



# West Hills Art League

## NEWSLETTER

# JULY 2023



We had gorgeous weather for our second season kickoff at Gillfillan Farm in Upper Saint Clair, Pa. and Hyeholde Restaurant in Moon, Pa.



The Art League's next paint out will be on Thursday, July 13 at Simmons Farm in McMurray, Pa.



## West Hills Art League

### 2023 PLEIN AIR CALENDAR

**Thursday, July 13**  
**Simmons Farm**  
**McMurray, Pa. 9:30 am.**

<https://www.simmonsfarm.com/home.html>  
Panoramic views of the orchards and farm.

**Thursday, August 17**  
**The Frick Pittsburgh**  
**Pittsburgh, Pa. 9:30 am.**

<https://www.thefrickpittsburgh.org/>  
The museum and historical buildings are located on five acres of beautifully landscaped lawns and gardens.

**Saturday, August 26**  
**The Walled Garden Mellon Park**  
**Pittsburgh, Pa. 9:00 am.**

<https://pittsburghparks.org/mellon-park-walled-garden/>  
Beautiful garden grounds with views of the city streets and neighborhood.

**Thursday, September 14**  
**Greendance The Winery at SandHill**  
**Mount Pleasant, Pa. 10:00 am.**

<https://www.greendancewinery.com/>  
Greendance is a winery located on a 120-acre working farm. Offers expansive landscape views of vineyards and farm land.



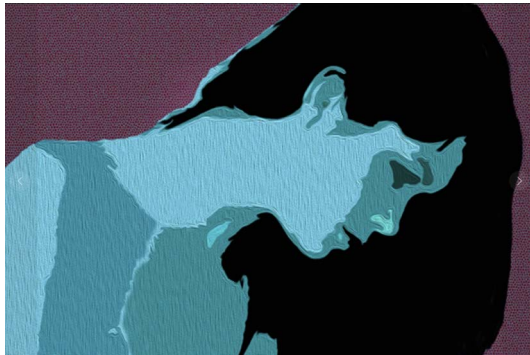
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July	Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce Art pickup/drop off Date - TBA	Oct 1 -Nov 3	WHAL 55th Anniversary Show at Gilberti Fine Art Studio and Gallery during the Coraopolis Fall Festival and Art Walk
July 11	WHAL Virtual Show and Share 7:00pm	October 14	Coraopolis Fall Festival and Art Walk
July 13	Plein Air - Simmons Farm McMurray, Pa. 9:30 am. <a href="https://www.simmonsfarm.com/home.html">https://www.simmonsfarm.com/home.html</a>	October 3	WHAL Virtual Show and Share 7:00pm
August 1	WHAL Virtual Show and Share 7:00pm	October 19	WHAL 55th Anniversary Show Reception Sat. Oct. 14, 1:00pm-4:00pm
August 17	Plein Air - The Frick Pittsburgh Pittsburgh, Pa. 9:30 am. <a href="https://www.thefrickpittsburgh.org/">https://www.thefrickpittsburgh.org/</a>	October 19	WHAL Members Meeting - Robin Hill Speaker 6:30pm Informal chat 7:00pm Business Meeting 7:30pm Speaker Demo
August 26	Plein Air - The Walled Garden Mellon Park Pittsburgh, Pa. 9:00 am. <a href="https://pittsburghparks.org/mellon-park-walled-garden/">https://pittsburghparks.org/mellon-park-walled-garden/</a>	November	Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce Art pickup/drop off - Date TBA
September 5	WHAL Virtual Show and Share 7:00pm	November 4	Art Pick Up for WHAL 55th Anniversary Show-Robin Hill 9:00am -12:00pm
September 14	Plein Air - Greendance The Winery at SandHill Mount Pleasant, Pa. 10:00 am. <a href="https://www.greendancewinery.com/">https://www.greendancewinery.com/</a>	November 7	WHAL Virtual Show and Share 7:00pm
September 21	WHAL Members Meeting - Robin Hill Speaker 6:30pm Informal chat 7:00pm Business Meeting 7:30pm Speaker Demo	November 16	WHAL Members Meeting - Robin Hill Speaker 6:30pm Informal chat 7:00pm Business Meeting 7:30pm Speaker Demo
September 30	Artwork Drop Off for WHAL 55 Anniversary Show - Robin Hill 9:00am -12:00pm	December 1	\$55 Holiday Art Cash and Carry Show Set up 10:00am - 3:00pm Robin Hill Carriage House
		December 2	\$55 Holiday Art Cash and Carry Show 9:00am-3:00pm during Garden Club Greens Sale.
		December 2	\$55 Holiday Art Cash and Carry Show Tear Down 3:00 -4:00pm Robin Hill Carriage House
		December 5	WHAL Virtual Show and Share 7:00pm

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



# WHAL Member News & Art Openings



**Debra Tobin's** digital artwork "Life Interrupted" won the Digital Media Award at the Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival.

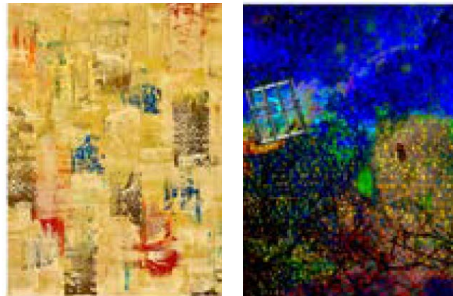
The Freedom for Marc group selected **Debra Tobin's** artwork from the show for their t-shirt design for the July 15th Rally in Washington, DC.



**Debra Tobin** was also awarded 3rd Place in the Butler Art Center "Art Is" show for her fabric mosaic, "Black Faced Sheep". **James Tobin** received an Honorable Mention for his digital piece, "Paper Lake".



The Latrobe Art League selected **Lynda Kirby's** digital painting "Good Boy" to win the Open Division Award at the Latrobe Art Center's Annual Open Show on June 15th.



**Debra Tobin's** painting, Sand, Metal & Stone" and **James Tobin's** digital peice "Exile" received Finalist Awards in the Camelback Gallery at Bold Abstracts 2023.



WHAL Members **Leah Shuck, Donna Lesondak, Debra Tobin, James Tobin and Lynda Kirby** showed work at the North Hills Art Center "Fiber & Fire Art Show. **Lynda Kirby** received an Honorable Mention for her fumage, "Summer Grass," and **Leah Shuck's** Upcycled Apron sold!

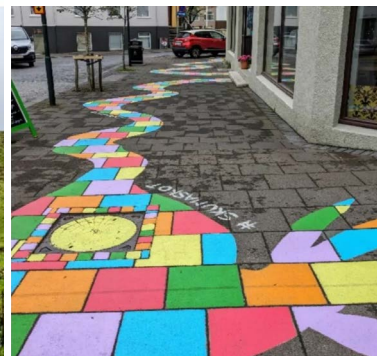


**James Tobin, Debra Tobin and Lynda Kirby** participated in the Midland Arts Council Summer Gallery at Lincoln Park Performing Arts Center through July 5th.





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## Leah Shuck and the West Allegheny Art Club in Reykjavík, Iceland

"I am grateful to have the opportunity to travel like this with my students and coworkers. Experiences, big or small, influence art making... From being present in your everyday life at home to taking in the beauty and power of

nature abroad. I feel so invigorated by the culture I was a visitor to and can't wait to see where that energy takes me. Maybe I'll share some sketches from the trip later.

Highlights here include beautiful Reykjavik, national parks, so many waterfalls, seeing a puffin, hiking on a

friggin glacier, traditional turf houses, and the black sand beach. We did so much more, I didn't list it all here. I'm happy to share my Google photos link with anyone who wants to see more though. I highly recommend going!

## Gina Judy's recent show news!

Acceptance: Red River National Watercolor Show... currently running. (Fargo, ND)

Acceptance: Rosewood Arts Center, Kettering Ohio... currently running "Landscapes" regional \*

Acceptance: The VIEW Old Forge, NY, "Ripples and Roar: The Wonder of Water" currently running.

Acceptance: The VIEW Old Forge, NY "Annual Adirondacks National Exhibition of American Watercolors" Starts August 4.

Included in Tuscarawas County Art Center, New Philadelphia Ohio Summer Invitational

Rhode Island Watercolor Society National-Honorable Mention

Acceptance: Rocky Mountain National Watermedia at Center for the Arts Evergreen in Evergreen, CO (58 selected out of 500 submissions)



"Sully"



"Generations"

Acceptance: Two in Prof Juried Exhibit of the Ohio State Fair, Cox Fine Art Center, July 25 through Aug. 6. (246 selected out of 700 professional submissions by two jurors; 114 amateur selected by one juror from 400 amateur entries)



Currently showing at PWS Member Show WATERWORKS at Sweetwater Art Center, Sewickley, PA

Also accepted at; Montana Watermedia Society National Show

WAN-Westmoreland Art Festival location Westmoreland Comm College location; Mixed-Media Award





# WHAL Member News & Art Openings

## OFF THE EASEL! Recently sold work from WHAL members:

**SOLD!**

**Gina Judy**

recently sold a set of Dean Martin prints and cards at the Steubenville Art Association

Dean Martin Art Show and Sale at the Dean Martin festival and the remainder of the entire printed and matted-set, including one framed, to Historic Ft. Steuben Gift Shop



**SOLD!**

**Leah Shuck**

Sold at the NHAC Fiber & Fire show



**SOLD!**

**Donna Lesondak**

This is a recent commission piece. The customer wanted it in memory of their 25 year old cockatiel.



**SOLD!**

**Emily Glass**

"Biting Moonbeams"  
Mixed Media  
on Canvas



**SOLD!**

**Emily Glass**

"Better Free"  
Mixed Media  
on Canvas



**SOLD!**

**Emily Glass**

"Radiance"  
Mixed Media  
on Canvas



**SOLD!**

**Emily Glass**

"Pink Dreams"  
Mixed Media  
on Canvas



**SOLD!**

**Emily Glass**

"On the Range"  
Mixed Media  
on Canvas



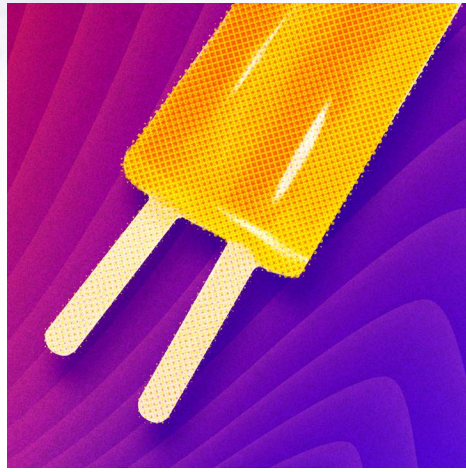


# WHAL June Challenge: Something You Love About Summer



**Josette Baker**

"Talisman Roses for Jen", transparent watercolor on 300 lb paper, 16" X 20"



**Lynda Kirby**

Pop(sicle) Art



**Gina Judy**

Sunny View From 8 Estate Shoys...it was actually painted in January, but in St. Croix, it's ALWAYS summer!\* Back Deck Sunning...it was actually done INSIDE from a model, BEFORE summer...just REMINDS me of summer!



**Kelley Bush**

What I love about summer are the sunsets and clouds.  
"Favorite Sunset (For Margot)", 2022  
Acrylic on canvas, 4 x 4 inches



**Duane Cacali**

"Summertime At The Farm"



**Duane Cacali**

"Cruising The Caribbean"



**Helena Valentine**

Title: Sailing At Sunset,  
Nick's Lake, Old Forge, NY,  
Adirondack Mts.  
Watercolor - created 6/28/23.

Favorite summer pastime - watching the sailboats at sunset - we didn't have one but I loved watching the sailors that did. We would be there camping and making sure the bears didn't get into our coolers - not always successful.

**JULY 2023 ART CHALLENGE: RED, WHITE & BLUE**

Email your submission by June 27th at [kirbycreativeservices@yahoo.com](mailto:kirbycreativeservices@yahoo.com)



# Call for Artists



**3D SHOW**

The Butler Art Center & Gallery Presents  
the 3D and Surreal Salon Exhibit  
July 26 through August 19, 2023  
Opening Reception-Friday, July 26  
from 7:00-9:00 pm

**Surreal Salon**

The Butler Art Center & Gallery 344 S. Main St. Butler, PA 16001  
724-283-6922  
office@butlerartcenter.org  
www.butlerartcenter.org

## MONACA ART WALK SEPT. 8TH - SEPT. 23RD

### CALL FOR ARTISTS

The Art Walk will take place on Monaca's Pennsylvania Avenue store fronts during the Monaca Fall Festival.

All art to be delivered on September 2nd from 5pm-7pm to Serendipity: 1301 Pennsylvania Ave., Monaca  
Pick up will be at Serendipity on Sept. 30th from 5pm-7pm.

If interested in participating, email Vera Lovewell, Art Committee Chair for the Community Corporation of Monaca: vlovewell@gmail.com

## Confluence 2023

**July 21-23**

**Sheraton Pittsburgh Airport Hotel**



**CALLING  
ALL ARTISTS!**

**The Confluence  
Art Show  
wants you  
....and your art!**

The Confluence Art Show features artwork produced by professional as well as amateur artists. We welcome both walk-in and mail-in art in 2D or 3D format in all media with a science fiction, fantasy or horror theme.

We charge a small commission on sales.  
Art that is for display only is charged a nominal hanging fee.

**Send art show inquiries and mail-in art to:**

**Joan Fisher: artshow@parsec-sff.org  
809 Sleepy Hollow Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15234**

**[confluence-sff.org/art-show/](https://confluence-sff.org/art-show/)**



Pittsburgh Watercolor Society

## Aqueous Open 2023 Annual International Exhibition

**Oct 7 - Nov 30**

The Pittsburgh Watercolor Society (PWS) Aqueous Open 2023 International Exhibition is a juried exhibit for artists using water-based media on paper. This year's 78th Aqueous is being presented online on the

Pittsburgh Watercolor Society website. Aqueous Open is the annual PWS exhibit open to all participants, member or not.

More than \$5,000 in cash and merchandise awards.

For full details on how to enter, please read the prospectus at:

<https://www.pittsburghwatercolorsociety.com/aqueous>





## **My Life With Pastels Exhibit** featuring **Patricia Mae Young**

**Opening Reception: Gilbert Fine Art**  
**Saturday, July 8th, 11am-3pm**

(Event coincides with the Coraopolis Second Saturday Celebration!)

• **Live Pastel Demo** • **Free Refreshments** • **Live Music**



*Gilbert*  
FINE ART STUDIO & GALLERY





# Events and Shows



Erie Art Museum

## spring SHOW

Nicole & Harry  
MARTIN

Going on now through  
August 11

[ErieArtmuseum.org](http://ErieArtmuseum.org)

## 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

- Drop Off & Pick Up details TBD
- Opening Reception details TBD

MARK YOUR  
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THESE UPCOMING  
EVENTS!



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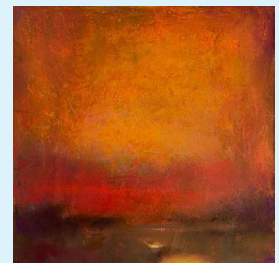
Stifel Fine Arts Center  
Crosscurrents, June 9 - July 28, 2023



## PASTEL WORKSHOP OPEN TO ALL!

Visit the Pittsburgh Pastel Artists League  
website for class description and to register.

<https://www.ppal-artists.com>



Loriann Signori 4-day (In Person) Workshop  
"From the Marvelous to the Mundane"

Dates: Wednesday, October 25 - Saturday, October 28

Location: Gilberti Fine Art 1030 5th Ave., Coraopolis

Time: 9:30 - 4pm

Cost: \$550 (members) \$600 (non-members)

## Art Is... 2023

The Art Is... Show runs from June 14 to July 14, 2023

More information can be found on our website

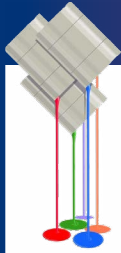
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CRANBERRY ARTISTS NETWORK



## 2023 Martinis With Monet Art Expo

### SHOW DATES:

Wednesday, July 12 - Thursday, August 24, 2023

### OPENING RECEPTION:

Wednesday, July 12, 2023, 7:00-9:00 p.m.



## Pittsburgh Print Group New Member Exhibition July 1-31 Artists Image Resource



Featuring work by:  
Sean Morrissey  
Fiona Avocado  
Stephanie Oplinger  
Brent Nakamoto  
AK Kurtz  
Maggy Aston  
Debra Tobin  
James Tobin  
Noel Reed  
Lynda Kirby  
Daniel Nolting  
Mateo Fuentes  
Emily Wooddell

**Closing reception July 27, 6-8pm**

Artists Image Resource  
518 Foreland St. Pittsburgh PA 15212

## NORTHLAND LIBRARY TRAVELING ART GALLERY

The West Hills Art League  
has art displayed at the  
Northland Public Li-  
brary, 300 Cumberland  
Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237,  
adult section, 2nd floor.

The show will run  
now thru  
September 20, 2023.





# Events and Shows



## Art Classes at Gilberti Fine Art Studio

To register, email: [gilbertifineart@gmail.com](mailto:gilbertifineart@gmail.com)

## Hameau Farm Studio Artist Retreat



## The 26th Annual Hameau Artist Retreat 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 palate. 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>**

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

 [www.WestHillsArtLeague.com](http://www.WestHillsArtLeague.com)  @WestHillsArtLeague

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Lynda Kirby • [kirbycreativeservices@yahoo.com](mailto:kirbycreativeservices@yahoo.com)

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