

Bethlehem Art Association

Nov./Dec. 2022
Newsletter



Hello fellow artists:

We've had a good and interesting start to our program year. Our recent meetings featured demonstrations from two oil painters, with completely different approaches. Both meetings were well attended, which perhaps indicated that we haven't had too many oil demonstrations in recent years or that we just missed each other!

When we plan our programs each spring for the next year, we are challenged to solicit recommended artists and some unknown ones. Even when we know exactly whom we want to invite, the individuals are not always available and willing according to our schedule. Consequently, I remind everyone that your suggestions for programs and demonstrating artists are always appreciated.

November 1st is the drop off date for your entry into the Fall BAA show at the Bethlehem Library. Our twice a year shows at the Library are now institutionalized so that the Library books the hallways for us. Otherwise, one has to be waitlisted for some time to put up his/her artwork in the hallways. I've noticed that many of the artists who display are not BAA members. So, if interested, go to the Library's website to register your own show!

Our December meeting always features one of our own members, and this year's presenter will be Cheryl Wikstrom. It will be exciting to learn how she executes her beautiful and large florals.

The brightness of the fall colors now around will soon turn to brown and then to the cooler colors of winter - greys, blues and white. May you be inspired to create as a result. May you all have a healthy, and happy holiday season as well.
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: Bill Daisak, Ben Gilmore, Judie Gilmore, Joani Jameson, Melissa McSweeney, Corrine Meharg and Paula Read

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Meetings

Thursday,

November 17, 6:45 p.m.

Fall Show Reception

Judge's comments by Gary Shankman

The judge for the show, local artist Gary Shankman, will be on hand to talk about the show and the awards that were granted. We have enjoyed Gary's presence at BAA events many times and are delighted to have him back. Gary has a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from Boston University and a Master of Fine Arts Degree from American University. Gary retired as a full professor at Sage College of Albany and his oil paintings have been on display internationally.

Sue Nye, our new Refreshment Chair, invites you to bring a snack/goodie to share at our reception. She will provide beverages.



*Portrait of Gary Shankman
by Jakeb Kristiansen one of his
students at Sage College*

Thursday, **December 15, 6:45 p.m.**

Holiday Member Demonstration by

Cheryl Wikstrom



Pastels Tectural

After trying her hand at other creative pursuits she returned to painting and found that oil is her true passion. She has shown her art in Roseburg, Oregon and in Albany. She uses an oil glazing technique, applying thin coats, utilizing various pigments' natural opacities. She prefers large formats that allow her to give full expression to the detail of her subject. She considers herself a macro painter, revealing the depth and detail of the everyday.

Cheryl Wikstrom is a resident of the Albany area, but was born in Roseburg, Oregon. She and her husband moved to the area in 2015 with their 3 kids and their dog.

Cheryl's interest in art started when her parents signed her up for a summer oil painting class. At 12, she learned Impressionism and fell in love with art, specifically oils. She continued taking classes as a teenager, but has been primarily self taught.



Pumpkin Blossom 1



News of Our Members

Susan Trottier

has four paintings at the Art Associates Gallery on Railroad Ave., Albany through the end of November. *Choices in the Garden* is one of them.



Choices in the Garden

The Historic Albany Foundation has accepted **Jacqueline Smith's** pastel entitled, *The Bridge at Washington Park*, for the BUILT 2022 Show. The Auction will be held online, while the Show will be open to the viewing public Saturday, Nov. 5 from 10am to 4pm and Sunday, Nov. 6 from 12pm to 4 pm at the Argus Hotel on Thurlow Terrace in Albany.



The Bridge at Washington Park



Diane Campion

Is displaying some of her watercolor and multimedia travel journals at the Altamont Free Library through Thanksgiving. This poster was created by the library and features one of her Central American nature journal paintings.



American Pye



Dairy Queen

Christine Capuano has two paintings in the Arts Factory Member Show 2022 in the Regional Art Galleries at the Arkell Museum in Canajoharie through the end of December.

Save the Date!

One Day Show and Sale ~ May 20, 2023
Delmar Reformed Church



Meeting Recaps

September Meeting Demonstration by Ken Wilson

Eden Compton was scheduled to give a presentation on color theory, but found out this day that she had been exposed to COVID and had to cancel. She very graciously found Ken Wilson to fill in for her. Eden will now be our presenter in January.



Ken does mostly plein air painting in oil with palette knife. He works very quickly and goes from dark to light as he paints. He blocks in areas and then goes back with some detail and does his sky and clouds at the end. Ken always finishes a painting in one sitting. He has studied with many artists and has his work in numerous galleries.

Ken entertained us with stories from his past as a NY State Trooper. He is also a pilot and hopes to go up and take photos to do aerial paintings. He has always done artwork and as a kid he used to go to the Albany Institute and stand in front of paintings and study them.

October Meeting Demonstration by Matt Chinian

Matt Chinian, from Cambridge, NY gave a very interesting oil painting demonstration. Matt normally does plein air, but did a still life tonight. He sets his palette up the same way each time with 2 yellow, 2 red, 2 blue, black and white paints. Matt uses RGH oil paints made right here in Albany at a facility on Railroad Ave.



He said it's very important to get his canvas lined up very precisely with his subject matter before he starts painting, and he likes to have his canvas eye level with his subject. For plein air painting he has his backpack, easel, canvas and palette very compact for travel.



He starts with a palette knife to lay in color on a panel that is already prepped with a base color. Then he uses round brushes, that he stores in the leg of an old pair of sweat pants. He tends to dull down his colors, as observed in his still life demonstration. Matt has a studio and gallery in Cambridge, NY and shows in many galleries.



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Scenes of Bethlehem

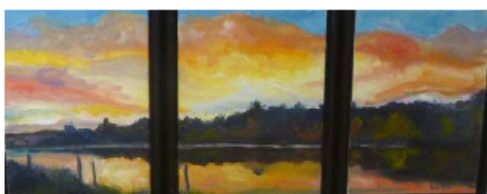
2022 Bethlehem Town Hall Exhibition

*depicting scenes of the Town of Bethlehem
and adjacent areas*

On Display: Tues. Oct 4 – Tues. Nov 29

445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, NY 12054 518-439-4955

Mon - Fri 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



Featuring the Artwork of

Sal Aiello
Rita Buttiker
Linda Colden
William Daisak
Dee Foley
Daria Jowett

Peter Keitel
Kevin Kuhne
John LaForte
Peter Rossi
Jacqueline Smith
Lynda Spellman

Linda Starr
Brian Summers
Pat Viglucci
Diane Wozniak
Karen Zimmers



BAA Art Challenge

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 for instructions on how to participate, or just to see how different artists have interpreted a given subject. Here's the November/Fall Challenge photo (thanks to Cole Keister).



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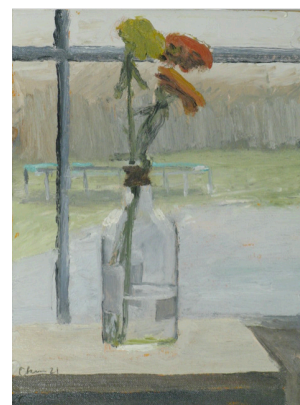
Fall Workshop

“Painting What You See” With Matt Chinian



Saturday, November 12
9am to 4pm
Delmar Presbyterian Church
585 Delaware Ave., Delmar

\$30 ~ Members only
Register online via the BAA website under News or contact
Denise Crisafulli at 518-339-6170 or
denisecrisafulli25@gmail.com



With basic “tools” producing an accurate depiction of what’s in front of you is easy! (No, it’s hard, but achievable) and in this workshop I will introduce the “sight-size” method, a basic concept in observational realism and how to apply it to landscape or still life paintings. I will do a short demo, then we will work on composition, value, color and use of mass and line in painting. Color mixing and paint application will also be introduced. Participants should have their own materials, brushes, easel, etc...



OPEN CALL FOR ART

Art Associates Gallery is inviting fine artists to show their work in our new expanded gallery space at 21 Railroad Avenue, Albany for the month of December.

All media including Fiber Art, Photography, Sculpture, and Ceramics

DROP OFF: Beginning Monday, November 21 • 12pm -6pm

SHOW OPENING: First Friday, December 2 • 4:30pm

PICK UP: Monday, January 2, and Tuesday, January 3, 2023

FEE: \$25 for 2 pieces (any size)

\$10 for each additional piece (no restrictions as to size or number)

AT DROP OFF, please bring your payment: Check payable to: Art Associates Gallery or cash

*please note there is no commission on sales

For further information contact Attila Zalavary at 518-459-1307 or C:347-636-5991

email: artassociatesgalleryinc@gmail.com



Venues

BAA Community Exhibit Schedule Nov. 2022 through Feb. 2023

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

	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB
BANK OF COXSACKIE Rte. 9W, Glenmont - 10-13 spaces	OPEN		OPEN	
MOHAWK HUDSON LAND CONSERVANCY Kenwood Ave., Delmar - 6-8 hangers	LAUREL PETERSEN		OPEN	LYNDA SPIELMAN
BETHLEHEM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 3 small 3 large paintings Main Square, Suite 27 • above Shogun 318 Delaware Ave. Delmar • 2nd floor Contact Diane Wozniak dcwozniak@gmail.com or 518-698-1819	DIANE WOZNIAK	DEE FOLEY	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, 2023

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

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