




# West Hills Art League

## NEWSLETTER



# JAN 2022

**Stay tuned  
for more  
information  
about our  
upcoming  
January  
meeting**



### A Message From Debbie

Hello All,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well as we move into the new year! I also hope your holiday season was filled with family, friends, joy and creativity!

We at West Hills Art League are looking forward to an exciting 2022 season with many opportunities for our members including:

- Guest speakers and demos
- Monthly virtual Show and Shares
- Plein Air Days
- Annual art show and other league-sponsored events
- Ongoing Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce Gallery
- Newsletters and Social Media
- Interaction with artists

We appreciate your continued support of our League and hope you will take advantage of these opportunities.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with organizing plein air outings, and to hang and take down shows. This is a fun opportunity to meet and connect with fellow artists and help the league.

We will continue to handle in-person events with caution as the health and well-being of our members is our primary concern. Masks will continue to be required at any in-person meetings for the time being.

Please visit our website, FaceBook page and Instagram for updates, WHAL Member Exhibition Info and other local Call for Artists. There are many Calls out as Spring approaches. Lynda and I will try our best to find and share the info. We always appreciate input from our members, so please send us any show info you would like us to include.

Wishing you all the very best in the New Year!

Debbie

### 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.

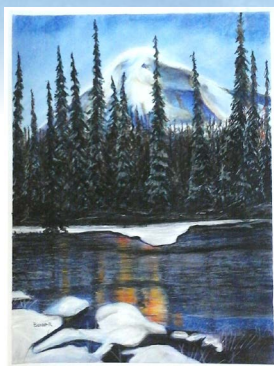
Enter the zoom meeting address or click the link that will be sent to you in your email.

**WHAL Virtual  
Show And Share  
Tuesday, Jan. 4th  
@ 7pm**

# WHAL December Challenge: Winter or Holiday Art



Lynda Kirby - "Snow Thistle"



Ralph Bonnar - The Pines  
17"x23" pastel on 18"x24"  
80 lb pastel paper



Leah Shuck - Oil pastel pine cones



Newhaven Irish Gansey  
Hand Knit by Josette Baker, 2021

"I've become a master knitter and love the challenge of intricate designs particularly the Newhaven Irish Gansey Sweater. This is my third project."

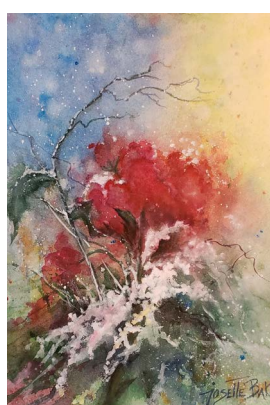
Irish Gansey with Channel Island cast-on, garter stitch welt, horizontal pattern panels, bisected reverse stockinette stitch underarm gussets, three needle bind off and inverted triangular neck gusset. Knitted in one piece with side and underarm seams. Garment is embellished with owner's initials.

Yarn: Skacel Simplicity by HiKoo  
55% marino wool, 28% acrylic and 17% nylon  
Color: 030 Turquoise  
Size: 42

Needles: Sizes 2 and 3 circular and double pointed needles



Neelam Dwivedi - "Snow Memories"



Josette Baker  
"Lo' A Rose Ere Blooming"  
11.25" X 15.25" watercolor and gouache, 300 lb. paper



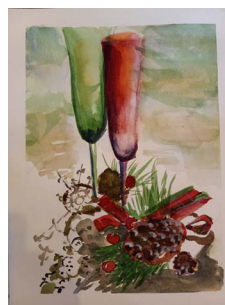
Helena Valentine  
My Favorite Happy Christmas Memory  
Age 10...I asked for and received a royal blue velvet skating skirt with white satin lining. Plus a "real" rabbit muff! I used to skate at Franklyn's Field, an outdoor rink, for hours! Here is a watercolor depiction of me, my skirt, and muff.



Kelley Bush



James Tobin "Ice Castle"



Lynne Preisser



Debra Tobin



## JANUARY 2022 CHALLENGE: WINTER COLOR PALETTE

As we roll into the new year in Western Pennsylvania the colors in our landscape become less vibrant. Let's embrace that barren landscape with a challenge to use winter color palettes. Here are three to get you started but feel free to experiment.

Email your submission to [kirbycreativeservices@yahoo.com](mailto:kirbycreativeservices@yahoo.com) by January 31



# Call for Artists



## Dollar Bank Three Rivers Arts Festival

a production of the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust

Applications are now being accepted for the 2022 Festival, scheduled for June 3-12. The application deadline is Tues, January 18 at 10 pm EST.

Visit <https://traf.trustarts.org/digital-arts-festival/artists> and tap or click through the navigation to learn more about the application categories: Artist Market, Emerging Artist Scholarship Program, Juried Visual Art Exhibition, Performing Arts, Special Projects / Collaborations, and Anthropology of Motherhood.



## The North Hills Art Center Winter Art Show

Opens Feb 5th and runs  
through March 4th.

The title/theme is  
Pittsburgh Perspective.

It will be open to all.  
Drop off is Jan 24-28.

<https://www.northhillsartcenter.org>

## West Hills Art League Annual Mother's Day Show May 2022

The 2022 annual art exhibit will be held at the Robin Hill Park Main Building.

We will announce the winners on Sunday, May 8 during our Mother's Day Opening Reception.

Our judge will offer insights into their selections during our May meeting.

Entry fee is \$10.00 per piece.

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.

Deadline for in-person art drop off at Robin Hill is 11:59am, Fri., April 29, 2022.

Please fill out the online entry form(s) and also email images of submissions to [westhillsartists@gmail.com](mailto:westhillsartists@gmail.com) by 11:59am, Friday, April 29, 2022.

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.2022.oils.jpeg

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

Information on this year's judge, TBA

<http://westhillsartleague.com>

# Call for Artists



## The Hoyt Mini Masterpiece Competition 2022

Mini Masterpiece is a competition and exhibit open to artists of all ages – from preschoolers to professionals! Enter online and you will receive your mini canvas by mail. That's when the challenge begins! Choose a famous painting to replicate, gather your paints and get to work!

### Entry Guidelines

**Choose:** Choose a painting by a famous artist that inspires you.

**Create:** Replicate the work in miniature on the canvas provided. You will receive your 3x3 canvas by mail.

**Enter:** Affix the identification tag provided to the back of your work and deliver it to the Hoyt no later than February 1, 4 pm

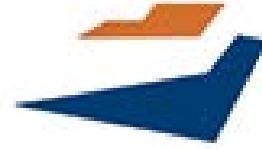
**Win:** Three entries in both adult and youth categories will receive \$150 purchase awards. Awards will be announced on February 11.

**Exhibit:** All entries will be exhibited at the Hoyt, March 1 – April 21, 2022. Your entry fee covers return of your work to you via mail when the exhibition is over. (Purchase awards will not be returned.)

**Share:** Entries will be featured daily on social media throughout the exhibition period. Share posts to educate your friends and family about famous art and artists!

**Collect:** Winning entries will be reproduced into magnets that will be available in the Hoyt Gift Shop. Buy one or collect them all to build your own refrigerator gallery!

<https://hoytartcenter.org/minimasterpiece2022/?fbclid=IwAR0w8V1ddsnmJR8WZtIR29JR39G-azGl5j5GkjFsOZPmA0jMLDlzkqhYY>



## Erie Art Museum

# Spring Nicole & Harry MARTIN SHOW

### Mark your calendars and submit your work for the 99th annual Nicole & Harry Martin Spring Show!

We welcome submissions from any and all artists living, working or studying within 250 miles of the city of Erie, Pennsylvania.

The call for online submissions will be open from January 1st-February 11th 2022.

More details can be found at:  
[ErieArtmuseum.org/springshow](http://ErieArtmuseum.org/springshow)





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## Children's Museum: Tough Art is Back!

We are pleased to reinstate the summer in-person Tough Art Residency Program for its 14th installment after a two-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### RESIDENCY GOALS

- Produce artwork that is tough enough to withstand public interaction, especially that of children
- Work collaboratively with Children's Museum of Pittsburgh staff to create and develop an engaging work of art to be exhibited in the museum
- Give artists a platform to display their work and reach a potentially new audience, which in turn, provides new avenues of art exploration for the museum

See past Tough Art projects  
<https://pittsburghkids.org/exhibit/tough-art-call-for-artists/>

Applications must be received by 11:59 pm on March 13, 2022.

Selected artists will be announced on April 1, 2022. Send any questions about the Tough Art residency to [submissions@pittsburghkids.org](mailto:submissions@pittsburghkids.org).



ASSOCIATED  
ARTISTS OF  
PITTSBURGH

Image: Linda Price-Sneddon

# 2022 NEW MEMBER SCREENING

Submissions open

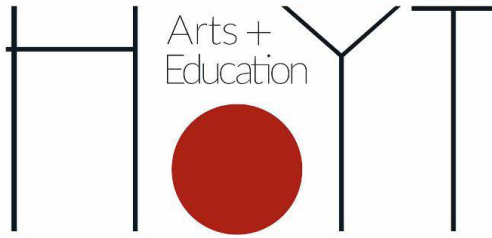
December 6, 2021 – January 17, 2022

Learn more at  
[www.aapgh.org/become-a-member](http://www.aapgh.org/become-a-member)



# Call for Artists

## 49<sup>th</sup> annual



## R E G I O N A L

### Juried Competition

124 East Leasure Ave., New Castle, PA 16101

<https://hoartcenter.org>

### CALL FOR ARTISTS!

Emerging & professional artists within 250 miles of New Castle are invited to apply for the 2022 Juried Show. to compete for cash prizes, First Place \$600., Second \$400., Third \$200., & up to 6 Merit awards!

Deadline for Entries is February 22, 2022.

This year's Juror is Laura Domencic, Executive Director of the Erie Art Museum

#### DATES TO REMEMBER:

Deadline for Entries: Postmark- Feb. 21, 2022

Notification of Acceptance: March 28th

Delivery of accepted works: By April 15th

Pick up works: July 2nd

Public Reception: May 14th, 1-3pm

Exhibition Dates: April 26 – June 30, 2022

#### Prospectus:

<https://hoartcenter.org/hoart-regional-juried-exhibition/>



## WOMEN IN ART 2022: VISUAL VOICES



April 23 through June 4, 2022

Entries due midnight March 19, 2022

Open to artists identifying as female in southwest Pa and the Morgantown, WV area

This exhibition challenges women artists to make art that speaks to the power the visual arts can wield in our current cultural climate. *Visual Voices* aspires to expand the canon of art by being a platform to showcase a symphony of women's voices that sing loudly and passionately about the changes and challenges of our time.

Sexuality      Race      Sexual identity  
Environment      Pandemic      Education  
Economic justice  
Equality      Reproductive Rights      Political

You Are Here, with partner Maureen Kochanek, challenges artists to complete this sentence:

*My visual voice speaks to \_\_\_\_\_*

Above statement must accompany digital images and entry fee when submitting work.

For application and details visit [yah406clay.org](http://yah406clay.org)



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**ENTER NOW - DEADLINE MARCH 4, 2022**

**WESTMORELAND ART NATIONALS  
JURIED FINE ART & PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITIONS**

## Westmoreland Art Nationals Juried Fine Art & Photography Exhibit

**DEADLINE: MARCH 4, 2022**

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 Sat., May 21 through Wed., June 8, with the Opening Reception on May 21 from 6-8 PM. Awards will be Announced at 7PM on May 21 and posted on our Facebook page.

The second exhibit will be held at the Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival on Thursday, June 30 through Sunday, July 3 with the Opening Reception set for Saturday, June 25 from 6-8 PM. Awards will be Announced at 7:00 PM on June 25 and posted on our Facebook page. Both shows are free and open to the public to attend.

Digital exhibitions will have artwork that is accepted into both exhibits and will also be displayed on our Facebook page and

website. The first Exhibit will run from May 21 – June 18, 2022 and the second Exhibit will run from June 25 – July 23, 2022.

The People's Choice Award will be decided by the number of votes received on-site through paper ballots as well as votes taken from our Facebook Page using the number of "Likes" on an image. Any accepted piece of artwork may be voted on to win the People's Choice Award. Voters are permitted to cast one ballot per artist per day.

A total of \$4,800 in prize money will be awarded in the following categories:

Best of Show	Photography
Painting	Mixed Media
Graphics	Digital Media/Digital Art
Craft	New Entrant
Sculpture	People's Choice

Winners are selected for each exhibit and are not announced until the night of the Opening Receptions. Both shows provide excellent exposure and serve as wonderful networking opportunities to meet other distinguished artists.

The 2022 Westmoreland Art Nationals entry form is available at <https://artsandheritage.com/art-nationals/> as a PDF form.

We welcome and encourage you to invite others to apply.

# Call for Artists



## ABSTRACTS WITH RED 2022

International Online Juried Painting Competition  
Deadline January 9, 2022

\$19 for 1-2 art pieces (non refundable)

Open to all artists 18 years and older for our annual Abstracts with Red Painting Competition. Artists please submit artwork created in the last 3 years. The theme for this event is ABSTRACT. Your paintings must have the color RED as the focal point or as a prominent or secondary color.

Mediums: All painting mediums allowed including traditional, digital and mixed media.

This is entry into a virtual competition with award exhibition. If you are an award recipient we promote your work only, we do not sell artwork. Any inquiries will be sent directly to you.

<https://www.camelbackgallery.com/entercompetitions>

## SHADES OF BLUE 2022

International Online Juried Painting Competition  
Deadline January 23, 2022

\$19 for 1-2 art pieces (non refundable)

Open to all artists 18 years and older. For this competition and theme for this event is for submissions of artwork using the color BLUE for either the focal point, prominent color or secondary color. This is open theme - all styles all subject matter allowed. The jurors will be looking for originality 1st, followed by criteria, quality of work and technical skill.

Mediums to be considered include: Pencil, Collage, Digital Art, Drawings, Encaustic, Fiber Art, Graphite, Illustration, Mixed Media, New Media, Oil, Acrylic, Pastel, Photography (Traditional and Digital), and Watercolor.

No nudity (private parts must be covered). No profanity, social or political artwork allowed.

Artists may enter more than once.

For our competitions your work does not have to be for sale! We promote your work and if there are any inquiries about your work we refer the client to you, we do not take any commission.

<https://www.camelbackgallery.com/entercompetitions>



# Events & Shows

6th ANNUAL

## 2022 WINTER STUDENT ART SHOW

Featuring work from **NORTH HILLS  
MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL**

**JANUARY 8-21, 2022**

**North Hills Art Center, 3432 Babcock Blvd.**

**Opening Reception - Saturday 1/8, 1-3 PM**

**NH**



- Masks will be required
- Hand sanitizer available upon entering & exiting the building
- Entry may be staggered to allow safe social distancing

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

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