

# Bethlehem Art Association

Sept./Oct. 2022  
Newsletter



Hello fellow artists:

I hope that your summer was good and creative, albeit it was a very hot one. Unfortunately, I felt I wasn't as creative as I had wished, due to the weather. As I write, summer is still with us, but it is time to turn our focus to the upcoming year. And indeed, I believe we have an outstanding set of programs planned this year.

But, first, I would remind everyone that payments for the 2022-2023 dues are due September 1st. Your BAA membership for \$30 is still a bargain! Payment information is on our website; you can pay by Paypal or by check. We have revised the website to make renewal easier. Last year we ended with a 17% increase in our membership and I hope that this year will also be one of growth. The growth of our art community, along with our shared activities, contributes to our development and improvements as artists.

I can only highlight here a few of our planned programs. We will again begin in September with an "academic" type presentation – this one will be on color theory presented by the notable colorist, Eden Compton, from Saratoga. We have some new to the BAA presenters who work in oil, Matt Chinian and Doug Levey, but who are quite different from each other. Matt will conduct our fall workshop, highlighting his special techniques. In the spring, we have an interesting presentation on printmaking planned – something new – by Billy Fillmore from Sage. Check out the back of this newsletter for all the dates and details. You will note we expect to Zoom our January meeting, in anticipation of winter weather.

I wish to acknowledge with thanks a group of members, listed on this page, who are now working together as a coordinating and planning team. They have been helpful to bringing new ideas, opportunities, an improved website and publicity to the BAA. Hopefully, as with last year, we will create and communicate various opportunities to show and share your art. This includes utilizing our website to showcase individual and collective BAA artwork.

Hoping to see most of you in September,  
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: Anna Moczulski, MaryBeth Rubin  
and Geralyn Zink*

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## **Refreshments**

Sue Nye



## Meetings

**Thursday,  
September 22, 6:45 p.m.**



*Dorn*

### **Color Theory Eden Compton**

"I plan to give a presentation on basic color theory and practical strategies to apply those concepts to improve color choices in everyone's own work. So I will cover limited palettes, Zorn palette, color field painting, how to make useful color charts and I will show a couple exercises that people can use for their own paintings."



*Diebenkorn*

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 Jurney 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.

**Thursday, October 20, 6:45 p.m.**

### **"Prosaic Realism" Oil Demonstration by Matt Chinian**



*Early Light in Studio*

Matt Chinian (b.1961) is a prolific landscape painter, his work is done all on site, with oil paint on canvas. Matt's ability to capture light and color is remarkable, his paintings are completed before light conditions change and almost always less than 2 hours. He will wander about Upstate New York by car and find scenes; urban streets, farm lands, gas stations or rivers, composing his own brand of social realism "I want to create a commentary without judgement, about the place I live, what I see and what I focus my attention on."

Matt earned a degree in painting and sculpture at Bennington College and then an M.F.A. in sculpture and drawing at SUNY Albany. After his education, Matt spent 25 years earning a living as a carpenter in his adopted home of Cambridge, NY. He returned to painting, in 2010. "I could no longer just look at the landscape I lived in", he is now working as an artist full time.

*A full length article about Matt Chinian and "Prosaic Realism" can be found on the BAA website under NEWS.*



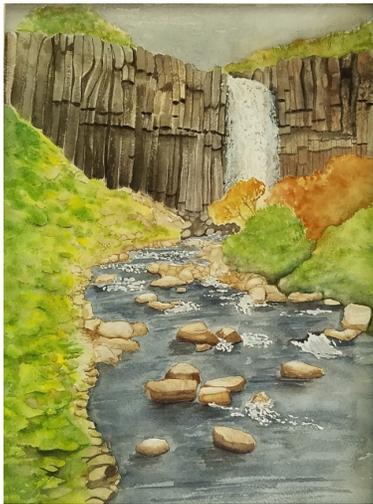
# News of Our Members

**Kristine Kelly**, abstract expressionist artist, is showing 5 paintings in her monochromatic series which features smaller works. They are part of a group exhibition which runs until the end of September.

This show is at the Clifton Park Senior Community Center, 6 Clifton Common Blvd, Clifton Park. Here is an image of her painting, "Shadow Grey", 12 x 12 Mixed Media on Canvas, framed.

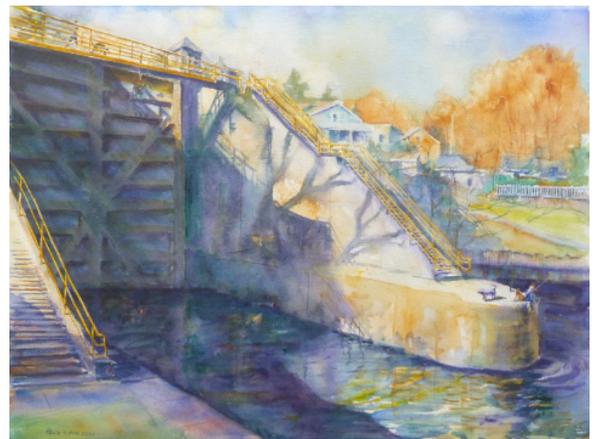


**Shadow Grey**



**Sue Nye** "I have a painting up at the Five Rivers Visitor Center until the end of September. The title is "Svartifoss" which was one of MANY waterfalls (foss means waterfall in Icelandic) we encountered in Iceland. I loved the hexagonal basaltic rocks in the background of this one."

**Svartifoss**



**Kevin Kuhne** "I'm happy to report that I was just juried into the 46th International Exhibition of the North East Watercolor Society, taking place from Oct. 9 to Oct. 29 at the Gallery at Kent Art Association, Rt. 7, Main St., Kent, Ct. Call 860-927-3989 for hours and directions. "



**Bailey**



**A Break for Tea**

**Pam Agan-Smith's** painting, "Bailey", has been accepted into the 2022 Great Lakes Pastel Society Online National Exhibition and her painting, "A Break for Tea", has been accepted into the Pure Color 6th Annual Online Juried Exhibition of Pastel Paintings.

**Barbara Via**  
"I will be displaying my art in the Bethlehem Public Library for the month of September."



**Marsh Wren**



# News of Our Members and Meeting Recap

## May Spring Show Winners

Images are shown on the BAA website

### Best in Show:

#3 "*Homage to Monet*" - Lynda Spielman

### 1st Place:

#18 "*Heart of the Village*" - Linda Starr

### 2nd Place:

#41 "*Cool Heat*" - Lynne Kaiser

### 3rd Place:

#23 "*Going Away*" - Barbara Via

### Honorable Mention:

#15 "*I Know Why the Caged Rooster Crows*" - Pam Agan-Smith

#20 "*City Blocks, 1980s*" - Carol Turner

#21 "*Mesa*" - Barb Lennox



## June Picnic Bethlehem Elm Ave. Park

After a two year break, the Annual BAA June Picnic was held again this year. The venue was a pavilion at the Elm Avenue Bethlehem Town Park. People were so excited to get together that no one remembered to take a photo at the gathering. So, imagine people in the Pavilion. *Peter Keitel*

## More Member News

*Karen Zimmers* is showing in many venues now, including Eden Compton Art Gallery, Saratoga, Mabee Farm Historic Site, Schenectady County, TiArts Gallery Ticonderoga, and Turf Tavern, Scotia. Here are a couple examples of her work.



*Valley Stream*



*Gilded Age*

*Criss Macaione* shared that several BAA members including Ellen Massa Hughes, Diane Campion, Lee York, Trudi Jacobson, Rose Knightly, and Criss Macaione Bilodeau were among artists showing at the East Greenbush Library and the Voorheesville Library in August.





## News

### Scenes of Bethlehem Town Hall Show



The ninth annual Scenes of Bethlehem Show will be held at the Bethlehem Town Hall in October and November. 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 Monday, October 3. Pickup will be on November 30. There is room for 24 pictures. In the past we have had room for more than just one submission from some participants.

Please contact 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.

### BAA Art Challenge

The summer will end soon and it is time to get back to work. The **BAA Art Challenge** provides an incentive for you to create new work. The monthly reference photos can be interpreted in any way that members choose. Go to [www.bethlehemartassociation.com/baa-art-challenge](http://www.bethlehemartassociation.com/baa-art-challenge) for instructions on how to participate, or just to see how different artists have interpreted a given subject. Here's the September Challenge photo (thanks to Rehan Shaik).



HISTORIC ALBANY FOUNDATION

### Call for Artists

The Historic Albany Foundation is having its annual fund raiser BUILT. For more information go to their website [Historic-albany.org](http://Historic-albany.org). and under Events is BUILT. Entry deadline is Friday, Sept. 16.



## Membership

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

***Please note that dues are due September 1.***

**We encourage you to renew online at [bethlehemartassociation.com](http://bethlehemartassociation.com)**

OR

- Please complete this form
- Include \$30 check if adult, or \$10 check if student made out to BAA and mail to:

Gary Mehlum, Membership Chair  
34 Hedgerose Lane  
Delmar, NY 12054

If you are a new member who joined within the last 6 months, your membership is valid until September, 2023.

### **Bethlehem Art Association**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I'm joining as a new member:

I am a student:

### **See Members' Art on the BAA Website**

Digital contacts have become a much more important way of reaching the public. The "See Members' Art" page of the BAA website has been revised to make it easier to navigate in order to see images of work by BAA artists and to learn where their work is being shown. Go to [www.bethlehemartassociation.com/see-baa-members-work](http://www.bethlehemartassociation.com/see-baa-members-work) The site showcases BAA exhibits and events as well as promotes the work of individual members. You can participate by letting us know where your work is being shown and, if you wish, having your very own profile page on the site. To add information about your work, email [lem2lane@nycap.rr.com](mailto:lem2lane@nycap.rr.com) or [pjkeitel@gmail.com](mailto:pjkeitel@gmail.com)



## Venues

### BAA Community Exhibit Schedule Sept. 2022 through Dec. 2022

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

Please sign up!

### VENUES RESERVED FOR BAA MEMBERS

	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
UPSTATE WINE AND SPIRITS Delaware Plaza, Delmar 8-10 hangers <b>NEW VENUE</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
BANK OF COXSACKIE Rte. 9W, Glenmont - 10-13	<b>OPEN</b>		<b>OPEN</b>	
MOHAWK HUDSON LAND CONSERVANCY Kenwood Ave., Delmar 6-8 hangers	JACQUELINE SMITH		<b>OPEN</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
BETHLEHEM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 8-10 pieces Contact Diane Wozniak dcwozniak@gmail.com or 518-698-1819	PAT VIGLUCCI	<b>OPEN</b>	JACQUELINE SMITH	

### VENUES FREQUENTLY AVAILABLE FOR BAA MEMBERS

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

Contact Ann Hein at 914-953-0804 or ahein6711@yahoo.com Available to BAA July and August, 2022

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

Contact Christine Vaughn at 518-724-3406 or Campc@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 518-588-7268

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

Contact Hope Konecny at 518-66-5833

**Capital Bank, Slingerlands Price Chopper Plaza:**

Contact the Manager at 518-694-5625

**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.

**Greene County Bank, Rte. 32 near Bryant's Plaza, Greenville:** Contact Rita Buttiker, 518-634-2272



**CALENDAR IS SUBJECT TO REVISION**

## *This Year's Main Events*

*All Monthly Meetings begin at 6:45PM*

**Pay close attention to DAYS, DATES, and LIBRARY or ZOOM**

<b>Thursday, September 22 ~</b>	Color Theory with Eden Compton
<b>Thursday, October 20 ~</b>	“Prosiac Realism” Demo with Matt Chinian
<b>Tuesday, November 1 ~</b>	Fall Show Submissions Drop-off at Bethlehem Public Library ~ 4:00pm - 6:00pm
<b>Saturday, November 12 ~</b>	Workshop with Matt Chinian ~ Oil
<b>Thursday, November 17 ~</b>	Fall Show Reception ~ Judge’s Comments by Gary Shankman
<b>Wednesday, November 30,</b>	Fall Show Removal by <b>5:00pm (No Exceptions)</b>
<b>Thursday, December 15 ~</b>	Holiday Member Demonstration ~ Cheryl Wikstrom
<b>Thursday, January 19 ~</b>	Oil Portraits with Doug Levey ~ <b>ZOOM</b>
<b>Thursday, February 16 ~</b>	Member Critique ~ Oscar-Alberto Bogran
<b>Thursday, March 16 ~</b>	Watercolor Demo with Ritvik Sharma
<b>Thursday, April 13 ~</b>	Annual Planning Meeting
<b>Saturday, April 15 ~</b>	Watercolor Workshop with Ritvik Sharma
<b>Thursday, April 20 ~</b>	Printmaking with Billy Fillmore
<b>Monday, May 1 ~</b>	Spring Show Submissions Drop-off at Bethlehem Public Library ~ 4:00pm - 6:00pm
<b>Thursday, May 18 ~</b>	Spring Show Reception ~ Judge’s Comments by Anne Manzella
<b>Wednesday, May 31 ~</b>	Spring Show Removal by <b>5:00pm (No exceptions)</b>
<b>Thursday, June 15 ~</b>	Picnic