



Bethlehem Art Association

May/June 2020
Newsletter



Hello artists!

I hope you are all well and healthy. Staying creative is important in these unusual and challenging times. The BAA is committed to ensuring our members stay connected through our virtual opportunities this season. As a result, we were able to conduct our April annual critique by zoom and will be hosting our annual Spring Members Exhibit in May virtually. We have had to get creative in our offerings! Technology has allowed us to continue our 19/20 season, and I am grateful.

Although our venues are closed, our opportunities to share our work with each other has not been shutdown. BAA member Mary Scott has set up a drive by art show at her home. Emergency grants have been offered by some art organizations. BAA member Karen Woodin has offered oil instruction online. Arlene s on Fuller Rd is offering curbside pickup for supplies. It is inspiring to see how the community is responding.

This is my last letter to you as President. It has been a wonderful two years. I have been very grateful for the opportunity to serve, and have enjoyed my time with all of you. I am excited and honored to welcome Lynda Spielman as our next BAA President, beginning in September. The association has a long history of serving our local community and supporting the arts. Lynda is not only a great artist, but she has the leadership skills needed to steer the organization in a forward moving direction.

I wish you all great success and happiness on your journeys. May you stay healthy and creative. Thank you for being here.

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.

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***Please welcome new and returning members: Rose Knightly, Frederick Morris,
Mengde Shi and John Tobison***



Meetings

Thursday,

May 14, 7:00 p.m.

**Spring Members Virtual Exhibit
with Jessica Hansen**

This is a first for the BAA! Our Spring Member Show will be virtual.

The Exhibit runs May 1- May 31 in a Gallery on our BAA website

Hillary has sent out instructions on how to enter the show and the deadline was April 27.

She also included information on how to access the Zoom reception on May 14 at 7:00pm.

It's very easy to do!

You do not have to had entered a piece in the show to access the reception and comments by Jessica Hansen.

JESSICA HANSEN

Jessica is the Immediate Past President (2015-18) of Albany Center Gallery's Board of Directors, of which she has been a director since 2013. She sits on the New York State Council for the Arts Decentralization grants panel for Saratoga County. Jessica worked with Root Division and the SOMArts Cultural Center (SF Open Studios) Advisory Council in San Francisco, where she earned a MA from the University of San Francisco.

As a visual artist in upstate New York, Jessica studied Sculpture at the University at Albany's Boor Studio and won a 2018 grant from Saratoga Arts to support the development of her NORAD Z50 series (currently in development), which focuses on an abandoned radar base in Saratoga County. Much of her recent work is based in photography, however Jessica is a mixed media artist and participates in public art projects, whenever possible (including the first round of Nipper dogs to take to the streets of Albany in 2018).

Finding it necessary to keep her art history knowledge fresh, experience visual art in person, and develop new perspectives through the work of others, Jessica travels frequently and visits museums all over the world, such as the Art Institute of Chicago, LACMA, the Louvre, the Dalí Museum, SMK – Statens Museum for Kunst, SFMoMA, MASS MoCA, The British Museum, The de Young, as well as contemporary galleries/exhibitions like Spoke Art, The New Museum, The Creators Project, Moco Museum, Hashimoto Contemporary, and streets anywhere.

Thursday April 23, 7:00 p.m.

Member Critique by Eden Compton

On April 23rd we hosted our annual critique on Zoom with Eden Compton. Members submitted pieces of work they wanted professional feedback on. You can watch the replay of the critique on our BAA website.

Learn more about Eden on her website: <https://www.edencompton.com/about>



News of Our Members

Plein Aire Painting Sessions with Jacqueline Smith

Sessions will begin when the lockdown is reduced or eliminated. At that time a suggested schedule will be emailed to you. Sessions should begin in late May as the Spring foliage appears until the Autumn with all the colors as long as there is interest. Mostly we will be at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center in Delmar, Washington Park in Albany and Pine Hollow Arboretum in Slingerlands. Suggestions of other locations are welcomed. Sessions on several Saturdays and some Tuesdays each month will be scheduled around 11am to 1pm. Email Jacqueline Smith at Tshock1882@aol.com to get on the list so you can receive periodic notices. These are free, non-instructional sessions focused on the painting outdoors experience.



BAA member **Mary Scott** has setup a drive by art show at her home. Members are invited and encouraged to drive by or walk by and wave hello!

Mary's address is 103 Union Ave, Delmar NY 12054.

Thank you Mary for your inspiration and innovative thinking during these challenging times!

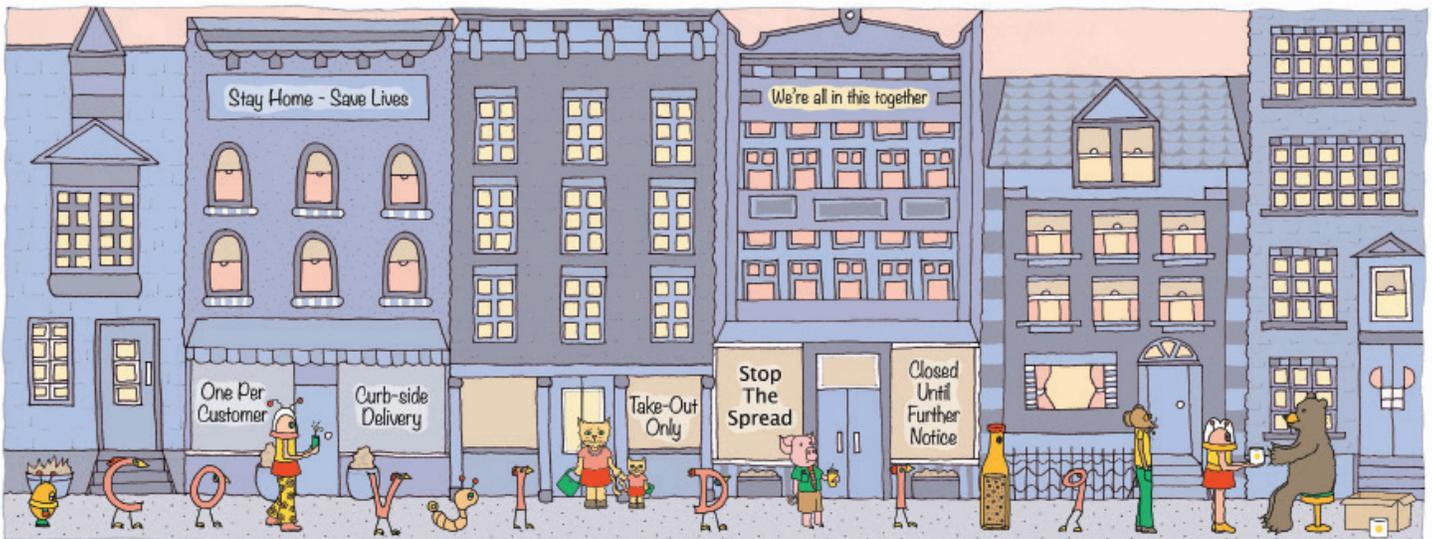
In Memoriam

Unfortunately we lost two of our longtime members in March.

Marian Davis (91) died on March 17 after a brief illness. She did many beautiful watercolors.

Joan Krathaus (85) died on March 26 of congestive heart failure. Joan was well known for her very colorful and complex abstract mixed media pieces. They will both be missed.

Below is a wonderful illustration called **Toilet Paper Crisis** by member **Laurel Petersen**. Laurel submitted this piece to our critique session in April.





News of Our Members and other news

BAA Facebook

Stay up to date with our current events by joining our BAA Facebook page. We welcome member interaction. Post art related articles, images, ask for feedback, find out what's happening in our community and even promote your work!

Staying in touch is an important component of our group, and Facebook is a great way to stay connected. If you have not yet signed up it's as easy as one click! Search for us on Facebook.

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



As Hillary had mentioned in an earlier email, the June picnic has been canceled. See you all next year!



BAA Planning Meeting ~ April 16

Thank you to those of you who attended our annual planning meeting on April 16th. We were able to conduct the meeting online via Zoom. We elected Lynda Spielman as our new President, Peter Keitel as our Vice President, Jacqueline Smith as our Community Venues Coordinator and have created a new 2nd Vice President position. Beginning in September we welcome our new leadership.

We decided to make the BAA Facebook page public, balanced our new approved budget for next year, and crafted a speakers demonstration schedule for the 20/21 season. A lot of work goes into this meeting in preparation for our next season. Thank you to all who made it a successful meeting.

A Call to Artists for a Summer Juried Show "The Power and the Glory"

Artists of all media are invited to submit up to two works for a juried art show titled The Power and the Glory! at Sand Lake Center for the Arts. The exhibition opens on July 1, 2019 and ends August 31, 2019. Twenty pieces will be selected with first, second, third, and people's choice cash awards (\$300., \$200., \$100., and \$100.,) will be given. The juror for this show is Matt Crane. He is a Capital Region Artist and Adjunct Lecturer of Art, University at Albany.

Submissions should be sent to slcagallery@gmail.com in jpeg format by May 29, 2020. Selections will be announced by June 6, 2020 and selected works must be delivered to Sand Lake Center for the Arts – (2880 NY 43, Sand Lake), NY 12018, from June 8 to June 19, 2020 between the hours of 11 am and 3 pm, or by appointment (call 518-674-2007). For more information go to www.slca-ctp.org. under Upcoming Events. All artwork chosen will be on display from July 1 to August 31, 2020. There is no submission fee.