



Bethlehem Art Association

Jan./Feb. 2024
Newsletter



Happy New Year everyone! It is also the middle of our BAA program year. I thought it timely to report on the state of our “BAA union,” which I am pleased to write is in good shape. Our membership continues to grow – we are up 10% for each of the past two years, and consequently, participation in our two library shows and the one-day sale has increased. Finding enough hanging space at the Library this November for our Fall Member Show was a challenge! We have continued to enjoy interesting and well attended demos each month. Lastly, I would mention that our finances too are healthy.

Running an organization requires teamwork. The BAA is fortunate in having a great group of volunteers who by giving time and their skill sets help make the BAA the art community it is. (See the list on right) Besides organizing our monthly programs, they’ve helped expand our use of technology in communications and improving member participation on our website. Thanks to Michael Joyce we added professional quality photos of our artwork to the website and for viewing at meetings.

We need more volunteers to help back up some of the ongoing activities to facilitate transitions and encourage new ideas. With prospective construction to the library in 2025, we will be facing some challenges to our routine. Presently, we have one Vice President position available and could use support for our newsletter and publicity activities. Just let me or anyone else on our leadership team know of your interest.

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

Please welcome new and returning members:

***Sarah McCarthy, Debra Michael, Jan Silverman-Pollow, Teri Spina,
John Tobison and Judith Warren***

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Meetings

Live ZOOM

Unleash your creativity!

Join us as BAA proudly presents a Live Zoom demonstration of “Stylized Watercolor Painting” by renowned water media artist, Sterling Edwards. While showing us how to “stylize” shapes, Sterling will incorporate watercolor techniques such as negative painting, saving white paper, and building rich, dark values. He will share his process for taking ordinary scenic elements and giving them movement to create vibrant compositions.

Stylized works of art are Sterling Edwards’s signature style of painting. This demonstration will reveal exactly how he designs them.

Don’t miss this opportunity! *Lynne Kaiser*

Thursday,
January 18, 6:45 p.m.

Stylized Water Media Painting
with Sterling Edwards

*Your membership has to be up-to-date
in order to get the invitation to this Zoom*



Daytime Meeting

Thursday, February 15, 3:00 to 5:00p.m.

Annual Members Critique
with Eden Compton

This is a special daytime meeting as the Library is unavailable in the evening

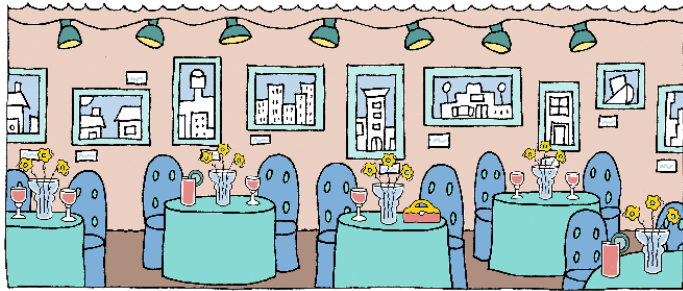
Our Annual Critique will be conducted by the ever popular, Eden Compton, who has presented demonstrations, and judged shows for us many times. Each member is invited to bring one piece of art, either in progress or near completion. The critique is intended to help you get some insight into your work, and that piece could possibly be a submission for our Annual May Show.

Eden’s formal art education began with a BA in Art History from Colgate University and independent courses at the International Center for Photography in NYC.

She has studied with Master Pastelist Doug Dawson and taken workshops with nationally known artists such as Alan Flattman, Lois Wooley, Colin Page and Donald Journey among others. Her award winning work has been included in national juried shows including the Catherine Lorillard Society, Salmagundi and the International Pastel Society as well as numerous regional and local shows. She is a juried member of the Degas Pastel Society, Oil Painters of America, Portrait Society of America and an Associate with Distinction of the American Women Artists Association.



News of Our Members



BUILT Patio Reception

Laurel Petersen's piece "BUILT Patio Reception" won the "Best Print Award" at the 2023 BUILT Art Auction at The Argus Hotel. It also sold.

Laurel will also be participating in a reception and sale of limited edition prints and cards at Prism Glassworks, 225 4th Street, Troy Night Out, January 26, 6:00-9:00pm



Alien Pets Still Life



After the Bath

Karen Zimmers' painting "After the Bath" will be shown in the Rockland Arts Festival January 26-February 9.

To see all the entries and winners from the BAA Fall Member Show, go to the website bethlehemartassociation.com and scroll down in News



Bella Montagna

Pat Viglucci sold his BAA Fall Member Show award winning painting "Bella Montagna"



Sunset at 1000 Islands, NY

Linda Colden sold her painting "Sunset at 1000 Islands, NY" that was in the BAA Fall Member Show.

John Tobison's photo "Up, Up and Away", shot at the Adirondack Balloon Festival, won an Emerging Artist Award at the Colonie Art League Holiday Show.



Up, up and Away



Seascape Drama: Sunset

Trudi Jacobson's pastel "Seascape Drama: Sunset", won 2nd Place Emerging Artist Award at the Colonie Art League Holiday Show.



News

Lynne Kaiser announces a new exhibition of original paintings. Twenty One watercolor paintings will be displayed at the Mechanicville District Public Library, 190 Main Street, N., Mechanicville, from December 1 through January 31st. The show includes abstract, marine, still life and landscape pieces. A public reception will be held on January 20th from 12:00-2:00pm.



Cool Heat



Wonderful Winter Morning

Peter Keitel's painting "Wonderful Winter Morning", is showing in the Windham Arts Alliance Show located at Main Street Community Center, 5494 SR-23, Windham. The theme of the show is "Whiteout".

Barb Lennox was honored to be part of Laffer Gallery's 12th Annual Upstate Artists Juried Exhibition which ran December 2 through January 7. Two paintings were accepted "The Scottish Sea" & "Dawn". Her painting "Joyful" was awarded Honorable Mention at the Colonie Art League Holiday Show and was also selected as a Finalist in the September Fine Art Studio Boldbrush online monthly competition. She currently has a piece in the Blooming Artist Gallery Show; titled "Candor" which will run until March 2. The piece is called "White Noise".



The Scottish Sea



Lexi at work



Joyful

Lexi Hannah is having a show at Albany Barn, the local arts incubator, located at 56 2nd St., Albany, where Lexi has her studio. The show is March 1, from 6:00-8:00pm. It features life-sized portraits of local residents with themes of nostalgia, as well as collages by Art Barn Executive Director, Casey Polomaine.



Meeting Recaps and More

November Workshop Collage Landscape with Cathy Laccetti



Cathy Laccetti gave a very well attended and fun workshop on November 18 doing collage landscape. I am including this email I received from new member GERALYN ZINK which sums up the day!
Ellie Prakken



“I wanted to thank Denise and whoever else was instrumental in organizing Saturdays workshop with Cathy. As this is my first year participating in BAA, I’m not sure to whom I should address my pleasure in spending a day with all the lovely members making art together. Though we all create in our own personal spaces, I’m sure, there is a different energy when we gather to make art. That was something I was looking forward to when I joined BAA and so pleased to have that experience.
So, well done to all!!
I have been experimenting with all my painted paper and look forward to more opportunities to make art.
Warmly, GERALYN ZINK”

December Meeting Holbein Art Materials Presentation by Member Lexi Hannah

Lexi Hannah, who is a full time professional artist and an Ambassador for Holbein Paints, gave a wonderful introduction to many of Holbein’s line of art supplies. These included many varieties of their paints, papers from Legion Paper Co. and pencils from General Pencil Co. Tables were all set up and meeting attendees were able to experiment with all the supplies that Lexi brought. It was a fun and fast paced evening! About 25 people attended and a big thank you to Sue Nye for providing punch and all the others who brought cookies and snacks to share.





News

Post Your Art on the Web from Peter Keitel

A major benefit of BAA membership is the way in which artists can have their artwork posted on our website. The BAA Website offers three opportunities for you to go digital with your art: The Art Challenge, the On-line Salon, and the Member Profile Pages. **The BAA Art Challenge** is being brought back on a quarterly basis. We supply a new reference photo. Members can submit a piece of art that is based on it. The photo can be interpreted in any way you wish. Go to www.bethlehemartassociation.com/baa-art-challenge for instructions on how to participate in the Challenge. The Winter 2024 Challenge photo is shown on the right:

The On-line Salon allows members to submit images of their artwork which they would like to share and receive feedback. The artwork can be new or old, finished or in progress. Along with an image, artists can supply narrative about the piece, and a contact link. The email link will make it easy for viewers and artists to share comments. Go to www.bethlehemartassociation.com/on-line-salon to learn more.

Member Profile Pages are included in the “See Members Art Section” of the site. The individual pages include contact information, a brief bio or artist summary, and up to up to 6 jpeg images of works. Members who have their own website can use this section to link their site with the BAA website. Go to www.bethlehemartassociation.com/see-baa-members-work to see what can be done.

The goal of the Bethlehem Art Association is to increase opportunities for the public to see work done by local artists.



New Winter Art Challenge
*Photo Credit to Niklas Jonasson
at Unsplash*

**Bethlehem
Chamber of Commerce**

Thank you to Sue Halbedel for showing her paintings for the months of November and December. Thomas Joseph will exhibit his watercolors in January, and as of now, February through the end of the year are open. Please contact Diane Wozniak at dcwozniak@gmail.com to reserve your space.



Venues

BAA Community Exhibit Schedule Jan. 2024 through April 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

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
BANK OF COXSACKIE Rte. 9W, Glenmont - 10-13 spaces	OPEN		OPEN	
MOHAWK HUDSON LAND CONSERVANCY Prefers Nature Themes Kenwood Ave., Delmar - 6-8 hangers	MARSHA WALTON	JACQUELINE SMITH	OPEN	OPEN
BETHLEHEM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 3 small 3 large paintings Main Square, Suite 27 318 Delaware Ave. Delmar Contact Diane Wozniak dcwozniak@gmail.com or 518-698-1819	THOMAS JOSEPH	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN

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. Located behind the Perfect Blend at the Four Corners.

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

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| Thursday, September 21 ~ | Uses of Photography in Painting with Peter Keitel |
| Thursday, October 12 ~ | Mixed Media Landscape Collage with Cathy Laccetti |
| Thursday, November 2 ~ | Fall Show Submissions Drop-off at
Bethlehem Public Library ~ 4:00pm - 6:00pm |
| Friday, November 17 ~ | Fall Show Reception ~
Judge's Comments by Peg Foley |
| Saturday, November 18 ~ | Workshop ~ Collage Landscape with Cathy Laccetti |
| Thursday, November 30 ~ | Fall Show Removal by 5:00pm (No Exceptions) |
| Wednesday, December 13 ~ | Holbein Art Materials Presentation ~ Lexi Hannah |
| Thursday, January 18 ~ | Watermedia Demo with Sterling Edwards ~ ZOOM |
| Thursday, February 15 ~ | Member Critique ~ Eden Compton 3:00-5:30pm |
| Monday, March 18 ~ | Abstract Painting in Multi-media with Kit Kelly Yedinak |
| Thursday, April 11 ~ | Annual Planning Meeting ~ ZOOM |
| Saturday, April 13 ~ | Workshop ~ Abstract Painting with Kit Kelly Yedinak |
| Wednesday, April 24 ~ | Fabric Art with Kathy Velis Turan |
| Wednesday, May 1 ~ | Spring Show Submissions Drop-off at
Bethlehem Public Library ~ 4:00pm - 6:00pm |
| Thursday, May 16 ~ | Spring Show Reception ~
Judge's Comments by Oscar Bogran |
| Friday, May 31 ~ | Spring Show Removal by 5:00pm (No exceptions) |
| Thursday, June 20 ~ | Picnic ~ Five Rivers Environmental Center |