



# Bethlehem Art Association

Sept/Oct. 2019  
Newsletter



Dear Artists,

Welcome to our 53rd BAA season! I can't believe how quickly summer has come and gone. We have had fantastic summer shows this year at the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce and 5 Rivers Visitors Center. Members work was also on display at the Cossackie National Bank, 4 Corners Luncheonette, and the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy. Thank you to all the members who participated and contributed artwork. It is important for our association to expand out into the community and share our members work with the public, a big part of our mission as an association.

As artists we share common space where we can exchange ideas, techniques and feedback. We are an inclusive group with members of all skill levels. Appreciating the diversity and creative experiences of all our members enriches our group. Bethlehem Art Association has been around since 1966 and will continue to be a fun, and well organized association with the help of members like you.

New this year we are partnering with Bethlehem High School and 5 Rivers Environmental Educational Programming to connect artists with students throughout the year with plein air sessions at 5 Rivers and classroom demonstrations. Selected work produced will be on exhibit at the 5 Rivers Visitors Center next summer. We are well on our way to planning this endeavor and I'm greatly looking forward to it.

I am excited to be advocating on our associations behalf for further community outreach, expanding and filling our BAA venues, coordinating educational and interesting demonstrations and providing a welcoming atmosphere for all of our members, both new and returning as your President.

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.

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Bob Lynk

#### **Refreshments**

Diane Wozniak

*Please welcome new members: Sal Aiello, Brigid O'Brien and Cate With*



## B.A.A. Meetings

Thursday,  
September 19, 6:45 p.m.

### Presentation on Modernism By Art Historian Melody Davis

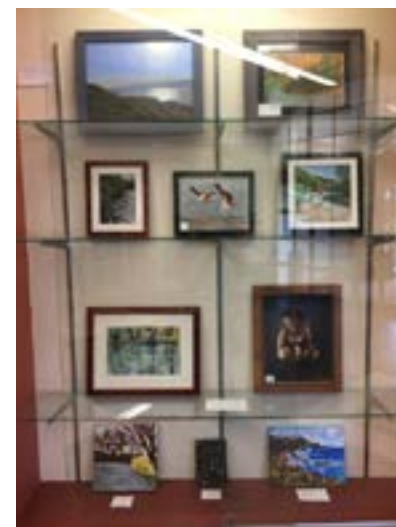


Melody Davis, Ph.D., is an Associate Professor and Program Coordinator for Art History at the Sage College of Albany. Her research specialties are the history of photography, visual culture of the early modern period, and contemporary art criticism. She is interested in the way vernacular photographic and print culture reinforces and interrogates the role of women and racial exclusion in modernity.

Her most recent publications include *Women's Views: The Narrative Stereograph in Nineteenth-Century America* (Durham, N.H.: The University of New Hampshire Press, 2015); and *One Ground Beetle*, with Harold Lohner (bad cat press, 2017). Davis has lectured internationally on the history of narrative stereography, and her publications have appeared in *The New Woman International: Photography and Film*; *The History of Photography*; *Art Journal*; *Millennium Film Journal*; *Paragraph*; *Visual Studies*; and *Le Magazine of the Jeu de Paume Museum*. And others. She has published three books of poetry and writes art criticism and cultural commentary for local newspapers.



## News of Our Members



**Criss Maicaione**  
The Roundtable Art Group, which has many BAA members, had a show at the East Greenbush Library in August.



**Diane Wozniak** Won a Blue Ribbon at the Altamont Fair this summer for her watercolor "Autumn Glow"



**Ellen Thea Chernoff**  
This pencil drawing "Art N Soul" won a third place at the Altamont Fair.

Thursday  
October 17, 6:45 p.m.

### Mixed Media Acrylic Demonstration by Dorothea Osborn



Left:  
"Special Place"

Below:  
"Spirit Dancer"

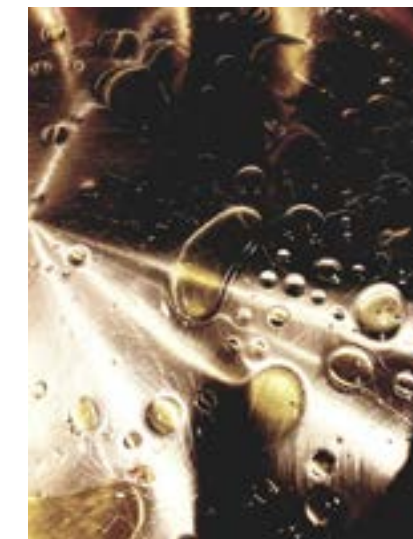
Dorothea Osborn is an acclaimed visual artist, based in NY. She received her MFA in painting from The State University of New York at New Paltz. After travelling around Europe and frequent visits to New Mexico, her work transformed from representational to abstract and the fine line between representation and abstraction; The liminal. Her work is primarily based on spirituality, abstract concepts, with the amalgamation of scientific forms focusing primarily of drawing and painting with an intense interest in oils, pastels, and mixed media. Her work is of process, action, and associative reference where experiences, spirituality, science and perception negotiate, compose, and harmonize. She exhibits work locally and nationally, in Universities and Colleges. She has been the recipient of many "best of" awards in a variety of exhibits. Collectors from New York to Seattle, to Korea have been acquiring her work. She has taught Painting at the State University of NY at New Paltz to both Undergraduate and Graduate students and has also taught in Public schools, workshops, Arts councils and in Ghost Ranch, NM. Her web site is [www.dorotheaosborn.com](http://www.dorotheaosborn.com)



Formation

### Hillary Raimo

This summer Hillary Raimo's work was on display in three different exhibits in New York City. Her photography was presented at the 2019 Open Photography Exhibition at the Salmagundi Club in Manhattan. (Photo left) Welcome to the Multiverse at Plaxall Gallery in Long Island City, (photo right) and in the summer group invitational RUIN at the Royal Society of American Art in Brooklyn.



Time Acceleration



## News of Our Members and other news

### Watercolor Classes with Lynda Spielman

Lynda Spielman will be teaching a limited series of watercolor classes at the Delmar Presbyterian Church on Wednesdays, 9:00 - 12:00, starting October 9 through to November 20. Interested individuals should contact her by email at [lyndaspelman@aol.com](mailto:lyndaspelman@aol.com) or by phone at 718 463 5679.

### Senior Hope Artist Opportunity

Executive Director of Senior Hope in Albany, Nicole MacFarland, has asked the BAA to install artwork for their annual Fall Open House on September 18th. This is a well attended and funded event which will include politicians, dignitaries and other important leadership in Albany. We are looking for fine art work from our members to be installed in two main hallways in early September for three months. If you are interested please contact BAA President Hillary Raimo by September 5th.

### "Bethlehem Scenes" Town Hall Show

Bethlehem Art Association members can bring their "Bethlehem Scenes" to the Bethlehem Town Hall for an exhibit in October and November. This will be the seventh annual show and this has been very popular in the past. Entries will be limited to scenes in or near the Town of Bethlehem. Pictures of Five Rivers and the Toll Gate have been very popular. All members are invited to submit a piece for the Show. There is a space limitation with room for 24 pictures at the Town Hall. However, we may have room for more than one submission per person. To sign up, please contact Kevin Kuhne at [kevinbukhne@gmail.com](mailto:kevinbukhne@gmail.com) or 465-9493. Let us know if you can provide two pieces.

### Plein Aire painting with Jacqueline Smith

Summer is almost over, so I am setting up some days for Plein Aire sessions during September and October. Bring what you can carry, but make sure you have a hat, bug spray and a beverage, and maybe a lunch or snack. Mainly, we will meet at local places just for convenience: Five Rivers Nature Center near the bus circle, Pine Hollow Arboretum near the benches, Buckingham Pond near the circle and Washington Park near the Moses statue. If the weather is not promising, I will usually send a notice to cancel if someone contacts me that they are going.

Here are dates and locations, time will be 10am until 12pm or 1pm, as follows:

Thursday	Saturday
Sept. 5 Pine Hollow	Oct. 12 Buckingham Pond
Sept. 12 Five Rivers	Thursday
Saturday	Oct. 17 Pine Hollow
Sept. 28 Washington Park	Oct. 24 Five Rivers
	Oct. 31 Washington Park

Contact info: 518-489-1882 or [TShock1882@aol.com](mailto:TShock1882@aol.com)



Blocking in at Plein Aire session with Jim Coe

### Albany Institute of History and Art Tours

Here is a great opportunity for our members! During November and December, Jacqueline Watsky, a docent at Albany Institute of History and Art, has offered to lead a tour at the AIHA for us. We can choose either Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday during those months at 1pm or 2pm. We could do the Schuyler Sisters tour or the Walter Launt Palmer tour. We will discuss this at the September meeting.



## B.A.A News

### November 9 Exhibition and Sale

Plans for our Saturday, November 9 one day BAA Member Exhibit and Sale at the Delmar Reformed Church (10 am - 4 pm) are progressing.

- There are only a few openings left for members to sign up. Artists can use their own rack or we will provide a six foot table. Members can share a table or space. Please advise co-chair Dee Foley by email at [deefoley3@mac.com](mailto:deefoley3@mac.com) or by phone at 518 475 9132. The participation fee is \$20 payable to the BAA by paypal or at our meetings, but no later than our October 17th meeting.

- Organizing meetings are scheduled for Thursdays, September 5 and October 3 at 10:00 am at the Library. Everyone is welcome. We need especially a few people to help with planning our publicity and logistics for event day.

-Our hallway exhibit at the church with the theme of "Music" is open to all members. Hopefully, many of you are now busy creating so that your artwork can be delivered the day of the exhibit.

-Publicity cards and lawn signs for November 9 will be made available at our September and October general meetings.

-Questions about participating and the day's plans can be addressed to co-chairs, Dee or Lynda Spielman ([lyndaspelman@aol.com](mailto:lyndaspelman@aol.com)). More details for registrants will be forwarded in advance.

**Chalk the Walk** chalk contest · art fair · music · food

register online at: [www.mohawkudson.org/art](http://www.mohawkudson.org/art)

**event map**

Registration · Music · Food Trucks

Stewart's 309 Delaware Ave

Starts here at 3 p.m.

**Saturday, September 21, 2019**

3 til 6 p.m. on the Helderberg Hudson Rail Trail in Delmar

An ART on the Rail Trail event

Participating businesses:

Made possible by:

ART is a committee of the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy

### CHALK THE WALK!

Art on the Rail Trail (ART), Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy and Merriman and Pfister are sponsoring a family-friendly chalk art contest on the Albany County Helderberg-Hudson Rail Trail from 3 pm. until 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 21, 2019. Each 3 foot by 3 foot square registration is \$10 in advance (\$15 on the day of the event)– register at [www.mohawkudson.org/art](http://www.mohawkudson.org/art). Refer to the map at the left for additional information and check-in. Hope to see you on the 21st!



## News

### Membership dues are due!

It is important membership dues are in good standing at the beginning of the year. If you are renewing your membership please submit payment promptly. In order to be included in our member directory your dues must be received before October 1st. We accept new members year round in our open enrollment. New members can join anytime through the year.

You can mail a check to:  
Gary Mehlum, BAA Membership Chairperson  
34 Hedgerose Lane,  
Delmar, NY 12054.

For your convenience you can also pay online on our website <https://www.bethlehemartassociation.com/join-us>

Your money at work!

The BAA hosts dynamic interactive expert demonstrations at each meeting from September to June. We offer BAA members opportunities to demonstrate, exhibit your work, expand your businesses and we support your growth. Whether you are a beginner, or an expert, the BAA seeks to offer something of interest for artists of all mediums and skill levels.

Members exhibit their works on a rotating basis at several local venues available exclusively for the BAA. They can participate in BAA sponsored events as well as the popular Fall & Spring Members Show. Occasionally, our members are called upon to help at community functions, sharing their expertise and we pride ourselves in providing fun, interactive and educational meetings throughout the year.

Whether you are renewing your membership, or joining us as a new member, your dues provide us the ability to offer wonderful opportunities and we look forward to working together in the coming year.

### BAA Spring Show

The BAA Annual Juried Show was held in May at the Bethlehem Public Library. Many thanks to the Exhibit Committee, the Show Committee, the Judge, Belinda Colon, and all the others who made this show a success. Prize winners in the show were:

**Best in show: *Sunset on the Hudson* by Bob Lynk**

**1st place: *Nebraska Spring* by Jocelyn A Cole**

**2nd place: *White Throated Sparrow* by Barbara Via**

**3rd place: *Day on the Lake* by Nettye Lamkay**

**Honorable Mention: *Soleil Rouge I* by Ellie Prakken**

**Honorable Mention: *Solitary Moment* by Sandra Onderdonk**

**Honorable Mention: *Young Woman in a White Scarf* by Mile Kapustina**



Bob Lynk getting his Best in Show award from Bev Braun

### People's Choice Awards

**1st "Portrait of Vern" – Pam Agan-Smith  
49 votes**

**2nd "Nebraska Spring" – Jocelyn Cole  
17 votes**

**3rd "Hannacroix Berries" – John Tobison -  
16 votes**

**4th "Home Tweet Home" – Criss Macaione  
15 votes**

**5th "Sunset on the Hudson" – Bob Lynk  
13 votes**

**6th "Townsend Park" – Kevin Kuhne  
12 votes**

**7th "Cat Nap in the Vinyard" – Patricia Byrne  
Varcasia – 11 votes**



## Venues

### BAA Community Exhibit Schedule Sept. 2019 through Dec. 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](mailto:lem2lane@nycap.rr.com)

Please sign up!

### VENUES RESERVED FOR BAA MEMBERS

	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
FOUR CORNERS LUNCHEONETTE 10 hangers - can hold doubles	DARLA JOWETT	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
BANK OF COXSACKIE Rte. 9W, Glenmont - 13 spaces	DEB LAFLEUR and SUSAN TROTTIER			OPEN
MOHAWK HUDSON LAND CONSERVANCY Kenwood Ave., Delmar 6-8 hangers	JOHN TOBISON			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@doss.org](mailto:guenette@doss.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](mailto:gbruno@capitalbank.com)

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

Contact Michael Farley, 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](mailto: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*

- Thursday, September 19** ~ Art Historian Presentation on Modernism with Melody Davis  
**Thursday, October 17** ~ Acrylic Mixed Media Demonstration by Dorothea Osborn  
**Monday, November 4** ~ Fall Show Submissions Drop-off at Bethlehem Public Library 3:30-5:30pm  
**Wednesday, November 13** ~ Fall Show Reception ~ Comments by Richard Lovrich  
**Saturday, November 16** ~ Workshop with Dorothea Osborn ~ Acrylic Mixed Media  
**Saturday, November 30** ~ Fall Show Removal by 9:00pm (**No exceptions**)  
**Thursday, December 19** ~ Holiday Party ~ Member Demonstration ~ Pastel by Jacqueline Smith  
**Friday, January 17** ~ Framing/Mat Design/Proper Hanging with by Sandy Onderdonk  
**Thursday, February 20** ~ Finishing and Glazing Acrylics and Oils ~ TBA  
**Thursday, March 19** ~ Watercolor Demonstration by Ritvik Sharma  
**Thursday, April 2** ~ Annual Planning Meeting ~ Delmar Presbyterian Church, 7pm  
**Saturday, April 4** ~ Painting Workshop with Ritvik Sharma  
**Thursday, April 23** ~ Member Critique by Jacqueline Watsky  
**Friday, May 1** ~ SpringShow Submissions Drop-off at Bethlehem Public Library 3:30-5:30pm  
**Thursday, May 21** ~ Spring Show Reception ~ Comments by Jessica Mansmith  
**Sunday, May 31** ~ Spring Show Removal by 9:00pm (**No exceptions**)  
**Thursday, June 18** ~ Picnic at Rita Buttiker's

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