



Bethlehem Art Association

Mar./Apr., 2017
Newsletter



Hello Artists,

I hope you have been using these long winter days to produce lots of artwork. The Annual Spring Show in May will be here before you know it. You can bring in a piece for the annual critique in April and adjust it [if you want] in time for the Spring Show. Also, there are plenty of venues available for BAA artists to exhibit their work. I regret that I have been delinquent this winter in my own drawing and painting, mostly because this year's skiing had been so much better than last year.

My artistic highlight of this winter was taking a class on scientific illustration at the Art School of Columbia County. The result was a successful painting that made me very happy. Check out what the School has to offer, in terms of classes, exhibits and lectures. The trip to Ghent offers a lovely ride in the countryside.

On the subject of Columbia County, it is sad that the Columbia County Council on the Arts had to shut down, mainly because of financial problems, we are told. Many arts organizations have had to endure cuts in support and this one was unable to survive. Let us all appreciate the ones that continue to be there for artists and the public.

I recently served on a panel for the Greene County Council on the Arts that evaluated funding proposals from various cultural and arts organizations. It was a fascinating experience to balance the needs of a very diverse set of organizations. The good news is that Greene County was able to increase the funding for all of the grant applicants as well as to fund a new one.

I'm happy to report that the Bethlehem Art Association continues to prosper. Our membership is at an all-time high, we have no debt, and our fund balance, although small, is healthy for an association of our size. We run entirely on volunteer efforts and I appreciate all that you, as members, do for the BAA.

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

*Please welcome new members Criss Macaione,
Linda Romano-Hobbs, Marion Reynolds and Brian Summers*

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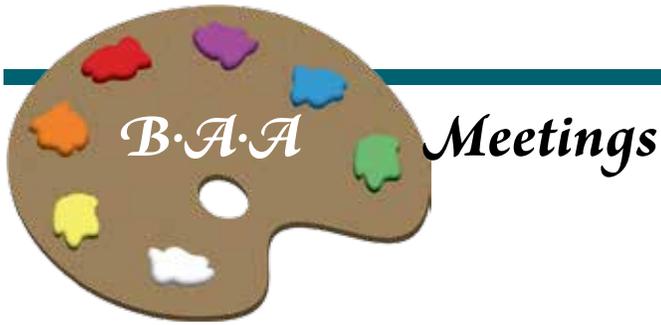
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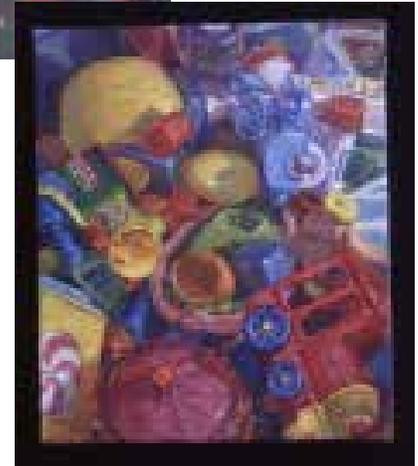
Thursday, March 16, 6:45 p.m.

Member Critique

Gary Shankman



The annual critique of member artwork is scheduled for the March meeting. Members can bring in any one of their pieces for evaluation by local artist Gary Shankman. A good idea is to bring in a piece that you are working on for the BAA Spring Show in order to get some advice and insight before finishing it. Gary Shankman has made frequent appearances with the BAA as presenter, juror, and workshop coordinator. Gary has a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Boston University and a Master of Fine Arts degree from American University. Gary is a full professor at Sage College of Albany and his oil paintings have been on display internationally.



Thursday, April 20, 6:45 p.m.

Encaustic Demonstration Ali Hermann

Ali Hermann will be the presenter at our April meeting. Ali works in oil, acrylic, watercolor, and encaustic; she also makes jewelry. For this meeting

Ali will be doing an encaustic demonstration using heated beeswax as a painting medium. Nature is the biggest inspiration for her artwork. Ali likes to use items from nature such as leaves, petals, and seed pods in her paintings by pressing them into the soft wax. You can see Ali's work at www.alihermann.com



Marmalade Drops



Harvest Breeze



News of Our Members

Long time and Lifetime Honorary Member of the BAA **Virginia Remington-Rich** passed away February 19. She was our featured artist at our 50th Anniversary Sale and Show last November and her daughter brought many of Virginia's lovely drawings to share. There was an extensive and wonderful obituary in the Sunday, February 26 edition of the Times Union which included a link to a YouTube CD that she had made in 2012. Here is the address of that priceless YouTube video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uczOZIfEmCs>

Hillary Raimo

Will be exhibiting at the Thacher Park Nature Exhibit for March and the Regional Photography juried show at Albany Center Gallery opening March 3, and at Uncommon Grounds in Saratoga for the month of April.



Ann Lee Pond



Lewis Cows



Preska Farm

Bob Lynk will be showing his paintings for the month of March at the Bethlehem Public Library.



Lyons Park

Susan Trottier

Will be exhibiting at the 14th Annual Nature Show at Thacher Park Nature Center from March 11- March 31, with an opening reception March 11 from 1-4pm.



More News

The **Firehouse Artists**, whose members include Bev Braun, Joan VanAlphen and Ellie Prakken will be having a show at the Living Room Art Gallery at Historic St. Agnes Cemetery, 48 Cemetery Ave., Menands from March 1 to April 28. The artists reception is March 25 from 2-4 pm.



Whimsy by Ellie Prakken

April Art Show at William Sanford Library, Colonie

Approximately 50 paintings will be displayed in this eclectic collection of works in a variety of media and styles. The reception will be held Sunday, April 2 from 2-4pm to meet and greet the six participating artists. Artists: Bev Braun, Rita Bittiker, Joan Krathaus, Helga Pritchard, Fumika Shido and Joan Van Alphen.

**Don't forget to show your membership card
at Arlene's Artist Materials
for your 10% discount.**

Farmers Market Report

The Bethlehem Art Association will not be purchasing a season subscription to the outdoor Delmar Farmers Market this season. The BAA had been buying a full outside season subscription in the past. At a charge of \$15 per week to participating artists the \$375 annual fee was more than covered. This past season only 11 of 26 openings were filled by members, thus costing the BAA over \$200. The only options for participating in the Market are to purchase a season subscription or to pay a daily rate of \$35. Artists who want to participate will have to sign up at this daily rate. Please remember that the BAA owns both a set of display racks and a canopy that can be used by BAA members. The Delmar Farmers Market was an excellent way of increasing the awareness of local residents to the BAA and its member artists. A number of new members learned about us through the Market. Hopefully we will be able to return to the Market in the future. Finally, a big thank you to Nancy Demetriades for coordinating our participation during the past several years.





More News

BAA Annual Meeting

The Bethlehem Art Association's Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 5, at the Delmar Presbyterian Church. The meeting, open to all members, is your opportunity to guide the association. This meeting is the functional equivalent of a board of directors meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to review the status of the association, to hold an election of officers, and to plan the agenda for the upcoming year. Reports will include the status of membership, finances, community exhibits, newsletter, and scholarships.

The major discussion item is planning the agenda for the 2017-18 year. This involves choosing the presenters for the monthly meetings, the coordinators for the fall and spring workshops, the person to do the annual critique, and the jurors for the spring and fall shows. This total program is the primary service that the BAA provides to its members. To ensure that it meets the needs and desires of the members, we would like as much input as possible. If you can come to the meeting, that would be most helpful; however, you can also contribute by giving your opinions on program priorities and directions. Feel free to email me pjkeitel@gmail.com with any ideas that you may have.

You will soon receive an on-line survey which will ask you questions about this. Please read and respond to it. In the meantime, start thinking about what you would like to see from your Art Association. For example, rather than an artist as a presenter, should we try a different type of program? Who would you recommend as a presenter or juror? What media would you like to learn more about? Should we have more or different shows? I will look forward to your ideas at the meeting and/or in your survey response. As always, thank you for your involvement in the Bethlehem Art Association.



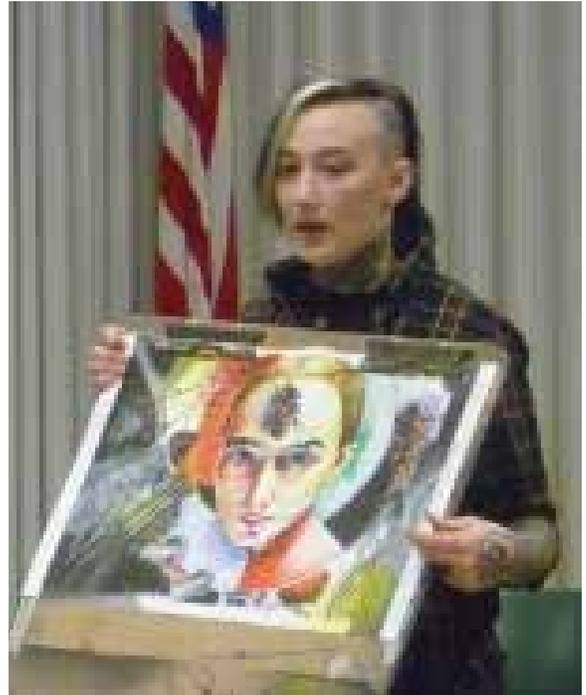
Lynda Spielman's painting of the Delmar Reformed Church will be on the upcoming cover of the Bethlehem & New Scotland and Vicinities Telephone Directory. Phone Company staff discovered the painting in the most recent BAA Show at the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce.



Meeting Recaps

January Meeting with Jessica Hyatt

Our January meeting presenter was Jessica Hyatt. Jessica is a mixed media artist and oil painter who has most recently been working as a portrait artist. Jessica talked about her work and also discussed how to recover a painting. In her mixed media work Jessica has been experimenting with a very wide range of materials that are readily available in art supply stores. Jessica gave a fascinating presentation that introduced users of traditional media to new techniques and materials.



February Meeting and Spring Workshop with Jim Coe

Jim Coe provided a wonderful oil painting demonstration at the February meeting. Apparently the ability to work quickly is a requirement for successful plein air painters. Jim not only developed his painting quickly but provided excellent commentary as he worked. Jim will also be the coordinator for the BAA Spring Workshop on April 8 at the Delmar



Presbyterian Church. He is both talented and popular, and the attendance limit for

the event has already been reached. However, you can be placed on a waiting list by calling Bob Lynk (439-3948) or Jacqueline Smith (489-1882). If you are signed up and must cancel, please try to give us as much notice as possible so that someone on the waiting list can be included. (Note: If you must cancel, you must give a 24 hour notice to avoid being charged.) You can see a portfolio of Jim's works at www.jamescoe.com



Venues

BAA Community Exhibit Schedule March 2017 through June 2017

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	LESLIE BERLINSKY LEE YORK		OPEN	OPEN
FOUR CORNERS LUNCHEONETTE 10 hangers - can hold doubles	SUSAN BUCHER	DIANE CAMPION	OPEN	OPEN
BANK OF COXSACKIE Rte. 9W, Glenmont - 13 spaces	OPEN		OPEN	

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

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 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, 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

Madison Theater Windows: Contact Lorenz M. Worden, 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, not all meetings are on the 3rd Thursday!

- Thursday, March 16** ~ Evaluation of member artwork by Gary Shankman
Wednesday, April 5 ~ Annual Meeting ~ Delmar Presbyterian Church ~ 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 8 ~ Art Workshop ~ Landscape painting with Jim Coe
Thursday, April 20 ~ Demonstration ~ Encaustic Wax Painting by Ali Herrmann
Tuesday, May 2 ~ Spring Show Submissions Drop-off At Bethlehem Public Library, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 18 ~ Spring Show Reception ~ Comments by Juror Tony Iadaciccio, Director,
Albany Center Gallery
Wednesday, May 31 ~ Spring Show art removal by 9:00 p.m. (**No Exceptions**)
Thursday, June 15 ~ Picnic at Bob and Nancy Lynk's

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