

West Hills Art League

NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2021

This Month's Guest Demonstrator:

Yelena Lamm

Zoom Meeting April 15, 7pm-9pm

During her first year as a member of Pittsburgh Watercolor Society, Yelena Lamm received two first place awards: "Victoria's Breakfast" Waterworks 2020, and "Grand View" PWS 75th Anniversary Exhibition at Fallingwater. Primarily oil painter, Yelena sees watercolor as a parallel reality, a completely different world, but the one that derives from and shares same basic principles as the oils.

Yelena Lamm was born in Saint Petersburg, Russia, where she received her formal art training from the N. K. Roerich Fine Arts School. After moving to the U.S.A. with her family in 1995, Yelena pursued a career as an artist and designer. She furthered her education at the Art Institute of Pittsburgh, where she received her degree in Graphic Design. Meanwhile, she kept on painting, working on various subjects, primarily in oil. Yelena lives in Pittsburgh, PA, where she paints and teaches oil and watercolor painting in her studio.



Lamm's illustrations are featured on interpretive panels at one of Pittsburgh's major tourist attractions, Grandview Promenade. Yelena had two solo exhibitions and participated in numerous juried group shows, notably at the Pittsburgh Heinz History Center and Westmoreland Museum of American Art. Her artwork is acquired by collectors, including Pittsburgh's mayor Bill Peduto. Yelena is a member of Oil Painters of America, Associated Artists of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh Society of Illustrators, Pittsburgh Watercolor Society, and Pittsburgh Society of Artists.

<https://www.yelenalamm.com/>



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 Tues., April 6 @ 7pm

All WHAL members are invited! This is simply an informal chat session where members can show recent completed pieces or works-in-progress. There will be opportunities for you to ask questions about someone's process and materials, or you could ask for input on something you are working on, or even just log in to get inspired. It's a great opportunity to connect, collaborate or mentor



Maryanne Plump

Artist Statement

Being a member of WHAL allows me to immerse myself in the work of other artists. I am inspired to learn more and challenge myself in new creative directions.

With a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Textile Design and Drawing, I started my career as a Graphic Artist in both Washington, DC for the federal government and also Fairfax County Public Library in Fairfax, VA. Many years and career changes have not altered my interest or love for art "making."

Although I love exciting black and white illustration and bold color graphics, textile design will always be my passion. I keep being drawn back to combining fabric, threads, paper, gouache, photos, paints, and inks. I am intrigued by texture, color, and the spontaneity of images that appear when using the different mediums. I find the combinations to be a limitless area for design, enabling an artist to continually experiment.

Simply stated, especially with the events of the last year, the easiest thing to do was pick up my bins of fabric scraps, BFK rives paper, ink, paint, needle and thread etc... and just play at Art!

Maryanne Plump



Macrame



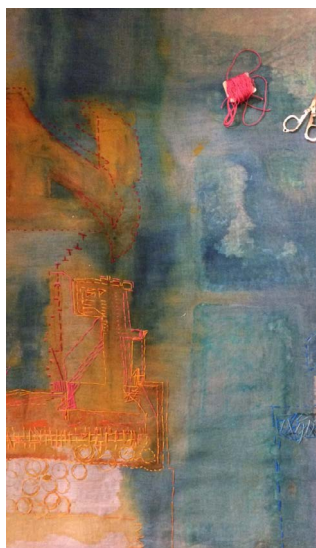
"Planting Roots"



"Sea Fauna"



"Woman In A Crowd"



Work In Progress



"Stitch Play"



"Stitch Box"

WHAL March Challenge: Art Inspired By A Poem



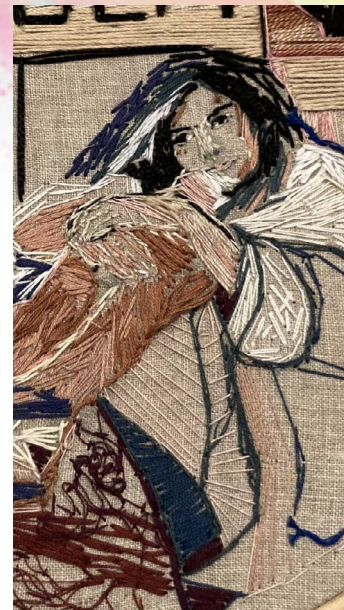
JOSETTE BAKER

*"The Land where the Bong Tree Grows",
inspired by Edward Lear's The Owl and the
Pussycat ca. 1812, original acrylic
on canvas board, 11" x 14"*



JOSETTE BAKER

*"Asea in the Pea Green
Boat", original graphite
sketch with watercolor,
7" x 10"*



MARYANNE PLUMP

*We've learned that quiet isn't always peace,
and the norms and notions
of what just is
isn't always just-ice.
And yet the dawn is ours
Before we knew it.
Somehow we do it.
Somehow we've weathered and witnessed
a nation that isn't broken.
but simply unfinished.*

*Excerpt from
The Hill We Climb by Amanda Gorman*



JAMES TOBIN

*Based on "We Real Cool"
by Gwendolyn Brooks*



DEBRA TOBIN

*"The Red Wheelbarrow"
Haiku by William Carlos Williams*



LYNDA KIRBY

*The crow wish'd every thing was black,
the owl, that every thing was white.*

*Excerpt from Proverbs of Hell
by William Blake - 1757-1827*



HELENA VALENTINE

"JFK JR SKETCH"

*We wish to the new child
A heart that can be beguiled
By a flower
That the wind lifts
As it passes.
If the storms break for him
May the trees shake for him
Their blossoms down.
In the night that he is troubled
May a friend wake for him
So that his time may be doubled,
And at the end of all loving and love,
May the Man above
Give him a crown.*

Poet: Daniel Kelleher, 1931

*"When he was the Irish Ambassador to
the United States, T. J. Kiernan recited
this poem to the parents of John F.
Kennedy, Jr. soon after he was born in
1960. It was recited again, by Sen. Ted
Kennedy, in his eulogy for John Jr. in 1999.*

**APRIL 2021
CHALLENGE:**

Spring Reawakening!

Email your submission to kirbycreativeservices@yahoo.com by April 30

Call for Artists

INSPIRED BY NATURE Highlighting Beechwood Farms

Open to all, each piece must fit the theme: Inspired by Nature

Drop Off 4/5-9, M-F 10am-3pm, plus Tues Night 7-9pm.

Judge is James Sulkowski.

Virtual show live at 6pm Sat. 4/17. In gallery show 4/19-5/14.



Art for a Lifetime!

<https://northhillsartcenter.org>

Virtual West Hills Art League Annual Show - May 2021

Prospectus

This year's annual art exhibit will be presented virtually with images of all artwork compiled into a video presentation which will be posted on our website, Facebook page and YouTube channel.

Our Judge, **Diane Pontoriero**, will review the digital images and select the award winners. We will announce the winners on Sunday, May 9 during an online presentation. Our judge will offer insights into their selections with a recorded presentation during our May meeting.

- No entry fee - the fee will be waived this year.
- 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.
- Digital registration/art email deadline date: 11:59pm Friday, April 30, 2021.
- Please email submissions to westhillsartists@gmail.com by 11:59pm Friday, April 30, 2021.
- 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.2020.oils.jpeg
- Also, IN THIS SAME EMAIL, please include the title, size in inches and price of each piece.
- Each artist will receive notification that their submissions have been received.

Note: Artwork that does not meet the criteria will be disqualified.

Information on this year's judge, Diane Pontoriero

Diane Pontoriero has been creating and teaching art for over 50 years. She knew at an early age that creating art was what she wanted and needed to do. She was able to help her high school art teacher teach art classes to the middle school classes showing the importance of art education. Her artwork is inspired by nature and she enjoys painting landscapes especially local nature reserves like Beechwood Farms. Diane works in a variety of media: oil, acrylic, watercolors, pastels, fiber arts, and ceramics and has been fortunate to be able to teach art to all ages, from 4 to 94 years old. She has taught elementary and middle school art locally and has been teaching art at the North Hills Art Center for many years. She is currently the pottery studio supervisor and President of the Board of Directors at the North Hills Art Center.

Education

Pennsylvania State University: Bachelor of Landscape Architecture

Carlow University: Certification in Art Education (K-12)

Carlow University: Masters in Art Education

Art Exhibitions/Awards

Erie Arts Festival: Panorama – Ceramics award

Erie Arts Festival: Special Award – Ceramics

Society of Contemporary arts – Birdhouse Exhibition

Cranberry Municipal Building – Solo Show

North Hills Art Center – Solo Show – Seasons

North Hills Art Center – numerous awards

This information will also be available on the website:

[http://westhillsartleague.com/ Meetings > Exhibits/Events](http://westhillsartleague.com/Meetings%20Exhibits/Events)

Call for Artists

Associated Artists of Butler County "Butler Art Center"

ART IS...

Announcing the "Art Is..." Exhibit, April 16- May 15. Opening Receptions April 17, 2021 What is art to you? How do you create? If art comes from within, what do you express? "Art is..." exhibit will showcase the talents of all medias and genres.

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What is art to you? How do you create? If art comes from within, what do you express? The "Art is..." exhibit will showcase the talents of all media and genres.

Entry fee: \$20 for up to 3 entries
Deadline to apply is 6pm April 3, 2020.

Categories: Painting: oil, acrylic, watercolor, mixed media, digital painting
Works on Paper: drawings. pastel, mixed media on paper
Photography: black and white and color
Sculpture: carved or constructed three dimensional artworks.
Category Awards: A minimum of 10 pieces must be entered in a category for awards to be given.

Image requirements: clear digital images showing only the artwork.
Please crop out any distracting background.

Gallery specifications: All 2D work must be ready to hang with wire or saw tooth hanger securely affixed to the frame. Artwork not prepared with the above stated hanging hardware will be rejected. 3 dimensional work must be display ready and level.

Delivery of artwork: Accepted artwork should be delivered to the Art Center by April 10, 2021.

Artwork pick up dates:
May 15 10am-4pm, May 19-22, 12- 5pm
Opening Receptions, April 17, 2021
Coffee & Art, 10am- 12pm
Art & Music 7-9pm

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/ButlerArtCenter1/ArtIs?fbclid=IwAR2VuM4fNAUYRH4cO1dqucKmmQFVdOTFG2adydTAEaqr7KVZgdRZ3onUHBg>



Latrobe Art Center Annual Open Art Show

This exhibition will be on display at the Latrobe Art Center, 819 Ligonier St., Latrobe, PA, and online at LatrobeArtCenter.org Thursday, May 6 - Saturday, June 5, 2021. A Reception will take place on Thursday, May 13, 2021 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 p.m. at the Latrobe Art Center. Awards will be presented at 7:00 p.m. and will be livestreamed via YouTube and Facebook.

Artwork can be dropped off at the Latrobe Art Center on Saturday, May 1 and Monday, May 3, 2021 between 10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

Categories for entry are as follows:

1. Open Division—original work and composition by an established artist.
2. Amateur Artist Division—an artist with little experience and who has not won any previous prizes in our annual show.
3. College Artist Division—any artist ages 18-21 who are currently enrolled in college (current student ID proof required).
4. Junior Artist Division—artist ages 14-17.
5. Young Artist Division—artist ages 3-13.

<https://www.latrobeartcenter.org/2021-open-show-prospectus>



Call for Artists

ART OF THE STATE®

54TH ANNUAL JURIED EXHIBITION

statemuseumpa.org/artofthestate/

2021

Great News!

The Art of the State entry site for 2021 is now open and ready to receive submissions. We are happy to coordinate this news with the announcement that The State Museum is scheduled to re-open to the public on April 30, 2021. We believe that we can successfully hold an on-site show of art in the galleries.

We have made a few changes in the submission process. New in 2021:

1. Art of the State will open at The State Museum on Sunday, September 26, 2021, and close on Sunday, January 2, 2022.
2. We are now using the well-known art entry site Café for applications.
3. The fee to enter is \$30 for 4 works of art.
4. The maximum number of entries is four per artist.
5. The deadline for submissions is May 28, 2021.

To enter and review the exhibition details, please go to the entry site.

For questions about the exhibition, please contact Amy S. Hammond at RA-PHARTOFTHESTATE@pa.gov.

For instructions on how to enter, please visit <https://www.callforentry.org/artist-help-cafe>

Thank you for your extreme patience as we made our final plans and prepared to open the Art of the State competition. We hope that you and your loved ones are safe and well!



The State Museum of Pennsylvania
PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION

Cranberry Artists Network 

Cranberry Artists Network is screening NEW MEMBERS online!

Looking forward to a full schedule of activities in 2021, we will have a screening for new members. It will be online. Please pass the word to friends who are interested to screen into CAN.

Here are the details:

- Go to www.cranberryartistsnetwork.com, tap on membership, and then tap on "Check out our membership page for more information page". Tap "Apply". (Please disregard dates on webpage) You can read general requirements and also see new member screening guide.
- Fill out Membership Application Form and submit to generalinfo@cranarts.com by 5:00 on APRIL 19, 2021.
- For online screening you will need to email 3 examples of your art following screening guidelines to mjart49@gmail.com by 5:00 on APRIL 19, 2021. Please include name, media and date completed.
- I will let you know within 48 hours if your have been screened in or not by email. If you are screened in, you will pay the dues for 2021, which are \$25.
- Any questions? Email mjart49@gmail.com

Mary Jane Hadley
Membership Chair



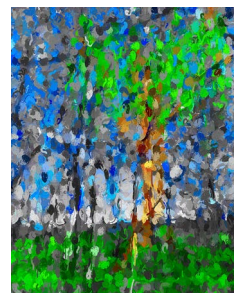
WHAL Member News

WHAL Members **Cindy Gilberti, Colleen Tittiger, Debra Tobin and James Tobin** will be among the artists selected by juror Eva Trout for the Cranberry Artists Network Reawaken, Rejoin, Rejoice 2021 Members Spring Show on display March 26-May 26.

WHAL members **Debra Tobin, James Tobin and Lynda Kirby**, are among the artists selected by juror Kurt Shaw for the Greensburg Art Center 2021 Biennial Juried Exhibition on display May 15 – June 25.



Debra Tobin
"A Quiet Moment"



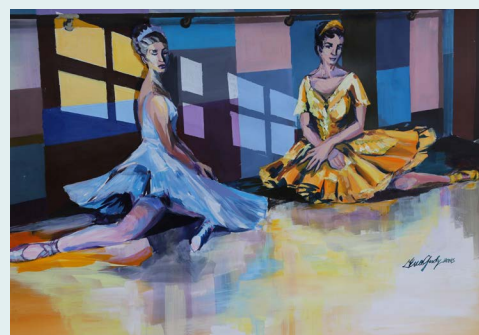
James Tobin
"First Day of Spring"



Lynda Kirby
"Tevebaugh Run"

Gina Judy was recently accepted as a signature-member of the Pikes Peak Watercolor Society, and then juried into the Pikes Peak International Show "Watermedia 2021" in Colorado, a biennial exhibition, just after.

Also, she was accepted into Aqua Venture 2021, a regional online exhibition able to be viewed from March 15-April 30 at www.kentuckywatercolorssociety.com under "Exhibitions".



Congratulations, Gina Judy, on being one of the 60 pieces included, out of 258 submitted!

The Woman's Art Club of Cincinnati
128th Annual Juried Exhibition & Sale



Joan Cord Award of Excellence, Best of Show 2020

Counterpoint by Betty Scarpino

You are invited to attend this powerful, exquisite exhibition of art by women artists from the tri-state area.

April 6 - 25, 2021

**Opening Reception
Sunday, April 11, 2-4 PM**

Main Gallery
Woman's Art Club Cultural Center | The Barn
6980 Cambridge Avenue, Mariemont, Ohio 45227

Gallery Hours:
Tuesday - Friday | 10 am - 2 pm
Weekends | 1 - 4 pm
Free & Open to the Public

Gina Judy, with "Nursing-Home Series II", shown above her, at the Ohio Watercolor Society 2020 show now being shown through March 30 at the Marathon Center Art Gallery in Findlay, Ohio.

Gina's "Ballet Series VI" will also be on display as one of 60 pieces out of 258 entries juried into the 128th Annual Juried Exhibition held by the Woman's Art Club of Cincinnati, at their Cultural Center "The Barn", 6980 Cambridge Ave., Mariemont, OH 45227 from April 6-25.

Also, Gina was selected recently for a cash prize third-place in Philadelphia's Watercolor Society member show out of 220 online-exhibited pieces, for "Dreamscape", and for the cash-award and Bea Kotz Memorial Award Ribbon (2nd Place) in the Northstar (Minnesota) Watermedia Society's online-member show for "Ballet Series IV".

Jurors Sylvia Benson and Sue Vanelli, wrote: "Very interesting color palette. This painting tells a story that causes the viewer to feel what is depicted. The ballerinas have a calm demeanor against the bold patterning in the background. The figures are graceful in the way they are sitting as in a ballet stance consistent with the artist's intent. The painting keeps the viewer entertained with its unique complexity of composition. Excellent, brush work, especially the gown on the right. This painting stands out in a crowd and dares to be different."

Events and Shows

Cranberry Artists Network Reawaken, Rejoin, Rejoice 2021 Members Spring Show

On display during normal
business hours

March 26 – May 6
at the Cranberry Township
Municipal Building
2525 Rochester Road
Cranberry Township, PA 16066

www.cranberryartistsnetwork.com



Westmoreland Art Nationals Juried Fine Art & Photography Exhibit

Every year, the Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival holds the Westmoreland Art Nationals, a juried fine art and photography competition, featuring art from all around the country. Artists are permitted to enter as many pieces as they'd like to be considered in both of our exhibits.

The first exhibit will be held in Commissioners Hall at Westmoreland County Community College. The exhibit will run from Saturday, May 22 through Wednesday, June 9, with the Opening Reception on May 22 from 6-8 PM. Awards will be Announced at 7:00 PM on May 22 and posted on our Facebook page. The second exhibit will be held at the Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival on Thursday, July 1 through Sunday, July 4 with the Opening Reception set for Saturday, June 26 from 6-8 PM. Awards will be Announced at 7:00 PM on June 26 and posted on our Facebook page. Both shows are free and open to the public to attend.

<https://artsandheritage.com>

Greensburg Art Center 2021 Biennial Juried Exhibition

**Open Juried Exhibition
May 15 – June 25**

<http://www.greensburgartcenter.org>

May 22 & 23

**Shadyside...
The Other Art Festival
on Walnut Street with
Craft Marketplace**

739 Bellefonte Street
10am-5pm

100 Artists
For more info:
www.artfestival.com

June 5-14

**Three Rivers
Art Festival**

Pittsburgh Cultural
District

(Not Point State Park or
Gateway Center).

12 noon-8pm daily

This part online/part live event
will include enhanced virtual
presentations and select in-
person, limited-capacity
attractions.

<https://traf.trustarts.org>

August 28 & 29

**24th Annual
Shadyside...The Art
Festival on Walnut
Street**

Saturday, 10am-7pm;
Sunday, 10am-5pm

150 exhibitors
For more info:
www.artfestival.com

September 10-12

**A Fair in the Park
Mellon Park**

Adjacent to the
Pittsburgh Center for
the Arts
Fri, 1pm-7pm;
Sat, 10am-7pm;
Sun, 10am-5pm

110 Exhibitors. In addition to the
vast array of fine craft and art
demonstrations, A Fair in the
Park also features a children's
activity area, regional and national
entertainment, and a variety of
Pittsburgh's fabulous foods.


<https://craftsmensguild.org/a-fair-in-the-park/>

Events and Shows

2021

Waterworks

Pittsburgh Watercolor Society



Pittsburgh Watercolor Society

Waterworks

Gallery & Virtual Exhibition

March 6 - April 2, 2021

North Hills Art Center Monday - Friday 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
3432 Babcock Blvd.
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

<https://northhillsartcenter.org>
www.pittsburghwatercolorsociety.com

ART CENTER
Art for a Lifetime

Moon Park Earth Day!

Sunday, April 25th

1:00pm to 3:00pm

Moon Parks Earth Day
2021 DESIGN CONTEST



Save the MONARCHS!

Celebrate Earth Day this year with a "hands-on" outdoor experience! Join us for a community tree planting and environmental engagement activities at Moon Park on Sunday, April 25 from 1 p.m.-3 p.m.

This year's theme is "SAVE THE MONARCHS" and focuses on why the monarch butterfly is disappearing, how they are linked to milkweed plants, and how you can help to create butterfly and pollinator habitat right in your backyard.

Moon Park: 1000 Beaver Grade Rd.
Moon Township, PA 15108

Sweetwater Center for the Arts

TRIGGER WARNING

NOW THROUGH APRIL 24, 2021



Trigger Warning will feature art works from artists within the United States that tackle the complex relationship America has with its guns and the destruction left in its wake.

West Hills Art League

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

www.WestHillsArtLeague.com @WestHillsArtLeague

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Send Newsletter submissions to:
Lynda Kirby • kirbycreativeservices@yahoo.com

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