

West Hills Art League

NEWSLETTER

APR 2022

YOUR CHOICE! Join us at Robin Hill or via Zoom on Thursday, April 21st from 7pm-9pm

This Month's Guest Demonstration:

Hands-on Multi-Media Collage Demonstration by Alison Zapata

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for a fun hands on activity demo by Alison Zapata. Alison will lead us in a mixed media painting. We will supply material but ask you to bring a photocopy of a cherished family member(s) sized to fit on an 8x10 or slightly smaller.

Alison Zapata has been working as a visual artist and art educator throughout Pittsburgh for more than fifteen years. She works primarily as a painter, with a focus on portraiture, murals, and multi-media collage. Her paintings are collected throughout the United States. Her interest lies in building community and interpersonal relationships through the exploration of art.

Experienced and versatile in the classroom, Alison has a natural ability to create a dynamic, organized, and warm environment in which students thrive in their creativity and love for learning. Having obtained a BA in Art Education at Carlow University, Alison has developed engaging, child-centered arts programming in classrooms throughout Pittsburgh in various populations since 1998. Her ability to communicate concepts creatively and effectively extends to her students, parents, colleagues, and the school community. Alison has received art education training through Gateway to the Arts, Pittsburgh Center for the Arts, Lincoln Center's Aesthetic Education, and Wolf Trap Institute. She is a resident artist in the Artists in Education program through the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts and the Creative Aging Roster. She was awarded participation in and studied Contemporary Art in Rio De Janeiro and Salvador, Brazil with the Fulbright-Hays Group Project Abroad Art and Society: Brazil/U.S. Educational Partnership with the Center for Latin American Studies at the University

of Pittsburgh and the Andy Warhol Museum. She was awarded a grant for a long-term TAP-Teacher Artist Partnership- with South Fayette School District to implement art and technology integration with a focus on STEAM. She is an educational consultant and instructor at the PA Council on the Arts TAP Summer Institute. She was the keynote speaker at the Sayre Learning Early Conference in 2015. At Familylinks, she teaches visual art experiences weekly for students with severe developmental or behavioral disorders, including an Autism Support Classroom. She works with staff to create lesson plans and projects connecting art history to social studies. She has professional experience in educational leadership. Her expertise lies in visual arts, painting, portraiture, murals, sign painting, collage, and arts integration with a focus on STEAM. She is the owner/lead artist of Zapata Studios. Alison's paintings have been featured in Good Housekeeping and Pittsburgh Magazine. She has a B.A. in Art Education from Carlow University.

<http://www.zapatastudios.com>



**Drop off your
WHAL Mother's Day
Show art and
join us for a
PLEIN AIR DAY
at Robin Hill on
Friday, 4/29!**



ZOOM Instructions:

Step 1: To get started with Zoom, head to their website [ZOOM.com](https://zoom.us) and click on the "SIGN UP" button that is at the top-right corner of the screen.

Step 2: You have two options when it comes to creating a Zoom account.

You can either:

- Create a new account using your email address.
- Sign in using your Google or Facebook account.

Step 3: Zoom will now send you an email with a confirmation link.

Step 4: Download the desktop app/Zoom client from the Zoom website for easy access.

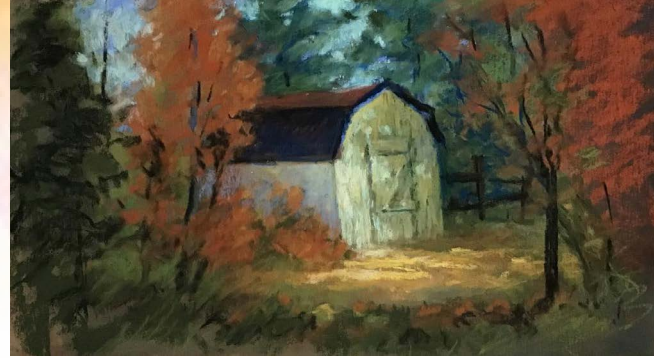
Enter the zoom meeting address or click the link that will be sent to you in your email.

**WHAL Virtual
Show And Share
Tuesday, April 5th
@ 7pm**

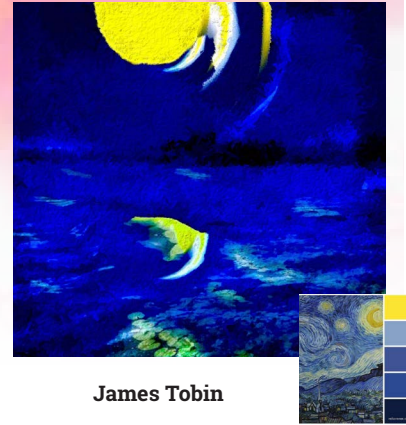
WHA! February Challenge: COLOR PALETTES INSPIRED BY THE ART OF VINCENT VAN GOGH



Leah Shuck



Marian Sallade



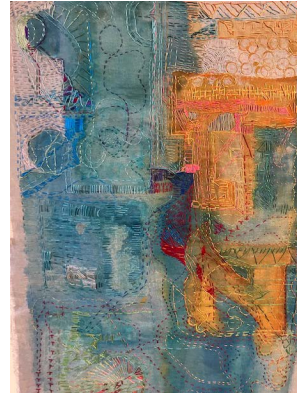
James Tobin



Ralph Bonnar "Heliconia Rostrata"
11"x14" oil on stretched canvas



Josette Baker
"Fairy Tree" - Acrylic on canvas



Maryanne Plump "Stitch Craze"
Dr Martin's ink wash on linen with
hand stitch / embroidery thread.



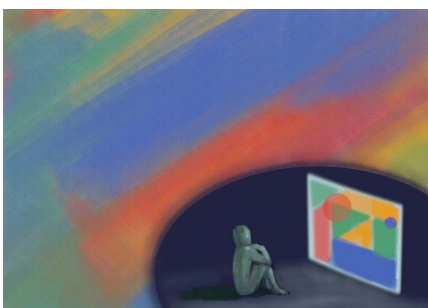
Suzan Vandertie
"Essence of Sunflower"



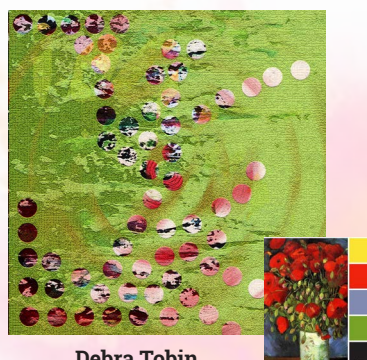
Kelly Bush "Cloudy Skies", Photo 2010



Lynda Kirby - "River & Rolling Hills", watercolor



Neelam Dwivedi "Screens"



Debra Tobin

APRIL 2022 CHALLENGE:

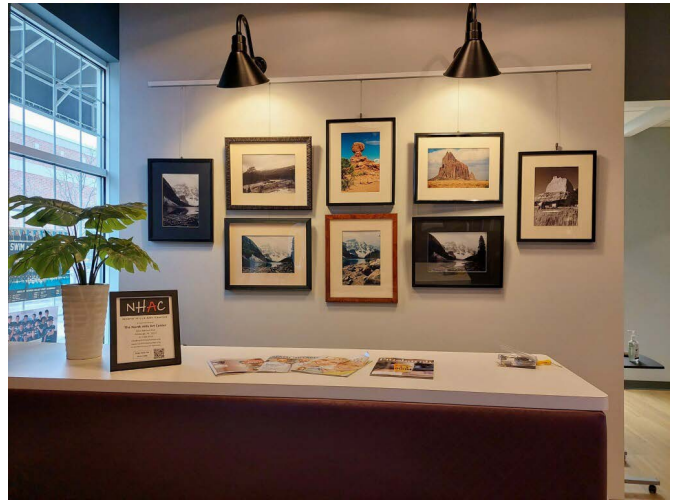
**"APRIL SHOWERS
BRING MAY FLOWERS"**

Email your submission to
kirbycreativeservices@yahoo.com by April 29th

WHAL Member News & Art Openings



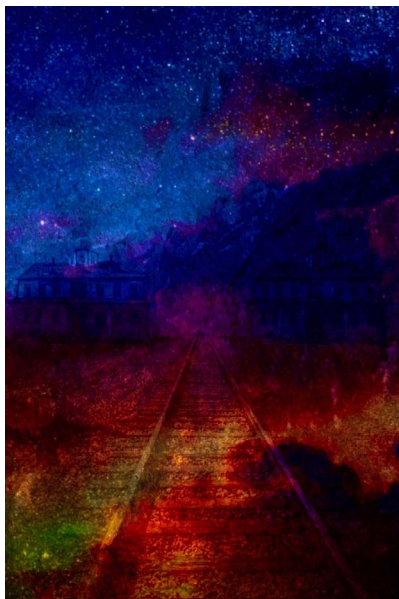
Patricia Young was awarded a "Best in Show" at the Ligonier Winter Paint-out in February. Despite challenging weather conditions, the 14x18 painting was done in the cold and snow with a stormy sky. Congratulations!



Lance Maloney is the North Hills Art Center featured artist at Rhoads Ortodontic specialist office in Cranberry.

WATERCOLOR CLASSES WITH DOUG BROWN

Starting April 4th from 3-6pm for 6 Thursdays in a row at Gilberti Fine Art Studio <https://gilbertifineart.weebly.com/classes.html> & Mondays at North Hills Art Center starting April 14th from 9am-12pm <https://northhillsartcenter.org/classes-more>



Congratulations James Tobin - his digital piece "Night Station" was accepted to the 99th annual Nicole & Harry Martin Spring Show.

Members Helping Members

One of the biggest benefits of belonging to the West Hills Art League is having access to a supportive community of artists who want to help each other grow and learn!

Josette Baker sought some advice from **Gina Judy** regarding a painting she created; "I painted an acrylic artwork of a goldfish named "Chloe" I plan to enter into the WHAL Mother's Day Exhibit. Gina gave me her advice on my desire to glaze or leave as is. Just one of the many benefits of being in our WHAL."

Lynda Kirby tapped into **Cindy Gilberti's** pastel expertise at Gilberti Art Studio recently; "Cindy shared some of her extensive knowledge and supplies with me and it really changed my whole approach and thinking and helped me move past an issue I was struggling with!"

Also, consider joining our monthly Show & Share on the first Tuesday of every month for support and constructive advice.

WHAL Member News & Art Openings



Pennsylvania Art Education Association

Touchstone CENTER FOR CRAFTS
Pioneering Craft Education for 50 Years



Join us for an exciting art-making workshop at Touchstone Center for Crafts, Pennsylvania's premier craft school, as we explore mixed media portraiture with instructor, Julia Castor.



In this workshop we will create a portrait juxtaposed with an object relating to each participants' chosen subject. Julia will instruct us in techniques of graphite and watercolor pencils on bristol paper. This is a project not only adaptable for students K-12 but also an exciting art-making opportunity for you!

Tap into your inner maker and come join us on Touchstone's beautiful campus for an afternoon of art-making on:

April 23rd from 2-5pm.

Touchstone is situated in Fayette County in the beautiful mountains of the Laurel Highlands, near Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater, Ohiopyle State Park, and Nemaquin Woodlands Resort. Consider making a whole day of it!

PAEA Member Fee \$10

Non-PAEA Member Fee \$20

This event is eligible for 3 hours of ACT 48 credit.

Register here!



Brought to you by PAEA Region 1, serving Allegheny, Westmoreland, Fayette, Greene, and Washington counties.

www.touchstonecrafts.org

Debra Tobin's 36"x24" digital art on metal "Life Interrupted" has been accepted into the Hoyt Regional Juried Art Exhibition. Congratulations!



Congratulations **Patricia Mae Young, Cindy Gilberti and Marian Sallade** for the trifecta of awards at the Pittsburgh Pastel Artists League Pure Color show at the North Hills Art Center! Other members exhibiting work are **Debra Tobin, James Tobin, & Lynda Kirby**



Call for Artists



Call for Entries for Art of the State 2022 is open now through May 6, 2022.

Visit our Call for Entry site on Café for details and to submit your entry!

Art of the State, open to Pennsylvania artists and craftspeople, is an annual juried exhibition held at The State Museum of Pennsylvania. With an established tradition of exhibiting highly creative art chosen by a distinguished panel of jurors, Art of the State provides an opportunity for both established and emerging Pennsylvania artists to exhibit their art and receive statewide recognition.

The 55th Art of the State exhibition will offer cash awards for selected entries in the categories of Painting, Work on Paper, Photography & Digital Media, Sculpture and Craft.

Online entries accepted: Feb. 18 - May 6
Notifications sent: Week of June 23
Intake: July 23-30
Exhibition on view: September 11, 2022 - January 15, 2023

For more information contact
Amy Hammond, Curator
ra-phartofthestate@pa.gov

West Hills Art League Annual Mother's Day Show - May 2022

The 2022 annual art exhibit will be held at the Robin Hill Park Main Building. We will announce the winners on Sunday, May 8 during our Mother's Day Opening Reception.

Our judge, Suzie Sparks will offer insights into their selections during our May meeting.

Entry fee is \$10.00 per piece. All submissions must have been completed within the past two years, not exhibited in a prior WHAL Art Show and not completed in a workshop or under instruction.

The show is open to all active members whose membership dues are paid in full. Each member is limited to three pieces of artwork. All mediums are accepted. Original artwork only. No giclees. No diptychs or triptychs.

Deadline for in-person art drop off at Robin Hill is 11:59am, Fri., April 29, 2022.

Please fill out the online entry form(s) and also email images of submissions to westhillsartists@gmail.com by 11:59am, Friday, April 29, 2022.

Digital requirements for emailed images are a jpeg format. *Image file size is limited to 2.0 MB or less. Each image should be labeled as: Artist's last name, title of piece, year created, and medium: (LastName.Title.Year.Medium.jpeg) Example: Smith.Flowers in a Vase.2022.oils.jpeg. Note: Artwork that does not meet the above criteria will be disqualified.

<http://westhillsartleague.com>



About Our Judge:

Susan Sparks is a professional artist and entrepreneur returned to southwestern PA after several years on the west coast, Orange County, CA. and Seattle, WA, where I worked primarily as senior corporate creative, plus did some arts related non-profit work. Since retuning to PA, I have been immersed in non-profit arts management, my most recent position being the Program Manger for the Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall in Carnegie PA.

<https://www.eastside-gallery.com/exhibiting-artists/susan-sparks>

Call for Artists



Oglebay Institute
Inspiring the Imagination



Oglebay Institute has a unique challenge for you! The Stifel Fine Arts Center is getting a new roof and we've saved some of the ceramic roof tiles from the old roof for you to use in an original piece of artwork!

We will be auctioning these original pieces to raise funds and defray the cost of the new roof. You and Oglebay Institute will split the proceeds 50-50.

The auction will be held on Saturday, May 7.
The deadline for entry is April 20.
You can find the prospectus here.

Lisa Rasmussen - Curator of Exhibitions
Stifel Fine Arts Center | Oglebay Institute
1330 National Road, Wheeling, WV 26003
304-242-7700
lrasmussen@oionline.com

Crosscurrents and Oglebayfest Artist and Gourmet Market

Oglebay Institute's Stifel Fine Arts Center is now taking applications to exhibit in the annual multi-media exhibition Crosscurrents and the annual Oglebayfest Artist and Gourmet Market.

[Click here to view the Crosscurrents prospectus and application online.](#)
Deadline for entry is April 4

[Click here to view the Oglebayfest prospectus and application online.](#)
Deadline for entry is June 1

The Merrick Masters 2022 Biennial Juried Show

We invite you to hang your masterpiece with ours!
Opening: Sunday, August 28, 2022
The Merrick Art Gallery
1100 5th Avenue, New Brighton, PA 15066

\$2,000 in prizes!

1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place, and multiple Honorable Mentions will each receive Monetary Awards.

Submissions due June 30, 2022

For more information and to download the prospectus, visit **www.merrickartgallery.org**

MONACA 2022 ARTS & MUSIC FEST

May 28 | 12-8 p.m. | Antoline Park



Presented by the Monaca Community
Development Corporation and its
Arts in Monaca Committee

Call for Artists & Art Vendors

We are looking for original art pieces to display and handmade art vendors to help grow our first-ever Monaca Arts & Music Fest event into a wonderful and varied celebration of all things creative!

Are you an artist who would like to have one of your works showcased or would you like to host your own booth?

Now through April 15, we are accepting art submissions and art vendor applications.

Artists, makers and enthusiasts of all walks of life are invited to submit original artworks and/or to reserve a booth space at the event.

See submission and application form links here on the Monaca CDC website.

Call for Artists



NORTH HILLS ART CENTER

The North Hills Art Center *presents*

ART OF THE EARTH

Art Exhibit

benefitting
Beechwood Farms



SHOW JUROR:
CINDY GILBERTI

(see website for bio)

SHOW DATES:
APRIL 23 - MAY 13



CALL FOR ARTISTS!

Opening Reception
Awards Ceremony
April 23, 7pm

Gallery Open
April 25-May 13
M-F, 10am-3pm
TU, 7pm - 9pm

3432 Babcock Blvd
Pittsburgh, PA 15237
412-364-3622
info@northhillsartcenter.org
www.northhillsartcenter.org

Art Delivery Dates

April 11 - 15, 10am - 3pm & April 12, 7-9pm

Each piece must be 'inspired by the Earth'

Entry Fee-Maximum Three (3) Pieces:
Members: \$10 per piece Nonmembers: \$15 per piece
Attach one of the tags below to the **front** of each entry.

Only recent 2D & 3D work that has not been in a previous juried* show at the NHAC may be submitted. *Prints accepted in non-juried shows only.* **Each piece must be ready for display or hanging with picture wire.** *Work with gallery clips or saw tooth clips will **not** be accepted.* No piece of artwork shall be substituted or removed until the last day of the show.

**Juried for prizes only, not entry.*

The NHAC is not responsible for damages, loss or theft to any piece during, or if left, after the show. Artwork not picked up after 30 days following show closing will become the property of the NHAC.

The NHAC will take a 30% commission on any piece of exhibited art that is sold.

**Art Pick Up Dates: May 16-19, 10am-3pm
& May 17, 7pm-9pm**



Events & Shows



Westmoreland Art Nationals Juried Fine Art & Photography Exhibitions

The first exhibit will be held in Commissioners Hall at Westmoreland County Community College. The exhibit will run from Sat., May 21 through Wed., June 8, with the Opening Reception on May 21 from 6-8 PM. Awards will be Announced at 7PM on May 21 and posted on our Facebook page.

The second exhibit will be held at the Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival on Thursday, June 30 through Sunday, July 3 with the Opening Reception set for Saturday, June 25 from 6-8 PM. Awards will be Announced at 7:00 PM on June 25 and posted on our Facebook page. Both shows are free and open to the public to attend.

Digital exhibitions will have artwork that is accepted into both exhibits and will also be displayed on our Facebook page and website. The first Exhibit will run from May 21 – June 18, 2022 and the second Exhibit will run from June 25 – July 23, 2022.

The People's Choice Award will be decided by the number of votes received on-site through paper ballots as well as votes taken from our Facebook Page using the number of "Likes" on an image. Any accepted piece of artwork may be voted on to win the People's Choice Award. Voters are permitted to cast one ballot per artist per day.

A total of \$4,800 in prize money will be awarded in the following categories:

Best of Show	Photography
Painting	Mixed Media
Graphics	Digital Media/Digital Art
Craft	New Entrant
Sculpture	People's Choice

Winners are selected for each exhibit and are not announced until the night of the Opening Receptions. Both shows provide excellent exposure and serve as wonderful networking opportunities to meet other distinguished artists.



Women in Art: Visual Voices Juried Exhibition

You Are Here

406 Clay Avenue, Jeannette, PA 15644

Sat, Apr 23, 2022 12:00 PM Sat, Jun 4, 2022 6:00 PM



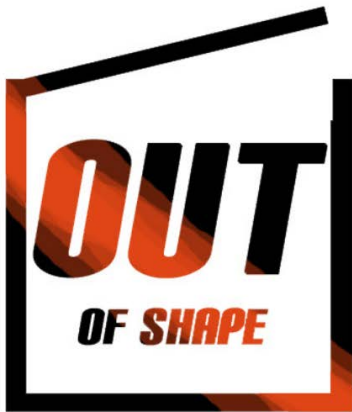
You Are Here, and partner Maureen Kochanek challenges women artists to make art that speaks to the power the visual arts can wield in our current cultural climate. Visual Voices aspires to expand the canon of art by being a platform to showcase a symphony of women's voices that sing loudly and passionately about the changes and challenges of our time.

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Mark your calendars!

April 8th–9th from 6-8pm

April 10th from 2-4pm



AT KETCHUP CITY CREATIVE
CURATED BY
HEATHER HEITZENRATER



A show featuring 2D works featured on non-traditional shaped panels and canvases. No Rectangular or Square shaped works allowed!



612 Main Street, Sharpsburg, 15215



Erie Art Museum

Nicole & Harry
MARTIN | **Spring
SHOW**

April 8- August 5

More details can be found at:
ErieArtmuseum.org



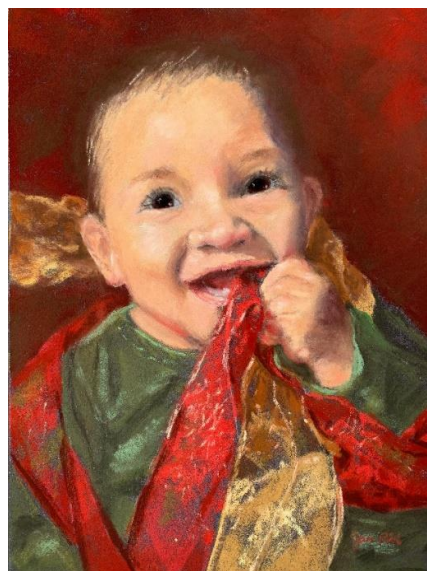
Cranberry Artists Network

"A View from Above or Below"

March 4 – April 14, 2022

This juried show will be on display at Cranberry Municipal Building March 4 - April 14. Opening reception March 9, 6-8pm. Participating WHAL artists include **Gina Judy, Marian Sallade, Colleen Tittiger, Debra Tobin, James Tobin, and Patricia Young.**

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Clockwise, art by: Marian Sallade. Eric Dye (detail), Jan Pini, and Kristin Divers

"Pure Color"

*Pittsburgh Pastel Artists League
Members Show*

**North Hills Art Center
March 12 – April 8, 2022**

Hours: Mon-Fri 10-3

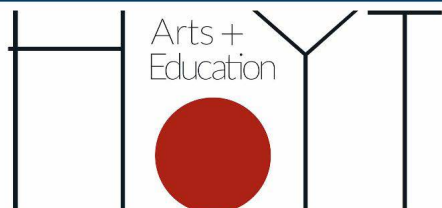
Reception and Awards: March 19, 5-7

3432 Babcock Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15237
ppal-artists.com northhillsartcenter.org



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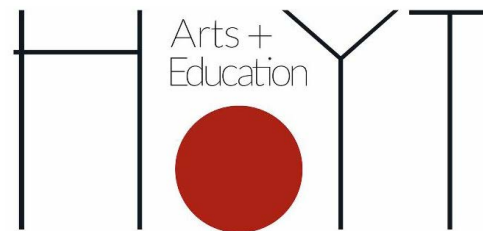
49th annual



R E G I O N A L

Juried Competition

Apr 26 - Jun 30, 2022



**The Hoyt Mini Masterpiece
Competition 2022
March 1 – April 21, 2022**



M^cMURRAY ART LEAGUE HUGE ART SUPPLIES SALE Friday and Saturday, April 1 and 2 from 10 am to 2 pm

at the Mal Studio behind Atria's Restaurant in the McDowell Shops;
4069 Washington Road; McMurray, PA 15317
Easily accessible from I-79 South, Canonsburg Exit

Please park in the front lot near Trek, the bike store.

Supplies include: matboard, frames, decoupage items, pencils paints – oils, acrylics, watercolor, pen & ink, ... paint surfaces – oil, acrylic, water color, ... tattoo equipment, easels, storage units, air brush equipment plus much more! Many items never used most prices 80% off new – brand names - free items table! Please bring your own bags.

This is a fundraiser, so no taxes due!

**Saturday at noon begins 1/2 off of everything left!
EVERYTHING MUST GO!**

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P.O. Box 633, Moon Township, PA 15108

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