



March/ April 2013 Newsletter



Dear Art Mavens,

We had a productive January meeting. Theresa Somaio painted a wonderful portrait of her daughter in watercolor. She shared a terrific hand-out which I assume she will be passing out again at her Watercolor Workshop on April 20th. Do sign up if you plan to attend.

Our membership approved participation in this coming Summer and Fall's Delmar Farmer's Market. Up to 2 artists will pay \$10 each to display their original art and some prints in our 10 by 10 booth space. Our group also approved the purchase of display panels which can be borrowed by members who wish to participate at the Farmer's Market. Dee Foley is storing the panels and artists will need to contact her and arrange to pick up the panels ahead of time. (They come in half and fit in most cars.) At this time artists can reserve up to 3 Saturday's, first come first served.

Please note the date for the June picnic at Bob Lynk's has been postponed 1 week. It will now happen on thursday June 27th.

We appear to have lost our webmaster and would really like to have at least a simple presence on the web. It was vey helpful to have a membership application and recent newsletters for people to get remotely. If we have someone who could do this task for the group, it would be fabulous. Just let me know as soon as possible.

A reminder that our annual meeting is Wednesday March 27th at the Delmar Presbyterian Church at 7pm. We REALLY need people's ideas for art demonstrators and artists for workshops and judges. If you know a great artist, even remotely, please come to the meeting or give me their contact information. Peter Keitel will be running for President and the rest of the nominated officers will remain as seen to the right of this note.

Penny

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.

Please welcome new members:

Jessica Scisci Luberda and Rosemary McAvoy

President

Penny Koburger: 439-5678

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Jacqueline Smith: 489-1882

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Publicity

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Students Awards

Dale Crissafulli

Scrapbook

Joan Van Alphen

Webmaster

Vacant

Workshops

Jacqueline Smith

Bob Lynk

Refreshments

Judy Scanlon



Meetings

Thursday, March 21, at 6:45 p.m.

Critique of Members' Work by Gary Shankman

Bring in two pieces of your art for a personal critique

Gary Shankman will return to the BAA for a members' critique. Gary began art studies at the age of 9 and earned his BFA from Boston University and MFA from American University. His oil paintings of landscapes and still life have been displayed world wide. Gary has taught painting at the Smithsonian Institution, the University of D.C., Maryland College of Art and Design and Northern Virginia Community College, and is currently a full professor at Sage College of Albany where he was honored as teacher of the year in 2005.

Saturday, April 20 Theresa Somaio Watercolor Workshop

9:30 a.m.- 4:00p.m. Delmar Presbyterian Church

To sign up call Bob Lynk 439-3948 or Jacqueline Smith 489-1882

\$30 for members and \$40 for non-members

An "Un"Still Life in Watercolor.

Create an exciting watercolor painting with floral, metallic and glass elements. Learn easy, yet powerful techniques for rendering metal, glass and other reflective and translucent objects in watercolor. A few short studies will culminate in a larger still life painting with beautiful color and composition.

Create a frame-worthy painting in a few hours.

Jim Kramer - Oil Painting

Thursday, April 18, at 6:45 p.m.



Four Mile Point - Autumn

I was born in Albany N.Y. in 1948. Currently, I live in the Cossack area, Greene Co. N.Y. Art has been in my life since I can remember.

Painting outdoors is what I do. It's what I love,

think about, work at, and struggle with. I've been able to devote over 25 years to the art of plein air painting and each day, I've learned, is a world of new challenges and possibilities.

I've learned about landscape painting from excellent artists and teachers. Albert Handell, Marcia Clark, Staats Fasoldt, and Nina Rosa Irwin are among them. I've been influenced by the Barbizon School, Impressionism and American Realism, and the Hudson River School. Claude Monet, Vincent Van Gogh, and Thomas Cole, considered the founder of the Hudson River School, are especially important and inspiring to me. The Albany Institute of History and Art has a fine collection of Hudson River School paintings, where I've spent many hours, inspired and captivated by their beauty. Living in the Mid-Hudson River valley, where the Hudson River School was born, I literally walk in the footsteps of Cole and the other fine artists of that movement.

When painting on location I strive for a synthesis of observing (seeing), internalization (contemplation) and application (brushes, paint, canvas) to 'paint the day' as I see it, and suggest to the viewer a sense of place via painterly brush strokes.



News of Our Members



ESP Festival!

by **June Bonilla** is one of her recent works in water color and acrylic on display at the Madison Theater through March 13. The theme of her show is Albany Landmarks & Vacation Vignettes.

Photographer **Nancy Noble Gardner** will be showing at the Bethlehem Public Library for the month of March. At the right is her photograph entitled *Drifting*.



Linda Nimmer received "The Best Landscape" award at the Athens Cultural Center Juried Art Exhibit shown December 2012 to January 2013 in Athens, NY

DELMAR FARMERS MARKET BOOTH FOR ARTIST MEMBERS

The BAA has decided to continue to participate in the Delmar Farmers Market which is held on Saturdays from 9am-1pm. We have reserved a booth space for the group. It is held at the Bethlehem Middle School outdoors from June 1 through Oct. 26 and indoors in the cafeteria Nov. 2 - Dec. 28. Two artists can sign up for each weekend and the fee will be \$10.00/artist to be paid prior to the weekend. Dee Foley will be storing display racks at her home for anyone to use but you must arrange ahead of time with Dee to get them. Her phone number is 475-9132 and her email is deefoley3@mac.com. There will be a sign-up list at the meetings so check your calendars and please sign up. If you can't make meetings contact Penny Koberger at 439-5678 about reserving booth dates and paying the \$10.00 fee.. People HAVE ALREADY started signing up at the Jan. meeting but there are still plenty of spaces. Please be aware that you do need a sales tax number to participate.

CORRECTION - Bob Lynk reported the passing last fall of former BAA member Bob **Andersen**. He was 91 years old. He was predeceased by his wife Amelia, who was also an active BAA member.

BAA Community Exhibit Schedule–March 2013 through June 2013

**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

	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE
BONE & JOINT CENTER 28 hangers (2 halls, 14 each)	JOHN SECOR		OPEN	
FOUR COURNERS LUNCHEONETTE 10 hangers - can hold doubles	JOAN VANALPHEN	LESLIE BERLINSKY	JUNE BONILLA	LINDA NIMMER
THOMAS NICOLLA PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSOCIATES - 9 spaces	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE

VENUES FREQUENTLY AVAILABLE FOR BAA MEMBERS

NEW Rustic Gourmet Restaurant, 785 Delaware Ave.:

Contact Bonnie Kohl 439-0900. Bonnie has room for 6-8 paintings and is looking only for artwork that would go with her antique decor.

NEW Capital Bank, Slingerlands Price Chopper Plaza:

Contact Greg Bruno at 518-694-5625 or email gbruno@capitalbank.com

Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, Main Square, 318 Delaware Ave., Delmar:

Contact Chamber President Jennifer Kilcoyne, 439-0512. Jennifer kindly lets us decorate her office/meeting room–space for 8-10 pieces.

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:

Call 765-279 and speak with BAA member Barbara Vink 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>



More News

The following is the bio of our incoming BAA President, Peter Keitel

I regret that I didn't join the Bethlehem Art Association until recently despite having lived in Delmar for 35 years. My interest in art began at an early age. I took courses at Pratt Institute when I was in elementary school. Part of this was trying to maintain a family tradition; my grandfather was an acclaimed artist in Munich, Germany. However, as with many people, my interests were placed on hold due to family and career responsibilities. Then, ten years ago, came the glory of retirement.

My return to art began with classes in drawing, watercolor, and pastel at the Bethlehem Middle School, which were taught by Theresa Somaio. These were followed with classes by Stanley Maltzman at the Greenville Public Library. I then became a participant with the Tuesday Night Sketchers at that library. 2011, the year I joined the BAA, saw an acceleration in my artistic life. I became more productive, I began showing works in several venues, and I experienced the excitement of selling my first piece.

The BAA is invaluable to me because of all that it offers: workshops and demonstrations, opportunities to meet other artists, chances to participate in shows, and possibilities for my work being judged. The Delmar Farmers' Market has been a particular pleasure because it has given me the opportunity to show greater numbers of pieces and to interact with friends and neighbors. The Market also provided several unexpected surprises such as a connection to show work at a local business and a commission to create an artwork from a treasured photograph for a local family.

I have yet to specialize in my work. Perhaps I never will. Currently I'm working with pastel, a variety of drawing media (graphite, charcoal, colored pencil, and watercolor pencil), and watercolor. I'm concentrating on having fun in a number of ways. For the Farmers' Market I focused on watercolor sketches of vegetables, and followed up with paintings of cheese for the Cheese Traveler market. For the Thatcher Park Nature Show I've done a series of graphite drawings of weeds.

I am also a member of the Greene County Council on the Arts, and the Columbia County Council on the Arts. I have also shown works at the Albany Public Library (Howe Branch), the Bethlehem Public Library, the Greene County Council on the Arts, the Greenville Public Library, the Columbia County Council on the Arts, the Four Corners Luncheonette, the Ten Broeck Mansion, and Wellington's Herbs and Spices as part of a pastel workshop with Susan Story.

I look forward to serving the Bethlehem Art Association. In appreciation for the opportunities and encouragement it has given me in my art work, I would strive to help it continue its role as an organization that inspires its current members, attracts new members, and helps us all keep art alive in our community.



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Spring Show ~ May 1~ May 31

Entry Date: Wednesday, May 1, 3-5:30 p.m.
Take Down: Friday, May 31, by 6:30 p.m.

SHOW RULES –

This is a juried and judged show. The juror, Ed Ticson, will select about 45 entries for exhibition and determine which works receive awards. The selections will be those of the juror. When entries are not selected for display, members are called and asked to pick up their work before the library closes at 9:00PM. Be aware that it is possible neither of your pieces could be chosen.

1. Each work (up to two per member) must be submitted **Wednesday, May 1, between 3:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.** in the Community Room of the Bethlehem Public Library.
The entry fee will be **\$6.00 per work, for up to two works.**
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.
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.

RECEPTION – Thursday May 16, at 6:45PM. Come and bring refreshments to share and walk through our show with comments from our judge, Ed Ticson, regarding art works on display. Ribbons will be awarded in all mediums.

PICK-UP — The show will end on Friday, May 31. All entres must be retrieved by 6:30PM. (NO EXCEPTIONS)
If unable to do so, you must make arrangements for pick-up with another BAA member.

Our juror Ed Ticson in his own words: “After working for several years as a commercial illustrator, I went to UAlbany to pursue both a MA and a MFA in studio art. Since graduating, I have been teaching as an adjunct professor for Siena College, Sage College of Albany, and Empire State College. I also currently teach for the Arts Center of the Capital Region and with my own private group, The Artists of Studio 76. In addition, I have given lectures, presentations and have judged for various organizations in the local area. My own work leans towards traditional realism but I teach and love a broad range of visual artforms.”

Through American Frame Corporation's
Alliance Program,
BAA members receive 5% off on the purchases of
American Frame Products.
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ALLIANCE12- _5%
americanframe.com
1-888-628-3833 M-F 8:30AM-5:30PM

Spring Show Labels

Important: Print legibly. Fill out two (2) labels for each 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.

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BAA Webmaster

We have lost our webmaster and really need to have a web presence in this computer age. The web site does not need to be anything fancy, but should include our calendar, newsletter and membership information. We know that people search the web for organizations and unfortunately the BAA cannot be found with any current information.

If you have any web experience and would like to help, or could learn how to do a web page with one of the many free online sites, please let Penny Koberger know! 439-5678



This Year's Main Events

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

- Thursday, March 21** — Monthly Meeting — Critique of Members' Work by Gary Shankman
Wednesday, March 27 — **Annual Meeting — Delmar Presbyterian Church 7:00PM**
Please Come! We need your input!
- Thursday, April 18** — Monthly Meeting — Jim Kramer - Oil Painting
Saturday, April 20 — Theresa Somaio's Water Color Workshop
Wednesday, May 1 — Juried Spring Show Art Submissions
Drop-Off at Bethlehem Library 3:00-5:30PM
Friday, May 31 — Spring Show Art Removal by 6:30 PM (NO EXCEPTIONS)
Thursday, May 16 — Monthly Meeting — Spring Show Reception
Thursday, June 27 — **New Date!** Monthly Meeting — Picnic at Bob & Nancy Lynk's

49 Herrick Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054

