



# Bethlehem Art Association

Sept/Oct. 2024  
Newsletter



Welcome back to a new program year! I hope that you all enjoyed the summer and stayed creative, regardless of how hot it was at times. It is now time to renew dues, save the dates for our meetings and other activities as noted herein.

The fall expects to be an especially busy time. You have opportunities to prepare for our November Fall Exhibit at the Bethlehem Library, the One-Day Show and Sale at the Delmar Reformed Church and catch up on submitting your artwork to our web based member Salon and Challenge pages.

Our leadership team works on more than programming and encouraging our artistic opportunities, but also on administering. For example, we are currently facing a challenge to the Bethlehem Library's room use policies, which hopefully is resolvable. But, our team needs more benchstrength, so if you wish to join, please let me know.

Hoping you keep your brushes' wet and your artists' brains open to sensory experiences,

Lynda

**Please pay close attention to dates of our meetings.  
They vary a lot!**

### *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:*

*Susan Himmel, Gerri Kraushaar and Margaret OConnor*

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## Meetings

**Friday,  
Sept. 27, 6:45 p.m.**

### **Professor Matthew McElligott A Refresher on Perspective**

Professor Matthew McElligott is the author and illustrator of 18 books for children including *Do Not Eat the Game!*, the *Mad Scientist Academy* series, the *Benjamin Franklinstein* series, *Even Aliens Need Snacks*, *Even Monsters Need Haircuts*, and *The Lion's Share*. His books have been published around the world in many languages. He is also the co-author and co-lyricist of the musicals *Backbeard The Pirate*, *Benjamin Franklinstein Lives!* and the forthcoming *Robin: A Sherwood Story*. When not writing and illustrating, Matt is a professor at Russell Sage College in Albany, NY, where he has taught for over twenty-five years. More information at [www.mattmcelligott.com](http://www.mattmcelligott.com)



**Tuesday,**

**October 22, 6:45 p.m. Tom Myott ~ Acrylic and Oil Painter**

Tom Myott, an artist based in Glens Falls, NY, is renowned for his thoroughbred racing scenes, landscapes, and personal portraits. Known for his lively color palette and spirited brushstrokes, Myott masterfully conveys movement and the splendor of nature.



Myott is a retired high school art teacher and remains engaged with community outreach, investing his efforts in arts education and local initiatives.

Tom is best known for his thoroughbred and Saratoga-themed works, but continues to explore new ideas, and his ongoing experimentation keeps his art fresh and relevant.

Tom's art studio is in The Shirt Factory in Glens Falls, NY. Tom spends his days at the studio painting and hosting different classes and events.

Tom will be leading our BAA workshop on Nov. 16 at the Delmar Presbyterian Church.





# News of Our Members



**Kevin Kuhne** has 10 paintings hanging at the Whitney Book Corner, 105 Clinton Ave., Schenectady (just behind City Hall) through the end of September.

For more information visit: <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=whitney%20book%20corner> and <https://whitneybookcorner.org/oakroom-artists-revolving-exhibit/>



**Jacqueline Smith** had a successful exhibit of her oil and pastel paintings at the Bethlehem Public Library during August.



On September 8 at the Pruyn House in Newtonville, **Jacqueline Smith** will be displaying small oil and pastel paintings on the lawn. The event is the Old-Fashioned Sunday with band music, garden arrangements, petting sheep, pony rides, treats and fun.



**Ellie Prakken and John Smolinsky** have a joint exhibit of their work in the Broderick Gallery at Ruby's Hotel in Freehold, NY



*Alien Food Sampler*

## **Laurel Petersen**

Will have her artwork on display at:  
Glen Eddy Senior Living  
1 Glen Eddy Drive  
Niskayuna, NY 12309  
from September 4th thru October 30th.  
The reception will be on October, 30th at 4:00 pm  
She will have cards for sale as well at the reception.

## **Squall Line**



## **Kristine Kelly**

is having two solo shows in September. Her "Linescapes" show will be at the Saratoga Springs Public Library Cafe. Her work "Squall Line" is one of the featured abstract paintings. Kris's second show is "Evoke and Provoke". It will be at the Voorheesville Public Library.



## More Member News

**Pam Agan-Smith** had paintings accepted into several juried national and international on-line shows between April and August 2024.



*Give Me the Bleat Boys  
and Free My Soul*

Pam also had the painting to the left accepted into the Adirondack Society's 10th Annual National Pastel Exhibition which was awarded a Blick Art Materials gift certificate.

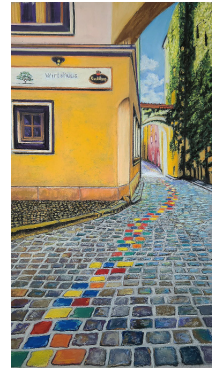


*A Peach on the Beach*  
Pastel Society of Alaska



*Bridget in London*  
Pastel Society of Maine

*Alleyway for Artists*  
Pastel Artists  
of Oregon &  
Great Lakes  
Pastel Society



## Artist Opportunities

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

We are planning another One-Day Show and Sale for Saturday, Nov. 9, 2024, to be held at the Delmar Reformed Church. The site accommodates 20-22/23 single artists, or more if space is shared. Dee Foley has agreed to organize the event, but she needs help. Members are needed to join her committee to a) organize refreshments (simple coffee, cakes); b) plan signages, including updating the lawn signs we already own; c) prepare and distribute publicity; d) organize a welcome entrance table and program material; and e) and f) be on hand for setting up and assisting others, and more. Members interested in being on the organizing committee, or participating in the show, should contact Dee at [deefoley3@mac.com](mailto:deefoley3@mac.com) or 518-727-1228.

## New Event!

The BAA has been invited to participate in the Albany County Fall Fest on October 5 from 11 am to 4pm at the Slingerlands Trail head of the Albany County Helderberg Hudson Rail Trail. We can set up tables to display our art during that time. Details concerning a canopy and other details will be forthcoming. If you are interested in showing at this event, please contact Jacqueline Smith to be on the list. 518-489-1882 or [TShock1882@aol.com](mailto:TShock1882@aol.com)



**You must be a paid-up member to  
participate in the November BAA events**





## Meeting Recaps and News

### May ~ Spring Show reception and BCHS Scholarship Winners



The reception for the Show was held at the Bethlehem Public Library on May 21. The juror for the show, Oscar Bogran spoke about the show and gave detailed comments on the works that were selected for awards.

Oscar has a Masters in Fine Arts From Tufts University and The School Museum of Fine Arts Boston, Mr. Bográn is a multidisciplinary artist. He is a public artist and Art History professor with SUNY Schenectady.

*Patricia Davis and Sue Nye sold their paintings from the Art Show*

### Winners in the Annual Spring Member Show

**Best in Show:**

“Shopping in St. Petersburg” - D.J. Michael

**1st Place:**

“Chips” - Peter Keitel

**2nd Place:**

“Music in the Air” - Joan Van Alphen

**3rd Place:**

“Neglected Neighborhood” - Kristin Stainbrook

**Honorable Mention:**

“The Reward” - Amy Schallop

“The Glow” - Ellie Prakken

“Hudson River” - Patricia Davis

*See photos of all the entries on the BAA website*

Lynda Spielman, President, presented scholarship checks to two students, Ansen Chamberlain and Katthew Arthur who were selected by Melanie Painter, Art Supervisor at Bethlehem Central High School. Ansen will study visual arts at Vassar College and Katthew will study graphic design at Rochester Institute of Technology.

### June Picnic

#### Five Rivers Environmental Center

We had a beautiful afternoon for our annual picnic, which was held at Five Rivers. It had to be postponed for a week because of weather, so the turnout was smaller than last year. About 20 people came and enjoyed lots of good food. A big thank you to Sue Nye for organizing, and Pete Nye for helping with set up.



*Photo from 2023*

**We recently lost a long-time member and very talented artist. Eleanor Bolduc passed away on August 22, 2024 at the age of 100. Our condolences go out to her family and friends.**



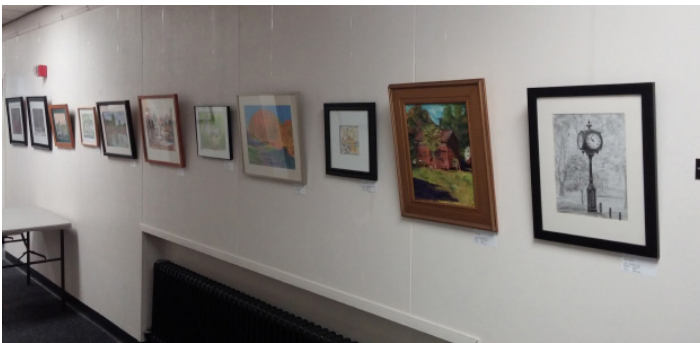
## Artist Opportunities

### Scenes of Bethlehem Show Bethlehem Town Hall

The annual Scenes of Bethlehem Show will be held at the Bethlehem Town Hall in October and November. This show has now been taking place for more than ten years. All members are invited to submit a piece that represents something in or near the Town of Bethlehem. Pictures of Five Rivers or the Toll Gate have been very popular.

Drop off for the show will be between 3 and 4 pm on Tuesday, October 1. Pickup will be on Friday, November 29. There is room for about 24 pictures. In the past we have had room for more than just one submission from some participants.

Please contact Kevin Kuhne at [kevinbkuhne@gmail.com](mailto:kevinbkuhne@gmail.com) or 518-465-9493, or Peter Keitel at [pjkeitel@gmail.com](mailto:pjkeitel@gmail.com) or 518-588-0005 if you would like to participate or have questions. Let us know if you can enter more than one picture.



Thanks to Stephen Ellis on Unsplash

### Fall Art Challenge

Fall is almost here and that brings us a new challenge photo. Remember that you have the option of creating your own version of this image or of submitting anything that the idea of fall inspires you to do. For more see: [www.bethlehemartassociation.com/baa-art-challenge](http://www.bethlehemartassociation.com/baa-art-challenge)

### Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce

Thank you to Kris Kelly for exhibiting her paintings in June and Susan Trottier for showing her paintings in July and August. Diane Wozniak's watercolors will be on the walls for the month of September. The hooks are already there, so hanging your art is no problem. Bethlehem Chamber is available October through December, so please contact Diane Wozniak at [dcwozniak@gmail.com](mailto:dcwozniak@gmail.com) to reserve your space. Your artwork can remain for two months if you wish.

***It's time to renew your membership!***

We encourage you to renew and pay online at [bethlehemartassociation.com](http://bethlehemartassociation.com)  
The membership form is also sent with this newsletter.



## Venues

### BAA Community Exhibit Schedule Sept. 2024 through Dec. 2024

**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

	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
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> <b>dcwozniak@gmail.com or 518-698-1819</b>	<b>DIANE WOZNIAK</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>OPEN</b>

### 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 Exhibition 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>Wednesday, November 19 ~</b> | Fall Member Exhibition Reception ~ Judge's Comments by<br>Tony Iadicicco, Albany Center Gallery, Executive Director |
| <b>Friday, November 29 ~</b>    | Fall Show Removal by 5:00pm (No Exceptions)   |
| <b>Wednesday, December 18 ~</b> | Photography Presentation ~ Members Peggy Becker and<br>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 ~ Ed Ticson   |
| <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 Exhibition Submissions Drop-off at<br>Bethlehem Public Library ~ 4:00pm - 6:00pm                      |
| <b>*Thursday, May 15 ~</b>      | Spring Member Exhibition 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   |