



# Bethlehem Art Association

May/June, 2015  
Newsletter



Hello Artists,

I want to say thank you, thank you, thank you, to the volunteers that make the Bethlehem Art Association function. Everything that happens in this association is because someone has volunteered their time and effort.

Thank you to the people who responded to my recent urgent call for volunteers. I was very concerned over a growing number of vacant jobs and was quickly and deeply gratified by the response to my call for help. The new volunteers are: Joan Baim, People's Choice Awards; Nancy Demetriades, Farmers Market Coordinator; Jean Francois and Barbara McGeachen, Website Assistance; Gary Mehlum, Membership Chair; and Monica Restaino, Show Programs.

Thank you to Sandy Dovberg and Penny Koburger for their years of service. Sandy performed the critical job of Membership Chair. Penny most recently coordinated the Farmers Market, handled the People's Choice Awards at our shows, and did many other jobs. Penny deserves particular thanks for serving as President of the BAA for five years and for help in making the transition easier for a new and inexperienced president.

Thank you also to the many, many other volunteers who do the jobs that maintain the BAA as a vital organization.

Peter

### ***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 Maggie Schimpf and Enid Watsky*

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#### **Webmaster**

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#### **Workshops**

Jacqueline Smith

Bob Lynk

#### **Refreshments**

Diane Wozniak



## Meetings

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

### Spring Show Reception

**Come and bring refreshments to share and walk through our show. Hear comments from our judge, Ed Ticson, regarding the artwork on display. Ribbons will be awarded for Best in Show, First Place, Second Place, Third Place, and three Honorable Mentions.**

**Juror:** Ed Ticson has Master of Arts and Master of Fine Arts degrees from SUNY Albany and has taught at Siena College, Sage College of Albany, Empire State College, and the Arts Center of the Capital Region. Ed's drawings, paintings and prints have appeared in numerous shows in the area. Ed was the juror for our 2013 Spring Show.

**PICK UP** — The show will end on Sunday, May 31. All entries must be retrieved by 5:00 p.m.



### Delmar Farmers Market

The Delmar Farmers Market will start soon. This is a wonderful opportunity for you and your artwork to interact with our community. The rules for the Market and the Schedule of Artists are now on the website. For people who do not have a canopy, you can join a member who does have one (check the website). This year we will only participate during the warm months, June through October. To sign up for the Market contact Nancy Demetriades at nademetri@yahoo.com or 439-0086.

### BAA Annual Planning Meeting

The Annual Planning Meeting was held in April to establish the program for the 2015-16 year. We are now in the process of confirming the presenters and judges, and will announce the final program in the September Newsletter. A decision was made to depart from the usual presentation format in order to have a framer advise us about enhancing our artwork with an attractive surround. We also decided to designate the BAA scholarships that are awarded this year in memory of John Hotchin and Barbara Wooster, two longtime members of the Association who passed away in the last year. As we are in sound financial shape, we also decided to donate \$100 to Friends Group of the Bethlehem Public Library in appreciation of our use of the Library space.

**Don't forget to show you membership card at Arlene's Artist Materials for your 10% discount.**



## News of Our Members

**Linda Nimmer** was fortunate to spend the past winter months painting on Longboat Key, Fla. While there, her work "Plein Air From the 5th Floor of the Westchester" was accepted and won the Honorable Mention award at the Longboat Key Center for the Arts, a division of Ringling College of Art and Design, in its annual Juried Exhibition.

Linda's work "Wilson Park" will be shown at the Woodstock School of Art Alumni Exhibition, from May 2-30.



**Jean Francois** will be showing her flower photographs at the Daughters of Sarah Senior Community on Washington Avenue Extension in Albany for the month of May.



*Sunflowers by Nancy Demetriades*

**Nancy Demetriades** has a silk painting in the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy supplement exhibit to the Albany County Helderberg Hudson Rail Trail Summer Solstice Mural Exhibit at the Albany Heritage Area Visitors Center, Quackenbush Square, Albany, NY for the months of May and June.

**Ellie Prakken** is the creator of the mural and will also be participating in this show.

**Jacqueline Smith** is organizing Plein Air Painting sessions in May and June with most sessions being held at Five Rivers in Delmar. Contact Jacqueline for specific dates and times at [TSHOCK1882@aol.com](mailto:TSHOCK1882@aol.com) or 489-1882.

### Summer Solstice, June 20, 2015

The Albany County Helderberg Hudson Rail Trail Summer Solstice Event will take place on June 20, 2015. Artists have an opportunity to participate in the event. Please check it out at [solsticecelebration.org](http://solsticecelebration.org) or [mohawkhudson.org](http://mohawkhudson.org)



## Meeting Recaps and More News



### Spring Workshop with Takeyce Walter

On a bright, sunny, but cool morning of April 11, we gathered at the church for an oil workshop with Takeyce Walter. She had already provided a complete supply list for the materials that she likes to use in her work. In addition, she provided us with a multipage outline and notes on landscape painting ranging from composition and design, applying the paint, and the process references to “terms to know” in painting.

Takeyce starts with a toned canvas on which she uses a pastel pencil to outline the scene, then begins to paint in the alla prima style without blocking in large areas. This method allows her to finish a medium sized painting in one session. Some of the notes I took include references to using warm colors in the foreground and cooler tones in the background to create aerial perspective. She has her hard edges in the front and the soft edges in the back areas. Her clouds are white with a hint of manganese blue, and she stated that cloud shadows should be darker on land. Her gray tone is ultramarine blue with a touch of white and orange.

We were given time periods in which to complete several small canvases, which makes you focus quickly on the subject at hand. I used several 6 x 8” boards for simple landscapes. It was an enjoyable day with a wonderful instructor. *Jacqueline Smith*



### Member Works Critique at the March Meeting

Jacqueline Watsky joined us at the March monthly meeting to conduct the annual critique of members’ works. Jacqueline has taught at secondary and college levels and has a BA in Art from Hunter College and an MA in Art from Brooklyn College, and is a co-founder of the Art de Cure Gallery. Jacqueline provided in depth and helpful analysis to the members who brought pieces for review. Those present enjoyed Jacqueline’s comments and we hope to have her back for another BAA event soon.



### Dan Region’s April Presentation

The presenter at the April meeting was photographer Dan Region. Dan showed a wide range of landscape, architectural, and portrait photos and spoke about how he captured various images. He also demonstrated how to take better photos of artwork, including how to avoid glare, even in a painting that is mounted behind glass. A summary of this will be written up and shared.





# *Picnic in the Helderbergs*

## *June 18 at 6:00p.m. ~ Rain or Shine*

At the summer camp of Bob and Nancy Lynk  
22 and 24 Crystal Lake Road,  
Rensselaerville, NY 827-4340

By Monday, June 15, please make your reservation by email to [thelynks@midtel.net](mailto:thelynks@midtel.net) (lake email), or call 827-4340 (lake) or 439-3948 (home).

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If your name begins with:	Please bring:
A-D	Appetizer
E-L	Casserole
M-R	Dessert
S-Y	Salad

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Tableware and a beverage will be provided. Please bring your spouse, lawn chair(s) and your own beer, if you'd like some.

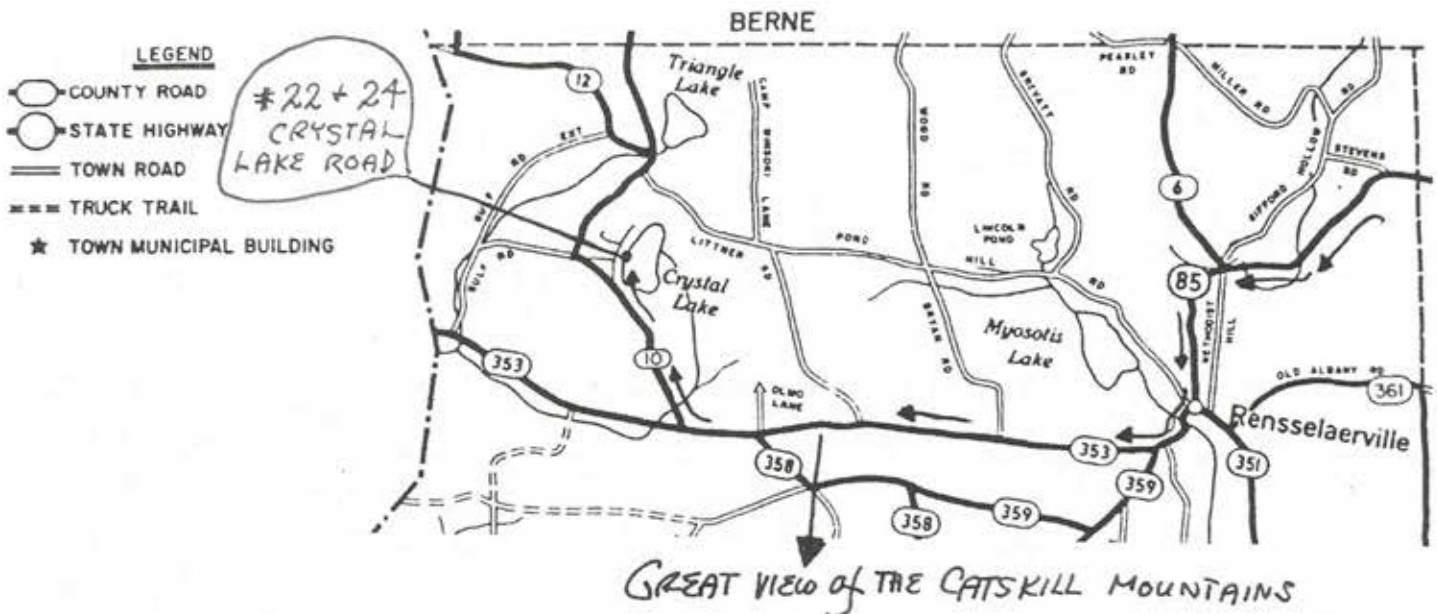
### **DIRECTIONS:**

Take Route 85, New Scotland Avenue/Road to its terminus in Rensselaerville, or use Route 443, Delaware Avenue, which merges with Route 85 the other side of Clarksville. Bear left on Route 85 shortly after Helderberg Lake. (Route 443 bears right and goes to Berne and Schoharie.) Bear right at the T in Rensselaerville.

Continue across the bridge and up the hill. Bear right onto County Route 353 at the fork in the road after the Post Office (nice view of the Catskills about 2 miles hence on your left.) Turn right onto County Route 10 approximately 3 miles from Rensselaerville. (There's a small cemetery at the intersection.)

Continue less than 1 mile to the lake. Bear right on Crystal Lake Road. (County Route 10 bears left at the little chapel on the lake.) The cottages are on the right – #22 green on the street and #24 on the lake. The parking area for #22 is next to the street. To reach the parking area for #24, turn right along the massive stonewall. The parking area is on the lake side of the split rail fence.

This is approximately 25 miles and 35 minutes from the Bethlehem Public Library. Parking is somewhat limited. Car-pooling will be appreciated.





# Membership

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

*We need to get the membership information in by then, so we can produce our directory in a timely manner. Also, it is important to indicate your wishes in regards to your email address. Many people like to communicate by email and it would be handy to publish that information, unless it is something you want to keep private.*

*The BAA runs on volunteer power, so be sure to indicate your areas of interest.*

*For information contact Peter Keitel at 439-2620*

Mail this form with your check for \$25 written to the **Bethlehem Art Association** to the new 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.

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

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

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

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

I would prefer to receive my newsletter via email:  Yes  No

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

I can help with:  Organizing/hanging shows  Workshops  Refreshments  Publicity

Newsletter  web  Other \_\_\_\_\_



## Bethlehem Art Association Scholarship Raffle

Tickets are \$5 each. Only 100 tickets will be sold. Mail ticket, along with a check (payable to BAA) to cover the number of tickets purchased to:

Laura Jonas  
29 Dover Drive  
Delmar, NY 12054

### Bethlehem Art Association Scholarship Raffle

Prize: Mixed Media painting "Old New York"

by Edwin Becker

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_



## Venues

### ***BAA Community Exhibit Schedule May 2015 through August, 2015***

Sign up at a monthly meeting to schedule a showing of your work  
or contact Bev Braun at 489-0601 or [bevbraun@nycap.rr.com](mailto:bevbraun@nycap.rr.com)

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

	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
BONE & JOINT CENTER 2 halls, 20 hangers and 16 hangers	DEE FOLEY ELEANOR PATTON		JEAN FRANCOIS	
FOUR CORNERS LUNCHEONETTE 10 hangers - can hold doubles	PENNY KOBURGER	DARLA JOWETT	OPEN	OPEN
BANK OF COXSACKIE Rte. 9W, Glenmont - 13 spaces	BOB LYNK	JUDY SELKIRK		OPEN

#### **VENUES FREQUENTLY AVAILABLE FOR BAA MEMBERS**

##### ***Tierra Coffee Roasters, 292 Delaware Ave., Albany: (Formerly Ultraviolet Cafe)***

Contact Tommy Lopez at 434-0333 or stop by when at or near the Spectrum Theatre.

##### ***New! Terra International Cuisine and the NuWave Café, 238 Washington Ave., Albany***

Contact Howard Katz at [howard@terraalbany.com](mailto:howard@terraalbany.com)

##### ***Capital Bank, Slingerlands Price Chopper Plaza:***

Contact Greg Bruno at 518-694-5625 or email [gbruno@capitalbank.com](mailto:gbruno@capitalbank.com)

##### ***Bethlehem Public Library, Delaware Ave., Delmar:***

Contact Alissa, 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 will vary. Please call.

##### ***Greenville Public Library, Rte. 32, Greenville:***

Contact Stanley Maltzman, 518-634-7386. Two month showings. Space for up to 50 pieces.

##### ***Uncommon Grounds Coffee & Bagels, 1235 Western Ave., Albany:***

Contact Jennifer Maher, 885-4857 or 542-1897. Please note that Ms. Maher 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.

##### ***Bank of Coxsackie, Rte. 81, Greenville:*** Contact Rita Buttiker, 518-634-2272

##### ***Green County Bank, Rtes. 32 and 81, Greenville:*** Contact Rita Buttiker, 518-634-2272

##### ***Madison Theater Windows:*** Contact Lorenz M. Worden, 518-489-0866 <http://lorenzworden.wordpress.com>



## *This Year's Main Events*

*All Monthly Meetings begin at 6:45PM  
in the Bethlehem Public Library Community Room*

**Friday, May 1** ~ Spring Show Submissions Drop-off at Bethlehem Library  
~ 3:30-5:30p.m.

**Thursday, May 21** ~ Spring Show Reception ~ Comments by Juror Ed Ticson

**Sunday, May 31** ~ Spring Show Art Removal by 5:00p.m. (**No Exceptions**)

**Thursday, June 18** ~ Picnic at Bob Lynk's

26 Swan Place, Slingerlands, NY 12054

