

West Hills Art League

NEWSLETTER

AUG 2022

West Hills Art League membership year begins September 1st and extends through August 31st.

Membership is open to all art enthusiasts who share our mission.

West Hills Art League is a volunteer organization. Members volunteer their time and skills for the better of the organization.

Cost for new and returning members is \$25 single and \$35.00 family (2 adults residing at the same address). Members who pay their dues by the November meeting will have their names put in a drawing for a free 2023 membership!

Some membership benefits include:

- Guest speakers
- Eligibility for entry into the WHAL annual art show and other league-sponsored events
- Seasonal activities
- Opportunity to meet & share with other artists

*Membership is not pro-rated. So join early in the season!

***By joining our league you automatically give us permission to use photos of yourself or your art in our publicity materials including brochures, website, social media, etc. If you prefer to opt out of this please notify us in writing.*

Meetings are held during the months of September through May, on the 3rd Thursday of the month from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. A guest demonstrator/speaker is invited to present at each meeting. Demonstrations encompass a variety of media and style, as well as informative speaker presentations on the business side of being an artist.

Join us for our
WHAL Virtual Show And Share
on Tuesday,
August 2 @ 7pm

August Member Demonstrator:
Lynda Kirby

Low Budget
Experimental Monotypes

2022 WHAL PLEIN AIR SCHEDULE:

Thursday, August 11

The Frick Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, Pa. 9:00 am.

<https://www.thefrickpittsburgh.org/>

The museum and historical buildings are located on five acres of beautifully landscaped lawns and gardens.

Tuesday, August 23

Gilfillan Farm
Upper Saint Clair, Pa. 9:00 am.

<https://www.gilfillanfarm.org/index.php/history>

The farm has a well-preserved farmhouse and nine buildings, including a large barn and carriage house.

Sunday, September 6

Oliver Miller Homestead
South Park, Pa. 9:30 am.

<https://olivermillerhomestead.org/>

The Homestead includes an original stone house and spring house, a reconstructed log house, blacksmith forge, barn and various gardens. Donation fee appreciated.

Tuesday, September 20

St. Paul's of the Cross Monastery
Pittsburgh, Pa. 9:00 am.

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

Beautiful church grounds with a panoramic view of the city and the Southside slopes.

Tuesday, October 4

North Park, Boathouse
Allison Park, Pa.
Pittsburgh, Pa. 9:00 am.

<https://www.allegheycounty.us/parks/north-park/index.aspx>

75-acre lake, complete with vintage 1934 boathouse.

NEWLY ADDED! Saturday, October 8

Coraopolis Art Walk
11:00am - 3:00pm.

<https://coraopolisfoundation.org/events>

We are looking for artists to do plein air during the Coraopolis Fall Festival & Art Walk. We are also looking for artists to display their plein air work at Gilberti Fine Art Studio & Gallery. Please email Debbie Tobin at westhillsartists@gmail.com if you would like to participate.

Tuesday, October 18

Greendance The Winery at SandHill
Mount Pleasant, Pa. 9:00 am.

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

Plein Air End-of-Season Celebration

We will have a celebration gathering and outdoor show to conclude our plein air season.



Watch for emails and information on our website!

ZOOM Instructions:

Step 1: To get started with

Zoom, head to their website [ZOOM](https://zoom.us).com 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:

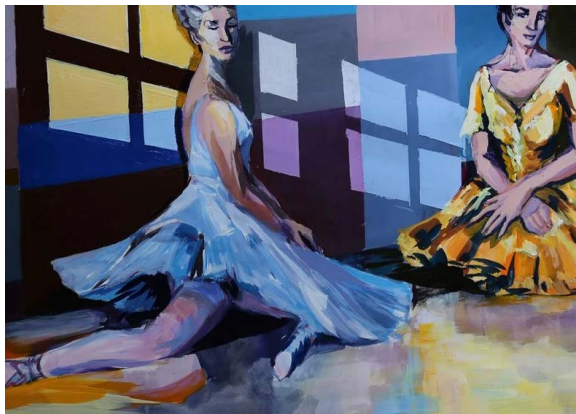
- Create a new account using your email address.
- Sign in using your Google or Facebook account.

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 Member News & Art Openings



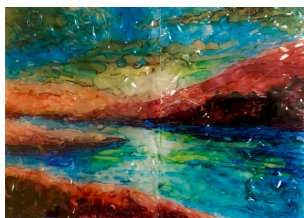
Gina Judy received Bronze awards in the Camelback Gallery Figurative 2022 International Juried Painting Exhibition for her Ballet-Series IV: "Posed in Studio" and "Laughter-Banquet".

James Tobin and Lynda Kirby received a first place and second place digital award for their pieces "Summer Glow" and "Dandy Bouquet" in The Butler Art Center show "The Art of the Bloom". Also exhibiting work was **Debra Tobin**. Congratulations WHAL artists!



Leah Shuck jurored the North Hills Art Center's "Upcycled Art Show". Art will be on display in the gallery on Babcock Boulevard in Pittsburgh through August 19th. Super cool original art! Who knew bottles could look so good?

Lynda Kirby was awarded 2nd place for her entry, "Water's Edge", and **Donna Lesondak** was awarded 3rd place for her work, "Flowers on Cobalt". **Kim Freithaler, Debra Tobin and James Tobin** also exhibited work in the show.



WHAL Member News & Art Openings

Cranberry Artists Network Martinis With Monet Show on July 13th. Congratulations **Marian Sallade** for her third place award piece "Rolling Hills" and **Cindy Gilberti's** honorable mention "Glacial Stream"

Other WHAL members exhibiting work were **Sandra Beitsinger, Gina Judy, Lynda Kirby, Colleen Tittiger, Debra Tobin, James Tobin, Susan Walker and Patricia Young.**



WHAL members **Gina Judy, Debra Tobin, James Tobin and Lynda Kirby** exhibited work at the Manos Gallery in July as part of the Pittsburgh Society of Artists Show.

Congratulations **Gina Judy** on 3 recent show acceptances!



For the Northstar Watermedia Society show in St. Paul, Minnesota, juror Tara Sweeney selected Gina's "Nursing Home Series I" (acrylic on canvas) as one of 50 pieces out of 209 total entries.



Michael Holter's acceptance of "Deck at Fallingwater" (watermedia on paper) on the right, earned a spot in one of her favorite shows, the Kentucky Watercolor Society National Aqueous.



Gina's watermedia piece, "Mt. Everett Fruit-Farm" was accepted into the Pittsburgh 2022 International Aqueous being held at the Stifel Fine Art Center starting on Sept. 8th



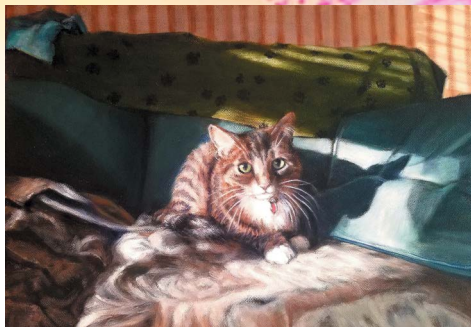
TRIVIA ART FACT

Henri Matisse's landmark painting "The Red Studio" documented the artworks displayed in his workspace just outside Paris as it existed in 1911. Matisse: The Red Studio, an installation at New York's Museum of Modern Art thru Septem-

ber 10th, will reunite this work with the surviving six paintings, three sculptures, and one ceramic by Matisse depicted on its six-foot-tall-by-seven-foot-wide canvas. This will be the first reunion of these objects since they were together in Matisse's studio at the time The Red Studio was made.

[Click here to watch!](#)

WHA! July Challenge: Paint a Pet Portrait



Kim Freithaler



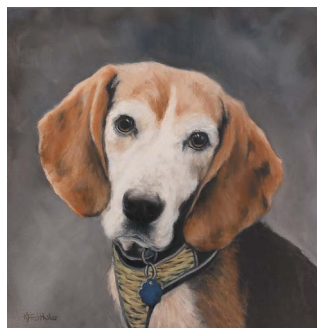
Kim Freithaler



Josette Baker -
"Nichole's 'Beauty'",
portrait, original watercolor,
12" X 16". Maine Coon.



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Helēna Valentine - graphite
sketch of my pet West
Highland Terrier "Trapper"



Ralph Bonnar - "LILLIO"
5"x7" acrylic on flat 1/8" clay
board panel.



Lynne Preisser - Watercolor



Kelley Bush - "Tom", 2021
Oil on canvas 20" x 30"



Lynda Kirby
"Tut" - Digital Sketch



James Tobin "Sleepy Boy"



Debra Tobin "Siobhan"

AUGUST 2022 CHALLENGE: PLEIN AIR ART!

Get outside and sketch, paint, do digital art or whatever else you like.
You can meet up at one of our plein air outings or just go out in your own backyard!
The subject matter can be buildings, plants, trees, people or whatever else you see.

Email your submission to kirbycreativeservices@yahoo.com by August 30th

**WHA! ARTISTS:
SHOW YOUR
PLEIN AIR ART
at Gilberti Fine Art Studio
& Gallery!**
Art Drop Off: Thurs., Sept 28, 9 am-noon
Pick Up Sat., Nov 5, 8am-noon
Prospectus to come!

Call for Artists

CORAOPOLIS FALL FESTIVAL

& Art Walk

11AM TO 3PM

SATURDAY, OCT 8, 2022

BUSINESS DISTRICT

Art & Artists in Businesses

LOT AT 935 5TH AVENUE

Crafters & Vendors

MILL STREET

Touch a Truck
Pumpkin Painting
Live Music by YTD
Food Trucks



WEST HILLS ARTISTS ASSOCIATION



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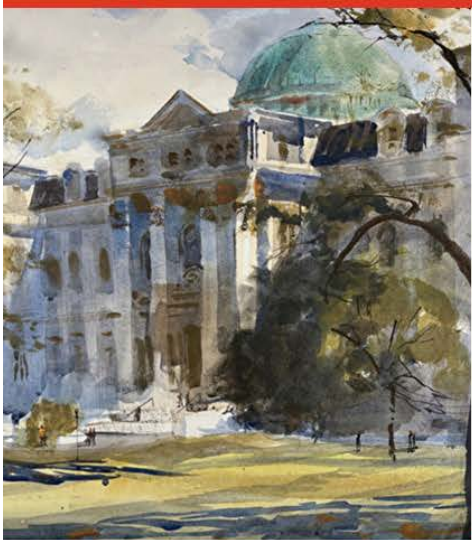
We are looking for WHAL artists to participate by signing up to display artwork and/or do demonstrations in local businesses during the Coraopolis Fall Festival & Art Walk.

Please email Debbie Tobin at westhillsartists@gmail.com if you would like to participate.

Call for Artists

2022 Members' Art Show

Artist's Choice - No Theme!



**Juror for this show is
Jared Cullum**

**Juried awards and
people's choice!**

**Live Music &
Refreshments**

NHAC

NORTH HILLS ART CENTER

**Saturday
September 10
Members Meeting**

6:30pm

Opening Reception

7:00pm

(Awards Announced-8pm)

Gallery Open
Sept 13 thru Sept 30
Mon-Fri, 10am-3pm
Tues, 7pm-9pm

Call for Artists

Entry Fee: \$10 per piece • Maximum: Three (3) Pieces

Attach tag to each entry (available online & in gallery)

Only recent work (last two years) that has not been in a previous juried show at the NHAC may be submitted.

Pieces must be ready for display or hanging with picture wire. **Work with gallery clips or saw tooth clips will not be accepted.**

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 be discarded.

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

No piece of artwork shall be substituted or removed until the last day of the show.

2D & 3D juried art exhibit is juried for *awards only*. This is not a juried *entry* show. However, the Art Center retains the right to reject artwork that is deemed inappropriate.

*** Not a member? Join now to be eligible for participation!**

Drop off: Aug 22-Aug 26, 10am-3pm & Aug 23, 7-9pm

Pick up: Oct 3-7, 10am-3pm & Oct 4, 7pm-9pm



Call for Artists

"Visions of CommUnity" A Glimpse of the Past and What's to Come

**The Rotary Club of Butler is pleased to announce the launch of
the Butler Cultural District
on September 30th, 2022 with
"Visions of CommUnity"**

A Glimpse of the Past and What's to Come. We are inviting artists to submit artwork to be digitally reproduced on 4' x 8' (96" x 48") vinyl banners to be hung throughout the Butler Cultural District as part of this event. Art should reflect the theme in whatever manner the artist chooses. Celebrating our diverse community is welcomed. Artwork may be paintings, photography, drawings or sketches in any medium and in general any art that is two dimensional and can be recreated on a banner.

**Submissions may be in any digital format.
The deadline for submissions is Sunday, August 28th, 2022.**

**Any work that may be complex should include an actual photo to assist in appropriate transformation to digital format banners.
Please scale your work to size on an 8' x 4' (96" x 48") banner in vertical format.**

Prizes Awarded:

1st: \$250

2nd: \$150

3rd: \$100

People's Choice \$300

**Artists who may need assistance with digital conversion should contact
The Associated Artists to be connected to the graphics team.**

**Please send all entries to office@butlerartcenter.org with the subject Banner Entry.
You *MUST* use this subject for your entry to be received.**



Call for Artists

2022 Saxonburg Festival of the Arts
September 10th from 10am -6pm and
September 11th from 12pm - 5pm.

Exhibit your artwork alongside 150+ vendors and artists using various mediums; pottery, glass, wood, jewelry, metal, painting, photography and much more. The festival strolls up and down Main Street, Saxonburg and through Roebeling Park. We personally invite you to join us on Main Street where the bulk of the artists will set-up! The vendor rate for Main Street is \$110 for the weekend.

If you are interested in being an exhibitor, please download the application from the website. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions about the event.

Steps to Take:

1. Please fill out the application and send it to the 2022 Saxonburg Festival of the Arts Committee (email and mail submission instructions are listed on the application).

2. You will receive an email with instructions for payment when your application is approved. Please allow a few days for our volunteers to respond.

3. Once you pay your invoice, you'll receive an email confirming your payment. That's it!

<https://www.saxonburgpa.com/festival/>
724-524-1406



NEW MEMBER SCREENING

This is your year to become a member of the P I T T S B U R G H Society of Artists, one of the largest artist guilds in western Pennsylvania with more than 300 artist members in all media. We offer artists the chance to join with peers in a lifelong pursuit of artistic expression.

Since 1965, the P I T T S B U R G H Society of Artists remains dedicated to providing our members with exhibition opportunities and encouraging creative thinking through meetings, workshops, critiques, field trips to museums, artist studios and much more. Become a P I T T S B U R G H Society of Artists member and take advantage of our valuable resources for personal and artistic growth such as the fellowship of your peers and interesting programs.

As a member of the P I T T S B U R G H Society of Artists, all this can be yours. There is no fee for screening. If accepted, annual dues are \$40.00.

Applicants for P I T T S B U R G H Society of Artists membership are asked to submit three original works completed within the last two years and not under direct instruction. Each applicant is assigned a number which is attached to each piece for the screening. Work is considered by members of the board of directors. Applicants are accepted by a two-thirds vote of board members present. Work must be finished and gallery-ready. Appropriate hangers and stands must be provided for three-dimensional work.

Following are rough guidelines board members follow in evaluating submissions. These are based on generally accepted guidelines for judging art.

CONSISTENCY: The most decisive factor in judging a candidate for membership is the artist's ability to speak with a recognizable voice through their work. Consistency in style and medium allows an artist to showcase their talents in the particular area in which they are most accomplished.

VISUAL INTEREST: Visual interest is evaluated by looking at the strength of the work based on the elements and principles of art and design.

CONTENT: The work is examined with an eye towards originality, expression and meaning.

CRAFTSMANSHIP: Craftsmanship is rated according to the skill and degree of quality in the work and presentation.

All due care will be taken handling art during screening hours. PSA is not responsible for loss or damage of art works.

Check our website in early September for dates of the Sept.-October Fall screening enrollment:
<https://pittsburghsocietyofartists.wildapricot.org>

Events & Shows



Aqueous Open 2022

This year's Aqueous Open will be presented live at the Sifel Fine Arts Center, Olgebay Institute in Wheeling West Virginia and online via their website.

September 8 - October 29, 2022

Opening Reception:

September 11, 2022 1-4 p.m.

at Stifel Fine Arts Center,
Wheeling, WV

www.pittsburghwatercolorsociety.com

All Bottled Up!

Leah Shuck, juror



Gallery Open
August 1-19
Mon-Fri, 10am - 3pm
& Tues, 7-9pm

UPCYCLED ART SHOW



The North Hills Art Center would like to call attention to critical landfill issues that face us every day. This is an opportunity to see those plastic & glass bottles have one more go round, as a piece of art!



North Hills Art Center

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

The Merrick Masters 2022 Biennial Juried Show

Opening: Sunday,
August 28, 2022

The Merrick Art Gallery
1100 5th Avenue, New Brighton,
PA 15066

www.merrickartgallery.org

Events & Shows

CRANBERRY ARTISTS NETWORK

"2022 Martinis with Monet Art Expo"

July 13 – August 25, 2022

Opening Reception: Wednesday, July 13, 2022 7:00-9:00 p.m.

All regional artists are invited to enter up to two pieces of original art per registration into the 2022 Martinis with Monet Art Expo. Martinis with Monet is a well-attended and publicized event that is the highlight of the summer season in Cranberry Township every year. This exhibit showcases the enormous skill and talent of a broad range of regional artists.

The Exhibition Space: The Cranberry Township Municipal building, located at 2525 Rochester Road, Cranberry Township, PA 16066.

Juror: Joyce Werwie Perry has kindly agreed to be our Juror. She is the 2018 Medal of Honor and Elizabeth Stanton Blake award winner from the National Association of Women artists in New York, New York. She works in oil using knives.

Awards: Cranberry Artists Network will provide certificates of excellence awards for First, Second, Third and Honorable Mentions along with over \$1000 in cash awards.

Sales: Cranberry Artists Network will conduct all sales during the exhibition. Artists retain 80% of the sale. Cranberry Artists Network retains the right to use art images for any promotional materials.



Erie Art Museum

Nicole & Harry
MARTIN | **Spring
SHOW**

**Going on now through
August 5**
ErieArtmuseum.org

FIBERART
INTERNATIONAL • 2022
EXHIBITION OF CONTEMPORARY FIBER ART

Join Fiberarts Guild
of Pittsburgh
Member Katie Bullova
for a guided tour of the
"Fiberart International
2022" exhibition.

Sat, August 13, 2022
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Contemporary Craft
5645 Butler Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15201

25th Anniversary

SHADYSIDE
...the Art festival
on Walnut St.

Aug. 27th - 28th
Sat./Sun. 10am - 5pm

Outdoors on Walnut Street
in Shadyside, Pittsburgh, PA

FREE ADMISSION



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