



# Beaver Valley Artists

## *Newsletter*

SEPTEMBER 2019

## *Welcome Kim Freithaler to the BVA!*

*Join us for this exciting demonstration as Kim paints a pet portrait in oil and discusses value changes and contrast!!*



[Kim Freithaler](#) is originally from New York City and has a Bachelor of Fine Arts from St. John's University, where she completed an internship at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. She has also studied at the Art Students League in Manhattan.

She taught art in Manhattan public schools and currently teaches painting at the [North Hills Art Center](#) in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where she is the Executive Director. She is an award winning painter who exhibits her work in galleries, as well as local businesses. Her murals are installed in public buildings both here and in Georgia. Oil portraits are done by commission.

A wider selection of her artwork may be viewed at [kimfreithaler.com](http://kimfreithaler.com) or on her Facebook page, [Kim Freithaler Portraits](#).

Meeting date: Thursday, September 12  
Time: 6:45 for snacks and conversation,  
with the meeting starting at 7:00



### September Meeting

Thursday,

September 12

[Kim Freithaler](#)

will be demonstrating  
oil painting

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### Next Meeting

Thursday,

October 10

[Jack Puglisi](#)

will show his

**Pointillism and  
Crosshatch techniques.**



Complimentary  
snacks for our  
September meeting  
provided by:

Mary Jane Hadley  
Lynn Roberts,  
Debra Tobin,  
& coffee by  
Laurie Fillinger



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



## Call for artists

### Mural Artist Needed

John Leonard helps run a food bank in Center Township called Faith Restorations Inc., 186 Wagner Road, Monaca, PA 15061. They would like to have their logo and a mural painted on a wall within the building. They will provide paints, etc. If anyone is interested in this, they can contact John via his e-mail address which is: johnofpa1@yahoo.com.

### As The World Falls Down Exhibition

October 4-26

A Juried open exhibition of two or three dimensional artwork curated by Panza Gallery in cooperation with the Pittsburgh Society of Artists. This is an exhibition of fantasy art inspired by the movie The Labyrinth and the art of Brian Froud and Jim Henson.

Opening Reception Oct 12, 6-9pm  
Closing Reception Masquerade Ball Oct 26, 6-9pm  
Deadline: September 07, 11:59 PM

### Zelienople 3rd Thursdays with the Theme "Artists & Artisans"

September 19, 6:00-9:00 pm

You can get a table for \$20 and set-up on Main Street to sell your awesome stuff! You can register through [gozelielie.com](http://gozelielie.com) There will also be one in October. Info on that is also on that site. If you do both events the second one is reduced to \$15. Jason Shorr, owner of [CURIO](http://CURIO) in Zelienople, is helping to arrange for artists to set-up.

## Letter from the president



Welcome to another year with the Beaver Valley Artists! The summer has flown by, and now it's time to think about upcoming fall events. We have some excellent artists' demonstrations lined up this fall. First, we will be treated to a demonstration of animal portraiture in September. Then, in October, an artist in pen and ink will explain how he creates his imaginative and colorful large drawings using pointillism and crosshatching.

Thanks to Laurie Fillinger for organizing our programs, which along with our annual show, are the heart of what we do. Laurie looks for artists who work in a variety of media. There always seems to be something to learn from artists working in any media, even if it differs from our own. It could be something as simple as a way of looking at the subject matter that inspires us.

In addition to planning Programs, Laurie also brings the coffee and coordinates the snacks. Thanks also to the rest of the BVA board: Vice President and Newsletter - Debra Tobin, Treasurer - Lynn Roberts, Secretary - Colleen Tittiger, Membership - Mary Jane Hadley, and Publicity - Kathy Bischak.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone again on September 12, and even some new faces as well!

*Jennie Johnstone, President of Beaver Valley Artists*



## Merrick Art Gallery News

The Merrick family and Merrick Art Gallery staff are saddened by the passing of Elinka Keller, director of the Merrick Art Gallery, following an illness. Elinka passed away peacefully on Friday August 23, 2019, at 10 pm, surrounded by her family. She will be greatly missed.

[Motown at the Merrick](#) is a live concert event featuring [Streetcorner](#), a vocal music group from Detroit who present Motown hits with style. There will be two performances on September 21, at 6:00 PM and 8:30 PM. Contact the [Merrick Art Gallery](#) for tickets: 724-846-1130 or at <http://merrickartgallery.org/events/motown-at-the-merrick-art-gallery>

Merrick Speaker Series: Jeff Beasley will speak on History of Beaver Valley Potteries on September 11 at 7:00 PM. A personal pottery collection will be on exhibit through September 18.

## September Member Profile

# SUSAN IRETON

I was born and raised in Racine, Wisconsin, located on the western shores of Lake Michigan. Most of my childhood was pretty normal, except that I don't remember a time without art... specifically drawing. It wasn't until I became an adult that I was exposed to pottery, my chosen art medium, and then pursued a college education. In 1982, I graduated cum laude with a double degree in Fine Art and Education.



Teaching jobs were scarce then, so through friends, I entered the commercial art field, designing ads for an exclusive women's department store in downtown Chicago, followed by a job designing catalogs, including dealing with printers for a company that drop-shipped athletic equipment. Lastly, in Wisconsin, I supervised the in-house printing department for the YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee. In 1991 I move to Pennsylvania and with Gabe, my husband, started a small "Desktop Publishing" company called Bristol Ridge Publishing. Together we produced newsletters, flyers, websites and other advertising for many of the municipalities, courthouse, and political parties in Beaver County.



Little did I know, the first time I walked into a 1997 BVA meeting, that I would begin a 22 year friendship with BVA and the Merrick Art Gallery. I served as president of BVA from 2005 - 2007, and began teaching children's art and pottery for the Merrick in 1999, retiring from that a few years ago. In 2008, I became the Administrative Assistant at the Merrick and will retire from that position December 1 of this year.

In December when I move to Florida to be closer to my children, I will take wonderful memories of the friends and fellow artists that I have known here. I will remember our laughter, how we encouraged each other, and how we shared our love of art in any form it took.





## General Information

### Website

<http://beavervalleyartists.org/>

### Facebook

[@BeaverValleyArtists](#)

### Beaver Valley Artists Board

Jennie Johnstone - President  
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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:

Beaver Valley Artists

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Lynn Roberts

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### Send Newsletter submissions to:

Debra Tobin

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### Send Social Media submissions to:

Kathy Bischak

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## Member and Local Art News

[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](#) would like to invite everyone to attend their two-person show [TOBIN Debra & James, Art & Music at Merrick Art Gallery](#). The show will run through September 7. They also 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.

[Debra Tobin](#) will be teaching two Glass Mosaic Classes in September one at [Gilberti Fine Arts](#) - September 10 & 17 and another at [North Hills Art Center](#) on September 23 and 30th NHAC Registration deadline September 16 [Click HERE for more information and registration](#). Debra will also be teaching two Statement Piece Upcycled Necklace Classes at Aunt Bridget's Tea Room in Ambridge, September 8, 6:30-8:30 and at Bottlebrush Gallery in Harmony PA September 26, 6:30-8:30 pm.

The Beaver Art Group is celebrating its 70th Anniversary! Everyone is invited to the 70th Anniversary Show and Sale at the [Merrick Art Gallery](#) from October 13- November 3. The show Opening will be on Sunday, October 13, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Many Beaver Art Group members are also in the [Beaver Valley Artists](#).

During the month of September, [Cranberry Artitsts Network](#) members Gayle Shubert and Paul and Jan Jay will have art showing at the [Cranberry Township Municipal Center](#). Gayle's work will be in the Back Hall Gallery and Paul and Jan are exhibiting in the large Showcase near the Back Hall. On September 7 they are hosting an Artist's Reception for the public. They will be there to talk about their work from 2:30 - 4 pm. Refreshments will be served.

The [North Hills Art Center](#) is celebrating its 60th Anniversary with an event at Sieb's Pub, Friday, September 6th. The ticket cost is \$35 and includes Live Music, Time Capsule, Auctions, Raffles, Buffet Dinner with Cash Bar. [Tickets Available Here](#).

Two other [North Hills Art Center](#) September events include the [Member Art Exhibit Opening Reception](#) on Saturday, September 7, 7-9pm and the [Third Annual RADical Day FREE Art Event](#) on Saturday, September 28, 10am - 1pm.

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

Classes at [Sweetwater Center for the Arts in Sewickley](#) are now enrolling for the fall term, which begins in September. Sweetwater has added arts and crafts classes for adults lately. Among them, James Sulkowski will return to teach Classical Painting Concepts and Techniques in Oil or Pastel. Also, Christine Swann will teach Pastel Portraits. [Register Now!](#)

Also at [Sweetwater](#), the Masters Series of workshops continues with workshops Bringing Animals to Life with Bill Suys (Sept. 24-27), and Painting a Dynamic Portrait with Jeff Hein (Oct. 21-25). <https://sweetwaterartcenter.org>

[James Sulkowski](#) is offering one-day workshops in his studio: September 21st, 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.