



Beaver Valley Artists

Official Newsletter of the Beaver Valley Artists

October 2015

Next Meeting

Thursday, Thursday, Oct. 8th
7:00 pm

Merrick Art Gallery

Program

Betty Douglas
Docent tour of the Merrick

Upcoming Programs:

Thursday, November 12th

Ron Donoughe
Plein Air Painting in Oil

Refreshments for the Oct. 8th
meeting compliments of
Kathy Bischak, Suzanne
Perkins & Laurie Fillinger



Betty Douglas will be the speaker for our October 8 meeting. She will give a brief history of the Merrick Art Gallery and a discussion of the role of Nature in the Merrick Collection. Betty wrote the catalog of work for the Merrick. This should be a most interesting program.

Elizabeth (Betty) Asche Douglas is owner and principal artist of Douglas Art Gallery. Eleven art books/catalogs have published images/articles about her work since 2005. The America Jewish Museum's catalog of the "Legacy of a Painter" exhibition (2011) included her work, as did "Common Ground," the catalog of the 2011-2012 exhibition at Pittsburgh's August Wilson Center and those for Merrick Masters regional biennials of 2012 & 2014 in New Brighton, PA. Most recently, she has a page in 2015 Seton Hill University's catalog of the Society of Sculptors' 80th Anniversary Exhibition.

Elizabeth launched her career with a BFA in painting & design from Carnegie Institute of Technology (now Carnegie Mellon University), more than a half century ago with a prize-winning entry in the Associated Artists of Pittsburgh's 42nd annual at the Carnegie Museum

of Art. She earned a Master's degree in art history at the University of Pittsburgh and did additional study at the University of Pennsylvania. She works in a variety of art forms, media and styles.

Douglas's artistic resume includes awards distinctions, solo exhibitions and inclusion in invitational and juried exhibitions throughout the U.S. Her professional career is archived in the National Museum of Women in the Arts, Washington, D.C. Her biography is referenced in the 2014 edition of Who's Who in America, Who's Who in the World, Who's Who Among African Americans, Who's Who in the East; the National Registry of Who's Who; the International Directory of Women in the Arts; Outstanding Educators of American; The International Biographical Centre, Cambridge, U.K.; Outstanding Achievers of the 21st Century. Her work is included in public and private collections throughout the U.S. and abroad, as well as represented in several major slide registries around the country.

As Betty Douglas, she performs as a musician and lecturer/performer. Artistry in Song is the name used for this aspect of her work. She has been in the Beaver Valley Musicians' Hall of Fame since 2003. Look for her on YouTube and the Pittsburgh Jazz Network. On 23 January 2014, she and her band Betty Douglas & Friends played the Lincoln Park Performing Arts Center, Midland PA, as part of its Jazz in the Box series. The band and her art were also featured in the First Annual Homestead Jazz, Blues & Arts Festival Honoring Maxine Sullivan in September 2014. On 12 September the band and her art were featured at the opening of the Mavuno Festival at Sweetwater Center for the Arts, Sewickley, PA, during the annual Fall Gallery Walk, and a week later opened ZanaFest 2014 Jazz Night at the Venue at Harmony Ridge, Ambridge, PA. In 2014 she was the featured artist in the Midland Arts Council's Summer Gallery in the Atrium of Lincoln Park Performing Arts Center, Midland PA. Juried shows included the 2014 Westmoreland National Arts & Heritage exhibition, Sweetwater Center for the Arts, Sewickley, PA, and the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts.

Newsletter news from the BVA President Kathy Bischak:

I am sorry I missed the last meeting. Thanks to Sue Masley for stepping up and taking over for me.

Remember that dues are due this fall. If you did not pay them at the September meeting, they should be paid by October or the at the latest in November. They go up to \$25 in February.

Since Tara was not able to be the juror for our Spring show, I am trying to find someone else. Send suggestions to me via email or at the meeting.

BVA will be having a Small Works Show and Sale as part of the Beaver County Parks and Tourism Holiday weekend on December 4 and 5. It will be at the CCAE in Beaver Falls. Details will be forthcoming. All media is welcome. If anyone would like to take charge of this event, please let me know.

Start thinking of what you would like to do for a Christmas gathering. Last year we went out to dinner as a group at Vesuvio's restaurant in Monaca.

Please send any information about awards or shows to Jocelyn or Kathy for inclusion in the newsletter.

The Cranberry Artists Network fall OPEN show is Let's Be Thankful. It opens on Oct.7 and runs through November3.

Merrick Art Gallery is sponsoring a pumpkin decorating exhibition. Entry forms are due to the Merrick by October 10. Work must be delivered between October 16&17. Exhibition is October 18 -23.? Prizes will be awarded!

The Merrick will be hosting an opening for W. Korol Selley oils - October 11, 1-4 pm runs through October 25.

Winston Churchill said about painting: "Painting is complete as a distraction. I know of nothing, which, without exhausting the body, more entirely absorbs the mind. Whatever the worries of the hour or the threats of the future, once the picture has begun to flow along, there is no room for them in the mental screen."

"Unless you try to do something beyond what you have already mastered, you will never grow. *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

See you all at the meeting.

Member News:

Welcome to new BVA members **Betsy Bell**, **Tom Lesniak** and **Kathleen Tetemanza!**

Congratulations All!!!

The following BVA members won awards at the Saxonburg Fine Art Festival: **Bj Wettach** won a Sponsor Award for her painting called The Zen of Life. **Mary Jane Hadley** won a Sponsor Award for her painting called Ligonier Valley and **Joe Horzempa** received a 3rd place award.

Carol Volz Begley, PSA had paintings accepted in these national juried exhibitions: The Butler Institute of Fine Arts 79th National Midyear Exhibition, The Pastel Society of Colorado, The Degas Pastel Society and the Maryland Pastel Society. She won an award at the Pastel Society of America in NYC and a first place award at the American Artists of Butler County 2015 Invitational Art Exhibition.

Holly Pultz won best of show at the Southern Allegheny Art Museum Paint Out.

Membership Dues: Individual: \$20 Family: \$25
Dues increase by \$5 after November.

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Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church will be holding The Seventeenth Annual Juried Art Show.

Dates: 10/15 – 11/1/2015, opening 10/15, 7-9pm

Drop off dates: 10/9, 4pm-8pm – 10/10, 10am-2pm

If you have any questions about the Art Show or events, please call 724-846-2899 or email us at CELCBeaverFalls@verizon.net.



Baden Applefest and Art Show

Saturday, October 10, 2015

10AM-6:00PM

Fee: \$25 for 10x10 space. Deadline for registration is 9/25

Info: badenapplefest@gmail.com

For BVA news visit The Beaver Valley Artists at beavervalleyartists.org or on

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Beaver-Valley-Artists/175072079247112>

!!! Please see Laurie Fillinger to sign up to provide refreshments for our meetings !!!

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