



# Bethlehem Art Association

Mar./Apr. 2019  
Newsletter



Greetings artists,

It's time for Spring!

I hope your winter dreaming has been peaceful and productive for you. As we now look ahead to warmer days we begin to prepare for our annual planning meeting April 11th. Members are welcome to attend. We decide on our demonstrator schedule for next year, discuss our budget expectations, what has worked, what needs improvement and more. It is a chance for all members to express their ideas, suggestions and opinions. I welcome your input.

We have added a new venue reserved solely for BAA members recently. The Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy will be available as an ongoing 3-month rotation throughout the year. While a focus on landscape art is preferred, they are open to all mediums and focus. Eventually we will be able to offer members the chance to teach plein air workshops in one of their many beautiful outdoor sites. This has clearly been exciting news among our members as we have already booked the venue through late Fall of this year. Thank you for your enthusiasm! I hope this is just the beginning of new venues for our association.

As winter fades and the life begins to reemerge from the long winter sleep, remember to have confidence in your work and your ability to bring forward your vision as you create. Let go of any insecurity and bravely dive in with courage as you master your craft. Happy creating!

Hillary Raimo

### ***BAA Mission Statement***

The BAA is a focal point for all kinds of visual art activities in Bethlehem.  
We promote art, art activities, and artists in Bethlehem.

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***Please welcome new member: Teresa Winters***



## Meetings

**Thursday,  
March 21, 6:45 p.m.  
Painting Demonstration  
by Jim Coe**

Jim Coe is an artist with a passion for birds, nature, old barns, and relics of our rural heritage. Immediately after earning his master's degree at Parson's Jim immersed himself in the art of field guide illustration. He contributed work to several books, including the recently reissued Easy Bird Guide: West, and Birds of New Guinea, and to Frank Gill's classic college textbook Ornithology. But he is best known as the author and illustrator of the acclaimed Golden Field Guide Eastern Birds, first published in 1994, and reissued in 2001 by St. Martin's Press. His paintings combine his passion for landscape with a finely detailed knowledge of natural history.

Jim is a Signature Member of the prestigious Oil Painters of America, as well as the American Impressionist Society and Society of Animal Artists. As a member of the Board of Directors of the Society of Animal Artists Jim currently serves as the Jury Chair and oversees the selection of the SAA's annual exhibition. For more than 30 years he has been a regular exhibitor in the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum's prestigious "Birds in Art" annual and in 2011 was recognized as the Museum's 32nd Master Wildlife Artist. To read more about Jim's work visit his website <http://jamescoe.com/about>



*Cottonwood Shadow*



*Colorful Ice*

### **Jim Coe Workshop**

Spring Workshop  
Saturday, April 27th  
9:30 – 4:00pm  
Delmar Presbyterian Church  
Contact Bob Lynk (439-3948) or  
Jacqueline Smith (489-1882)





## *BAA Meetings*

**Thursday, April 18, 6:45 p.m.**

**Pastel Demonstration**

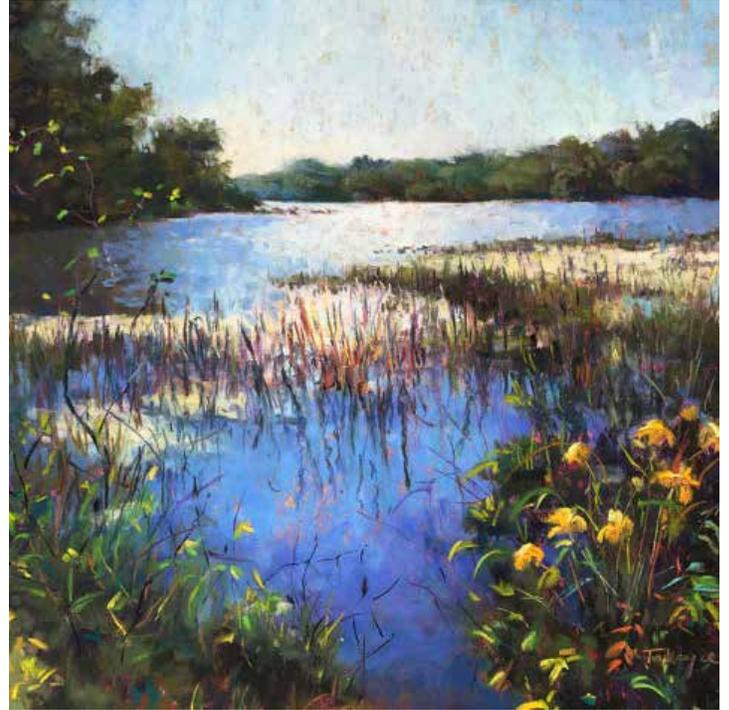
**by Takeyce Walter**

Takeyce Walter is an award winning contemporary American painter (born 1980, Jamaica), and art instructor living and working in beautiful upstate New York. Walter's paintings present that landscape in all its glory – flowing rivers, majestic skies, and picturesque lakes.

Her paintings feature the rural landscape of upstate New York, the Adirondacks, Cape Cod, and Vermont. Walter is especially inspired by, and drawn to bodies of water; rivers, lakes, marshes, streams and the ocean.

Takeyce is a member of several esteemed associations including, Associate Member of the American Women Artists, Juried Member The Oakroom Artists, Juried Member Pastel Society of America, Juried Member Adirondack Pastel Society, Art Instructor Saratoga Arts, Art Instructor Arlene's Artist Materials, Board Member Saratoga Arts.

To learn more about her work visit her website <http://takeyceart.com>



*Preserve*



*Moon Marsh*



*Takeyce Walter*



## News of Our Members and other news

### **Diane Wosniak**

Will be exhibiting her painting  
“Nature Trail in Spring” at the 16th Annual  
Thacher Nature Art Show for the month of March.



**Hillary Raimo** will be showing her work at Uncommon Grounds in Albany for the month of April. The show will include her Ireland Diary photographs some of which will be on exhibit at the Irish Heritage Museum later this year. Her work has also been accepted into the 41st Photography Regional at Collar City Gallery in Troy, guest curated by Kathleen Vance and Daniel Aycock directors of Front Room Gallery in New York. Hillary will be attending a residency this spring at Dacia Gallery in Manhattan studying figurative painting under the instruction of Billy Seccombe. The residency will end with a formal group exhibit curated by gallery director Lee Vasu on April 6th 7pm.



**Susan Trottier** Will be exhibiting her paintings of the Mohawk River  
at our new venue, the offices of the  
Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy, from March through May.



## Member News and Meeting Recap

**Lynda Spielman** will be teaching a series of watercolor classes at the Delmar Presbyterian Church on Wednesdays from 9 - 12 starting March 27 through the end of May. Interested individuals should contact Lynda at [Lyndaspelman@aol.com](mailto:Lyndaspelman@aol.com) or by phone at 718-463-5679

### Virginia Acquario

Will be exhibiting her paintings at the Massry Residence at the Daughters of Sarah Senior Community for the month of March.

### Betsy Soares

Will be exhibiting her paintings at the Vooheesville Library during March and April.



*Blooming*

## February Critique with Nina Stanley

Our original February meeting was postponed due to inclement weather and Jackie Watsky was not able to join us at the delayed meeting. Nina Stanley graciously stepped in and we had the pleasure of listening to her deliver an insightful critique of members' work, both finished and in progress.. Nina's comprehensive training in drawing and painting allows her to evaluate and suggest improvements on the basic elements of composition. While not discouraging the use of photographs as source references, she emphasized the importance of painting from life, as in plein air and live models. Her main focus on most of the subject paintings was to establish the values in the work which give it shape. By eliminating color from the work, the essential elements should remain without creating a jumble of masses. She uses this technique by graying her source material in Photoshop which is similar to the effect of doing a "notan" sketch. Also, she considers the use of perspective in both landscapes and still life works. This means that darker values/colors are in the foreground and the faded ones are in the background.

Focus on the dramatic front as intense then adjust values as you proceed was her advice. Make sure the highlights are correct based on the light source. And, finally she uses a mirror to reflect the image back so that any inconsistencies can be eliminated in the final stage.





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## News



### The Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy ~ our new Community Venue

The Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy is a land trust working in the Capital Region to save land and keep it open for the community. They have 18 nature preserves, 6 of which are right here in Bethlehem. The Conservancy's office, at 425 Kenwood Ave. near the Four Corners, is open to the public 8 to 5 on weekdays, and they often host board meetings, events for volunteers, and discussions with land owners and other conservation groups, so artists would have good exposure. Members frequently stop in to get maps, give donations, and to learn more about what the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy does. You can visit them at [mohawkhudson.org](http://mohawkhudson.org).

For our artists, they have 6-8 hangers and a spot to hang an Artist Statement. They feel that landscapes are a good fit, but are open to other subjects. They'd like to have the opportunity to preview work in order to ensure a good fit.

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### Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce Show



The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce provides the Association with a site in which we can have member artwork on display in our community all year round. As this newsletter is being written, a new exhibit of artwork is being installed. The current show will run from January through March. There is room for one picture each from twelve artists. This venue provides an excellent opportunity for new members to get into the habit of showing their artwork. To sign up for the April - June show contact Diane Wozniak at [dcwozniak@gmail.com](mailto:dcwozniak@gmail.com) or Peter Keitel at [pjkeitel@gmail.com](mailto:pjkeitel@gmail.com)

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**The BAA is looking for a couple of volunteers!**  
**We need a new publicity person and also someone to take over for Joan Van Alphen who has taken pictures and presented our history in photo albums for many years.**  
**Please contact BAA President Hillary Raimo if you would like to help!**



## Venues

### BAA Community Exhibit Schedule March 2019 through July 2019

Sign up at a monthly meeting to schedule a showing of your work  
or contact Susan Trotter 221-7195 or lem2lane@nycap.rr.com

Please sign up!

#### VENUES RESERVED FOR BAA MEMBERS

|   | MAR              | APR          | MAY          | JUNE           | JULY |
|---|------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|------|
| FOUR CORNERS LUNCHEONETTE<br>10 hangers - can hold doubles            | BOB LYNK         | JOHN TOBISON | <b>OPEN!</b> | <b>OPEN!</b>   |      |
| BANK OF COXSACKIE<br>Rte. 9W, Glenmont - 13 spaces                    | JACQUELINE SMITH |              |              | OPEN           |      |
| MOHAWK HUDSON LAND<br>CONSERVANCY<br>Kenwood Ave., Delmar 6-8 hangers | SUSAN TROTTER    |              |              | KRISTINE KELLY |      |

#### VENUES FREQUENTLY AVAILABLE FOR BAA MEMBERS

***The Massry Residence at the Daughters of Sarah Senior Community:***

Contact Antoinette Guenette at 724-3406 or guenette@dosscc.org. Space for 15 pictures

***Merriman and Pfister, An Artisan's Marketplace. Located behind the Perfect Blend at the Four Corners.***

Contact Kathy Agneta at 588-7268

***Big Eye Gallery Fine Arts and Crafts, 270 County Route 405, South Westerlo, NY***

Contact Hope Konecny at 966-5833

***Capital Bank, Slingerlands Price Chopper Plaza:***

Contact Greg Bruno at 694-5625 or email gbruno@capitalbank.com

***Bethlehem Public Library, Delaware Ave., Delmar:***

Contact Michael Farley, 439-9314. Ask for the Information desk. Space is available on a 24 month cycle and requests are handled on a first-come-first-serve basis. Early on the first business day of the month appears to be the best time to submit requests for one of the two corridors.

***Beverwyck Independent Retirement & Assisted Living:***

Contact Jessica Newman, 451-2111. Beverwyck Lane/Autumn Drive, Slingerlands, 15 spaces, availability. Please call.

***Greenville Public Library, Rte. 32, Greenville:***

Contact Stanley Maltzman, 634-7386. Two month showings. Space for up to 50 pieces.

***Uncommon Grounds Coffee & Bagels, 1235 Western Ave., Albany:***

Contact Geralee Hall at geralee.hall@gmail.com. Please note that Ms. Hall also arranges exhibits for their Saratoga location on Broadway.

***Voorheesville Public Library: 51 School Rd., Voorheesville***

Contact Lynn Kohler at 765-2791 to schedule a show and reception.

***National Bank of Coxsackie, Rte. 81 near Rte. 32, Greenville:*** Contact Rita Buttiker, 634-2272

***Greene County Bank, Rte. 32 near Bryant's Plaza, Greenville:*** Contact Rita Buttiker, 634-2272



## *This Year's Main Events*

*All Monthly Meetings begin at 6:45PM  
in the Bethlehem Public Library Community Room*

**Thursday, March 21** ~ Painting Demonstration by Jim Coe

**Thursday, April 11** ~ Annual Planning Meeting ~ Delmar Presbyterian Church, 7pm

**Saturday, April 27** ~ Painting Workshop with Jim Coe

**Thursday, April 18** ~ Pastel Demonstration by Takeyce Walter

**Wednesday, May 1** ~ Spring Show Submissions Drop-off at Bethlehem Public Library 3:30-5:30pm

**Thursday, May 16** ~ Spring Show Reception ~ Comments by Belinda Colon

**Friday, May 31** ~ Spring Show Removal by 9:00pm (**No exceptions**)

**Thursday, June 20** ~ Picnic at Hillary Raimo's

202 Orchard St., Delmar NY 12054

