



Bethlehem Art Association

Mar./Apr., 2018
Newsletter



Hello Artists,

How lucky we are to have so many wonderful art museums within easy reach. I recently spent a delightful day at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The assemblage of Michelangelo drawings was something that will probably never, ever be repeated. However, there is another exhibit at the museum that has a close connection to us that I highly recommend. It involves Catskill, New York City, and London.

Thomas Cole, the founder of the Hudson River School, lived and worked just a few miles from us in Catskill. The exhibit at the Metropolitan traces Cole's journeys to Europe and examines influences on his art. The exhibit will be at the museum through May 13, after which it moves to the National Gallery in London. Don't miss it.

Another must do trip is to the Thomas Cole House in Catskill. The house has been meticulously renovated and a replica of Cole's studio has been recently opened.

The studio is the site of the local part of the bigger exhibit and runs from May 1 to November 4. While in Catskill a short trip across the river to Frederick Church's home, Olana, might also be in order.

March and April will bring several interesting opportunities for BAA members. We are very fortunate to have Tony Conner, a great watercolorist, as our March meeting presenter and Spring Workshop coordinator. The April meeting will feature a panel of BAA members and an open discussion about how to promote your artwork.

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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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B.A.A. Meetings

**Thursday,
March 15, 6:45 p.m.**

Watercolor Demonstration by Tony Conner



Lowland Reflections by Tony Conner

We are fortunate to have Tony Conner as our presenter for the March meeting and conductor of the spring workshop. The meeting will give you a great opportunity to see what is coming at the workshop. Tony Conner is primarily a seascape and landscape painter. His paintings focus on the use of value and color, particularly the quality of light itself. Tony is a signature member of both the New England and Vermont watercolor societies and an active member of several other watercolor and art societies. To see more of his wonderful paintings and to learn more about Tony, go to www.tonyconner.com

Spring Workshop Saturday April , 7 Watercolor Painting with Tony Conner

9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Delmar Presbyterian Church
To sign up, call Bob Lynk (439-3948) or
Jacqueline Smith (489-1882)



Which Way by Tony Conner

Thursday, April 19, 6:45 p.m. Panel: How to Promote Your Artwork

Something new and different is on hand for the April meeting. A popular item on last year's planning survey was a panel about how to promote your artwork. We are now looking for BAA member volunteers to staff the panel. Do you have information to share with your fellow members about how to: create a website, build a resume, use social media, join galleries, find the demographic that

is most interested in your work, etc. Information about what doesn't work can be as useful as success stories. The plan is for an open discussion with lots of interaction with the audience.

To volunteer send an email with a few sentences on what you would like to talk about to: pjkeitel@gmail.com



News of Our Members and other news

First Fridays at First Presbyterian
An Experience of Visual and Musical Art
Friday, March 2, 2018

The Finger Lakes Guitar Quartet
and
Zephyr Winds Quintet



In the Gallery:
Watercolors by Kevin Kuhne

Concert begins at 6:00 pm
Gallery hours: 5:30 - 8:00 pm
362 State Street, Albany



Red Storm Rising by Kris Kelly

Kris Kelly and Barbara McGeachen will be participating in the 15th Annual Thatcher Park Nature Art Exhibit, at Thatcher Nature Center, 87 Nature Center Way, Voorheesville, NY 12186. The show runs from Saturday, March 10th thru Wednesday March 28th. The nature center is open 6 days per week, Tuesdays thru Sundays, 9am-5pm, closed Mondays. The artists reception will be held on Saturday, March 10, 1:00 -4:00 pm.

New BAA Website on the Way

Susan Bucher, BAA Webmaster, has begun work on a new website for the Association that is more exciting, up-to-date, flexible, and able to provide new features. Hillary Raimo, BAA incoming President, will be working with Susan on the design of the site. You can see a test version of the site at <https://sbuche2.wixsite.com/bethartassoc>

You can send comments to Hillary at hillaryraimo@gmail.com or to Susan at sbucher@nycap.rr.com



Peckham Hollow Swamp by Barbara McGeachen



Annual Meeting Thursday, April 5

The Bethlehem Art Association's Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 5, at the Delmar Presbyterian Church at 7:00 pm. The meeting, open to all members, is your opportunity to guide the association. This meeting is the functional equivalent of a board of directors meeting.

The purpose of the meeting is to review the status of the association, to hold an election of officers (including the confirmation of our next president, Hillary Raimo), and to plan the agenda for the upcoming year. Reports will include the status of membership, finances, community exhibits, newsletter, and scholarships.

The major discussion item is planning the agenda for the 2018-19 year. This involves choosing the presenters for the monthly meetings, the coordinators for the fall and spring workshops, the person to do the annual critique, and the jurors for the spring and fall shows. This total program is the primary service that the BAA provides to its members. To ensure that it meets the needs and desires of the members, we would like as much input as possible. If you can come to the meeting, that would be most helpful; however, you can also contribute by giving your opinions on program priorities and directions by e-mailing me at pjkeitel@gmail.com.



Photo from the 50th Anniversary Show

BAA Spring Show and Sale

The BAA will hold another art show and sale at the Delmar Reformed Church on Saturday, May 12, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

The previous event, which also celebrated our 50th anniversary was highly successful, and we are looking forward to another big hit this year.

Plans for the May 12 event are shaping up. We need:

More member participants.

There is a \$15 registration fee.

An 8' table is available for use, or bring your own rack.

2 to 3 artists to demonstrate your skills for about 30-40 minutes.

The demo can be a start or a work in progress.

Submissions for a Scenes of Bethlehem display.

This will be open to all artists, regardless of whether or not they participate in the larger show. We are looking for scenes of Pine Hollow Arboretum in particular. This will be to honor Dr. John Abbuhl, founder of the Arboretum.

Contact event co-chairs,

Lynda Spielman at lyndaspelman@aol.com

or Dee Foley at deefoley3@mac.com

Our next organizing committee meeting will be at the Library Board Room, March 14 at 1:00 pm.

Publicity event postcards and lawn signs will be available at our next two member meetings. If you have a sign left from the previous show, please bring it to the March meeting, or contact Jack Connell at 518-439-0232 who is in charge of signs.



Meeting Recaps



January Meeting with Ed Ticson

Our presenter for the first meeting of 2018 was Ed Ticson with a presentation on drawing. This was in response to requests for sessions on basic skills. Ed reviewed basics such as perspective and how to create three dimensional effects, and finished with a wonderful portrait. Ed is a very popular guest and has been asked to return this year as the juror for the spring show.



February Critique with Sharon Siegel



excellent teacher and used this opportunity to convey a great deal of information to the members on how to enhance their artwork. Sharon was a very popular guest and is a likely juror for one of our shows next year.



The annual critique of member artwork took place at the February meeting. Members were able to bring one piece for evaluation and suggestions by a professional artist. Sharon Siegel did the critique this year. She is an



More News

Lynda Spielman will be teaching a spring series of watercolor classes "Flowers and More" at the Delmar Presbyterian Church, Saturdays 9:00 - 12:00 on April 14, 21, 28, May 5 and 19. Beginners are welcome. Contact Lynda at lyndaspelman@aol.com or 718 463 5679 for registration details. [Lynda will also be demonstrating at the Southern Saratoga Art Society in Clifton Park at their April 23rd meeting.](#)

Karin Woodin Workshop: The Spring Stream Oil Painting Workshop

Date: Saturday, March 17, 2018
Time: 10:00 am to 3:30 pm
Instructor: Karen Woodin

Location: Emma Treadwell Thacher Nature Center located at 87 Nature Center Way on Thompson's Lake near Thacher Park.

Description: Learn the various steps to paint a beautiful spring stream with a lovely waterfall using oils on a 16 x 20 canvas. This full-day class is ideal for painters of all skill levels. Oil paints, brushes and canvas will be provided. Cold and hot beverages and refreshments are included. Please bring along your lunch. You will receive a total of five hours of professional instruction by artist/teacher Karen Woodin.

Course fee: \$65 dollars.

Advance registration and payment received no later than March 10th.

Contact the Nature Center @ [\(518\) 872-0800](tel:5188720800).



Jacqueline Smith Plein Air Painting

I will be holding Plein Air painting sessions in any medium beginning in late May and continuing into Autumn as long as there is an interest. Most sessions will be held at The Five Rivers Environmental Education Center in Delmar on several Saturdays and Wednesdays during the months. If you have other places which you could suggest the group to go for a session, please send that to me.

Email me if you wish to join the group and receive notices via periodic emails.

Contact me at Tshock1882@aol.com to be put on the list or 518/489-1882.



Venues

BAA Community Exhibit Schedule Mar. 2018 through June 2018

Sign up at a monthly meeting to schedule a showing of your work or contact Susan Trottier 221-7195 or lem2lane@nycap.rr.com

VENUES RESERVED FOR BAA MEMBERS

	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE
BONE & JOINT CENTER 2 halls, 20 hangers and 16 hangers	HILLARY RAIMO BOTH HALLS		OPEN	
FOUR CORNERS LUNCHEONETTE 10 hangers - can hold doubles	NANCY NOBLE GARDNER	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
BANK OF COXSACKIE Rte. 9W, Glenmont - 13 spaces	CAROL TURNER		OPEN	

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

Terra International Cuisine and the NuWave Café, 238 Washington Ave., Albany

Contact Howard Katz at howard@terraalbany.com

Capital Bank, Slingerlands Price Chopper Plaza:

Contact Greg Bruno at 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. 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

Madison Theater Windows: Contact Lorenz M. Worden, 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, March 15** ~ Watercolor Demonstration by Tony Connor
Thursday, April 5 ~ Annual Planning Meeting - Delmar Presbyterian Church 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 7 ~ Watercolor Workshop with Tony Connor
Thursday, April 19 ~ A Panel on How to Promote Your Artwork
Tuesday, May 1 ~ Spring Show Submissions Drop-off at Bethlehem Public Library, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 17 ~ Spring Show Reception ~ Ed Ticson
Thursday, May 31 ~ Spring Show art removal by 9:00 p.m. (**No Exceptions**)
Thursday, June 21 ~ Picnic at Rita and Peter Buttiker's

202 Orchard St., Delmar NY 12054

