



Bethlehem Art Association

Nov./Dec. 2018
Newsletter



Hello Artists,

It is time for our annual Fall Show, a wonderful opportunity to display your work in front of the community and fellow BAA members. This year's judge will be Sharon Siegel. Her work has appeared in Fine Gardening and National Gardening magazines, and books by Bantam, PocketBook, Viking and McDougal/Littel. I look forward to hearing her comments at the reception November 14th.

The BAA is dedicated to helping artists find venues to display their work. Thank you to those who have helped fill our venues so far this year. If you would like more help with marketing yourself as an artist please reach out to the association.

A vote was taken at the October monthly meeting to establish a yearly student membership rate of \$10. This will be offered to middle school students grade 6 and up. I am looking forward to the opportunities that grow from this and what it means for our community relations.

The year is in full swing, and the seasons are changing. I am reminded of Peg Foley's words, as they are fresh in my mind as I write this, that all art begins with an emotion, a feeling of some sort, whether it is joy, anger, love or grief. Peg will be this year's annual Fall Workshop facilitator, please consider attending November 10th.

Hillary Raimo

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: M-J Adelman,
Pam Agin-Smith, Shawn Bilodeau, Robyn Giddings,
Richard Morone and Patricia Varcasia*

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Please feel free to bring some light snacks for the reception!

**Wednesday,
November 14, 6:45 p.m.**

**Fall Show Reception
Comments by Judge Sharon Siegel**

As an art educator Sharon has coordinated professional development opportunities for arts educators, arts-in-education programming for students and special student events such as the Media Arts Festival.

**Wednesday
December 12, 6:45 p.m.**

**Holiday Party
Watercolor Demonstration
by Ritvik Sharma**

Our tradition at the December Holiday Meeting is to have a presentation by a BAA member artist. This year Ritvik Sharma will present a watercolor demonstration. Ritvik is an Albany based artist who specializes in scenes from around the capital district. Although he considers himself a self taught artist, he has studied with Alvaro Castagnet, Charles Reid and Vladislav Yelislav.

To view Ritvik's work visit his website.
<https://www.ritvikwatercolors.com>

Feel free to bring some light refreshments to share.

*"You have to systematically create confusion, it sets creativity free. Everything that is contradictory creates life."-
Salvador Dalí*



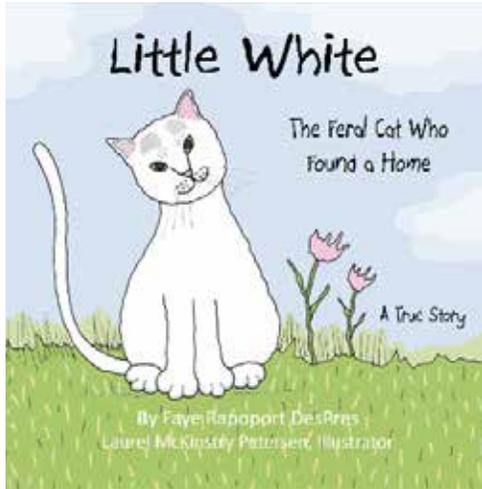
Valley by Ritvik Sharma



Friday by Ritvik Sharma



News of Our Members and other news

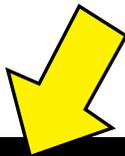


Laurel Petersen

LITTLE WHITE: THE FERAL CAT WHO FOUND A HOME is now on sale in e-book, hardcover, and paperback. Please spread the word to anyone who would enjoy this children's book, targeted to ages 3-8 but enjoyable for anyone. The book was illustrated by the talented Laurel McKinstry Petersen and published by Writer's Coffee Bar Press, a hybrid press out of New Jersey run by MaryChris Bradley that has been absolutely wonderful. I am donating a portion of the proceeds to animal rescue organizations.

Amazon link: https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1941523161?pf_rd_p=a526cdf5-1d83-4a09-853e-0767afc685eb&pf_rd_r=23P7S8K228EXP96ZJAMX

Barnes and Noble link (hardcover): <https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/little-white-faye-raoport-despres/1129720485?ean=9781941523179>



VOLUNTEERS are needed to help hang the Fall Show on Friday, November 2 from 5:30pm until we're done. Please let Bev Braun know if you can help. 489-0601

Hillary Raimo

My photograph "Dreamscape" will be on display in the Juried Student Art Show at Arlene's Atelier the month of November. Opening reception is November 1st from 5:30-7:30pm.



Bob Blackmon

I am now in a second gallery in Ireland. For about five years I have had paintings in the Ardmore Gallery in the village of Ardmore in County Waterford. Several pieces have sold from that gallery.

On a trip there in September I was invited to hang some pieces in Half Light Gallery in the city of Midleton, County Cork. I now have one piece there and will send more soon. Both galleries are owned by extremely talented artists, and I'm honored to have been invited to show with them.

Mary Beth and I have made several trips to Ireland. Art and artists have always been an important part of our experience there. That interaction and presence in the two galleries gives me a wonderful connection to the vibrant art community in a country that we love so much!



News of Our Members and other news



Peg Foley with a coiled pot

Fall Workshop with Peg Foley Sculpture Fiber Coiling

Experimenting with new and recycled materials to create 3D form

**Saturday, November 10
9am to 4pm
Delmar Presbyterian Church**

Register online via BAA website or contact
Bob Lynk (439-3948) the2lynks@gmail.com

\$30 members and \$40 non-members
(Please note we require at least a 24 hour notice to receive a fee refund, no-shows or less than 24 hours will not be eligible for a refund)

Peg holds a Master of Science degree in Art Education from the College of St. Rose and a Bachelor of Science degree in Fine Arts from Nazareth College in Rochester. She is the recipient of a Surdna Foundation Fellowship and has studied art at Penland School of Crafts in North Carolina. Peg has taught and created art for the past forty years in both private and public school and most recently in the International Baccalaureate High School in Schenectady. She has also curated the Schenectady City School Districts Butzel Art Gallery and is presently co-director of the Oakroom Artists.

Peg's work draws from the quilt maker's process of fragmenting, layering and restructuring, a process, which mirrors life. Her work reflects this notion and is inspired by what she sees and senses from the gardens we grow to the walls and lives we construct.

Check out her website at <http://www.pegfoley.com>

Join the BAA Facebook Group

If you are on Facebook be sure to join the BAA group page, a safe community space to share your work, events and inspirations. Stay in touch with important association reminders and more!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/bethlehemartassociation>



***"I never paint dreams or nightmares.
I paint my own reality." - Frida Kahlo***



Meeting Recaps

September Meeting

Photography with Francis X. Driscoll

Our first presenter of the new season was Catskill photographer Francis X. Driscoll who spoke to us about achieving compositions. He discussed discerning light and subject matter. Fran left us all with a greater appreciation of photography as art and discerning the artistic eye. If you missed the meeting you can find out more about his work on his website <http://www.francisxdriscoll.com>



October Meeting

Mixed Media: 50 Years of Collaging with Peg Foley



Peg Foley did a fantastic demonstration of her unique mixed media collaging. She guided members through a short work exercise that encouraged feeling the design and materials. Some wonderful combinations and patterns were encouraged as everyone explored their out of the box thinking as their artistic boundaries were stretched and reimaged.



Fall Show

Entry Date: Friday Nov. 2, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Take Down: Friday, Nov. 30 by 9:00 p.m.

November 2 – 30, 2018

Wednesday, November 14 – Show Reception and Commentary by show judge Sharon Siegel

RECEPTION – Plan to learn from the judge, extend commendations, and enjoy refreshments Wednesday, November 14, at 6:45 p.m. in the Community Room of the Bethlehem Public Library. Ribbons will be awarded in all mediums.

PICK-UP – The show will end on Friday, November 30. **All entries must be retrieved by 9:00 p.m.**

(NO EXCEPTIONS) If unable to do so, you must make arrangements for pick-up with another BAA member. The library cannot be held responsible.

RULES – *This is an all-member, judged but not juried show. All entries will be displayed.*

One work will be accepted per member according to the following rules:

1. Each work (**one per member**) must be submitted Friday, November 2 between 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Bethlehem Public Library. The entry fee will be \$6.00.
2. Paintings must be properly framed and wired for hanging with eye screws. Wire must be placed no further than 1/3 of the distance from the top of the painting. Clip frames will not be accepted. Watercolors should have mats as well as frames. Canvas may be hung unframed if the sides are painted and the staples do not show. Submissions may not be larger than 36" x 42"
3. All works must be original. No prints or copies will be accepted.
4. If a work has won an award in a previous BAA show, it may not be entered again.
5. Paint, especially oil, must be totally dry.
6. Ribbons will be awarded in all categories at the discretion of the Show Committee. The Show Committee reserves the right to reject any painting or work that does not meet the specifications or is determined to be of unsuitable subject matter.

Fall Show Labels

Important: Print legibly. Fill out two (2) labels for your entry. Attach one label to the back of the painting/ photograph on the upper left side. Give the second label to the person who accepts the work for the show.

TITLE:	_____
MEDIUM:	PRICE: _____
NAME:	PHONE: _____
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NAME:	PHONE: _____



Venues

BAA Community Exhibit Schedule November 2018 through February 2019

Sign up at a monthly meeting to schedule a showing of your work
or contact Susan Trotter 221-7195 or lem2lane@nycap.rr.com

VENUES RESERVED FOR BAA MEMBERS

	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB
FOUR CORNERS LUNCHEONETTE 10 hangers - can hold doubles	SUSAN BUCHER	LESLIE BERLINSKY	OPEN	OPEN
BANK OF COXSACKIE Rte. 9W, Glenmont - 13 spaces	RITA BUTTIKER	BOB LYNK		

BONE AND JOINT is no longer available as they have remodeled and will not be hanging artwork

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

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



This Year's Main Events

*All Monthly Meetings begin at 6:45PM
in the Bethlehem Public Library Community Room*

Friday, November 2 ~ Fall Show Submissions Drop-off at Bethlehem Public Library 3:30-5:30pm

Saturday, November 10 ~ Workshop with Peg Foley ~ Sculptural Fiber Coiling
(experimenting with new and recycled materials to create 3D form)

Wednesday, November 14 ~ Fall Show Reception ~ Comments by Sharon Siegal

Friday, November 30 ~ Fall Show Removal by 9:00pm (**No exceptions**)

Wednesday, December 12 ~ Holiday Party ~ Watercolor Demonstration by Ritvik Sharma

Thursday, January 17 ~ Framing Demonstration by Peter Leue

Wednesday, February 20 ~ Annual Critique of Member Artwork by Jacqueline Watsky

Thursday, March 21 ~ Painting Demonstration by Jim Coe

Thursday, April 4 ~ Annual Planning Meeting ~ Delmar Presbyterian Church, 7pm

Saturday, April 13 ~ Painting Workshop with Jim Coe

Thursday, April 18 ~ Pastel Demonstration by Takeyce Walker

Wednesday, May 1 ~ SpringShow Submissions Drop-off at Bethlehem Public Library 3:30-5:30pm

Thursday, May 16 ~ Spring Show Reception ~ Comments by Belinda Colon

Friday, May 31 ~ Spring Show Removal by 9:00pm (**No exceptions**)

Thursday, June 20 ~ Picnic at Hillary Raimo's

202 Orchard St., Delmar NY 12054

