



Bethlehem Art Association

Sept./Oct. 2023
Newsletter



Hello Fellow Artists:

Welcome back. I hope everyone is refreshed from the summer break and enjoyed more time for family, fun and being creative. I like to think that we artists are fortunate in that whatever we create is something concrete and lasting in contrast to our memories and experiences, which can be ephemeral.

Our Planning group has organized a good number of very exciting and different programs for this year's meetings. Among them are a Holbein materials seminar, a zoom-based demonstration from a nationally recognized watercolor painter, Sterling Edwards, and one on fabric art. Please note the meeting dates, as not every meeting will be held on the traditional third Thursday of the month, due to changes in the library's scheduling policy.

It is time to renew our annual memberships. Last year, our membership grew to be the highest in our history. Thanks to all for making the BAA a good home for local artists. With more members, we have new energy and exposure to new forms of art that should keep our BAA community engaged and learning. In this vein, we are changing our Challenge page on our website to that of a Salon. It will be a place to engage with each other on works in progress, to seek feedback and share items for inspiration. More details are in the News section inside.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our September 21st meeting.
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.

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Please welcome new members: Robin Cooley, Patricia Davis, Erin Donaghy, Barbara Duclos, Lexi Hannah, Thomas Joseph and Cathy Laccetti



Meetings

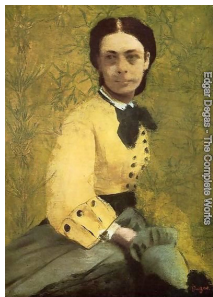
Thursday,
Sept. 21, 6:45 p.m.

Uses of Photography in Painting with Peter Keitel

Peter Keitel paints in a realistic style from photographs of orphan subjects such as fire alarms, stop signs, ketchup bottles, etc. On occasion he may also do a still life. He has developed an interest in the methods used by photorealist painters as well as other technical or optical devices that artists have used since well before the invention of modern photography. Peter will offer a little history of these means used in painting. He will show slides that illustrate many of the ways in which modern

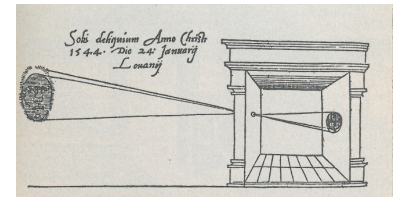


Richard Estes



Edgar Degas

photographic methods can be used in various styles of painting, in addition to photorealism. The presentation will review how to capture images in preparation for a painting and how those images can be transferred to a painting surface. Instruction on how to paint will not be included, but ideas on how photography can be used in the development of a painting will be emphasized. This will include tips for people who do not want to “paint from a photograph”.

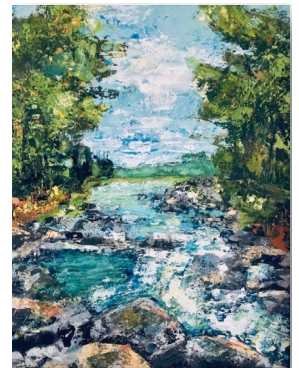


Thursday, October 12, 6:45 p.m.

Mixed Media Landscape Collage

Cathy Laccetti

Cathy enjoys experimenting with different mediums and techniques, truly enjoying the process and not necessarily the finished product. She (self-described) is a “Jill of All Trades; Master of None.” Although she was honored to recently receive an Award of Excellence for her gouache painting, “Au Sable Afternoon”, at the Arkell Museum’s Annual Art of New York Show juried by Eden Compton.



Cathy will demonstrate her process for creating mixed media landscape collages. She uses her own hand-painted paper; sometimes adding in purchased papers or recycled elements, i.e., old book pages, chopstick wrappers, menus, maps, etc. She will begin by discussing how to deconstruct an image into simple shapes, decide on a color palette, and determine values. She will then discuss the best types of paper to use for collage and demonstrate a few of her favorite painted paper techniques for creating textured papers. After a discussion on substrates and glue, Cathy will create a simple landscape collage.





News of Our Members

Barbara Via will be displaying her art at the Bethlehem Public Library during the month of September in the North West hall.



A chickadee says "Good Morning"



Mountain Spring

Barb Lennox will be part of a 4 person Juried Exhibition at Saratoga Arts, corner of Broadway and Spring St., Saratoga Springs from Sept. 2 - Oct. 7. Opening reception is Sept. 1, 5:00-7:00p.m.



Peggy Becker

as a photographer, was a featured artist in the August Show at Albany Center Gallery: "Can't Stop, Won't Stop" celebrating 50 years of hip hop. Eight of her black and white images of break dancers taken in Havana were included. She will enter two images in the "45th Annual Photography Regional Salon Show" at the Albany Center Gallery (opens September 19). She will enter three images highlighting iconic rural Vermont fall scenes for the show "Local Color" at the Artistree Gallery in Pomfret, Vermont (opens September 29). She will donate a photograph for the To Life organization's annual "Pink Ball" celebration on October 20. Her work will be part of the silent auction to raise funds for the organization and the image will reflect her experience as a cancer survivor.

Kris Kelly's abstract mixed media painting "Sea Glass" is in the "Interpretation" show at The Blooming Artist Gallery in Clifton Park. The show runs from August 15 to October 21, 2023.



Sea Glass



Outdoor Still Life by Carol Turner

Carol Turner was awarded 2nd prize in the Albany Artists' Group show last June. Pam Agan-Smith won Best in Show and Peter Keitel won First prize.

Rita Buttiker sold her painting "Escarpment" that was in the May Member Show.



Escarpment



News of Our Members and More

Kevin Kuhne's watercolor, "Looking at Hopper" has been accepted in the North East Watercolor Society 47th International Exhibition to be held October 8 to October 29, 2023 at The Gallery at Kent Art Association, Rt. 7, 21 South Main St., Kent, Ct.. Call or email for days and viewing hours: 860-927-3989 kentartassociation@gmail.com



Kevin will also be displaying at (2) outdoor Street Fair shows in September: 72nd Annual Villagers' Outdoor Art Show, Historic Stockade neighborhood of Schenectady on Saturday, September 9, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (rain date: Sunday, September 10, noon to 4:00 p.m.). The following weekend he will be displaying at the 2nd Annual Art Fair at Starbuck Island, 10 Starbuck Drive, Green Island, NY on Saturday, September 16, 2023 from 11:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. (rain date: Sunday, September 17, 11:00 to 4:00 p.m.)

AND, A Special Request and Message from Kevin: "After 25 years, I am retiring from teaching Watercolor classes for the South Colonie Continuing Education Department. I am looking for someone who might be interested in taking over these classes, starting in the Spring of 2024. If you, or anyone you know, see this as a possibility, please contact me at kevinbkuhne@gmail.com and I will give you more details on how to apply, compensation, location, etc. Spread the word! Continuing Education needs your support all over the Capital Region!"



The Governor's Arrival, Albany, NY, c. 1748 - Len Tantillo, Fellow ASMA

From noted local artist Len Tantillo

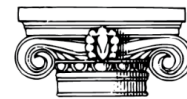
The 4th National Marine Art Conference will be held September 6th-10th, 2023, Albany, New York

The outstanding work of over 100 artists from across the country will be on exhibition at the Albany Institute of History & Art from September 9th through December 31st, 2023.

The complete Marine Art Conference Guide is being sent with the newsletter

Call for Artists

The Historic Albany Foundation is having its annual fund raiser BUILT. For more information go to their website Historic-albany.org. and under Events is BUILT. Entry deadline is Friday, September. 29.



HISTORIC ALBANY FOUNDATION



Meeting Recaps

May ~ Spring Show reception and BCHS Scholarship Winners



Lynda Spielman, Jared Sharf,
Corrine Anderson and Melanie Painter

Winners in the Annual Spring Member Show

Best in Show:

“The Offering” - Barb Lennox

1st Place:

“Canoers 1” - Ben Gilmore

2nd Place:

“Day Dreaming” - Ellie Prakken

3rd Place:

“Life is Short” - Lynda Spielman

Honorable Mention:

“Full Moon Rising” - Bev Braun

“Ski Trails” - Ray Henrikson

“Albany School 13” - Kristin Stainbrook

See photos of all the entries on the BAA website

The judge for the Spring Show, Anne Manzella, District Supervisor of the Visual and Media Arts for the North Colonie School District, gave a very informative description of her award choices. She appreciated a wide range of techniques and subject matter and everyone enjoyed her presentation. She also was very willing to comment on members works which were not chosen.

Melanie Painter, Art Supervisor at Bethlehem Central High School presented BAA Scholarship winners Corrine Anderson, a graphic design student, and Jared Sharf, a photography student to accept their well-earned scholarship awards.

June Picnic

Five Rivers Environmental Center

We had a beautiful afternoon for our annual picnic, which was held at Five Rivers. Everyone enjoyed the new venue! About 30 people came and enjoyed lots of good food. A big thank you to Sue Nye for organizing, Pete Nye and John Smolinsky, for helping set up. More pictures and a recipe on the BAA website.



It's time to renew your membership!

**We encourage you to renew and pay online at bethlehemartassociation.com
The membership form is also sent with this newsletter.**



NEW! **Online Salon**

A new Online Salon is now under construction as part of the BAA website. Members will be able to submit images of artwork that they would like to share with others. The artwork can be new or old, finished or in progress. This can be a way to obtain helpful feedback on a piece under development.

Along with an image, artists will be able to supply narrative and a contact link. There is an opportunity to talk about the process that was used, the inspiration behind the piece, the materials used, advice that could be used to help complete it, etc. The email link will make it easy for viewers to send comments. The goal is to provide much more flexibility and variety in the works that are on exhibit on the website and to foster more communication among our artists and the public. After a trial period a decision will be made on permanently replacing the current Art Challenge page.

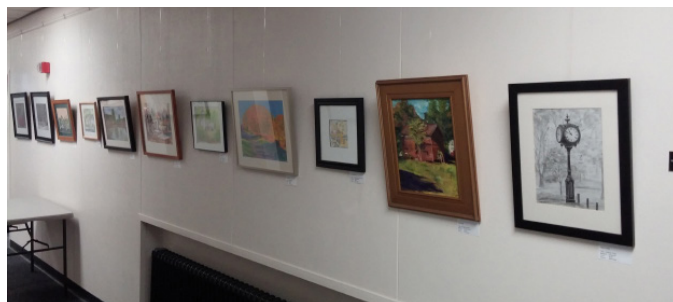
BAA Member Show and Sale May, 20, 2023

Members had another successful Member Show and Sale last May. Many thanks to Dee Foley and Lynda Spielman for organizing the event. There is a wonderful gallery of photos on the web page thanks to Peggy Becker.

Artist Opportunities

Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce

Thank you to Catherine Herman and Diane Wozniak for showing their paintings for the months of July and August. The space will be open for 6 paintings beginning in September, so please let Diane know if you would like to exhibit your work there ASAP. Fall themed paintings are suggested, but not required. Consider a small group show, solo or two artists. Please contact Diane Wozniak at dcwozniak@gmail.com.



Bethlehem Town Hall

This year it will be the tenth anniversary of the Scenes of Bethlehem Art Show at the Bethlehem Town Hall. 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.

The Show is scheduled for October and November. Drop-off will be between 3 and 4 p.m. on Tuesday, 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 Kevin Kuhne at kevinbkuhne@gmail.com or 518-465-9493, or Peter Keitel at 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.



Venues

BAA Community Exhibit Schedule Sept. 2023 through Dec. 2023

Please sign up!

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

VENUES RESERVED FOR BAA MEMBERS

	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
BANK OF COXSACKIE Rte. 9W, Glenmont - 10-13 spaces	OPEN		OPEN	
MOHAWK HUDSON LAND CONSERVANCY Prefers Nature Themes Kenwood Ave., Delmar - 6-8 hangers	JACQUELINE SMITH	DIANE WOZNIAK	BARBARA VIA	OPEN
BETHLEHEM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 3 small 3 large paintings Main Square, Suite 27 318 Delaware Ave. Delmar Contact Diane Wozniak dcwozniak@gmail.com or 518-698-1819	DIANE WOZNIAK	JACQUELINE SMITH	OPEN	OPEN

VENUES FREQUENTLY AVAILABLE FOR BAA MEMBERS

Berne Public Library, 1763 Helderberg Trail, Berne, NY

Contact Ann Hein at 914-953-0804 or ahein6711@yahoo.com

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

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.



CALENDAR IS SUBJECT TO REVISION

This Year's Main Events

*All Monthly Meetings gather at 6:45PM & begin at 7PM
unless otherwise noted*

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

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| Thursday, September 21 ~ | Uses of Photography in Painting with Peter Keitel |
| Thursday, October 12 ~ | Mixed Media Landscape Collage with Cathy Laccetti |
| Thursday, November 2 ~ | Fall Show Submissions Drop-off at
Bethlehem Public Library ~ 4:00pm - 6:00pm |
| Saturday, November 18 ~ | Workshop ~ Collage Landscape with Cathy Laccetti |
| Friday, November 17 ~ | Fall Show Reception ~
Judge's Comments by Peg Foley |
| Thursday, November 30 ~ | Fall Show Removal by 5:00pm (No Exceptions) |
| Wednesday, December 13 ~ | Holbein Art Materials ~ Lexi Hannah |
| Thursday, January 18 ~ | Watercolor Demo with Sterling Edwards ~ ZOOM |
| Thursday, February 15 ~ | Member Critique ~ Eden Compton 3:00-5:30pm |
| Thursday, March 21 ~ | Abstract Acrylic Painting with Jill Evans |
| Thursday, April 11 ~ | Annual Planning Meeting ~ ZOOM |
| Saturday, April 13 ~ | Workshop ~ Abstract Acrylic Painting with Jill Evans |
| Thursday, April 18 ~ | Fabric Art with Kathy Velis Turan |
| Wednesday, May 1 ~ | Spring Show Submissions Drop-off at
Bethlehem Public Library ~ 4:00pm - 6:00pm |
| Thursday, May 16 ~ | Spring Show Reception ~
Judge's Oscar Bogran |
| Wednesday, May 31 ~ | Spring Show Removal by 5:00pm (No exceptions) |
| Thursday, June 20 ~ | Picnic ~ Five Rivers Environmental Center |