



# Bethlehem Art Association

Jan./Feb. 2019  
Newsletter



Happy New Year Artists,

I hope this winter has lots of wonderful things lined up for all of you. Starting our new year off is award winning wood worker Peter Leue who will be doing a framing demonstration at the January monthly meeting. In February we have our annual members critique with Jacqueline Watsky. We discuss and vote on important BAA business at our monthly meetings, your attendance is appreciated. Thank you to all who take the time to attend and give input. It is because of our membership that we are able to help bring artists together for instructional and inspirational events.

We had a very successful annual fall show this year. Thank you to all our participating artists. Congratulations to best in show winner Richard Morone and his work "Sunset Over the Catskills" Be sure to read through our fall show recap below.

Thinking ahead to summer already might help with the winter blues...the BAA & Yankee Trails have partnered up for a day trip to the Museum of Modern Art Tuesday June 4th, 2019. Special exhibits include Joan Miro, Birth of the World and New Order: Art & Technology in the Twenty-first Century. Stay tuned for more details on our website and in upcoming newsletters.

As we say goodbye to 2018, let us not forget the moments it brought and the lessons we learned. May 2019 hold many fun opportunities, good memories and happy creating for all of you.

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 members: Ellen Cullen, Barbara Frankel, Mary Hooper, Lyudmila Kapustina, Natalia Mannarino, Sandra Onderdonk, Karen Ryan, Janet Shaughnessy, John Smolinsky and Gwen Weinstock***



## Meetings

**Thursday,  
January 17, 6:45 p.m.  
Framing Demonstration  
by Peter Leue**

Peter Leue will be giving a framing demonstration at the January meeting. Peter received his BFA from the School of American Crafts at the Rochester Institute of Technology after studying furniture design and woodworking with master craftsmen Wendell Castle and William Keyser. He has lived and worked in the Albany, NY area for the last 35 years. After spending 12 years teaching, Peter began full-time woodworking in 1981, and for two decades, specialized in architectural reproduction woodworking, for which he won numerous awards.



**Wednesday, February 20, 6:45 p.m.  
Annual Critique of Member Work**

**with Jacqueline Watsky**

The annual critique of member artwork will be held at the February meeting. Members can bring one piece of work for evaluation and suggestions by a professional artist. This is a good opportunity to get advice on a piece you may be working on for our upcoming spring juried show. Our guest this year will be Jacqueline Watsky. Jacqueline has worked in a variety of media from oils, acrylics, and watercolor to ceramics and print making. At the age of nine, she attended the Brooklyn Museum Art School to study oil painting. While in high school, she attended New York University painting classes and continued a formal art education at Hunter College, BA in Art, and Brooklyn College, MA in Art. Jacqueline is a member of the Colonie Art League and the Upstate Artists Guild, and was co-founder of the former Art de Cure Gallery.



### **BAA Demonstration Mirror**

The BAA would like to thank our member, John Moser, for paying for a new blanket to protect our demonstration mirror.

He also stores the mirror for us.

Thank you John!

### **Please note the change of dates in the calendar.**

Annual BAA Planning Meeting date is now Thursday, April 11, 2019 at the Delmar Presbyterian Church.

The Spring Painting Workshop with Jim Coe is now Saturday April 27, 2019 from 10-4pm at the Delmar Presbyterian Church



## News of Our Members and other news

BAA President **Hillary Raimo** participated in and curated a fine art pop up gallery event in collaboration with Perreca's in Schenectady over the holiday season. Featuring local artists Ed Ticson, Marina Petro, **Ellie Prakken**, Paul Holloway, Vincent Tocco, **Natalia Mannarino**, **M-J L. Adelman** and Liza Jo Mannarino. Participating artists received praise & certificates of good citizenship from New York State Senator James Tedisco. Iconic photographer, and creative director of Proctor's Theater and Capital Rep Theater, Richard Lovrich will be publishing an article in Collaborative Magazine about the show and some of the featured artists. The show is ongoing at Perreca's through January 9th, 2019.



### **Ray Henrikson**

Will have an exhibition of his photography in the Gallery at Beverwyck on Autumn Drive in Slingerlands during the months of January and February, 2019.

**John Smolinsky** won the Albany Center Gallery Board President's Select award in this year's annual members show for his sculpture "Curious Creature". The 2018 annual Albany Center Gallery's Member Show is on thru January 19th, 2019.



**Lynda Spielman** is planning a spring series of watercolor classes to be held at the Delmar Presbyterian church. Dates to be determined and I can be contacted for further details.  
[Lyndaspelman@aol.com](mailto:Lyndaspelman@aol.com)

Drawing and Painting classes with **Marion Reynolds** at the Art Center of the Capital Region begin in February: Beginning & Intermediate Drawing, Figure Drawing, Drawing the Human Face, Solvent-Free Oil Painting-Beginning & Intermediate. Morning and evening sections for drawing classes, painting classes are in the morning. For more info. or to register, go to The Arts Center of the Capital Region – Art is here. To contact the instructor: 518-326-5569 or [marionpeter@mindspring.com](mailto:marionpeter@mindspring.com)





## News of Our Members and other news

### Annual Bethlehem Town Hall Show



The BAA annual show at the Bethlehem Town Hall was held in October and November. Once again we adopted the “Bethlehem Scenes” theme. Visitors to the Town Hall very much enjoy seeing artwork that depicts scenes from their hometown. This show will continue to be an annual event. However, we may vary the theme for 2019. Stay tuned!



*Jacqueline Smith*  
sold this painting called  
“In the Pine Hollow”



### 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)



## Meeting Recaps

### Fall Workshop with Peg Foley Sculpture Fiber Coiling

On October 18, we had the pleasure of watching Peg Foley show us how she creates fiber coiling sculpture. Using recycled items and other fiber pieces, she manages to form interesting and fascinating 3D items which are both a blend of soft fiber and firm wire forms. The participants at the November workshop used clothesline, twine, yarns, wire, fabrics and odd pieces to painstakingly construct beautiful pieces of art as shown in the photos. The process was slower than I imagined it would be, but it was worthwhile to see the creative results. *Jacqueline Smith*



### December Holiday Meeting with Ritvik Sharma



The December Holiday meeting always features a presentation by a BAA member artist. This year's honoree was Ritvik Sharma doing a watercolor demonstration. Ritvik specializes in paintings of the capital district, both urban and rural landscapes. He shared some painting secrets and tips on how to complete your painting in a shorter period of time while adding dramatic decisions throughout the piece. He did a great job of preparing and presenting his presentation to us.

If you enjoyed Ritvik's demonstration and are interested in taking one of his workshops this year:

One Day Watercolor Workshop with Ritvik Sharma, Saturday March 16 th 9:00-4:00pm, more information [albany-artroom.com](http://albany-artroom.com)





## News

### Fall 2018 Member Show

The Fall 2018 member show appeared at the Bethlehem Public Library this past November. This year's juror was Sharon Siegel. As an art educator Sharon has coordinated professional development opportunities for arts educators, arts-in-education programming for students and special student events such as the Media Arts Festival. Her work has appeared in Fine Gardening and National Gardening magazines, and books by Bantam, PocketBook, Viking and McDougal/Littel. She gave a very thoughtful and detailed description of the selections she made as well as some overall thoughts on the show. Many thanks to Sharon.



*Richard Morone*

#### **The Best in Show Award**

went to Richard Morone for  
*"Sunset Over the Catskills"*.

The other award winners were  
(in order, by Category):

#### **Oils:**

Maggie Couzens Schimpf, Leslie Berlinsky,  
Art Thorman and Karen Woodin

#### **Watercolor:**

Lynda Spielman, Kevin Kuhne, Diane  
Wozniak, and Bob Lynk

#### **Pastel:**

Peg Vitro, Sandra Orris, Nettye Lamkay  
and Jacqueline Smith

#### **Other Media:**

Kristine Kelly, Joan VanAlphen, Joan  
Krauthaus and Ellie Prakken

#### **Photography:**

Rob Madeo, Ray Henrikson, Peter Rossi  
and M-J L. Adelman



*Joan Van Alphen*



*Lynda Spielman*

#### **The People's Choice Awards**

went to (place and number of votes):

**First** (28) Jason Yohe

**Second** (23) Criss Macaione-Bilodeau

**Third** (13) Pam Agan-Smith

**Fourth** (11) Mary T. Hooper

**Fifth** (five way tie with 10 each)

Bob Lynk, Lynda Spielman, Patricia Varcasia,  
Sandra Orris and Art Thorman

There were 232 votes made. Community involvement in the voting process enhances awareness of the BAA.

**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 January 2019 through April 2019***

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

**Please sign up!**

### **VENUES RESERVED FOR BAA MEMBERS**

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
FOUR CORNERS LUNCHEONETTE 10 hangers - can hold doubles	SUSAN TROTIER	<b>OPEN !</b>	<b>OPEN!</b>	<b>OPEN!</b>
BANK OF COXSACKIE Rte. 9W, Glenmont - 13 spaces	BOB LYNK		OPEN	

BONE AND JOINT is no longer available as they have remodeled and will not be hanging artwork

### **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, January 17** ~ Framing Demonstration by Peter Leue

**Wednesday, February 20** ~ Annual Critique of Member Artwork by Jacqueline Watsky

**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

