



West Hills Art League

NEWSLETTER

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NEXT MEETING DATE:

In-Person Meetings Cancelled
For April and May

Adjusting Our Sails



Hello fellow members!

We hope that you are all safe and healthy. While we cannot predict how long the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic will impact our community, we can try to find different ways to continue our mission of promoting the artistic growth of our members and encouraging public appreciation for the arts.

Some ideas we are working on:

- Virtual meetings via video conferencing
- Video guest demonstrations
- Online Mother's Day Sale with virtual jury voting and people's choice award (entry fee will be waived this year!)
- Digital Mother's Day bookmarks for downloading

More information to come soon as we work on digital solutions to the quarantine mandate.

Stay safe and stay creative!

Member and Local Art News

PICASSO SHOW BUS TRIP CANCELLED - REFUNDS WILL BE SENT OUT

Well, we are very sad to say that we had to cancel our June trip to the Cleveland Museum. We have cancelled the bus reservation for now and we have been in touch with our contact at the museum. She is going to keep us updated on what happens with the show dates...not sure if it may postpone, extend or cancel. Depending on how quickly things get back to normal we may be able to look at putting something together for the future.

WHAL artists are well represented at the Art for Animals exhibit at the North Hills Art Center

with submissions by Dianne Bauman, Sandra Beitsinger, Doug Brown, Doris Dumrauf, Kim Freithaler, Gina Judy, Melissa Tai, Debra Tobin, and James Tobin. The Center is closed to the public but now you can see each and every piece of art in the virtual gallery show at <https://youtu.be/28Y-BiAQTGE>! This is a benefit show to help support Pigsburgh Squealers and Hello Bully rescues. Any questions about purchasing art can be sent to info@northhillsartcenter.org.

WHAL artists were also represented in the Beaver Valley Artists 43rd Annual Juried show

by Colleen Tittiger, Debra Tobin and James Tobin who received an Honorable Mention for his Digital on Metal "Blue Cruiser", The artwork has been hung at the Merrick Art Gallery in New Brighton. The show was juried by Tara Zalewsky Nease. Although the Merrick is closed to the public you may view the show pieces at <https://youtu.be/TCVJrY0amt4>.

Diane Bauman's, "I Am A Refugee" has been accepted for the 2020 Hoyt Regional Show.

Judge Tyler Cann selected 60 works for the exhibition out of 523 works submitted by 171 artists. The opening has been postponed to the closing date of Friday, June 12th from 6-8pm. The exhibition will be hung for its duration from March 31- June 12th. In the event that the Hoyt does not reopen to the public on March 31 they will post an on-line virtual tour of the galleries on social media and an on-line gallery on their website: www.hoytartcenter.org.

Dianne Bauman, Debra Tobin and James Tobin

are among the WHAL members to be accepted into The Merrick Masters Exhibit. The new exhibit dates are yet to be determined.

Cranberry Artists Network April New Member Electronic Screening

Interested candidates - please fill out the Membership Application Form at <https://www.cranberryartistsnetwork.com/membership-application> and email 3 digital images of recently created artwork by April 19 to Membership@cranarts.com

Christine Swann's online series:

I Set My Painting on Fire | Art is a Journey

Christine Swann shares tips, tricks, and the demolition of her paintings after every lesson. <https://swannportraits.com/>

Sweetwater Center for the Arts is temporarily

closed. The Artist Guild meetings have been canceled until further notice.

Virtual Exhibitions of Note

A Virtual Tour of the Frick Collection

<https://www.frick.org/exhibitions/moroni/virtualArtland>

Artland

<https://www.artland.com/exhibitions/continuum-554864>

Kunstmatrix's 3-D Exhibitions

<https://artspaces.kunstmatrix.com/en/exhibitions>

April Artist Spotlight



Stephanie Moraca

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania based fine artist Steph Moraca has been recreating the beauty of the outdoors in her realism landscape paintings for over eighteen years. An avid hiker and outdoor explorer, Ms. Moraca finds inspiration for her paintings while visiting national parks and other iconic nature scenes.

Ms. Moraca received formal art education at the University of Pittsburgh, where she graduated in 2012 with a Bachelor of Arts in Studio Arts. She continues to learn by attending professional workshops and participating in group critique sessions in several art organizations, including the Pittsburgh Society of Artists and Oil Painters of America. Her paintings have been juried into national level exhibitions and have received awards including Honorable Mentions and fan-favorites at public voting exhibitions. In addition, Ms. Moraca's work has been featured in newspaper publications and in local Pittsburgh magazines.

Ms. Moraca's intent with creating contemporary realism landscape paintings is to spark emotion and possibly bring up some memories for her clients as they view her work. "My clients feel a connection with my landscape paintings because they share the same love for nature and national parks as me - they often tell me stories about their memories of visiting the places I paint, and I enjoy listening and comparing their stories to my own experiences."

Her paintings are featured in the homes and businesses of private collectors throughout the United States.

<http://www.thepaintingstooof.com/index.html>

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