

West Hills Art League NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2023

West Hills Art League Annual Mother's Day Show

Our Judge, Victor Beltran, selected the award winners from over 60 entries on Sunday, May 14th. If you missed it, the show is now posted on the WHAL website, Facebook page and YouTube channel. <http://www.westhillsartleague.com>



Best in Show
Kim Freithaler
"The Forest", Oil



First Place
Patricia Mae Young
"The Stone Wall", Oil



Second Place
Marian Sallade
"Blue Water", Oil



Third Place
Cindy Gilberti
"New England Rocks", Pastel



Honorable Mention
Lance Maloney
"1102 Sunday Street", Acrylic



Honorable Mention
Lance Maloney
"Eastern Bluebird", Acrylic



Honorable Mention
Lynda Kirby
"Fake Love", Digital



Honorable Mention
Patricia Mae Young
"Morning Shadows", Pastel



People's Choice Award
James Tobin
"Fenestra", Digital



West Hills Art League 2023 CALENDAR

June 6	WHAL Virtual Show and Share 7:00pm	Oct 1 -Nov 3	WHAL 55th Anniversary Show at Gilberti Fine Art Studio and Gallery during the Coraopolis Fall Festival and Art Walk
June 10	Plein Air - Gilfillan Farm Upper Saint Clair, Pa 9:30 am. https://www.gilfillanfarm.org/index.php/history	October 14	Coraopolis Fall Festival and Art Walk
June 15	Plein Air -Hyeholde Restaurant Coraopolis, Pa. 9:30 am. https://www.hyeholde.com/	October 3	WHAL Virtual Show and Share 7:00pm
June 22	WHAL Member Picnic and Plein Air Day Robin Hill Carriage House 9:00 am open for plein air painters. 6:00 pm Potluck dinner and Show and Share	October 19	WHAL 55th Anniversary Show Reception Sat. Oct. 14, 1:00pm-4:00pm
July	Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce Art pickup/drop off Date - TBA	October 19	WHAL Members Meeting - Robin Hill Speaker 6:30pm Informal chat 7:00pm Business Meeting 7:30pm Speaker Demo
July 11	WHAL Virtual Show and Share 7:00pm	November	Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce Art pickup/drop off - Date TBA
July 13	Plein Air - Simmons Farm McMurray, Pa. 9:30 am. https://www.simmonsfarm.com/home.html	November 4	Art Pick Up for WHAL 55th Anniversary Show-Robin Hill 9:00am -12:00pm
August 1	WHAL Virtual Show and Share 7:00pm	November 7	WHAL Virtual Show and Share 7:00pm
August 17	Plein Air - The Frick Pittsburgh Pittsburgh, Pa. 9:30 am. https://www.thefrickpittsburgh.org/	November 16	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. https://pittsburghparks.org/mellon-park-walled-garden/	December 1	\$55 Holiday Art Cash and Carry Show Set up 10:00am - 3:00pm Robin Hill Carriage House
September 5	WHAL Virtual Show and Share 7:00pm	December 2	\$55 Holiday Art Cash and Carry Show 9:00am-3:00pm during Garden Club Greens Sale.
September 14	Plein Air - Greendance The Winery at SandHill Mount Pleasant, Pa. 10:00 am. https://www.greendancewinery.com/	December 2	\$55 Holiday Art Cash and Carry Show Tear Down 3:00 -4:00pm Robin Hill Carriage House
September 21	WHAL Members Meeting - Robin Hill Speaker 6:30pm Informal chat 7:00pm Business Meeting 7:30pm Speaker Demo	December 5	WHAL Virtual Show and Share 7:00pm
September 30	Artwork Drop Off for WHAL 55 Anniversary Show - Robin Hill 9:00am -12:00pm		

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



West Hills Art League

2023 PLEIN AIR CALENDAR

Saturday, June 10

Gilfillan Farm

Upper Saint Clair, Pa. 9:30 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.

Thursday, June 15

Hyeholde Restaurant

Coraopolis, Pa. 9:30 am.

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

A stone and glass castle nestled into the hillside and surrounded by trees and gardens.

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.

WHAL POT LUCK PICNIC AND SHOW AND SHARE



Please mark your calendars and plan to join us on Thursday, June 22nd for our West Hills Art League Picnic at Robin Hill Park. We will have the Carriage House open and available with kitchen and bathroom facilities throughout the day. The grounds will be open for plein air painting and the carriage house will be set up for those who prefer to paint indoors. We will have a pot luck dinner beginning at 6pm followed by a show and share of the days artwork and any other recent works.

Please let Debra Tobin know if you will be attending and what food you will bring to share by emailing westhillsartists@gmail.com by June 15.

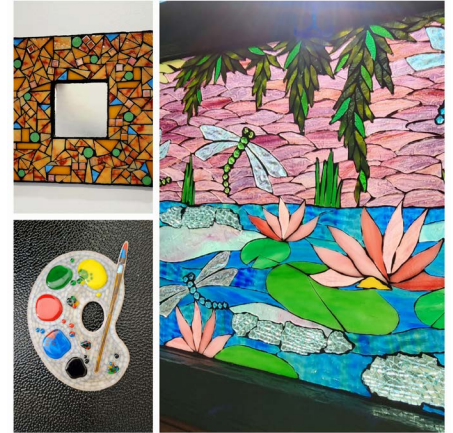
WHAL Member News & Art Openings



Congratulations to WHAL members **Gina Judy**, who won the Mixed Media Award at the Westmoreland Arts Nationals, and **Lynda Kirby**, who won the Digital Media Art award.

Other WHAL artists who's work was selected for exhibition were **Debra Tobin, James Tobin and Steph Moraca**.

Recent work by **Donna Lesondak!**



The Pittsburgh Print Group Fine Art Printmakers Guild welcomed **Lynda Kirby, Debra Tobin and James Tobin** as new members. PPG is dedicated to artistic excellence and the perpetuation of printmaking as an art form.

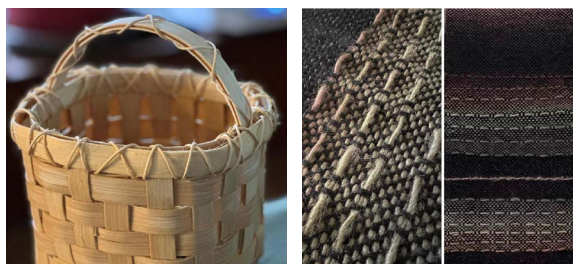


WHAL LITTLE ART GALLERY UPDATE

Autumn (from the Girls Scouts) is building our Little Art Gallery and plans to deliver it to the Moon Public Library in the next few weeks. This is her Gold Award Project and is donating it to WHAL. It will be freestanding with four post legs. Stay tuned for more info about the opening of our Little Art Gallery!

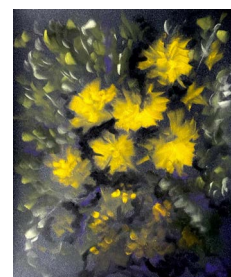


Janine Simmons is showing work the Pittsburgh Watercolor Society (PWS) members' new work in watercolor and other water media show. Exhibition opens June 16th Opening reception is June 23rd at Sweetwater Center for the Arts



Debra Tobin became a member of Three Rivers Fiber Focus and attended Heddle Loom with pick up sticks and Basketry classes at Old Economy

Debra and James Tobin both were finalists in the Camelback Gallery FLOWER POWER 2023 International Juried Art Exhibition.



Debra Tobin
"Yellow Floral Dream"
Pastel



Jim Tobin
"Summer Bounty"
Digital Art

WHAL Member News & Art Openings

OFF THE EASEL! Recently sold work from WHAL members:

SOLD! AT THE WEST HILLS ART LEAGUE MOTHER'S DAY SHOW



Donna Lesondak
Palette



Sandra Beitsinger
Beginning of Fall



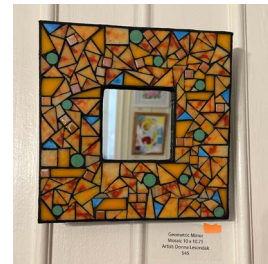
Janine Simmons
Sandy



Sue Vandertie
Midnight Bloom



Donna Lesondak
Dragonfly Lagoon



Donna Lesondak
Geometric Mirror

SOLD!

Lynne Preisser
sold her piece
"The Pond in
Autumn" at
the Pittsburgh
Watercolor
Society show at
the Pittsburgh
Botanic Garden.

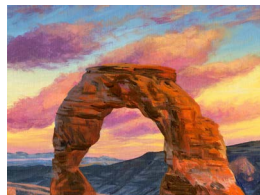


SOLD!

Steph Moraca

"Yosemite Valley
Dawn", acrylic on
canvas panel

"Delicate Arch",
acrylic on canvas
panel



SOLD!

Marian Sallade

Donkey in the sun, 8x10 oil
was sold from the Animals
For Art exhibit at the North
Hills Art Center.



SOLD!

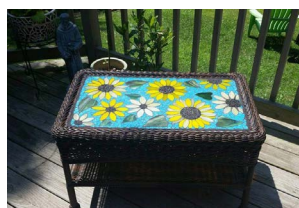
Emily Glass

"Hot Lights"
Acrylic on
Canvas



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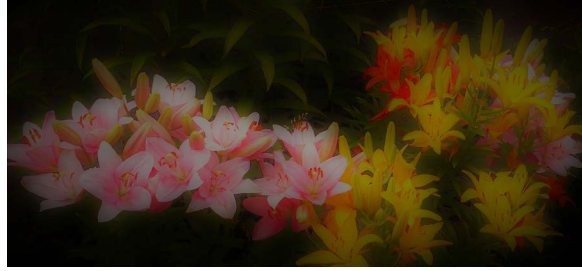
Donna Lesondak
sold this wicker
Sunflower
Coffee Table



WHAL May Challenge: April Showers Bring May Flowers



Lance Maloney
Iris I was in Vermont"



Lance Maloney
Heavenly Lillies

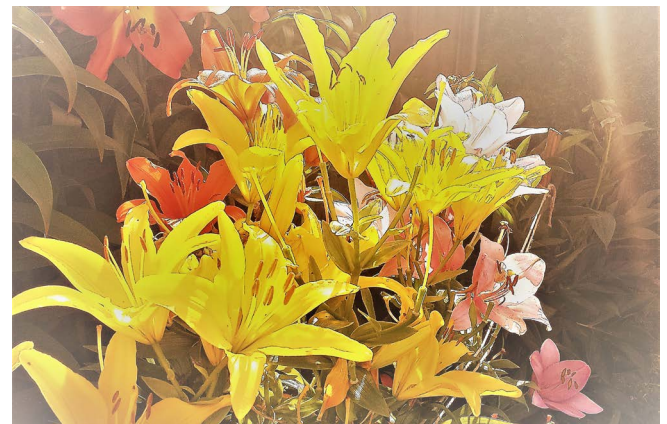


Lynda Kirby
"Magnolias"



Leah Shuck

Both are in acrylic. This is a lesson I teach to my sophomore students about the Victorian Language of Flowers.



Lance Maloney
Lovely Lillies



Josette Baker

"Dogwoods at Hillman Park"

The source photo for my watercolor painting was taken on a recent hike on the Haul Trail.



Duane Cacali

"Mountain Top Flowers "



Duane Cacali

"Wild Flowers In The Meadow "

JUNE 2023 ART CHALLENGE: SOMETHING YOU LOVE ABOUT SUMMER

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

WHAL May Challenge: April Showers Bring May Flowers



James Tobin



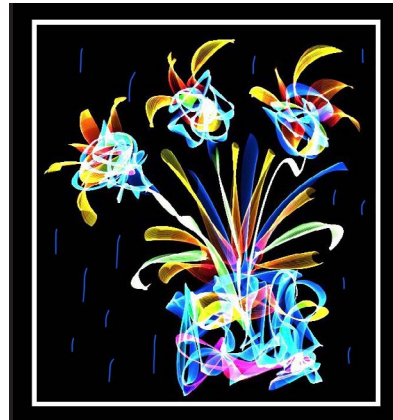
James Tobin



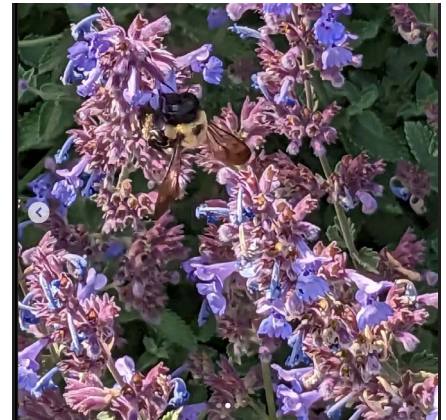
James Tobin



Lance Maloney
May Flower Arrangement.



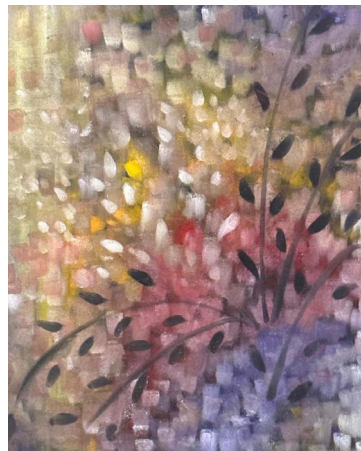
Helena Valentine
Digital



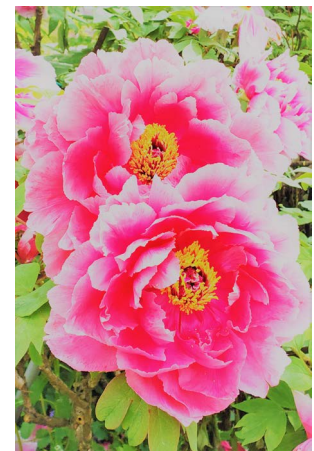
Leah Shuck
Photography



Debra Tobin



Debra Tobin



Lance Maloney
Tree Peonies

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Call for Artists

Art Is... 2023

Art Is... is back!!

Come to the Butler Art Center & Gallery
on Friday, June 16, from 7- 9 pm
as we celebrate the opening of
the 2023 Art Is... Show

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

More information can be found on our website

www.butlerartcenter.org/upcoming_events

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



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

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Moon Township Garden Club

Call for Artists

The West Hills Art League has once again been invited to participate in the Moon Township Garden Club Garden Tour. Plein air artists are invited to set up from 9am to 3pm on Saturday, June 24. There will be seven gardens and we can have 1-2 artists per location. Artists may also set up a display of other art for sale.

Please let Debra Tobin know asap if you will be participating by emailing westhillsartists@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/



Art Classes at Gilberti Fine Art Studio

To register, email:
gilbertifineart@gmail.com

Call for Artists

North Hills Art Center Fiber & Fire Show Call for Artists



Where Art meets Fiber & Fire!



Fiber & Fire Art Show Call for Artists

The Fiber & Fire Show is a juried show (*for prizes only*) open to both professional & amateur artists, *ages teen-adult*. 2D & 3D art media may be entered as long as the artwork fits the requirements. Juror for this show is Kate Dockery, Exhibition Manager at Contemporary Craft.

Art included but not limited to (NO kits accepted):

Fiber Arts: knitting/crocheting, sewing/quilting, weaving, silk painting, embroidery, batik, fabric dyeing, lacework, knot work/macramé, braiding, Shibori, nuno felting, felting, rug hooking, etc.

Fire Arts: anything requiring heat - clay, encaustic, metal, glass, etc.

Size limits: 2-D quilt and wall art: 4' x 4'; 3-D: 4' x 3' x 3'

Drop off 6/19-6/23, 10am-3pm & 6/20, 7-9pm

Pick up 7/24-7/28, 10am-3pm & 7/25, 7-9pm

The artist may enter up to three pieces: **members-\$10*** per piece, **nonmembers-\$15*** per piece. Only recent work that has not been in a previous show at the NHAC may be submitted. Artists will be notified at drop off of any unaccepted entries. **Each piece must be ready for display or hanging.** *Work with saw tooth clips will not be accepted.* No piece of artwork shall be substituted or removed until the last day of the show.

Opening Reception & Awards: Saturday, July 1, 6:00pm-10pm
Gallery Open thru July 21, Mon - Fri: 10am - 3pm, Tue: 7pm-9pm
(rain date: Sunday, July 2, 6pm-10pm)

PLUS... Annual Raku Party!

(Saturday, July 1, 6pm-10pm; see web site for additional info)

Free Admission & Parking for the Art Show & Raku Party!

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



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Call for Artists

CRANBERRY ARTISTS NETWORK MEMBERS EXHIBIT CALL FOR ENTRIES



2023 Martinis With Monet Art Expo

All regional artists are invited to enter up to two pieces of original art per registration into the 2023 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.

SHOW DATES:

Wednesday, July 12 - Thursday, August 24, 2023

OPENING RECEPTION:

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

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

Juror of Awards: Brittany Reilly, Executive Director/Curator, The Irving and Aaronel deRoy Gruber Foundation, The Ice House Artist Studios.

Awards: Cranberry Artists Network will provide Certificates of Excellence awards for First, Second, Third and Honorable Mentions, along with over \$1,000 in cash awards.

Registration:

- Entrance fee for up to 2 pieces of art is \$20 for members of CAN and \$25 for non-members.
- For all entries, please send your entrance fee via PayPal through our website www.cranberryartistsnetwork.com/2023monet no later than **Sunday, June 25 at 8:59 p.m.**
- No registration payments will be accepted during the drop off.

Entry Regulations:

- Artists are permitted to submit 1-2 pieces of art for entry in any medium (except film or video and installations).
- Artists must be located within a 150-mile radius of Cranberry Township.
- Artwork must have been produced within the last 3 years and not have previously been shown in Cranberry Township.
- Original Artwork only (no reproductions).
- 2-D works must be professionally presented and ready to hang. No sawtooth hangers, picture wire and mounting hardware securely attached to frame only, not the backing. Pieces with unsecure wiring will be rejected at drop-off.
- 3-D works must be exhibit ready.
- Size limitations – 36" W x 50" H including frame. Please note: these dimensions are absolute, artwork & frame wider than 36" will be rejected.
- Please note: These dimensions must include the frame for paintings. The depth dimensions will also apply for sculptures, ceramics, pottery and tapestries. Any artwork that does not comply will be rejected.

- All work must have 2 registration tags attached to the back of the work upon delivery. (See page 2 of the prospectus for registration tags.)
- Digital registration only.
- All entries must be accompanied by a clear, focused picture of the submitted artwork.
- Entry pictures must be in JPEG format with at least 72dpi and should not exceed 5MB.

Notification of Acceptance

- Notification of acceptance will be sent via email on or about **Sunday, July 2, 2023**

Drop Off:

- Accepted artwork must be dropped off to be hung on **Thursday, July 6, 2023** between 4 and 7pm at the Municipal Center.
- **Artwork must hang for the duration of the show.**

Pick Up:

- Artwork must be picked up on **Thursday, August 24, 2023** between **4 p.m. and 7 p.m.** at the Municipal Center. Artwork not picked up within the scheduled return date will be placed in storage at the artist's risk and expense. A \$25 storage fee will be assessed. Artworks remaining after 30 days become the property of CAN.

Disclaimer: The Cranberry Township Municipal Center is a public space. Cranberry Artists Network and the Cranberry Township Municipal Center will take reasonable precautions to prevent damage, theft or loss of artwork, but will not be held responsible for the aforementioned. By submitting artwork into the show, the artist agrees to these terms.

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.

Events and Shows

Steubenville Art Association Workshops at historic Ft. Steuben

Pet Portraits Kim Freithaler

Wed., June 21, 9:30-3:30

\$45 non-members if paid by first-Saturday of the month; Send Checks payable to SAA to Steubenville Art Association, P. O. Box 1061, Steubenville, OH. After first-Saturday, price is \$50 for non-members. Supply-lists available. Contact Gina Judy at 740-282-7908 for questions.



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!



Oglebay Institute
Inspiring the Imagination

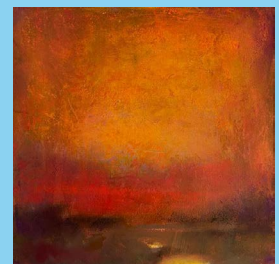
Stifel Fine Arts Center Crosscurrents, June 9 - July 28, 2023



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)

THE BUTLER ART CENTER & GALLERY PRESENTS THE 2023

Spring & Floral Show

MAY 3 THROUGH JUNE 10, 2023

THE OPENING RECEPTION WILL BE

FRIDAY, MAY 5TH FROM 7:00-9:00 PM

THE BUTLER ART CENTER & GALLERY

344 S. MAIN ST.

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Events and Shows



PURE COLOR 2023

**PITTSBURGH PASTEL ARTISTS LEAGUE
MEMBER SHOW May 27-June 16 2023**

Reception and Awards Saturday, June 3, 5-7pm
North Hills Art Center 3432 Babcock Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA Gallery Hours M-F 10-3

Patty Young's upcoming exhibit "My Life With Pastels" will be on display at Gilberti Fine Art beginning in June through the end of July.

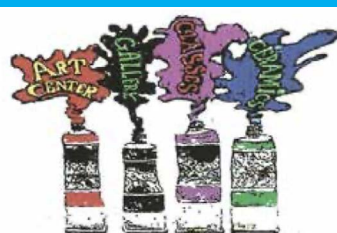
The Opening reception is Saturday, July 8th from 10am-1pm to coincide with Second Saturdays in Coraopolis.

She will also be providing a pastel demonstration during that time. Free refreshments and open to the public.

Events and Shows

GREENSBURG ART CENTER

230 Todd School Road
Greensburg, PA 15601



**BIENNIAL 2023
JURIED EXHIBITION**

EXHIBITION RUNS
NOW THROUGH
FRIDAY, JUNE 30

www.greensburgartcenter.org

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 palette. 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>

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Send Newsletter submissions to:
Lynda Kirby • kirbycreativeservices@yahoo.com

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