

West Hills Art League

NEWSLETTER

FEB 2024

Thursday, February 15th, 7pm-9pm
Meeting & Artist Presentation

Laura Stuart

Mixed Media

Artist/Author/Teacher



Laura Stuart is a mixed media artist from Pittsburgh, PA. Laura studied Visual Communications at both The Art Institute of Pittsburgh and Westminster College where she received a Bachelor's degree in Visual Arts Communications. She later went to Carlow University for an Art Education degree/certification. She has taught art within a variety of educational and therapeutic environments that include: teaching art to children through a counseling agency, teaching art within elementary and secondary education schools, and teaching art to adults who are neuro-diverse through a number of service providers.

Laura is a practicing artist with experience working with a variety of materials since she was a child. Her mother, Sophia is also an artist who greatly influenced Laura's early love of the visual arts. At a young age, Laura's mother introduced her to sewing, drawing,

and painting. Both her grandmothers were very influential as well. "Grandma taught me how to make beads, jewelry, and rugs out of recycled bits and pieces. My Yiayia (Greek for Grandma) taught me an appreciation for spiritual art with an emphasis on Greek Orthodox and Byzantine iconography." With those early influences, travel, education and an exploratory nature, her first love is the use of color and the spatial relationships of color mixed with pattern.



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 2024 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.

WHAL Virtual Show And Share on Tuesday, Feb. 6 @ 7pm



West Hills Art League 2024 CALENDAR

February	Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce Art pickup/drop off Date - TBA
February 6	WHAL Virtual Show and Share 7:00pm
February 15	WHAL Members Meeting - Robin Hill Speaker 6:30pm Informal chat 7:00pm Business Meeting
March 7	WHAL Virtual Show and Share 7:00pm
March 21	WHAL Members Meeting - Robin Hill Speaker 6:30pm Informal chat 7:00pm Business Meeting
April 2	WHAL Virtual Show and Share 7:00pm
April 14	Spring Plein Aire Picnic at Robin Hill 9:00am-5:00pm
April 18	WHAL Members Meeting - Robin Hill Speaker 6:30pm Informal chat 7:00pm Business Meeting
April 21	Mother's Day Show Online Registration Deadline 9:00pm
April 26	Artwork Drop Off for Mother's Day Show - Robin Hill 9:00am -12:00pm
May	Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce Art pickup/drop off Date - TBA
May 7	WHAL Virtual Show and Share 7:00pm
May 12	WHAL Mothers Day Show Reception - Robin Hill 12:00pm Setup 1:00-4:00pm Reception
May 16	WHAL Members Meeting - Robin Hill Speaker 6:30pm Informal chat 7:00pm Business Meeting / Show Art Pick up.

*Details subject to changes as needed - look for updates in the newsletter throughout the year.

June	Plein Air
June 4	WHAL Virtual Show and Share 7:00pm
July	Plein Air
July 2	WHAL Virtual Show and Share 7:00pm
August	Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce Art pickup/drop off Date - TBA
August	Plein Air
August 6	WHAL Virtual Show and Share 7:00pm
September	Plein Air
September 3	WHAL Virtual Show and Share 7:00pm
September 19	WHAL Members Meeting - Robin Hill Speaker 6:30pm Informal chat 7:00pm Business Meeting
October	Plein Air
October	WHAL Fall Show TBD
October 1	WHAL Virtual Show and Share 7:00pm
October 17	WHAL Members Meeting - Robin Hill Speaker 6:30pm Informal chat 7:00pm Business Meeting
November	Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce Art pickup/drop off - Date TBA
November 5	WHAL Virtual Show and Share 7:00pm
November 21	WHAL Members Meeting - Robin Hill Speaker 6:30pm Informal chat 7:00pm Business Meeting 7:30pm Speaker Demo
December 3	WHAL Virtual Show and Share 7:00pm
December 6	\$55 Holiday Art Cash and Carry Show Set up 10:00am - 3:00pm Robin Hill Carriage House
December 7	\$55 Holiday Art Cash and Carry Show 9:00am-3:00pm during Garden Club Greens Sale. Tear Down 3:00 -4:00pm



Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce Art Switch-out: Friday, February 16, 9am-12noon

Drop off 9:00am to 12:00pm. This is a great opportunity to get your art in front of chamber business members! **We will need volunteers** to take in the artwork and hang pieces. Please email us at westhillsartists@gmail.com if you are available to help.

WHAL Member News & Art Openings

Leah Shuck's artwork was featured on national television during the CBS Sunday Morning program on Sunday, January 21st - way to go, Leah!



Lisa Shaughnessy, Mary-Jane Maness, Helena Valentine, Lynda Kirby, Debra Tobin and James Tobin are among the artists participating in the Fun-A-Day Pittsburgh 2024 Art Show. The opening reception will be February 17, 5-8pm at Maple Leaf Studio in Millvale, 115 Sedgwick Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15209. The show will be on display through February 25.



Free Little Art Gallery - F.L.A.G. Come visit this unique mini gallery. Located at the Moon Library in Moon, PA on the outside patio. Open daily rain/snow or sunshine! Make one or take one! Free community participation.



Debra and James Tobin were featured on Episode 19 of The Genesis Collective Creatives Podcast. This is a part of host Kevin Farkas' ongoing Artist Conversation Series. The discussion includes the Beaver Valley Artists Association, their respective creative visions and processes, the value of art, and their long-standing art studio-creator space in Ambridge.

The Genesis Collective Creatives Podcast is Beaver County's first and only podcast supporting local artists, celebrating art, and building community through creativity.

<https://thesocialvoiceproject.org/2024/01/01/tgcc-podcast-episode-19-james-debra-tobin/>

OFF THE EASEL! Recently sold work from WHAL members:

SOLD!

Steph Moraca

"Misty Morning at Mt Rainier"
Oil on canvas
12x15"



SOLD!

Wendy Mackin

Woodland Path and The Coming Storm.



SOLD!

Debra Tobin

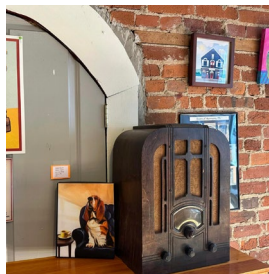
"Of Earth and Air"
Eco Print and Fiber Assemblage
Sold by
Bottlebrush
Gallery in
Harmony, PA



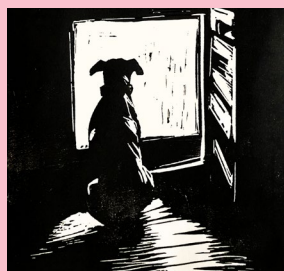
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Lynda Kirby, Leah Shuck, Debra Tobin and James Tobin are among the artists participating in The Art of Coffee Show on Display at Wunderbar in Harmony, PA from February 1-28. This display is organized by Bottlebrush Gallery.



Lance Maloney donated 6 digital art items to the Art Heals art auction, part of the Making Minds Matter Fund at UPMC Western Behavioural Health fundraiser event.

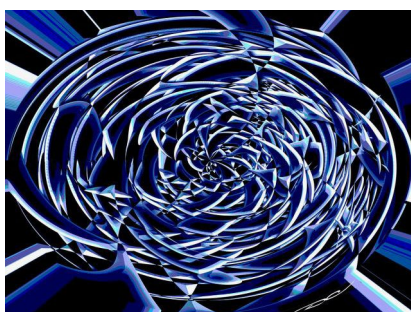


Debra Tobin, James Tobin and Lynda Kirby are participating in the fourth annual Remarque Print Workshop Print Exchange Exhibition in Los Ranchos New Mexico. Opening reception February 2nd at Remarque. Online gallery will be available for viewing.

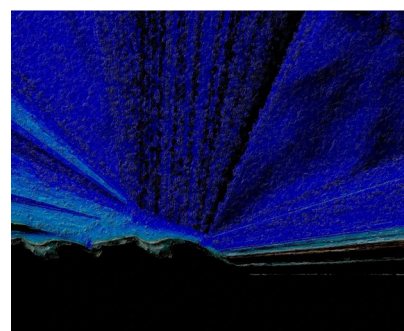
Debra and James Tobin have art on display for purchase with the McMurray Art League at Peters Twp. Public Library through April 16.

Debra and James will be participating in the "Ain't Love Strange" themed new Wall of Art display this February at ShuBrew in Zelienople PA. This display is organized by Bottlebrush Gallery.

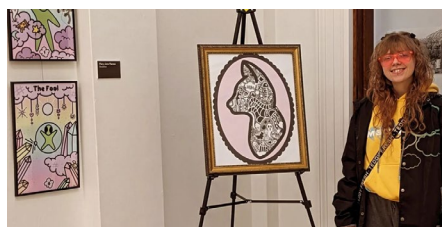
FOR SALE! Winsor Newton Sketching Easel. Has hard travel/storage case. Excellent condition. Use in studio or plein air. New \$72. Asking \$40 or best offer. **Contact josetteb81@gmail.com**



Camelback Gallery presents: The 2024 Shades Of Blue International Juried Painting Exhibition. **Duane Cacali** has one piece of artwork that has been accepted into this juried art show. He received a "Finalist Award" for his digital artwork . Knife . Fork and Spoon



James Tobin received a Finalist Award for his digital piece, "Blue Morning Vapor Trails" in the Camelback Gallery Shade of Blue 2024 Exhibition.



Mary-Jane Maness at the Carnegie Library Staff Art Show from last month.

Emily Glass ' art, "The New Color of Steel", is on display at the Pittsburgh City-Council Building this month through Michelle Gainey's Greater Pittsburgh Arts Project.



WHAL January Challenge: Something Old

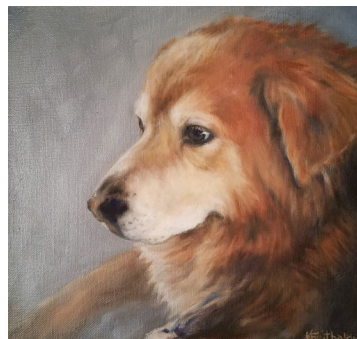


What do you mean old??? Everything I have is still very much in good working order. After I pumped the water, I set it on the stove to heat up for washing. While that took place, I made a call to the grocer and took the buggy to town to get some staples along with meat and veg for some soup makings. After returning home, I set to scrubbing the month's laundry on the scrubbing board with some nice lye soap. After dinner, we all set down for some evening entertainment. Putting on a new phonograph record, we listened to a Caruso record and viewed some photographs on our new stereographic viewer.

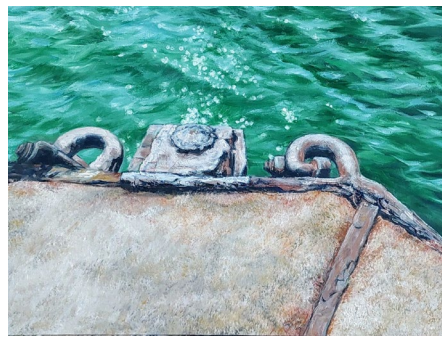
Submitted by Lance Mahoney



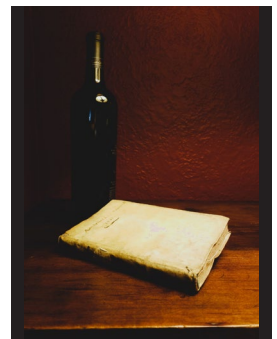
Kim Freithaler
My grandmother, Florence.



Kim Freithaler
Old Dog Duncan,
with his white muzzle



Kim Freithaler
Rusty Boat Dock

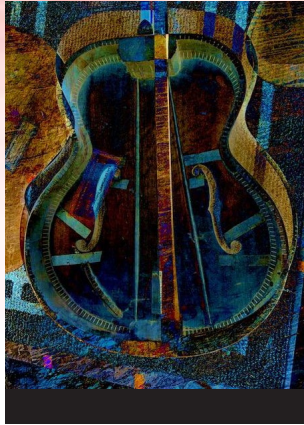


Lance Maloney
"Perfect Pairing"

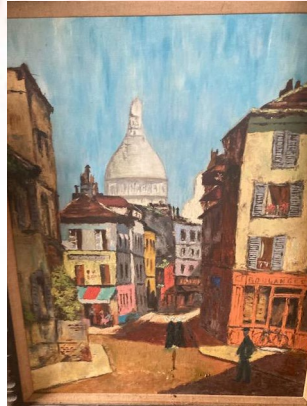
FEBRUARY 2024 ART CHALLENGE: LOVE

Email your submission by Feb. 27th at kirbycreativeservices@yahoo.com

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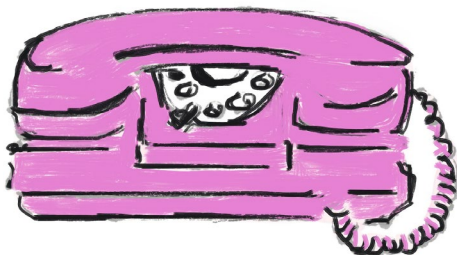
James Tobin



Sandra Beitsinger
Painted in 1967,
A Street In Paris



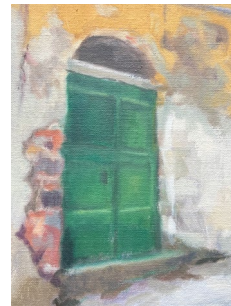
Josette Baker
"Francis and the Wolf of Gubbio", 5" X 7" collage using canceled Canadian postage stamps and watercolor. Artist unknown. Back dustcover states Franciscan Missionaries, 188 Grande, Quebec, PG. Stamps are over 100 years old. Art Collection of Josette Baker.



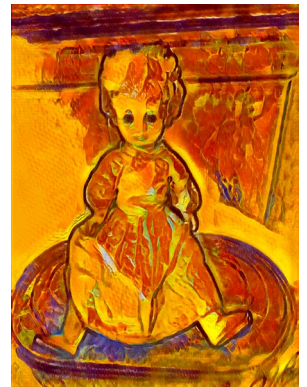
Helena Valentine
A Princess Phone



Helena Valentine
Moldy Piece of Bread



Wendy Mackin



Debra Tobin
"The Antique Doll"



Marian Sallade
Carbine miners lamp used in the coal mines until around 1918 when batteries replaced them.



Marian Sallade
"Wine Bottle Cork"
pen and ink



Leah Shuck
2018 Graphite Drawing of my mom on her wedding day in 1977

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Call for Artists



PITTSBURGH
Society of Artists

NEW MEMBER
SCREENING
SPRING
2024

SATURDAY
March 9, 2024

DROP OFF
1:00 to 2:00 PM
PICK UP
3:30 to 4:30 PM

WILKINS SCHOOL
COMMUNITY CENTER
7604 Charleston Avenue
Regent Square PA 15218
Lower Level Auditorium
Handicap Access at Back Door

This is your year to become a member of the the **PITTSBURGH 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 **PITTSBURGH 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 **PITTSBURGH 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 **PITTSBURGH Society of Artists**, all this can be yours. There is no fee for screening. If accepted, annual dues are \$40.00.

Applicants for **PITTSBURGH Society of Artists** membership are asked to **submit (3) 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.

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.

• Pre-register online pittsburghsocietyofartists.com

Call for Artists

51st Annual



124 E. Leasure Ave, New Castle, PA 16101
p: 724.652.2882 f: 724.657.8786

REGIONAL

Juried Art Competition

Deadline:
March 1, 2024
Exhibition Dates:
May 21-July 25, 2024



Call for Artists

ENTER NOW - DEADLINE MARCH 8, 2024
WESTMORELAND ART NATIONALS
JURIED ART & PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

THE MANOS GALLERY CALL FOR ARTIST

April Group Show- "Shadows Distributed"

All Entries or inquiries please email-
ManosgALLERY@yahoo.com



Calling all 3-D Artists

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below
so you can get
Off the Wall
with us!

Call
for
Entry

Pre-juried
process starts
Feb. 1

Open to all artists
18 & older



Off the Wall *again*

April 4 - May 2

Exhibit Dates:



<https://laurelarts.org/exhibit-submission/>

Events and Shows



CASTING SHADOWS

Show Dates:

2.10.24 - 3.01.24

Opening Reception



2.10.24

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Gallery Hours:

Monday-Friday: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Tues Night: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

3432 Babcock Blvd | Pittsburgh, PA 15237



Events and Shows

PGH Fun a Day 2024 Art Show

Fun A Day is a month-long project encouraging artists to experiment, dabble, practice a skill, try something new, and most importantly, have fun!

Come see what this January has produced!

**Opening Reception
Saturday, February 17, 2024
5:00-8:00 PM
The Maple Leaf**

115 Sedgwick St, Pittsburgh, PA 15209 (Millvale)

**Join us! Come Mingle!
Snacks, Performances, and So Much To Look At!**



The art will be on display at The Maple Leaf February 17th through the 25th.

The show is free to attend.

Any donations will help cover show costs.

funadaypgh.com

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Butler Art Center Digital Art Exhibit

This February we will be exhibiting digital art. This includes art made using software, computers, or other electronic devices. Anything produced or made on digital media, such as animations, photographs, illustrations, videos, digital paintings, and such can be classified as digital art.

The show will run from February 9th-March 8th.



MINI MASTERPIECE COMPETITION

Exhibition:
March 26 – May 16, 2024



Come see famous paintings replicated on 3x3 inch canvases!
Visit hoartcenter.org for more details.

101ST ANNUAL • ERIE ART MUSEUM SPRING SHOW

Show Dates: March 15 to August 9, 2024



CRANBERRY ARTISTS NETWORK



BOTTLEBRUSH GALLERY SHOW DATES:

Friday, March 8, 2024 - Thursday, April 4, 2024

539 Main St, Harmony, PA 16037

Gallery Hours: Friday 11-5 Saturday 10-5 and Sunday 12-4.

OPENING RECEPTION:

Friday, March 8, 2024, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

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