
December 15

Time: 11am-1:30pm

Cost: Pay what you can. There is a suggested \$10 donation per session.

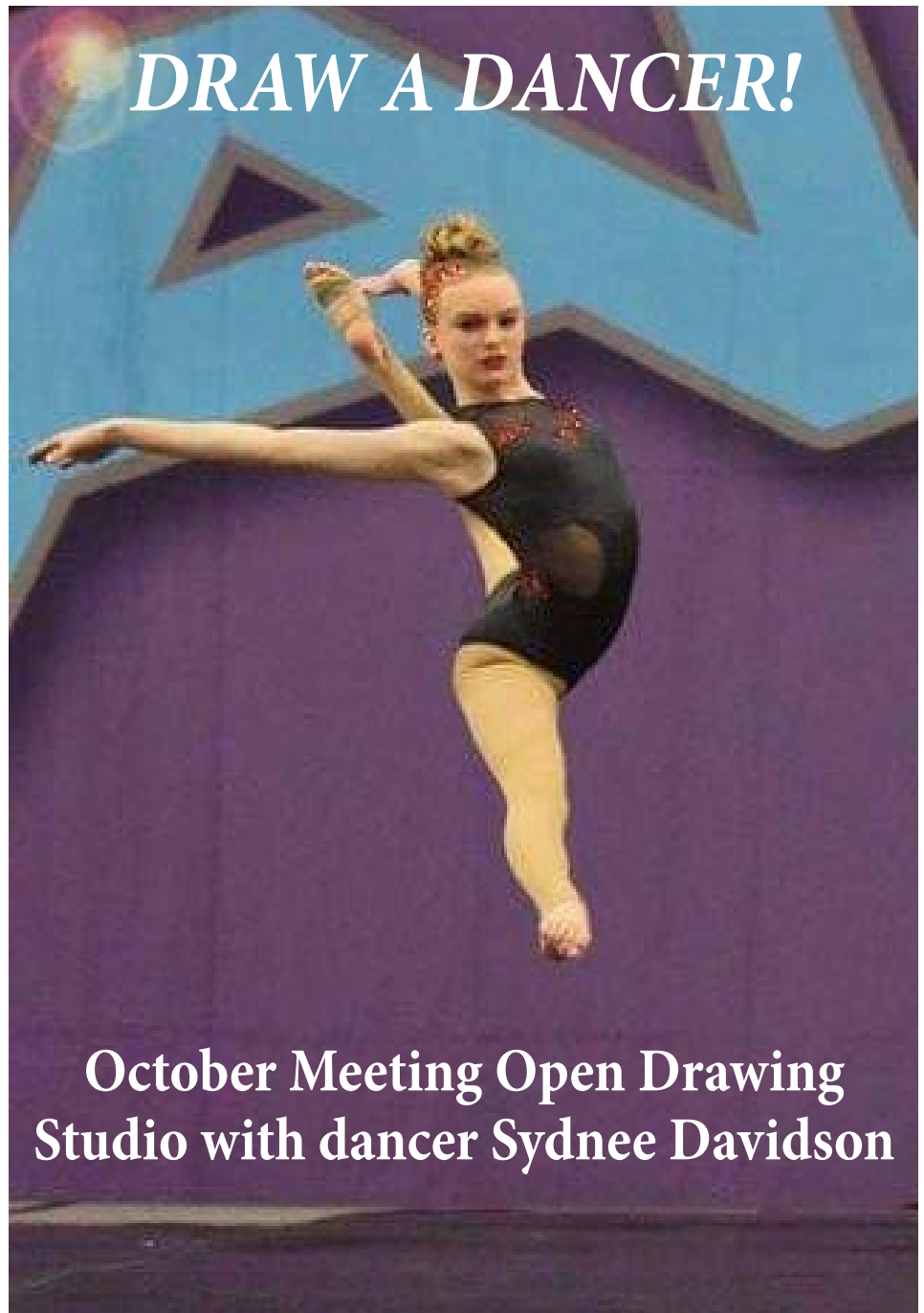
Materials: Bring your own materials (paper, glue sticks, etc.) and feel free to use Contemporary Craft's stash of old marketing postcards, etc. to create your collages. Contemporary Craft will provide scissors, cutting mats, and a large, bright Studio space to work in!

Lunch: You are welcome to bring a bag lunch to enjoy while you are here or you can order food from any of Pittsburgh's many meal delivery services.

Location: Contemporary Craft (5645 Butler St., Pittsburgh, PA 15201)

COVID-19: Masks are not required for vaccinated visitors

If you require accessibility accommodations, please let us know by calling 412.261.7003 and we are happy to assist you.



We will draw Sydnee, a young ballet dancer, from life. Please bring drawing materials of your choice, and an easel if you like to use one. If you know someone who likes to draw people, please tell them they are welcome to participate. Sydnee will hold several quick draw poses, sit for a 15 minute portrait pose, and hold a couple 10 minute poses during the evening.

Sydnee Davison is a student at Lincoln Park. She modeled for us in the past and has grown a but in a year and a half! For those who attended the September meeting, we could use the drawing, Sydnee Davidson.

Meeting date: Thursday, October 14 Time: 7:00 meeting

OPPORTUNITY—ESTABLISHED PICTURE FRAMING BUSINESS IS FOR SALE

Kathy Courtney and Jamie Laughlin are retiring, and their business, Courtney-Laughlin Frame Studio and Gallery, at 531 Third Street in Beaver, is for sale. I've gotten to know Kathy and Jamie through their support for local artists, including many artist promotion events. They have also helped the local community by creating and managing the Beaver Art Walk and participating in the library fundraiser series called Underground Beaver. I asked them to explain a little about their business, and Kathy sent me this:

Jamie and I began our framing careers in 1985 and 1984 respectively. We each were always interested in the newest and most recommended methods and materials available in the industry. We "ran into" each other at numerous workshops and seminars. We admired each other's work at the "hands-on" events. Eleven years ago we discussed owning a custom framing business and art gallery together. When a newly constructed retail space opened up in Beaver, we decided to "give it a go". We were successful from the start, each bringing their customer base to our new venture.

We've framed vacation memories, military and sports memorabilia, family treasures, children's art, stitchery, beautiful prints and originals as well as numerous shadowboxes. We have always loved what we do. Customers have become friends and we've been privileged to help customers make their vision of framing and preserving their memories a reality.

There was no doubt in our minds about starting our business venture together. It was the right decision for us. At this time, we again have no doubt that it is the right time for us to discover what the next chapter of our lives has in store for us.

We feel certain that a new owner will step forward to love this work and this community as much as we have. We offer all fixtures and equipment, as well as training, to enter this marvelous experience of offering art and framing. Our new owner will have access to our large customer base, materials and art sources. We can offer connections to the art and framing community, who willingly share their expertise.

If you want to explore this opportunity, stop by and look around, talk with us and maybe "shadow" us for a while. Owning a business could be your next chapter.

Maybe you or someone you know would be interested in this opportunity. I can attest that Kathy and Jamie are true professionals and very nice people to work with. See their FB page for lots of photos and videos of their shop. <https://www.facebook.com/courtneylaughlinframestudio>

—Jennie Johnstone

22 OCT 2021
6:30pm - 8:30pm
Art on display through November 5th

In-Person Gallery
North Hills Art Center
3432 Babcock Blvd
Pittsburgh, PA 15237
Open Mon-Fri 10am - 3pm
Open Tues 7pm - 9pm
412-364-3622
northhillsartcenter.org
info@northhillsartcenter.org

Info & Digital Gallery
Crisis Center North
CrisisCenterNorth.org/events
Facebook: CrisisCenterNorth

North Hills Art Center
northhillsartcenter.org
Facebook: North Hills Art Center

Submission Form & Contact
412-364-3622
northhillsartcenter.org
info@northhillsartcenter.org

CCN Contact
Hillary O'Toole
412-364-6728

Through the Storm, The Light Ahead

Wearing the WHISPERS & ROARS
Join us, in person or virtually, for the opening night of Crisis Center North's 7th annual domestic violence art show, an evening of artistic expression honoring and celebrating survivors of domestic violence.

Visit the North Hills Art Gallery in person, or online (CCN's or NHAC's website and Facebook).

Call for Artists:
Art drop off at North Hills Art Center:
• October 11th - 15th 10am - 3pm
• Tuesday 10am-3pm & 7pm-9pm

Art Pickup:
• November 8th - 12th 10am - 3pm
• Tuesday 10am-3pm & 7pm-9pm

NHAC

CALL FOR ARTISTS



June 30, July 1, 2, & 3, 2022

You are invited to enter the Westmoreland Art Nationals Juried Fine Art & Photography Exhibition. Attached is an entry form. Please take note that the deadline is Friday, March 4, 2022. All entry forms must be postmarked or hand delivered on or before this date.

Since 1978, the Westmoreland Art Nationals has attracted submissions from not only local artists, but also regional, national, and international talents. The first exhibit will be held at the Westmoreland County Community College from Saturday, May 21 through Wednesday, June 8 with the second exhibit taking place Thursday, June 30 through Sunday, July 3 as part of the Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival. The opening reception for the Festival exhibit will take place on Saturday, June 25. You may enter as many pieces as you would like to be considered in both of our exhibits. Along with two physical on-site exhibits, we will again offer digital presentation for both live shows. Both shows provide excellent exposure for you and serve as wonderful networking opportunities to meet other distinguished artists in your field.

The 2022 Westmoreland Art Nationals entry form is available at <https://artsandheritage.com/art-nationals/> as a PDF form.

We welcome and encourage you to invite others to apply.

MEMBER NEWS

Lynda Kirby exhibited 3 pieces at Roadkill Gallery during the Etna Art Tour on Saturday, Sept. 25th.



Lynda Kirby and Debra Tobin will be participating in the [WOW! Women on The Wall Photography Exhibit](#) and Print Sale at Ketchup City, 612 Main St. Sharpsburg, PA. Show hours: Fri, Oct 8th 6-8pm, Sat, Oct 9th 12-5 pm and Sun, Oct 10th 1-5 pm This is an Exhibition and Print Sale Featuring Women Photographers.

BVA Members **Lynda Kirby, Thomas Knowles, Colleen Tittiger, Debbie Tobin and James Tobin** will be participating in the Coraopolis Fall Festival and Art Walk Saturday, October 16th from 12-4 pm. The Coraopolis Fall Festival and Art Walk will be pairing in-person regional artists/artwork with participating businesses. The artists will display artwork for sale

CORAOPOLIS
FALL FESTIVAL + ART WALK

12PM TO 4PM
SATURDAY, OCT 16, 2021
BUSINESS DISTRICT
4TH/5TH AVES + MILL ST

ART/ARTISTS IN BUSINESSES (Starting at Gilbert Studio + Gallery)
TRUNK-OR-TREAT

PUMPKIN PAINTING
LIVE MUSIC
FOOD TRUCKS + FARM STAND

www.corycdc.org/events



MEMBER NEWS

BVA Camelback Gallery Shades of Red 2021 Exhibition Award Winners:



James Tobin
Gold Award
of Excellence
“Guitar & Ukulele”



Lynda Kirby
Silver Award
“Fluidity”



Debra Tobin
Silver Award
“Long May She Wave”

James and **Debra Zuzindlak Tobin** are featured for the return of exhibits in the Cranberry Artist Network Showcase during the month of October 2021 – November 10 at the Cranberry Township Municipal Center, 2525 Rochester Road, Cranberry Township, PA 16066. All work will be for sale. They are currently participating in the North Hills Art Center Members’ Show and Northland Library Traveling Show. Debra is also participating in the Women on the Wall Exhibit at Ketchup City Oct 8-10, the Pittsburgh Pastel League “Pure Brilliance” Exhibit at Gilberti Fine Arts thru Oct 27 with opening reception Oct 16 12-4pm, and the Anthology of Motherhood Traveling Show at West Virginia Wesleyan College, Sleeth Gallery Oct 7-29.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

THE LAUREL HIGHLANDS PHOTO FRIENDS 2021 PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

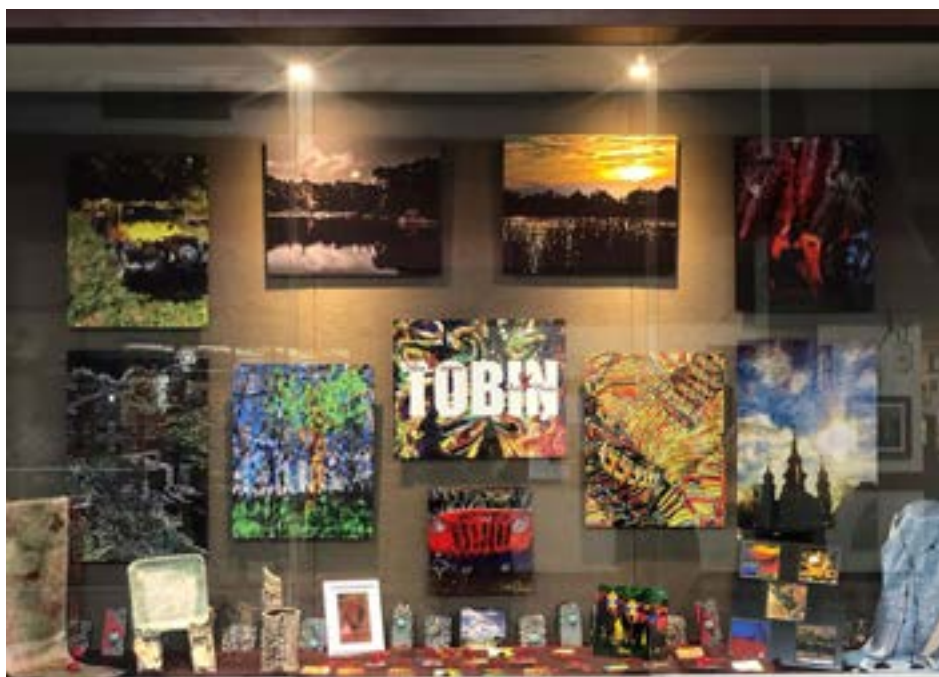
Who: Everyone with an interest in photography. All ages and abilities are welcome to enter.

When/Where: Entries will be accepted on Oct. 27 & 28 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Oct. 30 from 12-4 p.m. at the Laurel Arts Dressler Center, 214 S. Harrison Ave., Somerset, PA 15501.

Awards/Reception: Prizes First, Second, Third and Best in Show.

Exhibition: Nov 5 - Dec 16

Full category and registration information can be found at <https://laurelarts.org/artist-call-for-entries/>




Hours: Mon-Sat 10-4, Reception and Awards: 10/16 12-4

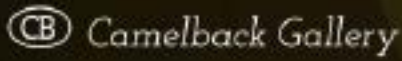
“Pure Brilliance”

Pittsburgh Pastel Artists League

Gilberti Fine Art Gallery
September 27-October 27, 2021
1030 5th Ave., Coraopolis, PA 15108
ppal-artists.com gilbertifineart.weebly.com



CALL FOR ARTISTS



PORTRAITS 2021

**International Online Juried
Painting Competition
Deadline October 10, 2021**

Open to all artists 18 years and older. Artists should submit their best portrait paintings of persons or people. Current artwork in the last 5 years. All traditional mediums allowed including oil, acrylic, gouache, watercolor, pastel, pencil, pen, scratchboard, charcoal, conte & mixed media. No digital please. Up to two paintings allowed per submission.

OPEN THEME 2021

**International Online Juried
Painting Competition
Deadline October 21, 2021**

Open to all artists 18 years and older for our Annual Open Theme Painting Competition. Artists should submit their best paintings in any subject matter or style. Current artwork please in the last 5 years. All traditional mediums allowed including oil, acrylic, gouache, watercolor, pastel, pencil, pen, scratchboard, fiber, charcoal, conte & mixed media. No digital please. Up to two paintings allowed per submission.

AUTUMN 2021

**International Online Juried
Visual Arts Competition
Deadline November 7, 2021**

Open to all artists 18 years and older for our annual "Autumn Themed" Visual Arts Competition. Artist please submit current artwork created in the last 5 years. All traditional mediums allowed including oil, acrylic, gouache, watercolor, pastel, fiber & mixed media, digital art, photography and sculpture. Up to two art pieces allowed per submission.

MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations to BVA member **Duane Cacali** who won the Photography Digital Art Award for "Winter Blues" in this year's [North Hills Art Center Members' Show!](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u8SQpKW05aQ) The show will be on display thru Oct 8 and the slideshow can be viewed on YouiTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u8SQpKW05aQ>



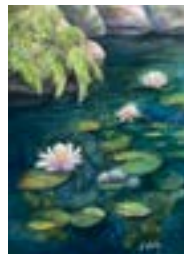
Other BVA participants include Kathy Bischak, Mary Jane Hadley, Debra Tobin and James Tobin.



Kathy
Bischak



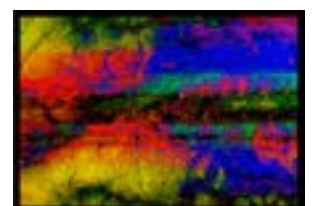
Mary Jane
Hadley



Debra
Tobin



James
Tobin



UPCOMING EVENTS

Celebration of Quilts Show

Location: Chippewa United Methodist Church, Community Life Center
 The GPS address is 118 McMillen Ave.
 Beaver Falls, PA 15010 (By the Get Go)
 Questions: Call 724-495-0825

<https://www.bvpiecemakers.com/quilt-show>

Show Dates: October 7th, 8th, & 9th, 2021. Admission \$8.00, Children 12 and Under Free.

Phipps Conservatory Fall Flower Show

<https://www.phipps.conservatory.org/calendar/detail/fall-flower-show>
 (Ticket pre-sales coming soon.)



Pam Wenger Weekend Watercolor Portrait Workshop Saturday, Oct. 2 and Sunday Oct. 3 from 9am to 4pm

Pittsburgh Watercolor Society is delighted to present a Weekend Watercolor Portrait Workshop with Pam Wenger. Pam is a retired teacher who has won numerous awards from the American Watercolor Society (AWS), National Watercolor Society (NWS), Pennsylvania Watercolor Society, Pennsylvania's "Art of the State", and Baltimore Watercolor Society's Mid Atlantic show. Pam's work has been featured in Splash Magazine, in Artist's Magazine, and she has worked with Charles Reid and Ted Nuttall. Pam's art can be viewed on her website at www.pamwenger.com and on Facebook at facebook.com/pamwengerwatercolor.



Pam Wenger
 "connects with people through their expressions, their poses, their placement in a composition."

At the workshop, participants will learn to paint watercolor portraits in a spontaneous style that involves minimal layering and the use of transparent colors. Students should be comfortable with painting in watercolor, but do not need to have experience with portrait drawing or painting. Experienced artists may work freehand, but drawings printed on watercolor paper will be provided for all participants so that those who want to focus on the painting process without spending too much time drawing can do so.



As the workshop is cumulative and sequential, participants must attend both Saturday and Sunday of the workshop. (Friday evening attendance is optional.) CDC and state health guidelines will be followed during this in-person workshop. Also, Pam is an experienced Zoom workshop presenter who will mail all references and watercolor papers to participants in the event the workshop goes online.

Location:

Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall
 300 Beechwood Ave., Carnegie, PA 15106
 (Free parking on site at venue. Easily accessible from I-79, I-876, U.S. 22-30, PA routes 19, 50, 65, & 51)



FRIDAY, OCT. 1, 2021, 6:00 - 9:00 P.M.
Meet the Artist / Wine & Cheese Presentation
 Free for workshop participants
 All others: Suggested donation: \$10-\$15
COST FOR TWO DAY in-person WORKSHOP:
 PWS Members: \$200, Non-Members: \$240

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT IN FULL DUE:
 Online: September 1, 2021, 11:59 P.M.
 Mailed: Postmarked by August 25, 2021

To obtain the supplies list, workshop description, cancellation policy, accommodations, and/or to register and pay securely online:
<https://www.pittsburghwatercolorssociety.com>
QUESTIONS? E-mail:
Pwworkshops25@gmail.com

To ensure your spot, you must register online. PWS prefers online payment, but to pay by mail:
 Complete and detach the form below. Mail with a check payable to Pittsburgh Watercolor Society. Address:
 PWS Wenger Workshop c/o
 Wilkins School Community Center
 7604 Charleston Ave.
 Wilkinsburg, PA 15218

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 PWS PAM WENGER Watercolor Portrait WORKSHOP
 Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____
 Check one: _____ PWS member \$200
 _____ Non-Member \$240

CALL FOR ARTISTS



Tuscarawas County Art Guild 2021 Fall Art Exhibit

Opening Nov 20, 2021
 Tuscarawas County Center for the Arts
 461 Robinson Dr. S.E. New Philadelphia 44663

Entry Date
 Friday Oct 29, 2 to 7pm
 Saturday Oct 30, 9am to 3pm

Entry Fees Entry fee for TCAAG members is \$30 - \$35 non-members. 4 pieces max.

Rules:
https://8c2664aa-42a6-468d-8c65-ee65af3da94c.filesusr.com/ugd/7afdc2_ef3868173c4e4e-0288697007a89d96aa.pdf

Special arrangements can be made by calling William Koch 740-922-1880

Pen & Ink CHALLENGE
 Submit your original artwork for a chance to win a prize pack worth more than \$250!
 Entries must be received by midnight CST 10/31/21. US Residents only. No purchase necessary.
 Sponsored by: **BLICK**

HOW TO ENTER: Create an original pen and ink drawing. Click the "Submit an Entry" button on this page between October 1st and October 31st, 2021, upload a photo of your original pen and ink artwork and complete the submission form. Open to US residents, 18 +. Limit one entry per artist. **Ends 11:59:59 PM CT 10/31/2021.**
<https://www.dickblick.com/lp/pen-and-ink-challenge/>



General Information

Website

<http://beavervalleyartists.org/>

Facebook

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

Beaver Valley Artists Board

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Send Social Media submissions to:

Kathy Bischak
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LIVE FIGURE DRAWING SESSIONS at Lorrie Anne Minicozzi - Portrait Society of America - Western Pennsylvania Ambassador's studio in Gibsonia PA

- The fee is \$10 per 3-hour session and will vary weekly between draped, costumed, and nude posing.
- The upcoming sessions are scheduled for Sunday afternoons from 1-3 pm. More sessions may be added as needed.
- The Dates Follow: September 5, 12, 19, 26

As advance coordination needs to occur, an RSVP for each individual session will be needed.

- There will be tables and chairs, great natural and studio lighting, ample space to spread out, room for easels and light refreshment provided.
- In the interest of Covid, the models have been vaccinated and social distancing will be encouraged.

Please feel free to text or call with any additional questions 631-697-4065



JOIN US!

The West Hills Art League is Accepting New Members!

Membership year is Sept 1 -Aug 31

Membership is open to all art enthusiasts who share our mission.

Membership Cost: \$25 single and \$35 family

Some membership benefits include:

- Guest speakers and demos
- Monthly Zoom Show and Share
- Plein Air Days
- Eligibility annual art show and other league-sponsored events
- Ongoing Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce Gallery
- Newsletters and Social Media
- Interaction with other artists

For more info and sign up form please visit our Membership Page at

<http://westhillsartleague.com/>



CRANBERRY ARTISTS NETWORK NEW MEMBER SCREENING

The next membership screening is scheduled for October 18, 2021.

All screening is online until further notice.

Membership Benefits:

Networking Opportunities - Join us in meeting talented artistic individuals.

Our members have diverse talents with media including: Watercolor, Oils & Pastels, Graphite & Pen & Ink, Photography & Digital Painting, Mixed Media & Jewelry, Glass, Pottery & Ceramics

Member Only Shows

Minimally one member only show per year to feature member artwork

Life Model Drawing, Plein Air Painting, Classes & More

Check out the Events page for upcoming shows, classes, events, and more.

Please fill out the Membership Application Form at

<https://www.cranberryartistsnetwork.com/membership-application>

and email three (3) of your best works in a single medium to

mjart49@gmail.com.