



Bethlehem Art Association

May/June 2022
Newsletter



Hello Fellow Artists:

I think we are winding up our last months of our BAA program year with a “bang” as there is a lot happening. Consequently, I hope that we experience a sense of renewal as artists, (even though Spring is late this year.) We recently reached the benchmark of having 100 members (again), which is a welcome development.

To start, we have plenty of opportunities for you to show, sell and share your work. Our Spring Show this May at the Bethlehem Public Library will be the first non-virtual Spring Show in two years. Thereafter, we have our One-Day Show and Sale event on May 21 at the Delmar Reformed Church. Please participate or help out as you can. This year’s member art themed display is “Joy,” which I’m sure will be appreciated by our visitors, as we need more of it.

We’re also all set for the BAA Members only exhibition at Albany Art Associates Gallery in Albany for the month of June. Full details are in this newsletter. There will be a “Meet the Artists” reception on Friday, June 3 at the Gallery.

And on June 16th, our regular monthly gathering will be to relax and enjoy other’s company at a BAA picnic at the Town of Bethlehem Elm Avenue Park, Pavilion A in Delmar. Look inside for what type of food item you should bring – in addition to your family or friends.

Our Steering Committee and officers met in April to plan next year’s programs and are now working on getting invitations out and confirmations back. Hopefully, our prospective plans will fall in place – they always seem to.

I look forward, of course, to sharing many of the mentioned events with you. As well, I wish everyone an inspired, productive and safe spring and summer seasons.

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 members: Mary Gaillard, Eden Hart, Catherine Herman, Trudi Jacobson, and Sue Jordan

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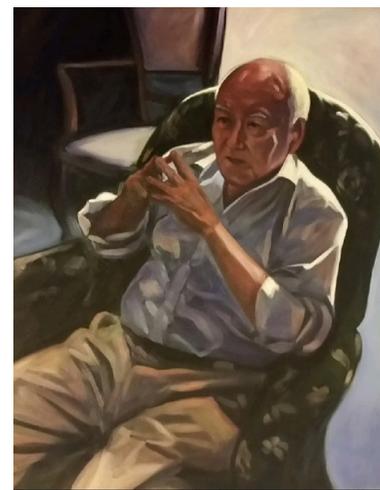
Thursday,

May 19, 6:45 p.m.

Spring Show Reception

Judge's Comments with Ed Ticson

Our judge for the 2022 Spring Member Show will be Ed Ticson. Ed is a well-known area artist and instructor. He has appeared with the BAA several times, as a presenter and a juror. He has Master of Arts and Master of Fine Arts degrees from SUNY Albany and is currently teaching as an adjunct professor in the Creative Arts Department at Siena College as well as teaching privately. He has also taught for the Sage Colleges, the College of St. Rose, Vicarious Visions, ACCR, and the Albany Art Room. He is an active board member of Albany Center Gallery where he chairs their Exhibition Committee.



"Ambrose" by Ed Ticson

For the first time in 2 years we will be able to have refreshments at the May 19th reception! Please feel free to bring a treat to share. We always have a variety of delicious snacks, so let's have a party!

Thank you! Diane Wozniak

Our Annual BAA picnic will resume this year!

Thursday, June 16, 4:00 - dusk~ **Town of Bethlehem Elm Avenue**

Town of Bethlehem Elm Avenue Park, 261 Elm Avenue, Delmar. PAVILION A

The Pavilion is covered, so come rain or shine!

There are 5 tables, but bring a chair for extra seating.

Pavilion is wheelchair accessible with designated parking, paved sidewalk, and portable toilets available.

This will be potluck, as in the past, so guests are asked to bring a dish to share based on the alphabet.

Bring your own beverage (beer and wine allowed).

Only non-glass containers are allowed.

Water, paper plates, utensils, napkins, table cloths will be provided.

If your name begins with, bring:

A-F Appetizer

G-M Salad

N-S Casserole

T-Z Desert

RSVP to Diane Wozniak by June 9 at dcwozniak@gmail.com or 518 698-1819

Directions:

From the intersection of Delaware Ave. and Elm Ave. (west of the Bethlehem Public Library) go south on Elm Ave. (Cty. Rte. 52), past the intersection of Bypass Rte. 32, (traffic light) and continue on Rte. 32 (Cty. Rte. 52) south for .3 mile to the entrance of the park. Turn right into the park and then turn left, following pavilions sign, going past the buildings and pool complex. Go through middle parking lot, and at the stop sign, turn right and follow the road around bearing to the right (.5 mile from the entrance). Pavilion A is just past the volleyball courts and across from the playground.





News of Our Members



The Truffle Hunters

Lynne Kaiser

is pleased to announce that she is currently exhibiting with the Schenectady Art Society (SAS) at the American Italian Heritage Museum, 1227 Central Ave., Albany. The show theme is "Anything Italian" and she chose to paint a scene called "The Truffle Hunters". The show will be open from now through May 28th.



Waiting for Lunch

Peter Keitel has two paintings in the Annual Members Exhibition at the Athens Cultural Center. The show will run through May 29 and Peter will be gallery sitting on May 28.

Peter Keitel's "Waiting for Lunch" has been accepted for The Art of New York Annual Juried Art Show at the Arkell Museum in Canajoharie, NY. The show will run from May 13 through July 24.

Diane Wozniak's painting "A Long Winter" is on display at View Center for Arts and Culture 71st Annual Central Adirondack Art Show, in Old Forge, NY from April 2 - June 5.



A Long Winter



Path to New Beginnings

Karen Zimmers

will be showing at the Mechanicville Library in May/June Clifton Park Senior Center in June Cupola Coffee Shop, Burnt Hills in May

Kristine Kelly,

High Water Exhibition (July 1, 2022-August 31, 2022)
Mechanicville Public Library
190 N. Main Street, Mechanicville, NY.

Abstract expressionist artist, Kristine Kelly, will have a solo exhibition at the Mechanicville Public Library during the months of July and August. Her show, "High Water" will feature a series of 12 mixed media paintings. These paintings investigate the boundaries between imagination and reality in the movement of water through spaces.



Secret Beaches



Meeting Recaps and News

March Meeting

Mastering Disaster with Kris Woodward

Kris Woodward, a well known local representational painter and teacher, working in watercolor and pastel gave a lively demonstration of “Mastering disasters ... saving a watercolor”. She brought in some of her student’s works as well as some of her own failed paintings.

The first student painting she took a sheet of clear polyester Dura Lar (better than acetate) to overlay the painting and painted on it to see how she would like to improve the painting. Then she took a power spray bottle and washed off a lot of the paint, and dried it off, so she could add new color. Adding layers on top of old layers would not remedy the painting. Then using her overlay as a reference, she expanded the horizon line, put reflections in the water and used hard pastel to soften the green in the foreground. She likes to combine hard pastel and water color, and she also uses watercolor on top of hard pastel.

Some other tips are to make a color copy of a painting and then draw on top of that. She also uses tracing paper to work out problems and often will just crop a piece to improve it!



April Meeting Photography with Fran Driscoll



Fran Driscoll, a very well-known and popular photographer, specializing in the Northern Catskills, gave a beautiful and entertaining presentation of his photographs. He likes to communicate through his photographs and convey a feeling or a mood. If someone says “Oh, wow!”, that is better than selling a photograph. He likes to have something in the foreground to bring people in and then have layers in the photo to give it depth. He uses a tripod, then takes at least 3 shots to be able to pick the best one.

He drives and hikes around the Catskills, very early in the morning and at sunset, and he will keep going back to special spots at different times of the day and with different views to get that special shot. He says it’s a matter of being in the right place at the right time. He always asks permission of a private property owner before photographing and then gives that person a free photo. When painters use his photos on his website, he considers that a compliment.

His images have received numerous local and national awards and have been used at the Thomas Cole house and the Hudson River Art Trail and in many magazines, such as National Geographic. He gives photo hikes, workshops and private instruction. Visit his website at www.francisxdriscoll.com.



News of Our Members and Meeting Recap

Artists Opportunity Art Associates Gallery

The ART ASSOCIATES GALLERY is inviting BAA members to contribute two pieces of artwork for a special exhibition devoted to our Association for the month of June. The gallery is located at 21 Railroad Avenue, Albany (Tel: 518-459-1307). This is also a framing facility.

Details for participation are as follows:

- There is no entry fee nor is there any size limitation
- All sales will go 100% to the artist
- All works must be properly framed and suitable for secure hanging
- There will be a
MEET THE ARTISTS RECEPTION
on Friday, June 3 from 4:00 to 8:00p.m.
Under Covid restriction guidelines, there can be no food or drinks served at the reception, but please attend and invite your friends and network members.

• Drop off dates:

- Friday, May 27 12-6
- Saturday, May 28 10-3
- Tuesday, May 31 12-6 call before for this date

• Pick up dates:

- Friday, July 1 12-6
- Saturday, July 2 10-3 call before for this date

Artists are encouraged to leave a supply of their business cards with the gallery. Announcement cards/promotional materials will be available for pick up by members at our May 19 meeting for distribution, and will also be available at the gallery.

Attila Zalavary, Owner of Art Associate Gallery, Inc., is our host and a wonderful supporter of artists throughout the Capital Region. Please be sure to thank him personally, and by making this show a big success.

More Member News



Dancers

Eleanor Patton will have an exhibit at the Westerlo library on May 3rd till end of June. Her paintings will include pastels, watercolors, and pencils. A ballroom dancer for many years inspired her abstract dancers.



Ray Henrikson
giving a talk about his
photographs on exhibit
at Beverwyck

March Workshop Mastering Disaster with Kris Woodward



A small, but enthusiastic group of artists gathered on Saturday, April 9th for our Spring Workshop, "Mastering Disasters" taught by well known area artist Kris Woodward. The class was designed to show us new ways of saving a less than perfect watercolor, using different techniques, such as washes, masking, erasing and matting out unwanted areas. Her sweet dog, Lucy was our mascot for the day and we all gained some new skills in a relaxed atmosphere.



News

Bethlehem Central HS Art Student Scholarship Winners

The following students have earned the BAA Scholarship awards for this year. They're being invited to our May meeting to receive their awards, so please join us in congratulating Abby Nautel, Maya Probeck and Emma Chaney.

New BAA Art Challenge



The reference photo for the May BAA Art Challenge is by Fran Driscoll, the presenter at the BAA April monthly meeting. The photo can be interpreted in any way that members choose. Go to www.bethlehemartassociation.com/baa-art-challenge for instructions on how to participate in the Challenge, and to see how Thomas Cole has interpreted Fran's photo.

Volunteer Needed!

As of September 2022 I will be resigning as Refreshment Chairman. It's a fun job and only comes up twice a year at our Spring and Fall Shows. Please email me, Diane Wozniak at dcwozniak@gmail.com if you're interested in helping out in this way. I can fill you in on the details. I've enjoyed contributing in this way for many years!

Plein Aire Painting with Jacqueline Smith

Sessions will begin in June and continue to Autumn as long as there is interest. Sessions will be on Wednesdays from 10am to 12pm or longer. We will be at various locations such as Five Rivers, Pine Hollow Arboretum etc. Suggestions for other locations are welcomed. Please email me at Tshock1882@aol.com to get on the [list for notices and the tentative schedule](#). These are [free, non-instructional sessions focused on the outdoors painting experience](#).

BAA One-Day Show and Sale

Saturday, May 21, 2022

Spots are still open!

Spots are filling up fast for our BAA Art Show/Sale to be held on Saturday, May 21 from 10-4 at the Delmar Reformed Church on Delaware Avenue. It is such a great opportunity for our group to share and sell our artwork. The cost is \$25.00, and you may pay by check to the BAA. Please email Dee Foley (deefoley3@mac.com) if you wish to participate. A table will be available for you or you may bring your own racks.

Also we hope that many members might participate by having a painting with the theme of "Joy" in our reception area. Simply paint a picture of anything that brings you joy, and we will hang it. (Please include title and price.)

We will have some sign up sheets at our next meeting for people willing to be helpers (help to bring paintings in from cars, etc.) as well as people who would like to bake cookies or brownies to sell with our coffee.



To honor the 50th anniversary, and to showcase the beauty of nature captured through photography, paint, wood, ceramics and words, Friends of Five Rivers is sponsoring monthly Creative Nature Expressions artistic exhibits. They start in May and running through October in the Visitor Center at Five Rivers Environmental Center, 56 Game Farm Rd., Delmar, NY. More information can be found at:

Website page: <https://friendsof5rivers.org/creative-expression-exhibits-2/>

From here go to menu and click on Events and Activities, Creative Nature Expressions Exhibit then click on learn more at the end of the first paragraph and you will get the brochure with a fillable form.



Venues

BAA Community Exhibit Schedule May 2022 through August 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

	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
UPSTATE WINE AND SPIRITS Delaware Plaza, Delmar 8-10 hangers NEW VENUE	DEE FOLEY	SUE NYE	OPEN	OPEN
BANK OF COXSACKIE Rte. 9W, Glenmont - 10-13	OPEN		OPEN	
MOHAWK HUDSON LAND CONSERVANCY Kenwood Ave., Delmar 6-8 hangers	BARBARA VIA	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
BETHLEHEM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 8-10 pieces Contact Diane Wozniak dcwozniak@gmail.com or 518-698-1819	JACQUELINE SMITH	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN

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

- Wednesday, September 15** ~ Elements and Principles of Design by
Nina Stanley
- Tuesday, October 19** ~ Watercolor Demonstration with Kevin Kuhne
- Monday, November 1** ~ Fall Show Submissions Drop-off at
Bethlehem Public Library ~ 4:00pm - 6:00pm
- Saturday, November 13** ~ Workshop with Kevin Kuhne ~ Watercolor
- Tuesday, November 16** ~ Fall Show Reception ~ Judge's Comments by
Belinda Colon
- Tuesday, November 30,** Fall Show Removal by **5:00pm (No Exceptions)**
- Wednesday, December 15** ~ Holiday Member Demonstration ~
Via Zoom Kris Kelly
- Thursday, January 20** ~ Travel Journaling/Line and Blob Demonstration
Via Zoom Marc Josloff ~ Ink and Watercolor
- Wednesday, February 16** ~ Member Critique ~ Gary Shankman
- Thursday, March 17** ~ Mastering Disaster ~ Kris Woodward
- Saturday, April 9** ~ Mastering Disaster Workshop with Kris Woodward
- Thursday, April 14** ~ Annual Planning Meeting
Via Zoom
- Thursday, April 21** ~ Painting from Photos ~ Francis Driscoll
- Monday, May 2** ~ Spring Show Submissions Drop-off at
Bethlehem Public Library 3:30-5:30pm
- Thursday, May 19** ~ Spring Show Reception ~ Judge's Comments by Ed Ticson
- Tuesday, May 31** ~ Spring Show Removal by **5:00pm (No exceptions)**
- Thursday, June 16** ~ Picnic ~ Elm Ave. Park Pavilion~ Bethlehem