



# Bethlehem Art Association

Sept/Oct. 2020  
Newsletter



Hello Artists:

Welcome! There is a lot that is new this season, including me as your new President. Our program year begins under different circumstances given the COVID-19 virus prevention requirements. We will continue our programming, nonetheless, according to our mission, that of being a focal point for all kinds of visual art activities in Bethlehem.

I'd like to thank my predecessor, Hillary Raimo, for her skillful leadership for two years and especially during the difficult spring period when we had to quickly cancel our in-person programs. She led us through a successful virtual Spring art show that included a Zoom critique by Ritvik Sharma. Our fall show will likewise be online.

With the "new normal" underway, we are staying flexible with our program plans, and our fall lineup is shaping up well. We will be virtual until the end of 2020. We are monitoring the status of the library pause and our usual venues for showcasing BAA artists. Our BAA website will be expanded to include more visibility to you, and your artwork, and to offer creative challenges. More about these developments will be communicated as they are finalized.

One other development is that we have a new Vice-President position to be filled. Ideally, this person would focus on promoting the BAA and be part of our leadership team. We seek new ideas for a new day! So, if you have any interest, or wish to nominate someone, please let me know.

I believe that art and the creative process can be positive forces for wellness and pleasure for artists and our audiences. This may be even more true in these difficult times. Nonetheless, I am confident that we will have a terrific year and I look forward to the challenges and fun we will have together!

Lynda Spielman

### ***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](http://www.bethlehemartassociation.com)

*Please welcome new members: Frederick Morris and Anna Stiliker*

### **President**

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Open

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### **Workshops**

Jacqueline Smith

Bob Lynk

### **Refreshments**

Diane Wozniak



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## News of Our Members



**Water Pressure**

### **Kristine Kelly**

Will have a solo show online at the Clifton Park - Halfmoon library during the month of September. The show will feature her recent mixed media abstract paintings on canvas.



**Apparition**

### **Hillary Raimo**

is 1 of 25 women artists from NJ, NY and Pennsylvania whose work was chosen for "The Space Between: Questions of Place in Times of Uncertainty" for the Women's Caucus for Art New York Chapter (WCA NYC). The exhibit is in collaboration with Alfa Gallery in NJ. Juried by Jeanne Brasile, Director of the Walsh Gallery at Seton Hall University. "The Space Between" explores the relationship between female identity and the environment, evaluating women's perceptions of place amidst a complex social climate through a myriad of perspectives. September 5 – September 26, 2020 both virtually and in Gallery.



### **Peter Keitel**

Restaurants, stores, and others have now moved operations out of doors in response to the COVID-19 crisis. Perhaps it is time to do more with outdoor art shows. You can do an outdoor show in your driveway or on your front lawn. The Bethlehem Art Association owns a 10' X 10' canopy and an excellent set of display racks that are available at no charge for use by members. Even if you don't sell anything, you will have the opportunity to talk about art with the visitors. The canopy and racks are easy to set up and will fit in the back of all but the smallest cars. To reserve the canopy and racks, together or separately, contact Peter Keitel at [pjkeitel@gmail.com](mailto:pjkeitel@gmail.com)



## News of Our Members and other news

### **“Bethlehem Scenes” Town Hall Show**

The annual BAA show at the Town Hall has traditionally been hung in October through November. However, the Town Hall is currently closed to the public. There is a possibility that it may open in September, and we may be able to hang the show. You may want to produce or put aside an existing piece with our usual theme of scenes from the Town of Bethlehem or nearby adjacent locales. We will keep you informed.



*Photo from 2019 Show*

### **Support our CAL Colleagues and a Cause**

#### **Art for a Cause!**

Colonie Art League's current virtual show is a fundraiser- All proceeds from art that sells goes directly to the Regional Food Bank Of Northeastern, New York.

Take a look, enjoy, and consider buying art created by local artists.

Go to [Coloniartleague.com](http://Coloniartleague.com) and click on the Art for a Cause banner.

### **Plein Aire painting with Jacqueline Smith**

Although we did not meet this Spring and Summer to paint outside, there is still time for a few days this Fall. As usual, it's an opportunity to bring your paints and supplies to several local sites I go to in the area. Here are the dates and sites, weather permitting:

- Tues., Sept 16 - 1-3pm - Circle at Buckingham Pond in Albany
- Wed., Sept 23 - 10am-12pm - Parking lot at Five Rivers Nature Center, Delmar
- Sat., Oct. 10, - 10am-12pm - Parking lot at Five Rivers Nature Center, Delmar
- Wed., Oct. 21 - 10am-12pm - Circle at Pine Hollow Arboretum, Slingerlands

If you plan to come contact Jacqueline 518-489-1882, so I know who's coming.

### **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>



### **Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce**

The Chamber is open but with very little traffic. The current exhibit at the Chamber will be there until further notice. We will send out a notice when it is time to hang a new show.

## BAA Spring Show

The BAA Annual Juried Show in May was held as a virtual gallery show on the BAA website because of temporary closure of the Bethlehem Public Library, due to the COVID-19 crisis. Many thanks to Hillary Raimo for designing and Michael Barbarolo for programming the online entry system for the show and the virtual show gallery on the BAA website. Also thank you to Jessica Hansen the judge of the show.

### Prize winners in the show were:

**Best in show:** “State Street” by Ritvik Sharma

**1st place:** “Tastee Freeze” by Peter Keitel

**2nd place:** “Temporarily Closed, Delaware Highway” by Kevin Kuhne

**3rd place:** “Falling Into Place” by Kristine Kelly

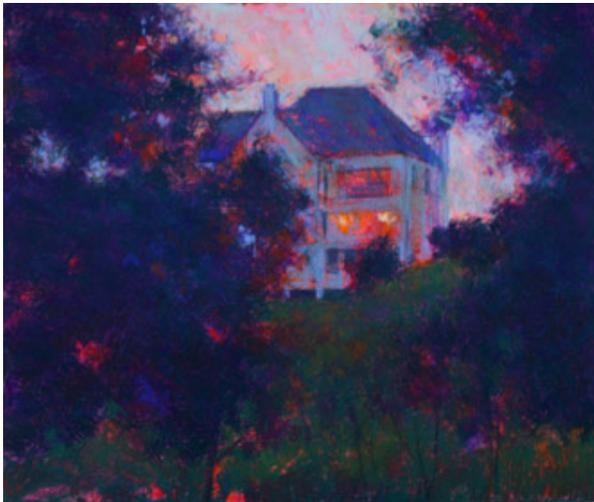
**Honorable Mention:** “Tim’s Cows” by Pam Agan-Smith

**Honorable Mention:** “Dusting of Snow on Meads Lane” by Brian Summer

**Honorable Mention:** “Ten-Mile Creek” by Barbara McGeachen

## Doug Dawson Landscape Workshop October 2 - 4, 2020

Eden Compton, who did our virtual member critique last April, is hosting a three day landscape workshop by Master Pastelist and oil painter Doug Dawson from Colorado. She will hold the workshop at her studio/gallery at 79 Beekman St. in Saratoga Springs. She has a large outside garden area and two large rooms for studio space. More information can be found at edencomptonstudio.com under workshops, or contact her at eden@edencompton.com or her phone 203-942-9170



Topics covered in the landscape workshop include:

- 3 types of designs that characterize compelling paintings.
- The principles that are used to create the illusion of depth in a landscape.
- A systematic approach to plein air painting.
- The advantages of and short comings of plein air and studio landscape.
- The principle of the common color.
- The underlying concept of color harmony.
- How to solve color problems as you paint.
- Different approaches to under-painting



## Membership

***It's time to renew your membership!***

***Please note that dues are due September 1.***

**You can renew online at [BethlehemArtAssociation.com](http://BethlehemArtAssociation.com)**

or complete the form below.

If you are a new member who joined within the last 6 months, your membership is valid until September, 2021.

*We appreciate timely payment of your dues. It will keep you current on receiving news and notices of our programs, and our newsletters.  
It also ensures your place in our membership directory.*

*For information contact President Lynda Spielman 718-463-5679*

Renew and pay online or  
mail this form with your check for \$30 written to the **Bethlehem Art Association**  
(\$10 for students) to the membership chairperson,  
Gary Mehlum, 34 Hedgerose Lane, Delmar, NY 12054.

***Dues should be sent in at the beginning of the fiscal year which is September 1.***

Final deadline for being listed in the directory is October 31.

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### **Bethlehem Art Association**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I would prefer to receive my color newsletter via email:  or hard copy if I am unable to read or print from email

Please publish my email address in the membership directory:  Yes  No

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## Venues

### BAA Community Exhibit Schedule Sept. 2020 through Dec. 2020

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

	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
FOUR CORNERS LUNCHEONETTE 6-7 hangers currently - can hold doubles	MICHAEL JOYCE PAT VIGLUCCI	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
BANK OF COXSACKIE Rte. 9W, Glenmont - 13 spaces	DIANE WOZNIAK			<b>OPEN</b>
MOHAWK HUDSON LAND CONSERVANCY Kenwood Ave., Delmar 6-8 hangers	VACANT UNTIL 2021			

### 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 Michael Farley, 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*

**Until further notice, all meetings will be by Zoom**

- Wednesday, September 16** ~ Art Historian Presentation on Impressionism by Melody Davis
- Thursday, October 15** ~ Heulitic Code demonstration by Michelle Bowen
- Monday, November 2** ~ Fall Show Submissions ~ through the BAA website  
Same as last Spring
- Saturday, November 14** ~ Workshop with Michelle Bowen ~ Acrylic Abstracts
- Thursday, November 19** ~ Fall Show Virtual Reception ~ Comments by Jon Gernon
- Thursday, December 17** ~ Holiday Party ~ Member Demonstration ~  
Mixed Media by Michael Joyce
- Friday, January 22** ~ Oil Demonstration by Cynthia Rosen  
(It will be Thursday, Jan. 21 if we're still on Zoom)
- Thursday, February 18** ~ Panel ~ Marketing Your Art
- Thursday, March 18** ~ Watercolor Demonstration by Kevin Kuhne
- Saturday, April 10** ~ Painting Workshop with Kevin Kuhne
- Thursday, April 15** ~ Member Critique by Theresa Samaio
- Thursday, April 22** ~ Annual Planning Meeting ~  
Delmar Presbyterian Church, 7pm
- Wednesday, May 5** ~ Spring Show Submissions Drop-off at  
Bethlehem Public Library 3:30-5:30pm
- Thursday, May 20** ~ Spring Show Reception ~ Comments by Eden Compton
- Monday, May 31** ~ Spring Show Removal by **5:00pm (No exceptions)**
- Thursday, June 24** ~ Picnic at Rita Buttiker's