



# Bethlehem Art Association

May/June, 2017  
**Newsletter**



Hello Artists,

One of the great privileges of being a member of the Bethlehem Art Association is to take advantage of the numerous opportunities to share and show your artwork. These opportunities encourage us to create, they bring life to our art, and they help us share our art with others. You have all heard the ancient question about trees: If a tree falls in the woods and there is no one there to hear it, is there a sound. I'd rephrase that question: If art is not seen, not viewed, is it really art?

We now have a record number of members, but the Association is having great difficulty in filling the exhibit venues that are available in our community. This year we are no longer purchasing a season subscription at the Delmar Farmers Market due to a lack of artist participation. I appeal to you to make use of the remaining venues that are available for the exclusive use of BAA artists: the Bone and Joint Center, the Four Corners Luncheonette, the Glenmont Branch of the Bank of Coxsackie, and the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce.

One other venue worth mentioning is the Bethlehem Town Hall. We will again mount a show in October and November that will have room for 25 works by members. This year's show will focus on the popular theme, scenes of Bethlehem. This has been a very successful show in the past, so, please get busy creating a local scene for everyone to see.

Have a great summer.

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 member Mary E. Phillips*

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### **Refreshments**

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## Annual Planning Meeting Report

The Annual Planning Meeting was held in April to establish the program agenda for the 2017-18 year. This year the process was made much easier through the use of a member survey to find out what people were interested in. Members clearly wanted changes in the monthly programs. In response to strong demand, we will be starting the new season with a session on color theory. Another session focusing on basic skills will be a drawing class. A program on marketing and promoting artwork was also suggested and we will have a panel on that subject later in the year. All of the presenters for next year were chosen from the suggestions made in the survey.

Thank you for participating. Your survey responses provided the planners with concrete program suggestions and specific speaker recommendations. We are now in the process of confirming the presenters and judges, and will announce the final program in the September Newsletter.

**Thursday, May 18, 6:45 p.m.**

## **Spring Show Reception** **Comments by Juror Tony Iadiciccio,** **Director, Albany Center Gallery**

Our Juror will be Tony Iadiciccio the Executive Director of the Albany Center Gallery. The Albany Center Gallery had a recent reopening in the Arcade Building (488 Broadway, Albany). It is fortunate that, under Tony's guidance, the Gallery will continue to provide an important service to the local art community. We are pleased that Tony has agreed to serve as Juror for our Spring Show this year.

***Feel free to bring a small snack to share at our reception.***



*See page 4 for details*

**Annual Picnic at the Lynk's Thursday, June 15**

## **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](mailto:Tshock1882@aol.com) to be put on the list or 518/489-1882.

The first session is scheduled for Wednesday May 24, at 1:00pm, weather permitting.

***Jacqueline Smith***



## News of Our Members and other news

### **Hillary Raimo**

Will be exhibiting two photographs, "Owls" and "Black Swan" at the Spring Street Gallery in Saratoga Springs with the Opening Reception April 29 6-8pm. It's a multi-media group show that will last through May.



*TenMileCreek*

### **Barbara McGeachen**

Will be having a watercolor exhibit called Moments in Time at the Columbia Green Community College in the Blue Hill Gallery during May and June. The opening reception is May 4th from 4-6pm. She can be reached at [mcgeachen.ba@gmail.com](mailto:mcgeachen.ba@gmail.com)

## Spring Workshop with Jim Coe

The Jim Coe Workshop held on April 8, at the Delmar Presbyterian Church was well attended on a sunny Spring Saturday. Jim began with a review of colors he uses and some techniques on blending colors to produce the best results. He uses a earth toned stretched canvas which he prepares himself. The subject was a blue heron in an icy stream which he combined from two photos. He quickly drew the lines of the composition with a wide brush and added his local colors slowly always stressing the contrast between the lightest tones and the darkest shades. Although he begins his Plein Air paintings in situ, he said he often finishes in the studio. He comments on his technique and answers any questions people ask throughout the demo. Jim finished with most of the painting done, but still needing refinements around noon. After lunch, we began our paintings continuing for several hours then had a productive critique session for those who wanted pointers. We are looking forward to our next time with Jim.





# Picnic in the Helderbergs

## June 15 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 Please make your reservation by  
Monday, June 12.  
Call the Lynks at their home 439-3948 or  
at the lake 827-4340  
or email to [thelynks@verizon.net](mailto:thelynks@verizon.net)

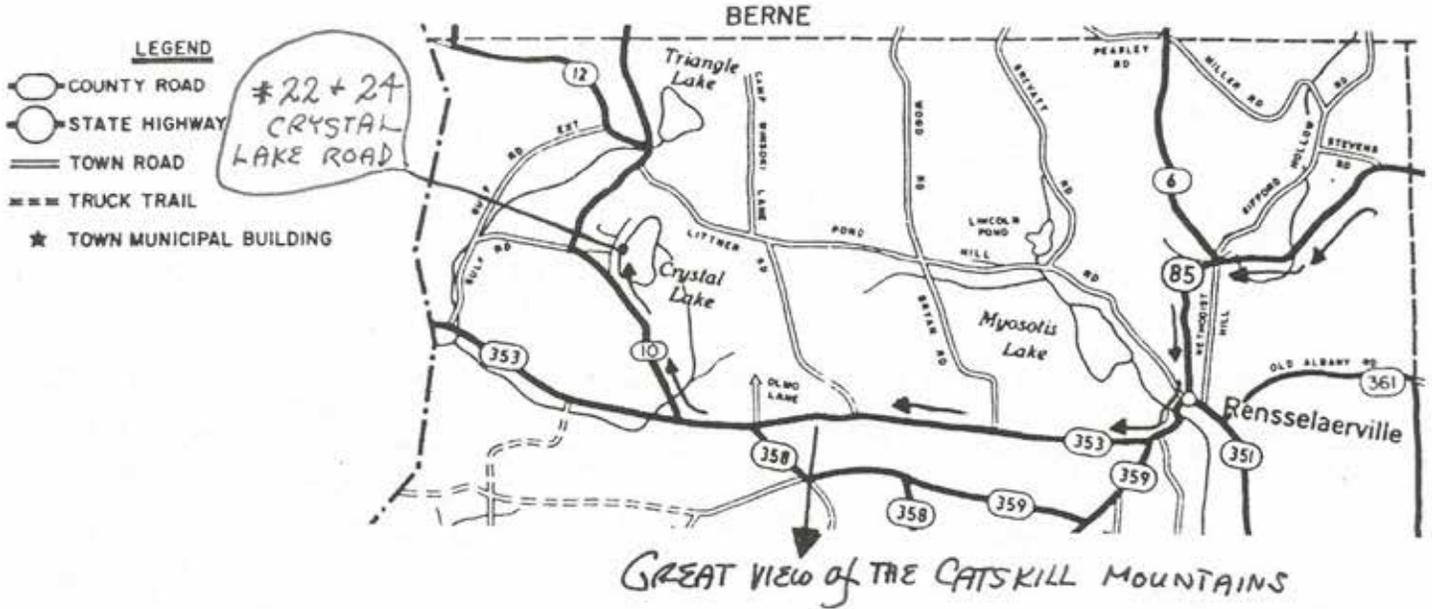
Tableware and non-alcoholic beverages  
will be provided.

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

### DIRECTIONS TO 22 & 24 CRYSTAL LAKE ROAD 518 827-4340

1. Take Route 85, New Scotland Avenue/Road, to its terminus in Rensselaerville OR take Route 443, Delaware Avenue. Beyond Clarksville, 443 joins 85. Be sure to bear left on 85 when 443 goes right toward Berne and Schoharie.
2. Turn right at the T in Rensselaerville, cross the bridge, continue up the hill.
3. At the fork in the road, bear right onto County Route 353.
4. Approximately 3 miles hence, turn right onto County Route 10. There's a small rural cemetery at the intersection. Continue less than 1 mile to the lake.
5. Take the second right, Crystal Lake Road. The cottages are on the right - #22 green on the street and #24 on the lake. To park at #24 turn right by the stone wall - before #22. The parking area is on the lakeside of the split rail fence. The parking area for #22 is next to Crystal Lake Road.

Car pooling is encouraged as parking spaces are limited.  
Thank you.





## Meeting Recaps

### Annual Critique with Gary Shankman

At the March meeting members were able to bring in a piece of their work for evaluation and advice by local artist Gary Shankman. Gary has made frequent appearances with the BAA in a variety of roles. He has a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Boston University and a Master of Fine Arts degree from American University. Gary is a full professor at Sage College of Albany and his oil paintings have been on display internationally. As usual, Gary provided an informative and entertaining evening.



### Ali Hermann's April Presentation on Encaustic Painting

The presenter at the April meeting was Ali Hermann. Ali did an encaustic demonstration using heated beeswax as a painting medium. Ali is a very knowledgeable and skilled presenter and provided a detailed and informative session on how to work with this unusual material. You can see Ali's work at [www.alihermann.com](http://www.alihermann.com)





## 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 588-0005***

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 \_\_\_\_\_

### Delmar Farmers Market

Unfortunately, the level of participation in the Delmar Farmers Market last year did not justify the purchase of a full season subscription by the BAA this year. However, the Market remains a wonderful way to show and market your artwork. The BAA has a canopy and a set of display racks that can be used by members.

The daily participant fee for the market is \$35.

To sign up for the market, contact the Manager, Ken Myer at [kendelmarketmgr@gmail.com](mailto:kendelmarketmgr@gmail.com)

For the use of the canopy and racks, contact Peter Keitel at [pjkeitel@gmail.com](mailto:pjkeitel@gmail.com)



## Venues

### **BAA Community Exhibit Schedule May 2017 through August 2017**

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	AUG
BONE & JOINT CENTER 2 halls, 20 hangers and 16 hangers	LESLIE BERLINSKY SUSAN BUCHER			OPEN OPEN
FOUR CORNERS LUNCHEONETTE 10 hangers - can hold doubles	DIANE CAMPION	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
BANK OF COXSACKIE Rte. 9W, Glenmont - 13 spaces	RITA BUTTIKER			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](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

***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 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. 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

***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*

**Tuesday, May 2** ~ Spring Show Submissions Drop-off At Bethlehem Public Library, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

**Thursday, May 18** ~ Spring Show Reception ~ Comments by Juror Tony Iadiciccio, Director,  
Albany Center Gallery

**Wednesday, May 31** ~ Spring Show art removal by 9:00 p.m. (**No Exceptions**)

**Thursday, June 15** ~ Picnic at Bob and Nancy Lynk's

202 Orchard St., Delmar NY 12054

