



Bethlehem Art Association

Sept./Oct. 2018
Newsletter



Hello Artists,

The Summer has come and gone, and here we are at the start of a new BAA season. I am looking forward to a fun year with all of you. We have many great opportunities lined up for our members this year.

As your new President I'd like to take a moment to thank my predecessor Peter Keitel for his leadership these last five years. Thank you Peter for all you have done for the association members and the local art community. On behalf of all of us we wish you well in your new endeavors and are glad you will be remaining an active association member.

We have a new website this year, thanks to Susan Bucher, and members can now renew dues online. This option offers convenience and allows for a broader reach. You can, however, still mail in dues if so desired.

I look forward to getting to know what inspires our members and I hope to bring opportunities that will nurture that inspiration. I have an open door policy so if there is any feedback you would like to give in regards to any aspect of our association please reach out to me. My intention is to work with all of you to ensure our association thrives.

Welcome to a new and fabulous year.

Hillary

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: Margo Janack, Paul Krajewski,
Virginia Papandrea, Mary Perrin Scott and Jason Yohe***

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Meetings

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

Photography by Francis X. Driscoll

Our new season will open with Francis Driscoll, the photographer of the Northern Catskills. Francis is an award-winning nature photographer who focuses on Catskill Mountain scenes. His work has appeared in many publications including the National Geographic Explorer and an art book "100 New York Photographers". Fran will discuss how he achieves the wonderful compositions in his work. Go to www.francisxdriscoll.com to see some of his beautiful work.



Thursday,

October 18, 6:45 p.m.

Demonstration by Peg Foley

Metal, Fibers, Prints and Paint: 50 Years of Collaging

Peg works primarily with printmaking techniques, paint, and fibers in the hope of transforming ideas and beliefs into visual vignettes. She 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. Peg 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.



You can see her work at <http://www.pegfoley.com>



News of Our Members and other news

Bob Lynk won many prizes for watercolors at this year's Altamont Fair. He got a 1st place for "Reidsville Angus", a 3rd place for "Baisholt Sheep" and Best in Show for "Siberian Tigers". This was the 125th anniversary for the fair.



Siberian Tigers

Ellen Thea Chernoff won a 3rd place at this year's Altamont Fair for the drawing at the right of "Anthony in Bensonhurst Brooklyn, '52"



Hillary Raimo

Hillary Raimo's photograph "Departure" won an honorable mention award in the 2018 FENCE Select Exhibit this Summer hosted by The Arts Center of the Capital Region.

The photograph will be on permanent display at the historic Niskayuna Train Station open Saturday & Sundays 4-7pm



Jacqueline Smith Jacqueline Smith will be showing during September at Channing Hall in the Albany Unitarian Church on Washington Avenue. There will be a reception on Sunday, September 16, from 12pm to 1:30pm with light refreshments and coffee.

Also, on September 9, Jacqueline Smith will be showing her work during the Old-Fashioned Sunday held at the Pruyn House on Old Niskayuna Road from 12pm noon to 4pm. It always promises to be a fun afternoon at the barn, with music provided and fun events for children.

Barbara McGeachen has 2 exhibits coming up.

Westerlo Library, Community Room, 604 State Route 143, Westerlo, NY, 518-797-3415, westerlolibrary.org. I have a solo show there for September - October, watercolor paintings. Open for viewing during normal library hours. Call first to ensure the room isn't being occupied.

Columbia-Greene Community College, Blue Hill Gallery, 4400 Route 23, Hudson, NY, 518-828-4181. I am participating in a group show, "Regine and Friends", October 2 - October 31, reception 10/17 4pm-6pm. I will show 6 watercolor paintings, at right, "Concert at the Lake".





News of Our Members and other news

6th Annual Bethlehem Town Hall Show

will take place in October and November. Once again, the work must depict scenes within the Town of Bethlehem and closely associated nearby areas (such as 5 Rivers). All members are eligible to submit a piece. However the space at the Town Hall is limited to 24 pieces, so we will accept pieces in the order of submission. Please contact Kevin Kuhne to let him know if you have a submission to the show at kevinbkuhne@gmail.com or 518-465-9493.



Canajoharie Winter Streets

Kevin Kuhne has 10 watercolors hanging at the Canajoharie Library until October 17, 2018. For more information go to : www.arkellmuseum.org/regional-art-current-exhibitions



Ellie Prakken will be having a show of her abstract mixed media paintings at the Bethlehem Public Library for the month of October.

Cosmic Swirl

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>



CALLING ALL ARTISTS
 THE
 VALLEY FALLS UNITED
 METHODIST CHURCH
 VALLEY FALLS, NEW YORK
 WILL HOLD THE
 3RD ANNUAL
 FINE ART SHOW
 ON
 10 NOVEMBER 2018
 1PM TO 4PM
 APPLICATION DEADLINE IS 20 OCTOBER 2018
 FOR APPLICATION AND INFORMATION
 CONTACT SHOW COMMITTEE AT
VFUMFINEARTS@GMAIL.COM
 OR CALL 518-753-2035
www.valleyfallsunitedmethodist.com
 Visit us on Facebook.

Lynda Spielman

I am planning to conduct watercolor classes for 7 weeks starting September 8. Classes will be on Saturday and some Friday mornings at the Delmar Presbyterian church. I can be contacted at my home phone 718-463-5679 or by email LyndaSpielman@aol for information and registration.



Meeting Recaps

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, Ed Ticson, and all the others who made this show a success.

Prize winners in the show were:

Best in Show:	Enchanted Winter	Rita Buttiker
1st Place:	Window Shopping	Carol Turner
2nd Place:	Ontario Shoreline	Darla Jowett
3rd Place:	New Love	Nettye Lamkay
Honorable Mention:	Cascade	Lynda Spielman
Honorable Mention:	The March	Laurel Petersen
Honorable Mention:	What Next?	Monica Restaino



Ed Ticson next to Rita's painting



BAA May Show and Sale

The BAA held another very successful Art Show and Sale on May 12 at the Delmar Reformed Church. It was another wonderful opportunity to connect with the local community and generate interest in our association. Kudos to Lynda Spielman and Dee Foley for coordinating the event and to the many people who assisted with making it possible. Many of us can't wait until we do it again.



Rita and Peter Buttoker

June Picnic

Rita and Peter Buttiker hosted the annual BAA June picnic this year. We thank them very much for making their lovely home in the country available to us. The main event at the meeting was the transfer of the BAA Presidency from Peter Keitel to Hillary Raimo.



Peter handing over the whistle to Hillary



More News

BAA Scholarship Winners

The 2018 Bethlehem Art Association Scholarship winners joined us at the May meeting to celebrate their awards. The BAA provides two awards annually to Bethlehem High School seniors, chosen by the Art Department. Painter Grace Adamczyk, seen right, brought a remarkable work to show our group. She will continue her studies at the Parsons School of Design. Christian Williams, seen left, illustrated his talents by bringing a beautiful ring that he designed and made for his mother. He is also a sculptor. Christian will be attending Adirondack Community College. The students are also being given a membership in the BAA with the hope that they will maintain a relationship with local artists no matter where they study or live.



New BAA Website and Membership Application

The Bethlehem Art Association has an exciting new website. It has a more modern look, it is more efficient, and it includes the ability to complete a membership application, pay dues, and pay workshop fees on-line. In the future we hope that this redesigned site will become popular with the general public as a way to find local artists. Go to www.bethlehemartassociation.com and explore the new features.

Here are brief instructions for how to renew your membership on-line:

- Near the top of the Home Page, in the “New and Returning Members” block, click on “Membership”
- Under “Membership Fee” click “Select”
- Enter your email address and establish a BAA password. This step registers you with the BAA. Hit “Go” and once again hit “Select” under “Membership Fee”
- You will be brought to a page that says “Pay with PayPal”

NOTE: YOU DO NOT NEED TO HAVE A PayPal ACCOUNT.

- Enter your email address and hit “Buy Now”. You will be taken to the PayPal log-in page. Go to the bottom of the page and click on “Pay With Debit or Credit Card”. You can then pay with any major debit or credit card.
- Complete the payment information and you are done. You will get receipts and there is no need to fill out the paper BAA form.

Many thanks to Susan Bucher for an extraordinary amount of work in designing and building the new system and to John Moser for linking the site to our bank account. If you need further help or have comments on the site, please contact Susan Bucher at sbucher@nycap.rr.com or 518-424-6147.

Gary Mehlum will be available at the first meeting to collect dues in case you would rather pay by check or exact change.



Venues

BAA Community Exhibit Schedule Sept. 2018 through December 2018

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

	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
FOUR CORNERS LUNCHEONETTE 10 hangers - can hold doubles	LYNDA SPIELMAN	DEE FOLEY	SUSAN BUCHER	OPEN
BANK OF COXSACKIE Rte. 9W, Glenmont - 13 spaces	RITA BUTTIKER			OPEN

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*

- Thursday, September 20** ~ Photography by Francis X. Driscoll
Thursday, October 18 ~ Fiber Mixed Arts Demonstration by Peg Foley
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

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