



Bethlehem Art Association

Jan./Feb., 2016
Newsletter



Hello Artists,

Happy New Year. 2016 is a very important year for the Bethlehem Art Association. This marks the fiftieth year since the creation of the Association. Our mission statement is: "The BAA is a focal point for all kinds of visual art activities in Bethlehem. We promote art, art activities, and artists in Bethlehem." I believe we are serving this mission well.

There are many opportunities for local residents to see the work of our Association's talented artists. Regular member shows are held at the Bethlehem Library, the Bethlehem Town Hall, and the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce. The Delmar Farmers Market is now a popular venue and there are also a number of other locations in the community where members can mount solo shows.

Our monthly meetings and fall and spring workshops provide interesting and instructive presentations to member artists. We will continue to provide programs that contribute to developing all of us and our art.

Peter

BAA Mission Statement

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www.bethlehemartassociation.com

***Please welcome new members
Erin Donaghy and Linda Hiltz***

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Workshops

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Meetings

Thursday, January 28, 6:45 p.m.

Framing Tips with Brian Shea

Judges often comment on how framing enhances or detracts from a piece of art. Therefore, a professional framer has been invited to make the presentation at our January meeting.

Brian Shea is the owner and operator of Alacrity Frame Workshop at 215 Lark Street in Albany.

Brian is the former general manger of Frame of Mind in Stuyvesant Plaza.



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

Evaluation of Member Artwork by James Coe

James Coe, an acclaimed landscape painter and wildlife artist, will join us in February to perform an evaluation of member artwork. Jim started his career as a field guide illustrator and later turned to painting landscapes in plein aire with a focus on the Hudson Valley region. He is the author and illustrator of the Golden Guide Eastern Birds. He is a signature member of the Oil Painters of America, the American Impressionist Society, and the Society of Animal Artists. Jim lives in Hannacroix, NY and his work can be seen at www.jamescoe.com. All members are invited to bring a picture for his critique.



News of Our Members

Rita Buttiker

Is having an exhibit "Beautiful Nature" at the Agroforestry Resource Center
6055 Rte. 23
Acra, NY 12405
January 1 through February 26, 2016
Reception is January 16 from 2p.m. to 4p.m.



Snow Bonnets



Power

Kevin Kuhne

Is having a one-person show in Assemblyperson Pat Fahy's office in the New York State Legislative Office Building on State St. LOB 452, which will hang from January 2, 2016 through June of 2016. This show is in partnership with the Historic Albany Foundation. All works are watercolors depicting buildings on the HAF Endangered Building list or related buildings, and all work is

framed in old window sashes that came from the HAF warehouse.

I also received "The President's Award" at the Albany Center Gallery's annual member show for my watercolor "Power" The show continues until January 17.



Education for Sale Livingston

Ellie Prakken

was accepted in the juried show *ABSTRACTIONS* at the Columbia County Council on the Arts for "Azul y Verde". The opening reception at the CCCA Gallery is January 16 from 5p.m. to 7p.m. at 209 Warren St., Hudson, NY. The show continues through February 24.

Ellen Thea Chernoff

participated in the Saratoga Arts Center member show. Her painting sold and proceeds go to help the Arts Center.

Linda Nimmer

is currently showing her paintings and pastels at the Esopus Public Library, Port Ewen, NY from January 2 to 29 and at the Spectrum Theater, Delaware Ave. from February 1 to 29.



Dee Foley

Is exhibiting at the Bethlehem Public Library for the month of January.

Colonie Art League Holiday Show Awards

Bev Braun won first prize in Painting on Paper for "Memories of Acadia"

Enid Watsky won 2nd prize in Pastel for "Water Lilies II, Channeling Monet".

Joan VanAlphen won Judges Circle Honorable Mention for "Adirondack Shimmer"



Bethlehem Art Association Scholarship Raffle

This spring the BAA will contribute two \$250 scholarships to Bethlehem High School students. The recipients are selected by the Art Department. To raise funds for the scholarships, we are raffling off items that would be useful to artists. The first items were two \$25 gift certificates for Arlene's. The winners were selected at the December monthly meeting. Monica Restaino and Judy Scanlon were the lucky ones. The next two gift certificates were contributed by the Art School of Columbia County. The drawing for a class on color through abstracted landscape will be held at the January meeting, and the drawing for a personalized portfolio review will occur at the February meeting. Please help by buying tickets. You can also help by contributing or obtaining additional items that could be used for this fund raising effort.



Monica Restaino

Tickets are \$5 each. One winner will be chosen. Mail ticket, along with a check (payable to BAA) to cover the number of tickets purchased to:
Laura Jonas
29 Dover Drive
Delmar, NY 12054

Bethlehem Art Association Scholarship Raffle
Prize: *Free class* Color through Abstracted Landscape
Art School of Columbia County
Monday February 29, 2016 6-9pm

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____



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Bethlehem Art Association Scholarship Raffle
Prize: *Free personalized* 30 minute portfolio review
Art School of Columbia County
Scheduled by appointment

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____





Meeting Recaps and More News

December Holiday Meeting with Ellie Prakken

The Holiday Meeting featured a presentation by a BAA member artist. This year Ellie Prakken was chosen for that honor. In an inspiring presentation Ellie explained her artistic process. She showed us how her mixed media paintings involve many layers of work, and brought examples of the various layers necessary to build a finished painting. Thanks go to Ellie for her extensive preparation and artistic insights.



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

Fall Workshop with Gary Shankman Saturday, November 14

Gary Shankman coordinated the BAA Fall Workshop on Saturday, November 14. Gary has been a perennial favorite as a judge for BAA shows because of his compelling commentary on art and his great store of knowledge. Gary is a full time professor at Sage College of Albany and provided instruction for people working in oil, acrylic, pastel, and watercolor at our workshop.

Longtime BAA member Eileen Wolin passed away in October of 2015.

Contribution to the Friends of the Bethlehem Public Library

The BAA has a close relationship with the Bethlehem Public Library. It is the site of our two major member shows each year and our monthly meetings. In appreciation of this relationship, the BAA contributed \$100 to the Friends of the Bethlehem Library. Here is their response:





The Fall Member Show

The Fall Show is our non-juried show in which all members who submit a piece will have it hung. The Judge then confers awards. That judge this year was Deborah Bayly (photo upper right) who teaches oil painting and drawing at the Art Center of the Capital Region. We are grateful to her for her service to us. The award winners were:

Best in Show: Lynda Spielman

Oil and Acrylic Under Glass:

1. Fran Mehm
 2. Maggie Cozens Schimpf
 3. George Dowse
- HM Marsha Lia Walton

Watermedia:

1. Bev Braun
 2. Kevin Kuhne
 3. Diane Wozniak
- HM Darla Jowett



Pastel:

1. Denise Crisafulli
2. Peter Keitel
3. Rita Buttiker

Mixed and Other Media:

1. Kristine Kelly
2. Jocelyn A. Cole
3. Joan Krathaus

Photography:

1. Ray Henrikson

Visitors to the Library can also vote for their favorite items in the show. This year's People's Choice Awards went to:

1. Kevin Kuhne
2. Bob Lynk
3. Riti Pritam

Bethlehem Scenes by Bethlehem Artists at the Bethlehem Town Hall



October and November 2015 saw our third show at the Bethlehem Town Hall. This was the second time the show had the theme "Scenes of Bethlehem." Since this has proven to be a popular event, we plan to make it an annual one. This is an excellent opportunity to emphasize the growing relationship between the Bethlehem Art Association and our community.



Venues

BAA Community Exhibit Schedule January 2016 through April 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

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
BONE & JOINT CENTER 2 halls, 20 hangers and 16 hangers	MICHAEL GALLITELLI		LYNDA SPIELMAN JACQUELINE SMITH	
FOUR CORNERS LUNCHEONETTE 10 hangers - can hold doubles	BRETT & LAUREL PETERSEN	JACQUELINE SMITH	BOB LYNK	OPEN
BANK OF COXSACKIE Rte. 9W, Glenmont - 13 spaces	JAY FULLUM	OPEN		OPEN

VENUES FREQUENTLY AVAILABLE FOR BAA MEMBERS

New! Merriman and Pfister, An Artisan's Marketplace. Located behind the Perfect Blend at the Four Corners. Contact Kathy Agneta at 588-7268

New! 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 will vary. 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 Jennifer Maher, 885-4857 or 542-1897. Please note that Ms. Maher 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.

Natiional 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, January 28** ~ Framing tips from Brian Shea owner of Alacrity Frame Workshop
- Thursday, February 18** ~ Evaluation of member artwork by James Coe
- Thursday, March 17** ~ Demonstration ~ Watercolor painting by Teresa Somaio
- Wednesday, April 6** ~ Annual Meeting ~ Delmar Presbyterian Church ~ 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, April 16** ~ 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

202 Orchard St., Delmar NY 12054

