

# Bethlehem Art Association

Nov/Dec 2019  
Newsletter



Dear Artists,

Having just returned from shooting the coast of Maine with photographer Ed Fritz I am reflecting on what it means to be an artist. I have learned it is more than just knowing the technical stuff and has to do with the ability to be in your creative mind more than your critical mind. It is not about just painting realism or capturing a 'pretty' picture. Each person brings their own unique perspective to a canvas. Artists summon up their experience, teachings and organization to make the scene, and get to work. Is that all art is? or is it about deepening our imaginations and opening our minds to what the work itself shows us? These are the thoughts on my mind after my travels this fall.

We are just around the corner from our annual fall members exhibit. I am very excited for all of us as we prepare to display our work in what has become a landmark tradition. We have several satellite shows going on right now; including our Town Hall Scenes of Bethlehem, Chamber of Commerce, Senior Hope, and our community venues are full. We enjoyed a wonderful demonstration by Dorothea Osborn this month and look forward to her workshop this fall. We are busy making art and hanging our work throughout the community. What else could an association ask for! I'd like to welcome and thank our new volunteers who have stepped up to take on important roles in our group. We are still looking for someone to take over the community venues role and I am stepping down at the end of this year so we are in need of a new president who would like to start learning the ropes now. If no one steps up for the role, I will be continuing on next year.

The season is changing once again as the leaves fall. Winter and the holidays are just around the corner. It is a wonderful time of year to set your goals for the coming year. I look forward to celebrating the season with you.

Hillary Raimo

## ***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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Bob Lynk

### **Refreshments**

Diane Wozniak

*Please welcome new members: Christine Capuano, Linda Colden, Michael Joyce,  
Kathleen Nelson, Audrey Steenburn and Dina Ziskin-fortune*



**Wednesday,**

**November 13, 6:45 p.m.**

**Fall Show Reception**

**Comments by Judge Richard Lovrich**

Richard was born in New York City, attended Parsons School of Design and prior to moving to the capital region of New York, worked as an independent photographer, designer and producer with clients in manufacturing, banking, publishing, pharmaceuticals, fashion and for clients in the U.S., and abroad. Currently a creative director for theatricals at Proctors Theater Richard also served as a marketing director. You can read more about Richard and his work on his website [StudioLovrich.com](http://StudioLovrich.com)

*Please feel free to bring some light refreshments for the reception!*



**Thursday**

**December 19, 6:45 p.m.**

**Holiday Party**

**Pastel Demonstration  
by member  
Jacqueline Smith**



My interest in art started at a young age and I would often go to Thatcher Park as a teenager to paint on the Overlook Ledge with the view from the Helderbergs. I graduated from a local high school, Maria College and the University at Albany, living in the area nearly my entire life.

The pursuit of nature's beauty is always my focus. Whether the creativity of the work is reflected as representational or abstract, the world around me holds my fascination.

Although mainly self taught, I have attended workshops at the Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown, MA, the Hudson Valley Art School in Greenville and studied several years with Betsy Apgar-Smith in Schoharie and also with Joseph McGurl in Cataumet on Cape Cod.

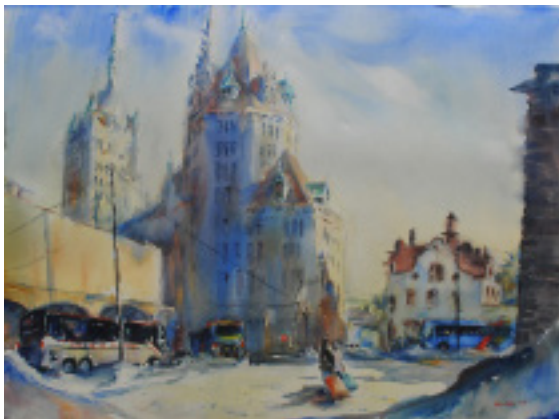
I was the Vice-President of Shows for the Colonie Art League for several years and am currently Vice-President of the Bethlehem Art Association. I am a member of the Albany Center Gallery, Albany Artist Group, and the East Bank Alliance in Rensselaer County. Also I attended various workshops in those groups led by nationally known artists such as Paul Leveille and Robert Carsten. In the last few years I have received numerous awards for my pastels and oil landscapes from these groups.

Much of my work is done en plein air in local and seacoast areas. A studio is maintained in my home for convenience.





## News of Our Members



*Old Trailways Station, Albany*

### **Kevin Kuhne's**

watercolor, "Old Trailways Station, Albany" is currently in the 43rd North East Watercolor Society International Juried Exhibition, where it received the Friede Strobl Memorial Award. The show is at The Gallery at Kent Art Association, Route 7, South Main Street, Kent, Connecticut 06757 and runs from October 20 through November 3. For hours and information, visit <http://www.kentart.org/>

Kevin's watercolor, "Old Tanning Factory, Gloversville" has been accepted to the 2019 Art of New York Annual Juried Show in the Regional Galleries of the Arkell Museum and Canajoharie Library, which runs from November 1 to December 29. For more information go to: <http://www.arkellmuseum.org/regional-art-current-exhibitions>



*Old Tanning Factory, Gloversville*

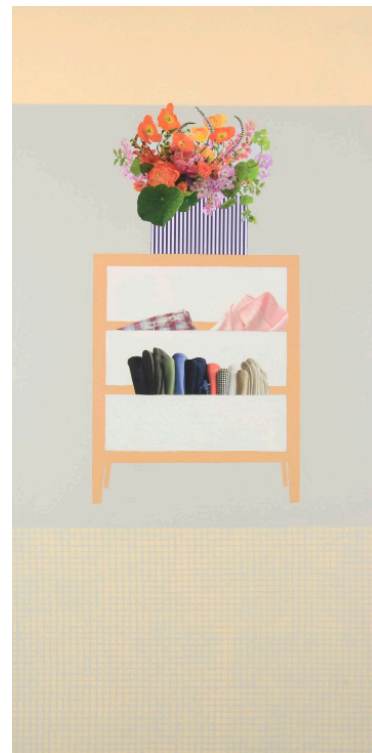
### **Robyn Giddings**

had this painting "Stuffed 2" accepted in the 2019 Artists of the Mohawk Hudson Region show, which is being held this year at the Hyde Collection, 161 Warren St. in Glens Falls.

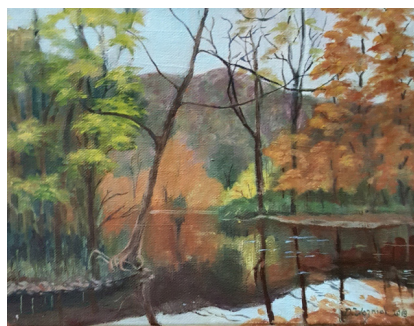
The show runs from Oct. 11 to Dec. 4.

She is also showing in the 7th Annual Upstate Invitational, from Nov. 2 - Dec. 1 at The Laffer Gallery, 96 Broad St., Schuylerville, NY.

Opening reception is Nov. 2, 5-8pm



*Stuffed 2*



*Away From it All, by Diane*

### **Diane Wozniak**

All are invited to Diane Wozniak's art reception on Saturday, December 14 at the Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Rd., in Voorheesville. She and her son, Adam will be having a joint show. The reception is from 1 to 3 in the Community room. Refreshments will be served.



*Alpine Sunset, by Adam*



## News of Our Members and other news

### Fall Workshop with Dorothea Osborn

#### Acrylic Mixed Media

Saturday, November 16

9am to 4pm

Delmar Presbyterian Church

Register online via BAA website or contact  
Bob Lynk (439-3948) the2lynks@gmail.com

\$30 members and \$40 non-members

(Please note we require at least 24 hour notice to receive a refund,  
no-shows or less than 24 hours will not be eligible for a refund)

In her work the pictorial subject and surface of the painting become energized realms for negotiation, composition, and harmony, where tension and impression of the image is essentially the critical purpose of the piece. Interwoven abstraction and representation, depth and surface, micro and macro, mark making and rendered objects, the works manifest my interest in the process of painting to create a hybrid state of tension, capturing an essence of time, through initiation and destruction, just as in the Anthropocene. Pushing the boundaries of painting by using, sometimes, unconventional materials and working the representation/abstraction through multiple phases of creation and destruction, (sometimes, close to obliteration), creates a tension. Into this I enter notions about dichotomies (thus, tensions) between the physical world and the transcendent realm: materialism versus non-material; representation versus abstraction; humor versus solemnity. To learn more about Dorothea visit her website [DorotheaOsborn.com](http://DorotheaOsborn.com)



At the workshop,  
Dorothea will work  
on this piece that she  
started at our  
October meeting.

**Kristine Kelly's** mixed media abstract  
"Turquoise Mountains" will be in the Albany Institute of  
History and Art's 2019  
fundraiser "Work of Art"  
on November 6, 2019.  
The event honors artist  
Willie Marlow and features  
works from regional artists  
to benefit the work of the  
Institute.



*Turquoise Mountains*



*Blue State by Ellie Prakken*

BAA members  
**Joan Van Alphen,**  
**Bev Braun and**  
**Ellie Prakken**  
will be exhibiting along  
with other members of the  
FireHouse Artists for the  
month of November at the  
Art Associates Gallery,  
21 Railroad Ave., Albany.  
You are invited to  
the opening reception  
Friday, Nov. 1 from  
5:30 to 10pm

### Albany Institute of History and Art Tours

Here is a great opportunity for our members!  
During November and December, Jacqueline Watsky,  
a docent at Albany Institute of History and Art, has  
offered to lead a tour at the AIHA for us. We can choose  
either Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday during those  
months at 1pm or 2pm. We could do the  
Schuyler Sisters tour or the Walter Launt Palmer tour.  
Please contact Jacqueline Smith at 518-489-1882 or  
[TShock1882@aol.com](mailto:TShock1882@aol.com) if you are interested.





## Meeting Recaps

### September Meeting

#### Presentation on Modernism with art historian Melody Davis

Our first presenter of the new season was art historian Melody Davis Ph.D. Melody is the program coordinator for Art History at the Sage Colleges of Albany. Her research specialties are the history of photography, visual culture of the early modern period, and contemporary art criticism. She discussed elements of abstraction, composition, light & dark. Melody left us with a greater appreciation of the progression of modern art.



### October Meeting

#### Mixed Media & Acrylics with Dorothea Osborn

Dorothea Osborn did a wonderful job of introducing us to her unique mixed media work. After a wonderful power point presentation on some of her favorite abstract artists, Dorothea did a demonstration on beginning a mixed media work and discussed the best way to attach materials to your piece.

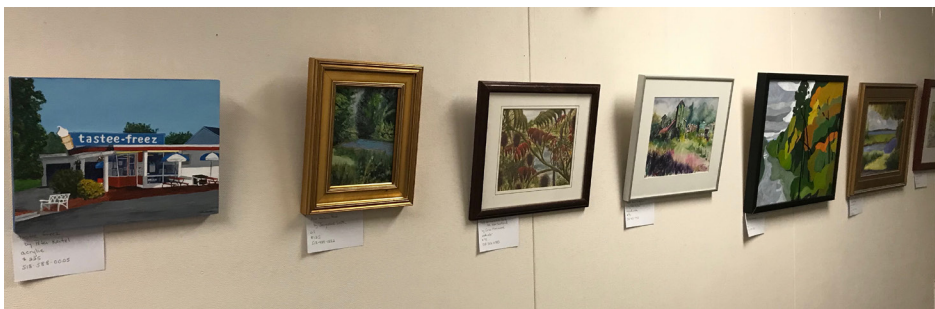
### Fall Member Show

Entry form is on the next page.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP HANG THE SHOW. PLEASE BRING PLIERS and ARRIVE 5:30PM**

Entry fee is \$7 and a new acrylic category has been added.

***Remind your friends of the  
Show and Sale at the  
Delmar Reformed Church,  
Nov. 9, 10am-4pm***



### “Bethlehem Scenes” Town Hall Show

Be sure to check out this wonderful show at Town Hall. It's up through the end of November.

# Fall Show

Entry Date: Monday Nov. 4, 3:30-5:30 p.m.  
Take Down: Saturday, Nov. 30 by 5:00 p.m.

November 4 – 30, 2019

## Wednesday, November 13 – Show Reception and Commentary by show judge Richard Lovrich

**RECEPTION** – Plan to learn from the judge, extend commendations, and enjoy refreshments Wednesday, November 13, at 6:45 p.m. in the Community Room of the Bethlehem Public Library. Ribbons will be awarded in all mediums.

**PICK-UP** – The show will end on Saturday, November 30. **All entries must be retrieved by 5:00 p.m.**

(NO EXCEPTIONS) If unable to do so, you must make arrangements for pick-up with another BAA member. The library cannot be held responsible.

**RULES** – *This is an all-member, judged but not juried show. All entries will be displayed.*

*One work will be accepted per member according to the following rules:*

1. Each work (**one per member**) must be submitted Monday, November 4 between 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Bethlehem Public Library. The entry fee will be \$7.00.
2. Paintings must be properly framed and wired for hanging with eye screws. Wire must be placed no further than 1/3 of the distance from the top of the painting. Clip frames will not be accepted. Watercolors should have mats as well as frames. Canvas may be hung unframed if the sides are painted and the staples do not show. Submissions may not be larger than 36" x 42"
3. All works must be original. No prints or copies will be accepted.
4. If a work has won an award in a previous BAA show, it may not be entered again.
5. Paint, especially oil, must be totally dry.
6. Ribbons will be awarded in all categories at the discretion of the Show Committee. The Show Committee reserves the right to reject any painting or work that does not meet the specifications or is determined to be of unsuitable subject matter.

# Fall Show Labels

**Important:** Print legibly. Fill out two (2) labels for your entry. Attach one label to the back of the painting/ photograph on the upper left side. Give the second label to the person who accepts the work for the show.

TITLE:	
MEDIUM:	PRICE:
NAME:	PHONE:

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## Venues

### **BAA Community Exhibit Schedule Nov. 2019 through Jan. 2020**

Sign up at a monthly meeting to schedule a showing of your work  
or contact Susan Trotter 221-7195 or [lem2lane@nycap.rr.com](mailto:lem2lane@nycap.rr.com)

#### **VENUES RESERVED FOR BAA MEMBERS**

	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB
FOUR CORNERS LUNCHEONETTE 10 hangers - can hold doubles	DIANE CAMPION	DEE FOLEY	DEBBIE SHAW	<b>OPEN</b>
BANK OF COXSACKIE Rte. 9W, Glenmont - 13 spaces	DEB LAFLUER	FRAN CULLEN		
MOHAWK HUDSON LAND CONSERVANCY Kenwood Ave., Delmar 6-8 hangers	JOHN TOBISON	LESLIE BERLINSKY		

#### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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  
in the Bethlehem Public Library Community Room*

- Monday, November 4** ~ Fall Show Submissions Drop-off at Bethlehem Public Library 3:30-5:30pm  
**Saturday, November 9** ~ Member Show and Sale at the Delmar Reformed Church 10:00am-4:00pm  
**Wednesday, November 13** ~ Fall Show Reception ~ Comments by Richard Lovrich  
**Saturday, November 16** ~ Workshop with Dorothea Osborn ~ Acrylic Mixed Media  
**Saturday, November 30** ~ Fall Show Removal by **5:00pm (No exceptions)**  
**Thursday, December 19** ~ Holiday Party ~ Member Demonstration ~ Pastel by Jacqueline Smith  
**Friday, January 17** ~ Framing/Mat Design/Proper Hanging with by Sandy Onderdonk  
**Thursday, February 20** ~ Alcohol Inks on Tile ~ with Kristin Woodward  
**Thursday, March 19** ~ Watercolor Demonstration by Ritvik Sharma  
**Thursday, April 2** ~ Annual Planning Meeting ~ Delmar Presbyterian Church, 7pm  
**Saturday, April 4** ~ Painting Workshop with Ritvik Sharma  
**Thursday, April 23** ~ Member Critique by Jacqueline Watsky  
**Friday, May 1** ~ SpringShow Submissions Drop-off at Bethlehem Public Library 3:30-5:30pm  
**Thursday, May 21** ~ Spring Show Reception ~ Comments by Jessica Mansmith  
**Sunday, May 31** ~ Spring Show Removal by **5:00pm (No exceptions)**  
**Thursday, June 18** ~ Picnic at Rita Buttiker's

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