



# Bethlehem Art Association

Nov./Dec. 2024  
Newsletter



Greetings BAA Colleagues:

As I write, the autumnal colors of burnt sienna, alizarin crimson, burnt orange and cobalt are inspiring me to paint, and I hope it is the same for each of you. Soon enough, Nature will turn to plainer browns and greys.

I hope you will bring your latest artwork submission to our Fall Member Exhibit at the library. The number of submissions has increased in recent years to fill the space, but we always seem to fit in everyone's artwork.

November will indeed be busy. Once again, on November 9 we are holding our One Day Show and Sale at the Delmar Reformed Church, which is a popular event. Please plan to attend with your friends and neighbors to support your colleagues. In December, we will have a first joint member presentation. Peggy Becker and John Tobison will share their photography and insights on composing and capturing images.

I will be especially busy over the next couple of months. I will be transitioning the Treasurer's position from John Moser to David Chapin, and so we welcome David to our BAA leadership team. Also, I hope to resolve the issue of our organizational status to ensure our continued ability to meet at the library as a community organization in 2025. Any assistance on working on this with Peter Keitel and myself, for the moment, is appreciated. We may need three members to sign our application as Trustees. Wishing you all a great upcoming holiday season,

*Lynda*

### ***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](http://www.bethlehemartassociation.com)

*Please welcome new members:*

*Alary Johnson, Claire Mackey, Ralph Rio, Laura Skochko & John Wilkinson*

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## Meetings

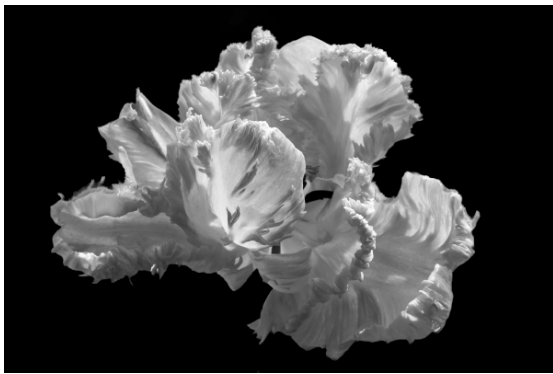
**Tuesday,  
Nov. 19, 6:45 p.m.**

### Fall Member Exhibit Reception Judge's Comments by Ed Ticson

Our judge for the 2024 Fall Member Exhibit will be Ed Ticson. Ed is a well-known area artist and instructor. He has appeared with the BAA several times, as a presenter and a juror. He has Master of Arts and Master of Fine Arts degrees from SUNY Albany and has taught at Siena College, Sage College of Albany, Empire State College, and the Arts Center of the Capital Region. Ed's drawings, paintings and prints have appeared in numerous shows in the area.



### Wednesday, Dec. 18, 6:45 p.m. Photography Presentation by Members Peggy Becker and John Tobison



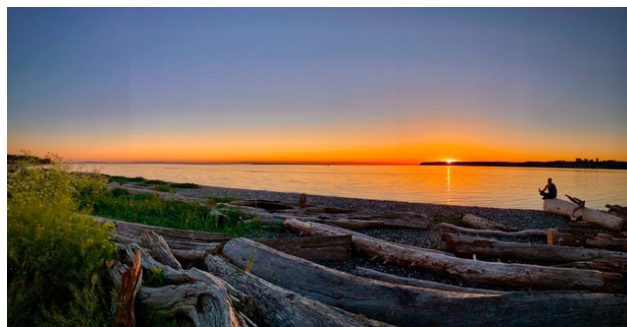
#### Peggy Becker

Art has always been a part of my life. Mentored since before the age of ten by my photographer-father, I have spent decades behind a lens from the Kodak Brownie to a large format film workhorse to the modern mirrorless digital. After a detour through life and family I returned full-time to creating images in 2020, honing my skills in workshops and classes with noted local and international photographers. I currently show my fine art work locally and in New England, and offer services primarily in natural portrait and lifestyle photography. Visit my website at [pbeckerphoto.com](http://pbeckerphoto.com)

#### Hi there! I'm John Tobison

I haven't always been an artist. First, for a decade and a half I was software engineer and management consultant. Next, I spent three decades as a technology executive. Now, I finally get to concentrate on the arts. I have a passion for photography that evokes emotions and memories through beautiful fine art images of the natural world. While I shoot many subjects, like martial arts, astrophotography, special events, and portraits, my first love is nature and landscapes. I love spending time in the wilderness and on the water and I marvel at the natural beauty all around us. I particularly enjoy the Adirondack Park and the dramatically beautiful landscapes all throughout the Northeast. Examples of my published coffee table photography books are here: [Blurb Bookstore](http://Blurb Bookstore).

Visit my website at [NordicLightGallery.com](http://NordicLightGallery.com)





# News of Our Members

**Barb Lennox** received Third Place award at the Schenectady Stockade Art Show in September for her alcohol ink painting “Wanderlust “. This painting is now on view in Glens Falls as part of Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council (LARAC) annual juried show. This show will run through Nov 6th.



*Wanderlust*

**Kristine Kelly** Her abstract painting “ In the Blues” will be one of three of her paintings selected for the Holiday Salon exhibition at The Blooming Artist Galley in Clifton Park. Opening reception is Friday, November 8th from 6-8pm. The show runs until February.



*In the Blues*



*Peaceful Moment*  
*Barb Duclos*

**Barbara Via and Barb Duclos** have a joint exhibit of their work at the Bethlehem Library for the month of December.



*Struttin' His Stuff*  
*Barbara Via*



*Barn on Meads Lane*

**Cathy Herman** currently has a watercolor in the Spencertown Academy Art Center ‘s 9th Annual Member’s Show which runs through November 3rd, and will have 2 works, both watercolors, in it’s Small Works show which opens November 16th <https://spencertownacademy.org/event/small-works-2024/2024-11-16/1/>

She will also have a watercolor “Barn on Meads Lane” in the Historic Albany Foundation Annual BUILT Art Auction at the Washington Avenue Armory on the weekend of November 1-3. <https://www.historic-albany.org/built>

**Criss Macaione’s** Painting, which sold at last year’s BUILT, is being used by Historic Albany Foundation to promote this Year’s BUILT Art Auction.

*Decrescent Past*



HISTORIC ALBANY FOUNDATION

**Denise Crisafulli’s** painting, “Please Save Me” is accepted into this year’s BUILT Art Auction.



*Please Save Me*



## More Member News

**Marsha Walton's** Portugal painting "View from the Schoolhouse" was accepted in the Spencertown Academy Arts Center's juried Small Works Show Nov 16-Dec 16.



*View From the Schoolhouse*



*In Bloom*

**Lynn Couey** has had her pastel paintings exhibited in several shows this past summer and fall. She exhibited several paintings in a group exhibit, "Pastel Panorama", at the Monument Arts and Cultural Center in Bennington, VT. Her painting, "In Bloom" won a "Touchingly Textural" award (and subsequently sold) at the Vermont Pastel Society's summer Members Exhibition held at the Southern Vermont Art Center in Manchester, VT. Lastly, her painting, "Morning Glow" was accepted into the Vermont Pastel Society's juried exhibit, "Infinite Inspirations in Pastel" held at the TW Wood Art Gallery in Montpelier, VT this fall.



*Morning Glow*



### Free 10-Day Festival of World Class Art

Produced by the Arts Center of the Capital Region, Troy Glow 2024 is a dazzling 10-day festival that will light up downtown Troy, November 1st to 10th, 2024. Visitors can experience 10 light art installations on a 15 minute walk through Troy's historic streets. Visitors can explore on their own, come to our three festival events, or join guided tours. Organized around the end of Daylight Savings Time, Troy Glow cheerfully welcomes winter's darkness and allows visitors to enjoy beautiful art and all Troy has to offer!

Visit: [troyglow.com](http://troyglow.com)

### BAA Fall Member Exhibit

The entry form with all the rules and labels to fill out is sent along separately with the newsletter. The reception for the Exhibit is Tuesday, November 19 in the Library Community room at 6:45pm gathering time, 7pm for the comments by Juror Ed Ticson. Refreshments will be available.

Please let Sue Nye, Refreshment Chair, know if you can provide some treats! Let her know by Friday, November 15 if you can help out. [suenye54@gmail.com](mailto:suenye54@gmail.com) or 518-577-0024

*It is with great sadness to report that we recently lost our long-time Treasurer, John Moser, husband of our President, Lynda Spielman. John passed away September 16, 2024. There will be a memorial service for John on Saturday, November 23, at 1:00pm at the Delmar Presbyterian Church on Delaware Ave. He was a kind and gentle soul and will be greatly missed by all of us. Our deepest condolences to Lynda and her family.*



## Meeting Recaps and News

### September

#### Professor Matthew McElligott Perspective

Our presenter was Matthew McElligott, a professor at Russell Sage College and author and illustrator of 18 books for children. The presentation was all about the use of perspective to tell a story. Perspective can create magic. Perspective establishes the vantage point for the viewer. He described and showed technical illustrations of various types of linear perspective. He told us of exercises that artists can do to enhance their skills at using linear perspective. The importance of the horizon line and the kinds of effects that can be created by moving it to various levels were explained. Matthew talked about cropping and how important parts of a story can be told not only by what is included, but by what is left out. Matt also discussed atmospheric perspective and how it creates distance as well as making the foreground bolder. Works by artists ranging from DaVinci to Escher to Rockwell as well as slides from two illustrated children's books were presented to illustrate how perspective drove home important parts of the story. For more information about Matthew McElligott, go to [matthewmcelligott.com](http://matthewmcelligott.com) There is a photo gallery of the presentation in the article about the meeting at [www.bethlehemartassociation.com/news](http://www.bethlehemartassociation.com/news)



### October

#### Tom Myott

Tom Myott gave a very lively and engaging presentation! As a high school art teacher he had to give up oil painting because of the chemical hazards. He has embraced acrylic paints and has figured a way to capture the luminosity of oils when using acrylics by adding acrylic gloss medium to his paints. "Acrylics are chameleons" he said as acrylics can also be watered down to act somewhat like watercolors. He uses take out food containers for his palettes and has about 6 with different color combinations on hand. He keeps them fresh by spraying them with water. He commented that composition is the most



important factor in a good painting and he follows the rule of thirds. He usually does a color study before he starts a painting and

then uses charcoal to lay out the painting and often uses a grid, which is something he learned from his idol Chuck Close. He likes to work from dark to light and he uses lots of circles, dots and dashes in his paintings. He builds the painting knowing he will change and correct things as he goes along. He says "You move through the painting as a journey." See more at his website at [www.tmyottart.com](http://www.tmyottart.com). There will be a photo gallery of his presentation. at [www.bethlehemartassociation.com/news](http://www.bethlehemartassociation.com/news)



## Artist Opportunities

### BAA Member One-Day Show and Sale Saturday Nov. 9, 2024

Our BAA art show and sale on November 9 from 10 to 3 is filled. We have 22 artists that will be showing their fabulous artwork. There will be refreshments and music so please come and see your fellow members' work. **All members are invited to bring in a painting of any local Bethlehem or Albany County scene and we will display it in the front hall. Please put your name and a price if you wish to sell it.** You should drop off your painting between 9-9:30am, Sat. Nov. 9, at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave. You can then pick up your piece at 3:00pm when the show closes. All members are invited to bake cookies, or brownies, etc. to donate to our kitchen for sale that day. Please contact Dee Foley at [deefoley3@mac.com](mailto:deefoley3@mac.com) or 518-727-1228 if you have any questions. An advertising poster is sent along separately with the newsletter. Please share!

### Fall Workshop Landscape with Tom Myott

Saturday, November 16, 9am to 4pm  
Delmar Presbyterian Church  
585 Delaware Ave., Delmar

Tom will demonstrate landscape using his techniques with acrylics/oils and use of additives. Also he will demonstrate his diagonal grid technique. See photos on the [www.bethlehemartassociation.com/news](http://www.bethlehemartassociation.com/news)

- \$35 ~ Members only
- Send check with your name and email address to
- Denise Crisafulli  
25 Mason Lane, Slingerlands, NY 12159
- You can contact her at 518-339-6170 or [denisecrisafulli25@gmail.com](mailto:denisecrisafulli25@gmail.com)



### Scenes of Bethlehem Show Bethlehem Town Hall

Bill Ketzer, Town of Bethlehem Historian, gave a shout out on Face Book to the show at Town Hall.



### Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce

Diane Wozniak has artwork hanging on the walls at the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce for the month of November, followed by Pat Viglucci's beautiful paintings for December and January. Jacqueline Smith will be there for February and March. You can showcase 8 paintings, so contact Diane Wozniak at [dcwozniak@gmail.com](mailto:dcwozniak@gmail.com) to reserve your space in April and May. Thanks to all who participated in 2024!

**Make sure your membership is up to date, so you can participate in BAA exhibits and workshops**

Any questions: Contact Membership Chair Gary Mehlum at [gmehlum@gmail.com](mailto:gmehlum@gmail.com)



## Venues

### BAA Community Exhibit Schedule Nov. 2024 through Jan. 2025

**Please sign up!**

Sign up at a monthly meeting to schedule a showing of your work  
or contact Jacqueline Smith at 518-489-1882 or TShock1882@aol.com

### VENUES RESERVED FOR BAA MEMBERS

	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB
BANK OF COXSACKIE Rte. 9W, Glenmont - 10-13 spaces	<b>OPEN</b>		<b>OPEN</b>	
MOHAWK HUDSON LAND CONSERVANCY Prefers Nature Themes	<i>MHLC has moved to 195 New Karner Rd. in the Pine Bush Preserve building and is developing venue space in the new offices.</i>			
BETHLEHEM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 3 small 3 large paintings Main Square, Suite 27 318 Delaware Ave. Delmar <b>Contact Diane Wozniak</b> dcwozniak@gmail.com or 518-698-1819	DIANE WOZNIAK	PAT VIGLUCCI	PAT VIGLUCCI	JACQUELINE SMITH

### VENUES FREQUENTLY AVAILABLE FOR BAA MEMBERS

**Berne Public Library, 1763 Helderberg Trail, Berne, NY**

Contact Ann Hein at 914-953-0804 or ahein6711@yahoo.com

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

Contact Bridgit Rockwell at 518-724-3406. Space for 15 pictures

**Merriman and Pfister, An Artisan's Marketplace. 340 Delaware Ave., Delmar**

Contact Kathy Agneta at 518-588-7268

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

Contact Hope Konecny at 518-66-5833

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

Please use the Library website at "Book a Space" to reserve a date to hang paintings.

The system will send a confirmation.

**Beverwyck Independent Retirement & Assisted Living:**

Contact Jessica Steber, 518-451-2111 or Jessica.Steber@SPHP.com

Beverwyck Lane/Autumn Drive, Slingerlands, 15 spaces, availability.

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

Contact Saratoga-Arts.org for more information, but you must be a member of their group to show your paintings at any Uncommon Grounds location.

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

Contact Lynn Kohler at 518-765-2791 to schedule a show and reception.



**CALENDAR IS SUBJECT TO REVISION**

## *This Year's Main Events*

*All Monthly Meetings gather at 6:45PM & begin at 7PM  
in the Bethlehem Public Library Community Room unless otherwise noted*

**Pay close attention to DAYS, DATES, and LIBRARY or ZOOM**  
***Dates with asterisk's are not yet confirmed***

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| <b>Friday, September 27 ~</b>   | Prof. Matthew McElligott, Sage College ~ Perspective   |
| <b>Tuesday, October 22 ~</b>    | Acrylic Demonstration with Tom Myott   |
| <b>Monday, November 4 ~</b>     | Fall Member Exhibit Submissions Drop-off at<br>Bethlehem Public Library ~ 4:00pm - 6:00pm              |
| <b>Saturday, November 9 ~</b>   | One-Day Show and Sale ~ contact Dee Foley  |
| <b>Saturday, November 16 ~</b>  | Workshop ~ Acrylic and Oil workshop with Tom Myott   |
| <b>Tuesday, November 19 ~</b>   | Fall Member Exhibit Reception ~<br>Judge's Comments by Ed Ticson                                       |
| <b>Friday, November 29 ~</b>    | Fall Show Removal by 5:00pm (No Exceptions)  |
| <b>Wednesday, December 18 ~</b> | Photography Presentation ~<br>Members Peggy Becker and John Tobison                                    |
| <b>Tuesday, January 7 ~</b>     | Al Gury ~ Painter Educator ~ Philadelphia<br><b>ZOOM ~ Joint with Colonie Art League</b>               |
| <b>Tuesday, February 18 ~</b>   | Member Critique ~ TBD  |
| <b>Thursday, March 20 ~</b>     | Intuitive Painting with Natalie Boburka  |
| <b>Thursday, April 10 ~</b>     | Annual Planning Meeting ~ <b>ZOOM</b>  |
| <b>Saturday, April 12 ~</b>     | Workshop ~ Intuitive Painting with Natalie Boburka   |
| <b>Thursday, April 24 ~</b>     | Pastel Demo with Mark Grasso   |
| <b>*Thursday, May 1 ~</b>       | Spring Member Exhibit Submissions Drop-off at<br>Bethlehem Public Library ~ 4:00pm - 6:00pm            |
| <b>*Thursday, May 15 ~</b>      | Spring Member Exhibit Reception with Scholarship Awards<br>Judge's Comments by Bill Jaeger (tentative) |
| <b>Friday, May 30 ~</b>         | Spring Show Removal by 5:00pm (No exceptions)  |
| <b>Thursday, June 19 ~</b>      | Picnic ~ Five Rivers Environmental Center  |