



Beaver Valley Artists

Official Newsletter of the Beaver Valley Artists

September 2014

Next Meeting

Thursday, September 11th, 7:00 pm
Merrick Art Gallery

Program

Peggi Habets - Watercolor Portrait

Upcoming Programs:

Wednesday, Oct. 8th

Joyce Werwie Perry – Knife Painting

Thursday, November 13th

Gail Beem - Pastels



Beaver Valley Artists will host a watercolor artist from Bethel Park, PA. on September 11, 2014 at the Merrick Art Gallery in New Brighton, PA. The award winning artist and writer, Peggi Habets, will demonstrate her techniques for watercolor portraits. She recently won the first place award at the Merrick Master juried show, and best of show at the Associated Artists of Butler County show, Martinis and Monet. She is the author of two watercolor books and gives workshops on water-color painting throughout the USA. The free demo will be at 7:00 P.M. and is open to the public.

BIOGRAPHY

Peggi is an award-winning artist and instructor who works primarily in watercolor and mixed media on paper. Her work has been exhibited and collected internationally and has been included in a variety of publications, including "Best of America: Watercolor Artists", and the following magazines: Pratique Des Arts; Watercolor Artist; Watercolor Magic; Palette; and the Portrait Society of America's The Art of The Portrait. Most recently, she authored "Watercolor Made Easy: Portraits" and was featured in "The Art of Drawing and Painting Portraits", both books published by Walter Foster Publishing. Peggi's painting was one of 125 selected from over 8,000 watercolors worldwide to be exhibited in the Shanghai Biennial Watercolour Exhibition in Shanghai, China. A watercolor instructor, Peggi has taught students from around the country and internationally.

ARTIST STATEMENT

Painting people is the antidote to my voyeuristic tendencies. I love observing an individual or group and secretly creating a story based on a glance, gesture, interaction, or something else.

Although my paintings are realistic in nature, my intent is not to create a painting that looks like a photograph. Instead, my primary goal is to tell a story, reveal an emotion, or set a mood. I utilize anything I can to reach this goal, including design, color, brushstroke, cropping, and composition. My greatest reward is to create a painting that connects with the viewer emotionally, rationally or inexplicably.



BVA Members,

It is going to be a great year with Beaver Valley Artists! Welcome Laurie Fillinger as our new program chair! She is bringing fresh ideas and enthusiasm to BVA! We have some interesting new demonstrations ahead. We have our annual juried show scheduled for March, so get your work ready to share.

We are also now members of The Merrick Art Gallery Associates. They will be having an exhibition of Doug Brown's work opening on September 7, October 5 is Andrew Boyd's exhibition. The Art of the Pumpkin will be on October 17. They are taking a trip to Oglebay in November. I will share the newsletter at the meeting. December 12 is the Women's Council Christmas Dinner Dance. Be sure to try and participate in some of the Merrick activities this year.

Hopefully, we can have a fun Christmas Party again this year.

There is also a new art group in Cranberry Township called the Cranberry Artists Network. This group is sponsoring an OPEN SHOW. See the flier attached to the newsletter for more information.

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!

Sue Masley is going to be vice president again, and agreed to design the posters, program, and fliers for the annual show. 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. Linda Headland is Website and Facebook chair. Mary Jane Hadley is the membership chair, and Sue Giles Ireton as our Newspaper contact.

Let's enjoy each other's company, share ideas, critique each other's work and learn new things together. A little quote I would like to share with you that 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."

Thanks,
Kathy Bischak
President BVA

<p style="text-align: center;">2014 - 2015 Executive Board & Committee Chairs</p> <p>President-----Kathy Bischak-----724-728-4658 Vice President-----Sue Masley-----724-573-9045 Secretary-----Jennie Johnstone-----724-728-1693 Treasurer-----Lynn Roberts-----724-480-7112 Program-----Laurie Fillinger-----724-847-3495 Membership-----Mary Jane Hadley -----724-776-1955 Newsletter-----Jocelyn Guidry-----724-899-3136 Website-----Linda Headland-----724-775-1787 Show-----To be determined</p>	<p>Send website submissions to: Linda Headland 724-775-1787 lheadland@beavervalleyartists.org</p>
<p>Please contact for any questions, comments or suggestions.</p>	<p>Send newsletter submissions to: Jocelyn Guidry-----724-899-3136 146 Century Farm Rd Clinton, PA 15026 jgg899@yahoo.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Membership Dues</p> <p>Individual: \$20 Family: \$25 Make checks payable to: Beaver Valley Artists. Mail to: Mary Jane Hadley 124 Crossing Ridge Trail Cranberry TWP, PA 16066</p>

Member News:

Welcome to new BVA member **Paul Rowe, Phillip Cotter** and **Janice Lemmon!**

BJ Wettach, Holly Pultz, Mary Mason, Dianne Bauman, Mary Jane Hadley, and Kathy Bischak had work at the Most Wanted Fine Arts Gallery in Pittsburgh at the Pittsburgh Society of Artists Small Works show in June.

Dianne Bauman was the featured Plein Air artist at the Three Rivers Arts Festival this year. She is also teaching 2 classes at Sweetwater Center for the Arts in Sewickley. "Express Yourself in Oils", beginning Wednesday, Sept. 24- Oct. 29 (6 Wednesdays) from 1-4. The other is "Landscape Painting in Sewickley", (2 Saturdays) Oct. 18 and 25, from 12-4, November 1 for rain date. See Sweetwater Art Center website for details.

Marge Gardner and Irene Ackerman, Jennie Johnstone, and Linda Headland had paintings displayed at the Midland Summer Gallery.

Marge Gardner, Irene Ackerman, Mary Jane Hadley, Linda Headland, Duane Cacali, Mary Mason, and Kathy Bischak were plein air artists at the Cranberry Township Community Days.

Sally Sheffler had a painting, "Inspired by Iris", accepted at the PWS show Aqueous Open 2014 at the Spinning Plate Gallery. Opening is Oct. 4th 5-8pm.

Carol Volz Begley, PSA, had paintings accepted into the following national juried exhibitions: A pastel landscape in the Breckenridge Fine Art Center in Texas, a pastel landscape in the Cincinnati Art Club Exhibition and two pastel landscapes in the Sierra Pastel Society of California Exhibition. She also had an oil portrait accepted into the Hoyt Regional Juried Exhibition and three paintings were entered into the Artists Association of Butler County invitational exhibition.

Elizabeth Asche Douglas had one mixed media painting in Westmoreland National Arts & Heritage Exhibition, Greensburg, PA, May 31-June 11. She was featured artist, Midland Arts Council's Summer Gallery at Lincoln Park Performing Arts Center, exhibiting 9 pen & ink drawings and three sculptures, June 27-July 4. She exhibited six assemblage sculptures in a group show at East of Eastside Gallery, Pittsburgh, July 13-August 16. Elizabeth has also received notification from Marquis Publishing Co. that her biography will be included in the 2015 edition of "Who's Who in America."

The **BVA** visited the Butler Institute of American Art in Youngstown in July! We had a docent tour, lunch in the cafe, and time to explore on our own. There were 16 members and friends who car-pooled to get there. We got to see the Midyear National Show. We saw art from all over the USA, and lots of it was created in Ohio in PA. It was a fun day, and some of us even made some very interesting new friends!



BVA members have been painting every Tuesday morning for most of the summer as a group. **Marge Gardner and Irene Ackerman** were featured on the Villa St. Joseph newsletter. We are planning to go back to the Villa this fall to paint. The residents

really enjoyed our visit, and so did we

Vickie Froelich would like the BVA to know that her Mother, a former BVA member, Carol Butler, passed away on August 2, 2014, after a courageous battle for 20 months with pancreatic cancer. Everyone who knew her loved her, she was an extremely gifted artist. She will be sadly missed.



Cranberry Artists Network's Inaugural exhibition! First Open Show * October 3- 22, 2014. Opening Reception: Friday, October 3, 2014, 4:00-6:00 pm. All regional artists are invited to enter up to two pieces of art in the first show of Cranberry Artists Network (CAN), a new art group dedicated to promoting the Arts in Cranberry Township and the surrounding communities. [Link to prospectus](#)

At the board meeting, we discussed the fact that no one offered to Chair Refreshments for our meetings. We had thought about members each taking turns at being in charge. However, at one of our Plein Air days, we realized that some people were not bringing things even when they had signed up to donate. So this is the new policy: **Bring Your Own BS (Beverage/Snack)**. If someone wants to bring something to share, feel free, but you are responsible for your own clean up. Marge Gardner has offered to help organize the food table at the Opening for the Juried Show. Thank you, Marge.

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

Date: Oct. 9th - 26th, 2014, opening 10/9, 7-9pm
Drop off dates: 10/3, 4pm-8pm – 10/4, 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 11, 2014
10AM-6:00PM

Fee: \$20 for 10x10 space – Deadline is 9/19/13

Info: badenapplefest@gmail.com

Sewickley Fall Gallery Walk will be held **Friday, September 12th**, 6 pm and **Saturday September 13th**, 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>