



Beaver Valley Artists

Official Newsletter of the Beaver Valley Artists

September 2013

Next Meeting

Thursday, September 12th, 7:00 pm
Merrick Art Gallery

Program

Patrick Lee - Oil Painting Demo

Upcoming Programs:

Thursday, Oct. 9th

Martha Hopkins Skarlinski
Encaustic Painting

Thursday, November 14th
Jennie Johnstone - Pastels

Refreshments for the September 12th
meeting compliments of the
BVA Board members.

Patrick Lee is a professional artist and teacher from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He received his BFA in painting from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania in 1996 and moved to Pittsburgh soon thereafter. For the first ten years after he received his degree, he worked a full-time job and worked on art in his off hours, honing and improving his artistic skills, including drawing, human anatomy, color, and composition. During this time, he continued to build upon his previous education and immersed himself in a course of self-study which included learning as much as he could about the techniques, methods, and picture making processes of artists such as Diego Velazquez, John Singer Sargent, William Bougereau, J.W. Waterhouse, and many others. Studying the work of these masters and attempting to apply their methods, working directly from life, has been the great challenge as well as the source of the greatest rewards in his journey as an artist.

Starting in 2007, he began to paint on a full-time basis and started participating in more shows. The highlight of these was a two-man show where he was invited to participate with a more established local artist - more than half of his pieces sold in that show. He continued to show and sell his work, and in 2008 he was invited to do a solo show of some of his drawings at the Community College of Allegheny County, and was subsequently asked to join the faculty as an adjunct teacher in drawing and painting. It was also around this time that he began taking courses and then was eventually asked to teach at The Academy of the Southside, a school founded in Pittsburgh by two California artists to teach traditional drawing and painting techniques.

He continues to work on new paintings and compositional ideas, working directly from nature as much as possible, primarily in the form of plein air landscape painting and figure painting. His most recent work has been presented in two solo shows, one of large scale figurative works and one of thirty-four small plein air landscapes.



Member News:

Members from BVA who had work accepted into the Summer Art Gallery in Midland were: Marge Gardner, Irene Ackerman, Mary Jane Hadley, Kathy Bischak, Rob Ivanisin and Betty Douglas. Don Nelson was the featured artist.

Carol Begley won an award at the Associated Artists of Butler Invitational Exhibition. She also had paintings accepted into the following juried exhibitions: The Northeast National Pastel Exhibition, Emerald Spring National Juried Exhibition and the 40th Hoyt Regional Exhibition.

Marge Gardner and Irene Ackerman had a tent at the Cranberry Community Days.

Dear BVA Members,

It is going to be a great year with Beaver Valley Artists! There is a lot going on in Art this year. We have our annual juried show, the Merrick Masters and the Summer Art Show in Midland.

Beaver Valley Artists is unique because each month we plan an educational activity that is free and open to the public. I would encourage each of you to invite a friend to a meeting. We are going to have some great meetings this year!

Thank you to BVA member, Laurie Fillinger, for suggesting our first program of the year, Patrick Lee. This should be a chance for all of us to experience a young, successful painter's approach to oil painting.

Thank you also, to the returning board members. Sue Masley is going to be vice president again, Lynn Roberts is treasurer and Jennie Johnstone is secretary. Jocelyn Guidry is our great Newsletter chair person. Please share your news with her so she can publish it in the monthly newsletter. Marge Gardner with Irene Ackerman's help is refreshment chair again, thank you. Linda Headland is Website and Facebook chair, thank you for your years as president!

Welcome, Mary Jane Hadley as the new membership chair, and Sue Giles Ireton as our Newspaper contact.

Lets enjoy each other's company, share ideas, critique each other's work, learn from more experienced artists, and have a great year with Beaver Valley Artists. --- **Kathy Bischak**

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Membership Dues

Individual: \$20 Family: \$25
Make checks payable to: Beaver Valley Artists.
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Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church will be holding The Sixteenth Annual Juried Art Show.

Date: Oct. 10th - 27th, 2013

Drop off dates: Oct. 4th 4 pm to 8 pm

Oct. 5th 11 am to 2 pm

Visit <http://www.celcbeaverfalls.org/ArtShow.dsp>
or call 724-846-2899 for further information.



Baden Applefest and Art Show

Saturday, October 12, 2013

10AM-6:00PM

Fee: \$20 for 10x10 space – Deadline is 9/27/13

Info: [badenapplefest @ gmail.com](mailto:badenapplefest@gmail.com)

Sewickley Fall Gallery Walk will be held **Friday, September 29th**, from 5:00 pm. To 9:00 pm and **Saturday September 30th** from 10 am to 5 pm. Several galleries and shops will exhibit fine artwork, hosting openings and receptions. These events are free and open to the public. Metered parking is free.

For BVA news visit The Beaver Valley Artists at beavervalleyartists.org or on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Beaver-Valley-Artists/175072079247112>