

FEB 2023

Join us at Robin Hill or via Zoom on Thursday, February 16th from 7pm-9pm

This Month's Guest Artist: Bill Karaffa Drawing Demonstration

Bill Karaffa is a practicing
Pittsburgh based creative
who focuses on capturing
the portrait/figure in many
of his works. He is a current
member of McMurray Art
League, Pittsburgh Pastel
Artists, the Pittsburgh Society
of Artists Guild and the
Portrait Society of America.

Participation in life drawings session at many venues throughout the city are part of his weekly regiment. Bill focuses on the technical aspects of portraiture/ figure drawing and has been successful in a variety of juried art exhibitions.

<u>Visit Bill Karaffa on Facebook</u> <u>or Instagram</u>







WANTED! Plein Air Co-organizer

Plein Air Artists - we need you! Our WHAL Plein Air Coordinator, Gena Gorder, has some fantastic opportunities planned for painting and drawing in the landscape this summer, but she could use some help organizing it.

If interested, please contact Debra Tobin at debratobin@ymail.com



WHAL Virtual Show And Share on Tuesday, Feb. 7 @ 7pm



January 3	WHAL Virtual Show and Share 7:00pm		August	Plein Air
January 19	WHAL Members Meeting - Show and Share Potluck 7:00pm at Robin Hill		August 1	WHAL Virtual Show and Share 7:00pm
			September	Plein Air
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February 7 February 16	WHAL Virtual Show and Share 7:00pm WHAL Members Meeting - Robin Hill Speaker 6:30pm Informal chat 7:00pm Business Meeting 7:30pm Speaker Bill Karaffa Drawing Demo		September 21	WHAL Members Meeting - Robin Hill Speaker 6:30pm Informal chat 7:00pm Business Meeting 7:30pm Speaker Demo
March	Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce Art pickup/drop off Date - TBA		September 30	Artwork Drop Off for WHAL 55 Anniversary Show - Robin Hill 9:00am -12:00pm
March 7	WHAL Virtual Show and Share 7:00pm		October	Plein Air
March 16	WHAL Members Meeting - Robin Hill Speaker 6:30pm Informal chat 7:00pm Business Meeting		Oct 1 -Nov 3	WHAL 55th Anniversary Show at Gilberti Fine Art Studio and Gallery during the Coraopolis Fall Festival and Art Walk
	7:30pm Speaker Jeanine Murch, Illustration and Lettering Demo		October	Coraopolis Fall Festival and Art Walk
April 4	WHAL Virtual Show and Share 7:00pm		October 3	WHAL Virtual Show and Share 7:00pm
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April 28	Artwork Drop Off for Mother's Day Show - Robin Hill 9:00am -12:00pm		November	Art pickup/drop off - Date TBA
May 2	WHAL Virtual Show and Share 7:00pm		November 4	Art Pick Up for WHAL 55th Anniversary Show-Robin Hill 9:00am -12:00pm
May 14	Robin Hill 12:00pm Setup 1:00-4:00pm Reception		November 7	WHAL Virtual Show and Share 7:00pm
May 18			November 16	WHAL Members Meeting - Robin Hill Speaker 6:30pm Informal chat 7:00pm Business Meeting
			December 2	7:30pm Speaker Demo WHAL \$55 Holiday Art Cash and Carry Show 9:00am-1:00pm at Robin Hill Carriage House during the Moon Township Garden Club
June	Plein Air		Greens & Things Sale. Select Open Gallery Days November 24 - December 18	
June 6	WHAL Virtual Show and Share 7:00pm			Opening Reception: TBD Art Set Up: TBD Art Pick Up: TBD
July	Plein Air			
July	Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce Art pickup/drop off Date - TBA		December 5	WHAL Virtual Show and Share 7:00pm
July 11	WHAL Virtual Show and Share 7:00pm			

WHAL Member News & Art Openings



Art Classes at Gilberti Fine Art Studio

Email gilbertifineart@gmail.com to register

Oil Painting
with Wendy Mackin
Thursdays 10am – 1pm
Beginning 1/19/23
\$150/6 sessions



Realistic Watercolor with Doug Brown Thursdays 3pm – 6pm Beginning 2/2/23 \$150/6 Sessions

with Cindy Gilberti
Tuesdays, 10am – 1pm
Beginning 1/2/23
\$150/6 Sessions





Beginner Pastel with Cindy Gilberti Mondays 10am – 1pm Beginning 2/20/23 \$150/6 sessions

WHAL Member News & Art Openings

OFF THE EASEL! Recently sold work from WHAL members:

SOLD!



Lance Maloney "Spirit Visitor I"

(8x8 Acrylic on Gesso Board) As a bonus, the buyer kindly agreed to wait until after a showing for delivery so it could be seen publicly for a bit. SOLD!



Leah Shuck Handmade Circle Skirt

"I sold this handmade circle skirt this weekend. I upcycled all of the materials. The base fabric was from a table cloth Helena gave me and lace was from Creative Reuse. The elastic and lace ribbon for the waistband were from my grandmother's sewing box. Even the price tag is made from upcycled materials. I sold it on Poshmark."

Looking to attract local art commissions?

Check out this idea found on a Pittsburgh Artist Collaborative social media post:

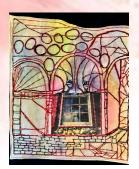
"Does anyone know a good way to advertise and start doing local commissions? I don't have a way to receive money from non-local commissions so I have to start locally and I don't know how to start."

"There are a million ideas but I've seen donating art to be a great way to get collectors attention. Find a local non profit you like and ask if you can donate or live paint at an event. Maybe on stage while a musician is on stage, I've seen that be an attention grabbing experience. Then if they auction it, it can sell for a much higher dollar amount, because those people were going to donate the money anyway. That helps raise the bar because if one person would pay that, there's a chance someone else will. You can confidently say, this size and style has sold for \$\$\$. It doesn't matter if you didn't pocket that money. Just that your art was valued and sold for that much

Now you have a room full of potential clients, everyone has seen your work, and there is a common connection because they know you support the same non profit. Make sure everyone knows your name and that you have commissions open while staying professional. I'd try that a few times and see what comes of it. Worst case you meet like minded people and donate minimal time and materials. You'll at least get a bunch of photos you can use and before and after you can blog or post about it wherever. Maybe you'll get on the non profits blog or newsletter too. And you can screenshot those and use them to write more content about your experience."

Source: Pittsburgh Artist Collaboration, contributed by Josh Snider

WHAL January Challenge: Neity



Maryanne Plump Photo transfer, india ink and stitching



Lynda Kirby - Monotype "Less Beautiful Than The Real Thing"



Lance Maloney
Noir 1



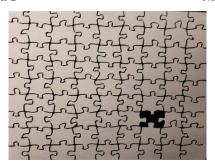
Lance Maloney Noir 2



Lance Maloney Noir 3



Lance Maloney Noir 4



Lance Maloney "Dang it!"



Sandra Beitsinger "Hameau Calf " pastel 8x8. Plein aire at Hameau farm



Josette Baker "Mr. Rogers - Pittsburgh Noir", 8" X 10", ink on watercolor paper.



Neelam Dwivedi "Reflection", Charcoal



Suzan VandertieMixed media. Painted in watercolor.
Edited in Photoshop. "Old Roman Bridge"

FEBRUARY 2023 ART CHALLENGE: "SHADES OF RED"

We are looking for artwork with the color red as the prominent, secondary or focal point of the painting. Email your submission to kirbycreativeservices@yahoo.com by February 27th

WHAL January Challenge:



Audra Zampogna Black Forest



Audra Zampogna Spiral Staircase



Audra Zampogna Flight



Kelley Bush Photo



Kelley Bush Photo



Kelley Bush Photo - Night Is Coming



James Tobin - Digital Art



Kelley Bush Photo - Old Flowers



Leah Shuck Ink Painting



Helena Valentine AI art created by Dream



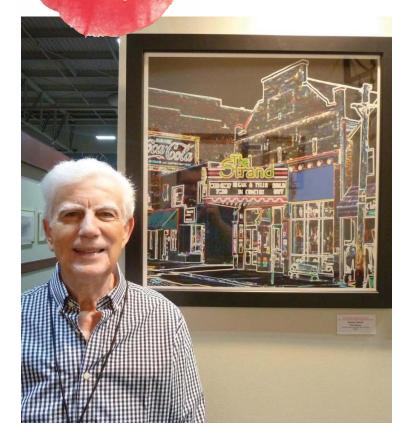
Helena Valentine Title: The Detective's Butt Digital

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New Member Spotlight

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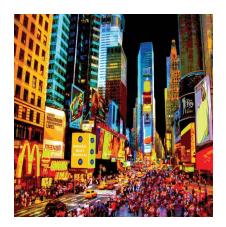
"I am basically a self taught artist and have been drawing and painting for most of my life. I have done traditional paintings and drawings in various mediums. Some of which include oils, acrylics,watercolor and now digital art. Attending Villanova University I received my Bachelor of Arts degree. My artwork is held by corporate, government and private collectors.

Art provides me with a passageway to expand my imagination and inspires my approach as to how I view and create it. I am constantly looking for new ways to challenge myself by exploring new techniques and by expanding my creativity, knowledge and abilities.

I have memberships in the following art organizations. Pittsburgh Society of Artists, Beaver Valley Artists, Hoyt Art Center, The Merrick Art Gallery and Cranberry Artists Network where I am a founding member."















Annual Mother's Day Show May 2023

The 2023 annual art exhibit will again be held at the Robin Hill Park Main Building. We will announce the winners and present ribbons and certificates on Sunday, May 14 during our Mother's Day Opening Reception. Our judge will offer insights into their selections during our May meeting.

PROSPECTUS

- Entry fee is \$10.00 per piece. Entry fees will go toward the yearly support of the West Hills Art League in addition to the costs of the reception and running the show.
- 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 2D mediums are accepted. Photography and Digital Art are welcome. Original artwork only. No giclee prints of original paintings or drawings will be accepted.
- Deadline for in-person art drop off is 11:59am Friday, April 28, 2023.
- Please please fill out the entry form online at <u>www.westhillsartleague.com</u> and also email images of submissions to <u>westhillsartists@gmail.com</u> by 11:59am Friday, April 28, 2023.
- 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.2023.oils.jpeg
- Note: Artwork that does not meet the above criteria will be disqualified.

This year's juror will be Victor Beltran

Victor is an accomplished artist and art teacher who has been sketching and painting locales from around the world for over 40 years. His collections of Western Pennsylvania include Fallingwater, the Phipps Conservatory, Cooks Forest, and Carnegie Museum. Victor Beltran has won numerous awards and has exhibited in the US including at the Carnegie Museum of Art in Pittsburgh, Mexico, Peru, Ecuador in the Peruvian Embassy Gallery, and Brazil. Victor Beltran has over 50 years of experience in architecture, illustration and watercolor. As an accomplished watercolorist and teacher, he has taught at Phipps Conservatory, conducted workshops for artists' guilds, and previously served as Vice President of the Pittsburgh Watercolor society.

After many years of sketching throughout the world, Victor has developed extraordinary fine-tuned skills where he can quickly sketch spontaneously to produce stunning images regardless of place or setting.

Beltran produces artistic works that build on his talents and training which is expressed in his spontaneous art forms. In the spring of 2009, Victor produced an event, Art Just in Time, where he produced 16 acrylic paintings in a day. Recently, during a live performance by the Bach Choir of Pittsburgh, Victor created 4 paintings while perched on high a scaffold during Musssorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition. During his travels to Europe, Canada, Ecuador, Mexico and Eastern United States, Victor Beltran has completed over 60 sketch books which depict thousands of locals including the Swiss Alps, Venice, Paris, Amsterdam, Munich, Rome, Sienna, Florence, Seville, Cordoba, Granada and San Miguel de Allende, Taxco, Morelia and Quito.

Victor Beltran is a member of the Pittsburgh Watercolor Society and Associated Artists of Pittsburgh. Beltran, a native of Lima, Peru, came to Pittsburgh in 1986 and currently resides in the Fox Chapel Area.

Call for Artists

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



NORTH HILLS ART CENTER

The North Hills Art Center



Show Jurors Cindy Gilberti (see web site for bio)

Light into Darkness Art Exhibit

call for entries!

*THEMED SHOW: Each entry MUST relate to "Joy in Winter", through depiction or sentiment.

Benefitting local non-profit: Veterans Leadership Program

Opening Reception & Awards Ceremony - February 11



Show Open February 11-March 3

Art Delivery Dates

January 30 - February 3, 10:00am - 3:00pm January 31, 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Entry Fee: Members-90 per piece Nonmembers-95 per piece

Maximum: Three (3) Pieces - Attach one of the tags below to each entry.

Only recent original (no giclée) 2D & 3D work that has not been in a previous juried show at the NHAC may be submitted. Each piece must be ready for display or hanging with picture wire.

Work with gallery clips or law tooth clips will not be accepted. No piece of artwork shall be substituted or removed until the last day of the show.

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

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

Show Dates: February 11 - March 3

Art Pick Up Dates - THREE days only: March 6 - 8, 10am - 3pm & March 7, 7pm - 9pm

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Title:	Title:	
	Medium	Medium: Medium:

Call for Artists





"Celebrate Steubenville Today" Art Competition

Historic Fort Steuben Visitors Center, 120 South Third St., Steubenville, OH 43952

> Saturday March 4, 2023 until Wednesday March 29, 2023

For more info, contact Bob Watson at 678-787-5245 or Gina Judy at 740-765-4410

Laurel Arts

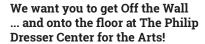
The Philip Dressler Center for the Arts presents:

Off The Wall:

A 3-D Juried Exhibit

April 4—May 4, 2023

Opening Reception:
Friday, April 7th
6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.



We are looking for artists who work in the 3-dimensional space to create unique, unusual, off the wall pieces to display throughout our galleries. Instead of walking up to the art, we want you to be able to walk through the art as it's displayed on the floors, on pedestals, tables OR even hanging from the ceiling (please call ahead for availability and weight restrictions).

What do we mean by 3-dimensional art? This is art that is presented in the dimensions of height, width and depth that occupies physical space and can be perceived from all sides and angles.

We are looking for artists who make three-dimensional pieces in any medium (wood, stone, metal, plastic, glass, found objects, etc.), sculptural, welding. blacksmithing, carvings, castings, installations, reliefs, mixed media, 3-D printing, collages, mosaics, jewelry, pottery and/or fibers. Your piece can be whimsical, abstract, or realistic. This is your chance to go completely off the wall with your designs and thoughts, so don't wall vourself in!





- * DROP OFF: The Philip Dressler Center for the Arts, 214 Harrison Avenue. Somerset. PA 15501 Wed., March 29th, (11-6) Thur., March 30th (11-6) Sat., April ist (10-2)
- * PICK UP: Sat., May 6 (10-2) Unless other arrangements nave been made

PRIOR to the close of the exhibit. Artwork not picked up within thirty (30) days from the close of the exhibit become the property of Laurel

This is a juried exhibit. You will be notified by phone if your work is not accepted, and it must be picked up no later than April 6.
Laurel Arts reserves the right to reject work that does not mept the exhibit requirements

Cash Awards

We will be presenting cash awards for Best of Show, First, Second and Third Place, plus additional honors.

For questions. please call or email Phone: 814-443-2433 • Email: alison@laurelarts.org
Gallery Hours: Mon. -Thurs. 11-6 & Sat. 10-2

Events and Shows



Kim Freithaler

Painting Animals in Watermedia, (primarily acrylic)
Saturday, April 1, 2023, 9:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Pittsburgh Watercolor Society is delighted to present a Saturday animal painting workshop in water media with Kim Freithaler. Originally from New York City, where she completed an internship at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, studied at the Art Students League of Manhattan, and taught in Manhattan public schools, Kim is currently the Executive Director at North Hills Art Center as well as a painting instructor. Kim has won numerous awards, and her work is exhibited in several galleries and businesses. Her murals have been installed in public buildings both locally and in Georgia. She paints oil portraits by commission. A wider selection of Kim's work can be viewed at: http://kimfreithaler.com and http://facebook.com/kimfreithalerportraits



As animals cannot "sit" for a portrait in the way humans can, choosing the right reference material is essential in painting animal portraits.

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION: Participants should bring a variety of references for their animal portraits, making sure there is enough detail in the references chosen, as the workshop will first cover choosing the right reference material. It is helpful to enlarge an image to about 8" x 10". Kim will instruct participants on how to get a likeness and how to obtain accurate fur colors and textures. The workshop will begin with a demonstration and individual instruction will follow. Participants may bring any water media they choose, but instruction will be done with acrylic paints. The supplies list provided on the PWS website link is only a suggestion, and participants should bring what they are comfortable using. Virtually any color mixture will make some type of brown!





Location:

Wilkins School Community Center 7604 Charleston Ave. Wilkinsburg, PA 15218

(Drop supplies off at the venue, then park on the street. Few restaurants nearby; bringing lunch is suggested.)





COST FOR <u>ONE-DAY</u> in-person WORKSHOP: PWS Members: \$60 Non-Members: \$75

REGISTRATION begins January 9, 2023

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT IN FULL DUE:

Online: March 18, 2023, 11:59 P.M. Mailed: Postmarked by March 11, 2023

To obtain the supplies list, cancellation policy, and/or to register and pay securely online:

https://www.pittsburghwatercolorsociety.com

QUESTIONS? E-mail:

Pwsworkshops75@gmail.com

To ensure your spot, you must register online.

PWS prefers online payment, but to pay by mail:Complete and detach the form below. Include a check payable to **Pittsburgh Watercolor Society**Address:

PWS Freithaler Workshop c/o Wilkins School Community Center 7604 Charleston Ave. Wilkinsburg, PA 15218

Phone:
Email:
Check one: _____ PWS member \$60
Non-Member \$75

Events and Shows

WHAL CELEBRATES 55 YEARS IN 2023!

WEST HILLS ART LEAGUE 55TH ANNIVERSARY SHOW

October 1 - November 3 at Gilberti Fine Art Studio and Gallery during the Coraopolis Fall Festival and Art Walk

- · Opening Reception: Saturday, October 14, 1-4PM
- Art Drop Off: September 30, 9AM 12PM
- Art Pick Up: November 4, 9AM 12PM

WEST HILLS ART LEAGUE \$55 HOLIDAY ART CASH AND CARRY SHOW

December 2, 9AM-1PM at Robin Hill Carriage House during the Moon Township Garden Club Greens & Things Sale

- Select Open Gallery Days November 24 December 18
- Drop Off & Pick Up details TBD
- · Opening Reception details TBD

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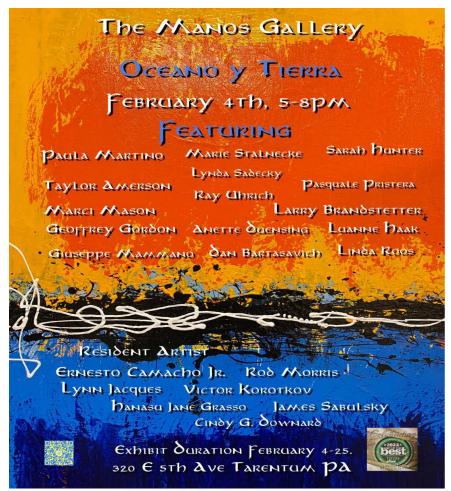
CALENDAR

FOR THESE

UPCOMING

EVENTS!











Events and Shows

Hameau Farm Studio Artist Retreat



The 26th Annual Hameau Artist Retreat

May 9-13 & September 26-30, 2023.

Day options available for all Hameau Artist Retreats.

Hameau Farm Studio Artist Retreat is a gathering place for artists to share, create, learn, and have fun. The unique studio, variety of landscape views, seasonal farm to table food, and camaraderie compel the artists to return. From the beginner to the professional artist, Hameau captures and inspires the creative spirit in a positive and supportive atmosphere.

Susan Nicholas Gephart believes in nurturing the "Artistic Spirit" of the individual artist. Hameau Farm Studio in The Big Valley of Central Pennsylvania has been the perfect place for her to organize Artist Retreats for the last 20 years.

We welcome artists of all media and levels, serve beautiful meals catered to individual needs, and we will work to fit your schedule, interests, and budget.

The panoramic views and comforts of the Hameau Farm Studio along with its well-lit space for demos, critiques, and painting make it an ideal getaway for artists. The beautiful fields, valleys, Amish farms, and lush Kish Creek await the colors of your palatte. Beyond Hameau lie Brookmere Vineyards, Plum Bottom Farm lane, and the view of Juniata Valley at Jack's Mountain.

Life doesn't get much better for artists, when all they have to think about is "Which beautiful scene should I paint next?"

Register online, https://www.snicholasart. com/hameau-artist-retreat



'Balanced Response'

Presented by Associated Artists of Pittsburgh at Associated Artists of Pittsburgh Exhibition Space, Pittsburgh PA

Now through March 17, 2023

Robert Morris University- Media Arts Gallery, 6001 University Blvd, Wheatley Center, Moon Township, PA 15108

Balanced Response features work by 25 artists, and the work on view shares their reaction, reply, or resolution to current experiences of the world. In a time of extremes, the work in the exhibition speaks to moments of stillness and acceptance, heightened emotional engagement, and ways to move

West Hills Art League P.O. Box 633, Moon Township, PA 15108



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