



Bethlehem Art Association

Mar./Apr., 2016
Newsletter



Hello Artists,

The Winter that Wasn't is drawing to a close. I hope you all got lots of artwork done and have something ready for the Annual Spring Show in May. If not, it is time to get busy. It's amazing how quickly these things come around.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Bethlehem Art Association. There have been discussions about how to celebrate this in several of our recent monthly meetings. A planning committee has also been assembled and it met two weeks ago. A consensus is forming around the idea of a large art show and sale to take place in September or October. A recent survey of the members indicated that there is a preference for an indoor event and that there would be a significant number of artists interested in participating. The likely site would be the community room at a local church, hopefully near the center of town. Stay tuned for more news on this event.

We have been raising funds to support the BAA scholarships for Bethlehem High School students by raffling off small items that would be of interest to artists. While this new approach has been popular, we are still short of our fundraising goal. If any of you have or can obtain an item (materials, equipment, books, etc.) useful to artists, we would appreciate donations for future raffles.

Thank you.

Peter

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.

www.bethlehemartassociation.com

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Diane Wozniak



Meetings

Thursday, March 17, 6:45 p.m.

Watercolor Demonstration ~

Theresa Somaio

Theresa Somaio will do a watercolor presentation at the March monthly meeting. Theresa has appeared before our group several times before and many of you are familiar with her many classes through the continuing education program of the Bethlehem School District, local colleges and local museums. Theresa has a Master of Fine Arts degree from SUNY Albany and undergraduate degrees in art and history. Theresa will also be running our Spring Workshop, and this month's meeting will give you the opportunity to preview her style.



Thursday, April 21, 6:45
Pastel Painting with Susan Story



In Susan's words: "My passion as an artist is to express the many moods and emotions evoked by nature's landscapes with soft pastels. My goal is to capture a sense of the fleeting moment in my paintings in order to preserve the beauty and share it with others." See her work at www.susanmstory.com

Susan Story will join us as the presenter for our April monthly meeting. Susan is a nationally recognized "plein air" artist and instructor who specializes in impressionistic paintings focused on the Hudson Valley. She is a signature member of the Pastel Society of America and has an impressive resume of group and solo exhibitions.





News of Our Members

Diane Wozniak

I'll be exhibiting this watercolor at the 13th Annual Nature Art Exhibit from March 5 - March 25th at the Emma Treadwell Thacher Nature Center. It's called **Indoor Birding**.



Don't forget to show you membership card at Arlene's Artist Materials for your 10% discount. See Gary Mehlum to get your card.

Barbara Via

I will be exhibiting watercolors at the 13th annual Nature Art Exhibit at the Thacher Nature Center in Thacher Park. The exhibit runs from March 5 through March 25th. Below is of one of my pieces.

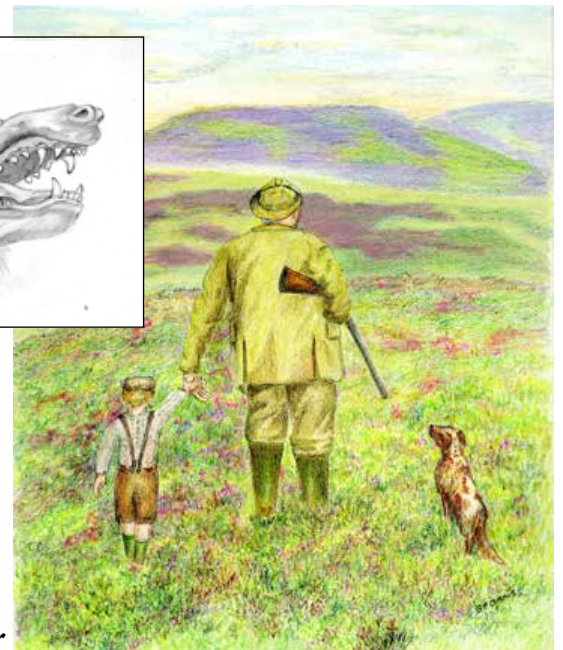


Red Fox

Sandra Orris



Wolf



Gamekeeper

I was asked by a wonderful storyteller to illustrate a book of tales about his youthful years in Scotland, during the 1940's. The book is "The Gamekeeper's Son" by Ron Stewart. Above is the cover painting and one of the illustrations. It was a lot of fun to do all the drawings.

Laurel Petersen is a member of SCBWI (Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators) and she has information about a retreat for **Illustrators only** at Silver Bay on Lake George April 15-17, 2016 that she plans to attend. If you are interested please contact Laurel and she can send you more information.



Members and More News

Kevin Kuhne



I'll be having a one-night show on First Friday Albany, March 4, from 5:30 to 7:30pm at the First Presbyterian Church on the corner of State and Willet across from Washington Park.

Also, my show of watercolors depicting endangered buildings in Albany continues in Pat Fahy's offices in the Legislature Building on State St. through June.

I would also like to recommend very nice watercolor show at Orange County Community College. It is the

annual North East Watercolor Society Show (NEWS) that runs until March 24.

Gallery hours are Monday-Thursday 9-3, Friday 9-6, and Sunday Feb 28 and

Sunday, March 13 from 2-5. Located in the Orange Hall Gallery at the corner of 24 Grandview & Wawayanda Avenues, Middletown, NY. I have 2 pieces in the show.



Spring Watercolor Workshop with Theresa Somaio

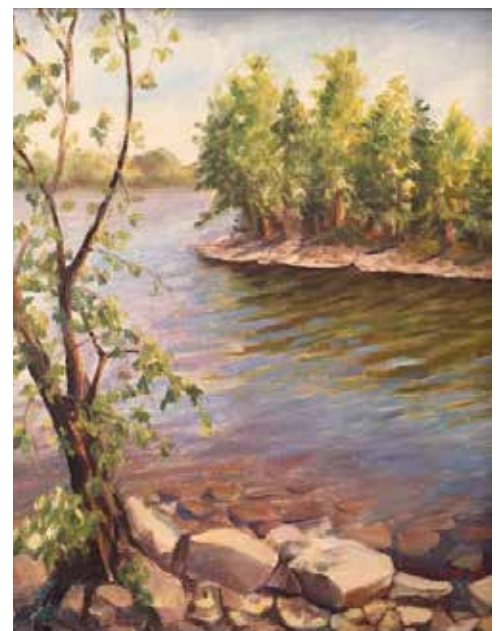
Saturday, April 9, 2016 *New Date!*

9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m Delmar Presbyterian Church



**To sign up, call
Bob Lynk (439-3948) or
Jacqueline Smith (489-1882)
\$30 for members
\$40 for non-members**

Theresa is a well-known local artist and teacher. Theresa will do a demonstration and people will receive guidance on their own project. Theresa will also make a watercolor presentation at the March monthly meeting and you can have the opportunity to get a preview of the workshop. **A materials list for the workshop will be available at www.bethlehemartassociation.com**





Meeting Recaps and More News

January Meeting with Brian Shea

Judges and jurors, in addition to commenting on the artwork before them, often speak about how the framing of a piece contributes to the overall impression of the work. In a departure from our usual format, we decided to invite a framer to make the presentation at the January monthly meeting. Brian Shea is the owner and operator of the Alacrity Frame Shop on Lark Street in Albany. He filled the evening with comments on basic framing styles and techniques, and answered many questions from the members present. He also provided advice to the people who brought artwork to the meeting for his review. Brian offers a 20% discount to artists who are framing their own work. His website is www.alacrityframeworkshop.com



American Society of Animal Artists. Jim provided many helpful comments on style, color, composition, and even framing. There was a lively and illuminating interchange between Jim and the members present.

February Critique with James Coe

The March monthly meeting was the annual critique of member artwork. Each year at a meeting members can bring in a piece for an evaluation by a professional artist. This year's guest artist was Jim Coe, a painter of landscapes with a focus on the Hudson Valley. Jim is a signature member of the Oil Painters of America, the American Impressionist Society, and the





Bethlehem Art Association Scholarship Raffle

The two most recent winners of items from our raffle to support the BAA scholarships for Bethlehem High School students are Linda Hiltz and Dee Foley. Linda won a gift certificate for a class at the Art School of Columbia County on color through abstracted landscape and Dee won a gift certificate for a personalized portfolio review with an Art School faculty member. Many thanks to the Art School for contributing these gift certificates.



Linda Hiltz

Portfolio Review Program at the Art School of Columbia County

The ASCC has announced a new portfolio review program that is free for students ages 15-24. Students will receive a personalized review and customized suggestions. Portfolio reviews are available to non-students for \$18. The ASCC donated a gift certificate for one of these reviews to the BAA for the Scholarship Raffle. For more information and to register, go to www.artschoolofcolumbiacounty.org

Artwork by BCHS Scholarship Winners

Each year the BAA provides two \$250 scholarships to Bethlehem Central High School seniors. The Winners are chosen by the Art Department. Here are some examples of work done by last year's winners. The Bethlehem Central soccer logo was done by Mary Kate Palmerino and the fashion illustration was done by Alexandra Plouman.





Venues

BAA Community Exhibit Schedule March 2016 through June 2016

Sign up at a monthly meeting to schedule a showing of your work
or contact Bev Braun at 489-0601 or bevbraun@nycap.rr.com

VENUES RESERVED FOR BAA MEMBERS

| | MAR | APR | MAY | JUNE |
|--|------------------------------------|------|------|------|
| BONE & JOINT CENTER 2 halls, 20 hangers and 16 hangers | LYNDA SPIELMAN JACQUELINE SMITH | | OPEN | |
| FOUR CORNERS LUNCHEONETTE 10 hangers - can hold doubles | BOB LYNK | OPEN | OPEN | OPEN |
| BANK OF COXSACKIE Rte. 9W, Glenmont - 13 spaces | DEE FOLEY | OPEN | | OPEN |

VENUES FREQUENTLY AVAILABLE FOR BAA MEMBERS

New! The Massry Residence at the Daughters of Sarah Senior Community:

Contact Antoinette Guenette at 724-3406 or guenette@doss.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 518-966-5833

Terra International Cuisine and the NuWave Café, 238 Washington Ave., Albany

Contact Howard Katz at howard@terraalbany.com

Capital Bank, Slingerlands Price Chopper Plaza:

Contact Greg Bruno at 518-694-5625 or email gbruno@capitalbank.com

Bethlehem Public Library, Delaware Ave., Delmar:

Contact Alissa, 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, 518-634-7386. 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, 518-634-2272

Greene County Bank, Rte. 32 near Bryant's Plaza, Greenville: Contact Rita Buttiker, 518-634-2272

Madison Theater Windows: Contact Lorenz M. Worden, 518-489-0866 <http://lorenzworden.wordpress.com>



This Year's Main Events

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

Please note! Regular meetings are not always on the 3rd Thursday

- Thursday, March 17** ~ Demonstration ~ Watercolor painting by Theresa Somaio
Wednesday, April 6 ~ Annual Meeting ~ Delmar Presbyterian Church ~ 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 9 *New Date* ~ Art Workshop ~ Watercolor painting by Teresa Somaio
Thursday, April 21 ~ Pastel painting by Susan Story
Monday, May 2 ~ Spring Show Submissions Drop-off At Bethlehem Public Library, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 19 ~ Spring Show Reception ~ Comments by Juror Jacqueline Watsky
Tuesday, May 31 ~ Spring Show art removal by 9:00 p.m. (**No Exceptions**)
Thursday, June 16 ~ Picnic at Rita Buttiker's

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