



# Bethlehem Art Association

Mar./Apr. 2022  
Newsletter



Dear Artists:

Spring is around the corner! We're not yet sure how safely we can congregate and how, but BAA is forging ahead with our monthly meetings in person in welcoming back fashion, albeit still masked.

Our March meeting is an opportunity to get some useful tips and techniques from local artist, Kris Woodward, on ways to improve your "failed" works. Kris will be the instructor at our April 9th workshop, which I am sure will be a fun and instructive one.

Spring, of course, signals it is time for planning next year's activities, which we will do at our annual planning meeting via zoom on April 7. I think that many of the artists we engaged for our programs to date have been extremely interesting and worthwhile, and I hope we can again match our expectations for future programs. We now have a dedicated and larger group serving as a steering committee, but the planning meeting is open to all members. This will be Laurel Petersen's last year as our recording secretary and her work over many years is appreciated. Susan Trottier has volunteered to help Peter Keitel with our website.

We will be returning to awarding two scholarships to Bethlehem Central High School art students, which is something we could not do last year. A small BAA team, however, will be involved in selecting our awardees, who will join us at our Spring show award ceremony. This is an opportunity for BAA to be out front as responsible artists and to show younger ones their work has merit in the art world. The school is likewise excited by our active participation.

Plans are moving along for our One-Day Show and Sale at the Delmar Reformed Church on May 21. Dee Foley reports she has an enthusiastic group ready to work on this event. It certainly will be an opportunity for a large number of you to show off all the work you have been creating over these couple of years of "down time."

Hope everyone is staying healthy and creative,  
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: Kristin Stainbrook, Judith Steiner and Ginny Scholz and returning members: Margaret Chevalier and Ellen Hughes***



## Meetings

**Kristin Woodward**

### Master Disasters...saving a watercolor

We've all had the sinking feeling that the masterpiece we were painting just sank with the Titanic...but there are many things we can try to raise the ship. Kris will demon-



*Roses and Berries*

strate some of those techniques as well as asking for any special things you do to save a painting. Many of these ideas can be used with other mediums, but this will focus primarily on watercolors. We will work on spaces,

**Thursday,  
March 17, 6:45 p.m.**



colors schemes, washes, design strategies, focal points, and evaluation. Kris will have some student paintings that she will rework as part of the demonstration.

At the workshop...bring your disasters out from under the bed and let's work it out.

**Thursday,  
April 21, 6:45 p.m.**

**Francis Driscoll  
Painting from Photos**

Our guest at the April monthly meeting will be Francis Driscoll, the photographer of the Northern Catskills. Francis is an award-winning nature photographer who focuses on Catskill Mountain scenes. His work is in many corporate collections and has appeared in many publications



including the National Geographic Explorer and an art book "100 New York Photographers". His own book is, "Images of the Northern Catskills". Fran will discuss how he achieves the wonderful compositions in his work.

Go to [www.francisxdriscoll.com](http://www.francisxdriscoll.com) to see more of his beautiful work.



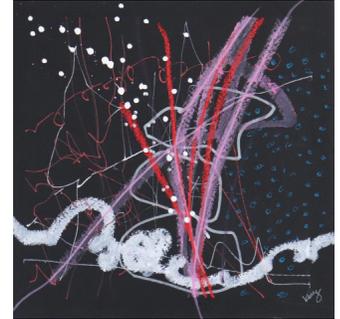


## News of Our Members

**Kristine Kelly**, an abstract expressionism artist, has two of her paintings in the Woodstock School of Art's Robert H. Angeloch Gallery. The online show is available for viewing from February 12 to April 2, 2022. Her paintings are "**Color Strikes**" and "**Light Show**".



**Color Strikes**



**Light Show**

BAA members **Criss Macaione, John Smolinsky, Ellie Prakken and Barbara Via** are participating in the 19th Annual Thacher Nature Center Art Show, 87 Nature Center Way, Voorheesville, NY during the month of March with an opening reception from 1-4pm on Saturday, March 5.



**Montagne Violette II**  
**Ellie Prakken**



**Sunset on the Mohawk**  
**Criss Macaione**



**Readying the Nest**  
**Barbara Via**

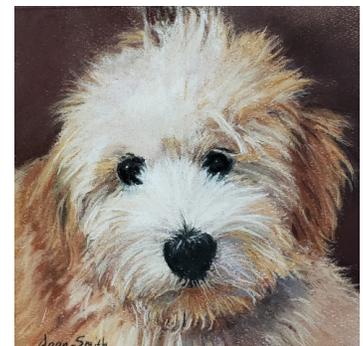


**Wide-eyed Whimsy**  
**John Smolinsky**



**I Know Why the Caged Rooster Crows**

**Pam Agan-Smith's** painting, **I Know Why the Caged Rooster Crows**, won first place in the judge's circle of the Colonie Art League 2021 virtual Holiday Show. This painting, along with her painting, **Albert**, has been accepted into the 4th annual Pastels in Paradise International Online Show hosted by the Left Coast Pastel Painters Society and exhibited at [www.onlinejuriedshows.com](http://www.onlinejuriedshows.com)



**Albert**



## Meeting Recaps and News

### January Meeting Line and Blob Demonstration by Marc Josloff

Marc came to us via ZOOM from Long Island. It's wonderful to be able to reach out beyond the Albany area for artists to present!

Marc went to Pratt Institute and has had a varied career in advertising design, graphic design, photography, art therapy and teaching. He said all those experiences have let him evolve into the artist he is today.

Marc uses contour and gestural lines made with Faber Castel Pitt Artist pens to start his watercolor paintings. His meandering lines are like taking you on a tour. They keep you moving like a dance and make important forms and shapes.

He works from photographs but with a lot of freedom and says let your subconscious come out and be carefree. Invent your own clouds, leave white spaces to sparkle. Don't try to make your painting look exactly like photographs and do your paintings for yourself, not to sell or for the public.

He uses 140lb Arches cold press watercolor paper, and Fabriano artistico paper. He also really likes Fluid water color paper for its smooth surface where the lines and paint sit on top of the paper. He mixes his colors on the painting to make the colors fresh.

Marc does online classes as well as travel journaling workshops.



*The MET Classical Sculpture Court*



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## Website Update from Peter Keitel

Thank you, Susan Trottier. Susan has joined our BAA Website team, a welcome addition.

Volunteers are also needed in other areas for the BAA to continue to be successful.

We recently incorporated a suggestion from an educator in Wyoming whose students uses the "Useful Links" page of our website. How nice to know that there are people more than halfway across the country who are using our website. Please take a look at the site ([www.bethlehemartassociation.com](http://www.bethlehemartassociation.com)) and let us know about other links that would be useful to artists as well as other changes that could be made.

We now have a greater capacity to enhance the site. Email suggestions to [pjkeitel@gmail.com](mailto:pjkeitel@gmail.com)



## Meeting Recaps and News

### February Meeting Critique with Gary Shankman



*Painting by Cheryl Wikstrom*

For our first in-person meeting since our November Fall Show Reception, we had a good turnout of around 18 people for our annual critique. As always, Gary Shankman, a BAA favorite, gave a wonderful critique of member's work. He is always very entertaining and engaging with the group, full of good anecdote's and suggestions, including ones that he propose the artist use on their next piece, not always on the piece he is looking at. He says our group is very talented and would love to come back any time. His work is included in a show at the Martinez Gallery in Troy in their virtual exhibit, or by appointment at the Gallery.



*Painting by Rita Buttiker*



*Painting by Sal Aiello*



*Painting by Peter Keitel*

### New Art Challenge

Spring is coming and that is the theme for the **BAA Art Challenge** for March. Send your interpretation of the reference photo to [pjkeitel@gmail.com](mailto:pjkeitel@gmail.com) for posting on the BAA website. For more information on how to participate, go to [www.bethlehemartassociation.com/baa-art-challenge](http://www.bethlehemartassociation.com/baa-art-challenge)



### Spring Workshop~Mastering Disaster with Kristin Woodward

Saturday, April 9

9am to 4pm

Delmar Presbyterian Church

\$30 ~ Members only

Register online via the BAA website under News or contact Jacqueline Smith at 518-489-1882 or [TShock1882@aol.com](mailto:TShock1882@aol.com)  
Supply list will be online



## News

### Venue Updates

#### **The Bethlehem Public Library**

is revising how one can sign up for exhibition space in the hallways, and they are currently not taking any requests as they work through the pandemic backlog. Check the library website for updates by going to “Book a Space”.

#### **The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce**

is going to be moving from the first floor to upstairs in Main Square above the Shogun Restaurant this month. They will continue to have the same shelving for artwork exhibitions.

**There are lots of empty slots on the venue page, so please sign up!**

### **BAA One-Day Show and Sale**

**Saturday, May 21, 2022**

By popular demand and to present all those wonderful pieces of art you have been creating while keeping in place, we are planning another One-Day Show and Sale for Saturday, May 21, 2022, to be held at the Delmar Reformed Church. As in the past, the site accommodates some 20-23 single artists, or more if space is shared. More details will be forthcoming. If anyone is interested in joining the Planning Committee, please contact Dee Foley via email: [deefoley3@mac.com](mailto:deefoley3@mac.com)



### **Volunteer still Needed!**

**Need help with the program production for Fall and Spring shows:**

*Graphic experience helpful!*

Need to be able to use Word, a PC publishing program, or Adobe Indesign to prepare show program in brochure format for printing and type up the same information and award winner listing for website.

Contact: Ellie Prakken [ellieprakken@gmail.com](mailto:ellieprakken@gmail.com)

**April 14, 2022**

### **Annual Planning Meeting**

There will be a Zoom meeting to plan next years programs, and anyone who is interested in helping with programs is welcome to join! Lynda Spielman will be send out an invitation, so please let her know if you would like to participate. [lyndaspelman@aol.com](mailto:lyndaspelman@aol.com) If you cannot attend the meeting, but have any ideas, please send them to Lynda before April 14.



## Venues

### BAA Community Exhibit Schedule Mar. 2022 through June 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

	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE
UPSTATE WINE AND SPIRITS Delaware Plaza, Delmar 8-10 hangers	LYNDA SPIELMAN	JACQUELINE SMITH	DEE FOLEY	SUE NYE
BANK OF COXSACKIE Rte. 9W, Glenmont - 10-13	OPEN		OPEN	
MOHAWK HUDSON LAND CONSERVANCY Kenwood Ave., Delmar 6-8 hangers	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
BETHLEHEM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 8-10 pieces Contact Diane Wozniak dcwozniak@gmail.com or 518-698-1819	N/A Chamber moving upstairs in Main Square	JACQUELINE SMITH	OPEN	OPEN

### VENUES FREQUENTLY AVAILABLE FOR BAA MEMBERS

**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 Newman, 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
- Friday, May 27** ~ Spring Show Removal by **5:00pm (No exceptions)**
- Thursday, June 16** ~ Picnic ~ Elm Ave. Park Pavilion~ Bethlehem