



Bethlehem Art Association

Jan./Feb. 2014
Newsletter



Hello Artists,

The year has concluded with a lot of activity for the Association. We have had two successful shows at the Bethlehem Public Library and the Bethlehem Town Hall. We will soon begin showing our work at the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce. All of this is very much in keeping with our mission to promote art, art activities, and artists in Bethlehem.

On the subject of the BAA Mission Statement, I would like to propose a change in the wording of the statement shown below. I suggest that the first sentence be changed to read: "The Bethlehem Art Association is a focal point for all kinds of art activity in Bethlehem". I would prefer a statement of what we are rather than what we would like to be. We'll take a vote on this change at the January Meeting.

The Delmar Farmer's Market was another great success this year in getting the BAA connected to the community. Many thanks to Penny Koburger for coordinating this important function for the BAA. Not only does the market present BAA artists to the public, but it also resulted in a number of new members who found out about the BAA at the market. We will take a vote at the January Meeting on renewing our participation in the Farmer's Market for the 2014 season.

Here's wishing you all a wonderful 2014.
Peter

BAA Mission Statement

The BAA was envisioned as a focal point for all kinds of art activities in Bethlehem. Our goal is to promote art, art activities, and artists in Bethlehem.

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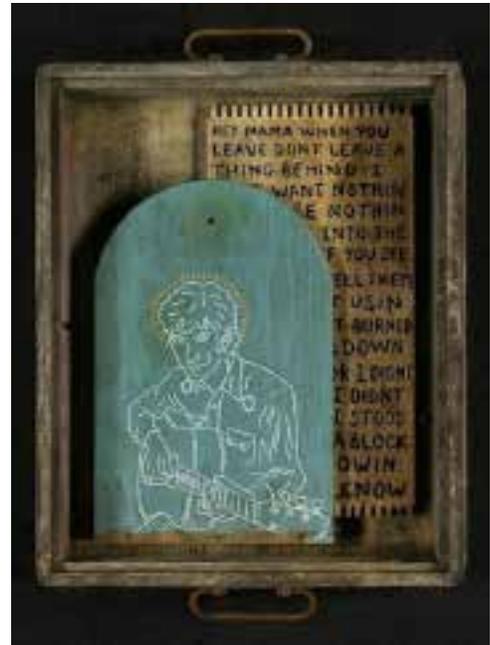
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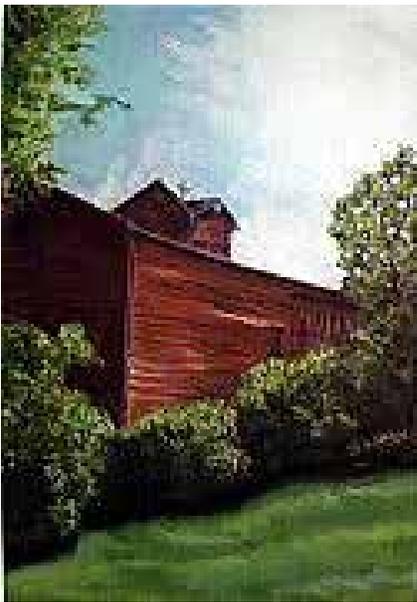
B.A.A. Meetings

Thursday, January 23 Michael Eck Demonstration

We will have a very different sort of demonstration at the January monthly meeting. Michael Eck is a musician, artist and writer. His artwork incorporates used and found objects, and he likes to work with a Dremel tool. His most frequent subjects are jazz musicians. Check his website at www.michaeleck.com



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Thursday, February 20 Bev Saunders ~ Pastel Demonstration

Bev Saunders is a local artist who was trained in a variety of mediums, but has settled on pastels. Bev describes her work as “a traditional application in landscape, still life, portraiture and commissioned work. I am very much attracted to the Impressionist style and love the painterly effect that can be rendered in pastels.”

New! Come join our Technical Sessions

We will be holding short technical sessions prior to the monthly meetings. Generally these will start at 6:00 or 6:15 and will cover aspects of the art world other than art. The first session was held at the December meeting and covered how to join and use the BAA Facebook Group. The January session will be on Pay Pal and Square and the February session will be on Etsy, the on-line marketplace for artisans and artists. Future sessions might include topics such as: how to modify and transmit images on-line, how to cut mats, how to take better photographs of your artwork, how to set up a website (at least where to start). There are BAA members who know how to do all of these things and volunteers are needed. Easy job; only 45 minutes max.

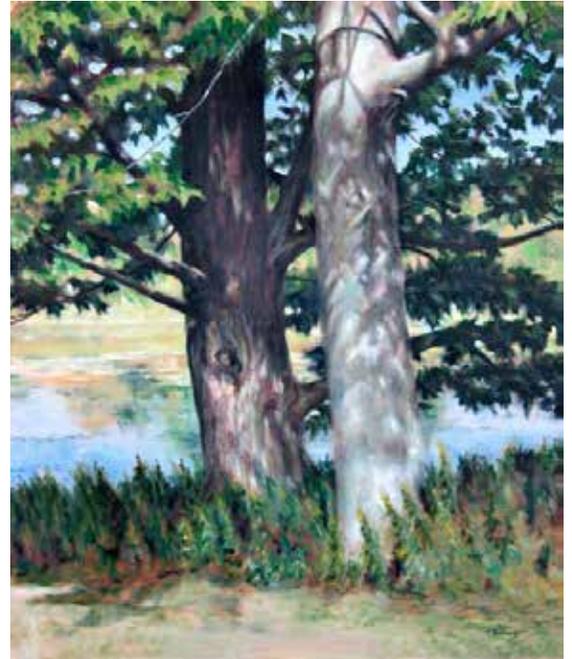
If there are topics that you are interested in, use the comments section of the BAA website or start discussing it on Facebook. If you have a skill in an area that would be useful to other members, please be willing to share it.



News of Our Members

In Memorium - Raymond Decker

Long term member of the Bethlehem Art Association, Raymond Decker passed away November 28, 2013 at the age of 93. He resided at the Terisian House. Mr. Decker was a Lifetime Honorary Member of the BAA. He took up painting upon retirement and loved painting and in particular plein aire painting. His favorite subjects involved nature and flowers. Mr. Decker was also a member of Saratoga Arts, the Greene County Council on the Arts, and Niskayuna Brush and Palate.



September Pond

Penny Koburger will be showing at the Bethlehem Public Library for the month of January.

I have a couple of one-person shows coming up:

Albany Watercolors and More,

Albany First Friday, Feb. 7, First Presbyterian Church, 362 State St., Albany....5:30 - 8:30pm and

Watercolors by Kevin Kuhne,

Center Gallery at the Commons in Clifton Park, Thurs. March 13 to Sun. April 27, 6 Clifton Common Ct., Shen Community Center, Clifton Park

Kevin Kuhne

**Please welcome new members:
Ed Pfitz and Carol Turner**



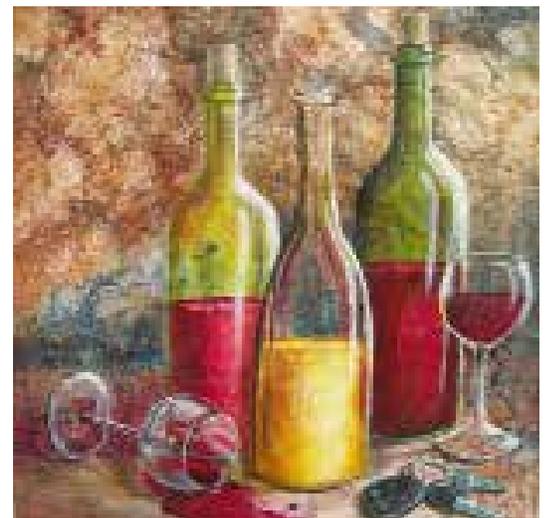
Some Like it Hot by Bev Braun

You and your friends are invited to an exhibition of original artworks by
**Bev Braun
and
Joan Van Alphen**

Opening Reception
Sunday, Feb. 9, 2014 2-4 PM

Exhibition: February 1 - 28

**Stedman Gallery
Wm. K. Sanford Library
629 Albany Shaker Road
Loudonville, Ny
518-810-0314**



Happy Hour by Joan VanAlphen



Bethlehem Art Association Group on Facebook

The BAA now has a Facebook group page “Bethlehem Art Association” for members to post art, art supplies for sale or trade, events and exhibits by members, and other information. The first step in joining the group is to join Facebook. If you are not already on Facebook, check with a grandchild on how to do it. Next, enter “Bethlehem Art Association” in the Search Field on the upper left of the page. When the BAA Group comes up, click “Join”. If you are unable to join in this way, please email Barbara Walter at barbarawalter@aol.com and she will send an invite to your email address from the page.

Help Wanted !

Volunteers are needed for several jobs.

Here’s a list with short descriptions of what the job involves. Call Peter Keitel for more information, 588-0005.

Jobs:

1. **Coordinator of Town Hall Show**
2. **Coordinator of Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce Shows**

Description (for both jobs): Keep lists of who has signed up for the show. Email instructions on hanging and take down. Help with Town Hall hanging.

Job: **Research Pros and Cons of BAA as Tax Exempt Organization**

Description: More complicated, but we have been living without it.

Job: **Web Assistant**

Description: Maintain “Where to see BAA Artists” page of the website. Helps to be familiar with iPage/Weebly.



Vosburgh Marsh by Jim Cramer

Scholarship Raffle

The BAA is holding a raffle to support a \$500 scholarship for a Bethlehem High School senior to be awarded next spring. The prize is a wonderful oil painting called Vosburgh Marsh depicting an area in Greene County (above) by Jim Cramer. This is the painting that Jim did at the April BAA meeting and generously donated to the Association. The size of the painting is 22 inches by 28 inches.

The price of a ticket is \$5.00. Only 100 tickets will be sold. The drawing will be held at the next monthly meeting of the BAA after the 100 tickets have been sold. Tickets are below. Feel free to print extra tickets. Completed tickets, along with a check (payable to BAA) to cover the number of tickets purchased, should be mailed to:

Laura Jonas
29 Dover Drive
Delmar, NY 12054

Laura will keep a list of ticket buyers. Once 100 tickets are received, any additional tickets and payments will be returned, and the drawing will be held.

Bethlehem Art Association Scholarship Raffle

Prize: Oil painting “Vosburgh Marsh” by Jim Cramer

\$5.00 per ticket

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____



Meeting Recaps and More News

Farmer's Market

We managed to have artists sign up for all but one week. We had 13 members participate. It has been great publicity for individual artists and for the BAA. We continued to get new members who saw us there. Now that we have panels for hanging art, it is my hope that even more members can participate in the future. (If you can't find or borrow a canopy, you can sign up for one of the indoor Saturdays in the Fall).

Penny Koberger

December Meeting Presentation



Linda Asmus gave a fascinating presentation on the unique watercolor method that she uses. The result is remarkably intense watercolor paintings. The secret is the preparation of the paper with an acrylic sealant and using a dry brush. Many of the traditional rules of watercolor are suspended. You can work

light over dark and even erase. Look up David Dunlop on YouTube for videos that provide more information on this method.



Jim Cramer at work (top) and blocking in the pond scene (right)



Final painting

Jim Cramer workshop

On November 2, we met at the church where all the plein air artists gathered. While it was a somewhat sunny at 9am it did become progressively cloudy thru the midday. Jim brought us out to an area around the Goose Pond where we set up and he began his demonstration. It was a lovely area with many potential scenes emphasizing the autumn beauty around us. We watched as Jim focused on applying a generous amount of paint to block in his pond scene. After he worked for awhile, we began to visualize our own scenes on canvas. After 1pm, the clouds thickened and by 2 pm, the soft rain began to pelt us as we packed up before scurrying to our cars. Jim's vivid and colorful work was almost done, but most of us would have to complete the paintings at home. Other than a missing easel, we had a nice time and I know I will return to that area for future plein air sessions.

Jacqueline Smith



B.A.A Shows

Bethlehem

Chamber of Commerce Shows

The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce recently refurbished its office and would like to have the work of local artists on display. This is another great opportunity to exhibit the talents of BAA artists to the community. We already have a show for January and February with 12 artists who signed up at the December monthly meeting. Future shows will also run for two months and will exhibit the work of another 12 artists. We already have a waiting list of 8 people for the March/April show. We will continue to rotate this way until all members who wish have had an opportunity. Then we will start over. Thus, BAA artists will be on continuous display in Bethlehem. This will also be a good way to give new members a start at exhibiting their work.

The Chamber would also like to be able to sell note cards that depict Bethlehem scenes, created by local artists. E-mail pjkeitel@gmail.com if you are interested in a future show or if you have note cards to sell.

Bethlehem Town Hall Show

Eighteen BAA members had their work on display at the Bethlehem Town Hall during October and November.



The show received many positive comments, particularly from Town Hall employees who had their workplace brightened up. We will be back at the Town Hall Next October and November with a themed

show that will include scenes from the Town of Bethlehem. Start getting ready. There is room for only 19 pieces and a sign-up sheet will be made available in spring 2014.

The Fall Member Show

This Year's Annual Fall Show was another great success. Many thanks to the Exhibits Committee for their fine work. Also thank you to Deborah Bayly from the Arts Center of the Capital Region for judging the show. The Best in Show Award went to Bob Lynk for his "Bridgewater Barn" watercolor.

Shown on the right.

The other award winners were (in order, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, HM by Category):

Oil: George Dowse, Lorraine Chesin, Denise Crisafulli, and Linda Nimmer

Water: Kevin Kuhne, Joan Krathaus, Rosemary McAvoy, and Diane Wosniak

Pastel: Laura Garramone, Peter Keitel, Jacqueline Smith, and Rita Buttiker

Photography: Paul Mosher, Lynne Dearstyne, Laura Jonas, and Peter Rossi



The People's Choice Awards went to (number of votes): Kevin Kuhne(26), Marlene Cerutti(18), Karen Woodin(17), Bob Lynk(16), Linda Asmus(13), Rita Buttiker(11), and Rosemary McAvoy(10).

Spring Show

at Albany Visitors Center

Another themed show by the BAA will be held next spring in conjunction with the Albany Tulip Festival. The show will be at the Albany Visitors Center in Quackenbush Square and will be limited to images of tulips, other flowers, or garden scenes. One piece per person can be submitted on Saturday, May 3, 2013 from 10:00am to 1:00pm and take down will be Friday, June 27 from 3:00-5:00pm. Artists must agree that 20% of the sale price will go to the Albany Visitors Center. Keep busy during the winter. Contact Penny Koburger for additional information (439-5678 or pkoburg@verizon.net).



Venues

BAA Community Exhibit Schedule January 2014 through April 2014

**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**

VENUES RESERVED FOR BAA MEMBERS

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
BONE & JOINT CENTER 28 hangers (2 halls, 14 each)	MICHAEL GALLITELLI		OPEN	
FOUR COURNERS LUNCHEONETTE 10 hangers - can hold doubles	DEE FOLEY	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
THOMAS NICOLLA PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSOCIATES - 9 spaces	OPEN		OPEN	

VENUES FREQUENTLY AVAILABLE FOR BAA MEMBERS

Capital Bank, Slingerlands Price Chopper Plaza:

Contact Greg Bruno at 518-694-5625 or email 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, 8 North Street, Greenville:

Contact Sean Stewart, 518-966-8205. Two month showings. Space for up to 50 pieces.

Ultraviolet Café, 292 Delaware Ave., Albany:

Contact Annette Nanes at 434-0333 or stop by when at or near the Spectrum Theatre next door to the Ultraviolet Café.

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:

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*

- Thursday, January 23** ~ Monthly Meeting ~ Michael Eck ~ Dremel tool & recycled found objects
Thursday, February 20 ~ Monthly Meeting ~ Bev Saunders ~ Pastel Demonstration
Thursday, March 20 ~ Monthly Meeting ~ Critique of Members' Work by John Williams
Saturday, April 12 ~ Peg Foley Workshop ~ Mixed Media Composition
Thursday, April 17 ~ Monthly Meeting ~ George Dugan ~ Painting
New date! Wednesday March 26 ~ Annual Meeting ~ Delmar Presbyterian Church 7:00PM
Friday, May 2 ~ Juried Spring Show Art Submissions
Drop-Off at Bethlehem Library 3:00-5:30p.m.
Thursday, May 15 ~ Monthly Meeting ~ Spring Show Reception ~ Juror to be determined
Friday, May 30 ~ Spring Show Art Removal by 6:30p.m. (**No exceptions**)
Thursday, June 19 ~ Monthly Meeting ~ Picnic at Rita Buttiker's

14 Maryea Lane, Delmar, NY 12054

