

West Hills Art League

NEWSLETTER

MAR 2022

**YOUR CHOICE! Join us at Robin Hill or via Zoom
on Thursday, March 17th from 7pm-9pm**

This Month's Guest Demonstration:

PYSANKY – "EGG WRITING"

Presented by Diane Pontoriero



Ukrainian Easter Eggs are a folk art of the eastern regions of Europe, dating back centuries. Pysanky is a batik process, using beeswax to draw designs and patterns on the eggs and acid dyes to create the color. The egg was used as it was a symbol of rebirth and the bringing forth of spring. The intricate patterns, symbols, and colors on the eggs are signs of good luck, spring, good harvest, health, Easter, Lent, Christianity, etc.

Diane Pontoriero will have a variety of Pysanky to show and discuss their unique meanings. She will talk about the symbolism and colors, how the meanings changed over time, and

will demonstrate the batik process of Pysanky, using the "Kistka", the writing tool, from start to finish.

Diane Pontoriero is an artist/art educator with a bachelor degree in Landscape Architecture and Masters degree of Art Education. She has taught elementary/middle school art in the North Hills and is an instructor and the pottery supervisor at the North Hills Art Center. Diane enjoys teaching pottery, drawing, pastel, watercolor, Shibori, Pysanky, fused glass and more at the art center. She is the current President of the Board of Directors at the North Hills Art Center.

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, March 1st
@ 7pm**

WHAL February Challenge:

Inspiration from other forms of artistic expression

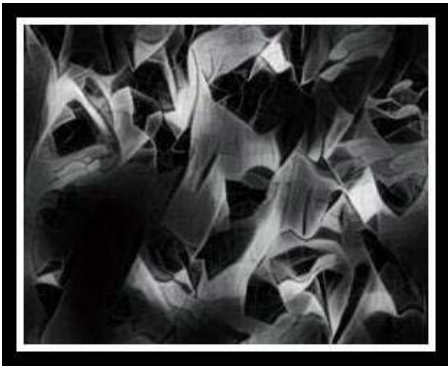


Ralph Bonnar - "The Rancher" 22.5"×16.5" pastel image on blue 24"×18" - 80 lb pastel paper.



Ralph Bonnar - "Winter's Garden" 14"×10" watercolor on 144 lb watercolor cold press paper.

Just for Fun:
Click on an image to
hear the music that
inspired the art!



Helena Valentine Mixed media
Title - "Sounds of a Winter Mind"



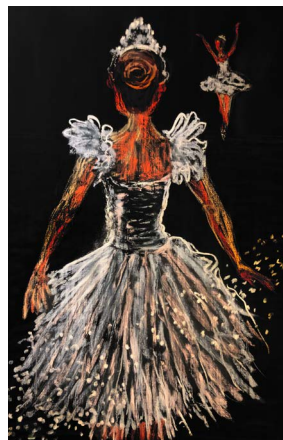
Lynda Kirby
Watercolor Expression inspired by
"O Ingis Spiritus" by Hildegard von Bingen



James Tobin "Ice Deer"
Inspired by "San Luis"
by Gregory Alan Isakov



Lynnee Preisser:
"Mozart's Fifth"

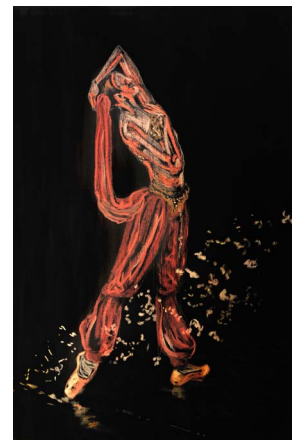


"Stage Left"



"Swans"

Debra Tobin:
Images inspired by
Tchaikovsky's "Swan Lake"



"Center Stage"

MARCH 2022 CHALLENGE:

COLOR PALETTES INSPIRED BY THE ART OF VINCENT VAN GOGH

Select one of these palettes and create your own work of art!

<http://www.reikorenee.com/blog/color-palettes-inspired-by-the-art-of-vincent-van-gogh>

Email your submission to kirbycreativeservices@yahoo.com by March 30.

WHAL Member News & Art Openings

Steph Moraca was recently accepted to be Nemacolin Resort's Resident Artist for May 2022! She will be creating about 10 original paintings during open studio time at Nemacolin from May 2 - 24th.

Sandra Beitsinger has seven paintings on display and for sale at Coraopolis Nutrition. It is a new business located on the corner of Mill Street and 5th Avenue in Coraopolis. They are open 7 days a week.

Lynda Kirby is the March featured artist at the Cranberry Artists Network Back Hall Gallery.

Congratulations Aimee Bungard, Emily Glass, Debra Tobin, James, Tobin, & Rita Wilson - all have all been accepted into Associated Artists of Pittsburgh!

Gina Judy and **James Tobin** earned Bronze Awards at the Camelback Gallery Artist Choice VIII International Juried Visual Arts Exhibition.



James Tobin "Night Station"



Gina Judy "Mt. Everett Fruit Farm"

Congratulations to WHAL member award winners at The North Hills Arts Center's A Pittsburgh Perspective Art Exhibit:

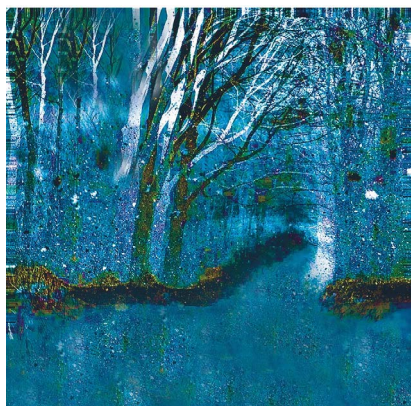
Gina Judy was awarded 3rd Place for her piece: "Pittsburgh Cityscape "1

Patricia Mae Young won an Honorable Mention for her work: "40th St. Bridge from Washington Crossing"

Debra Tobin received an Honorable Mention for her digital photography submission entitled "Peace, Love and Happiness"



Participating WHAL artists include **Doug Brown, Gina Judy, Lynda Kirby, Lance Maloney, Marian Sallade, Debra Tobin, James Tobin, Helena Valentine, Patricia Mae Young**



Debra Tobin earned a bronze award for her piece "Miles To Go Before I Sleep" in the Camelback Gallery Shades of Blue Exhibit.



James Tobin earned a bronze award for his piece "Mayfire" in the Camelback Gallery Abstracts with Red Competition.

Call for Artists

ART OF THE STATE®

CALL FOR ENTRIES

statemuseumpa.org/artofthestate/

DEADLINE FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2022, 11:59PM

Call for Entries for Art of the State 2022 is open now through May 6, 2022.

Visit our Call for Entry site on Café for details and to submit your entry!

Art of the State, open to Pennsylvania artists and craftspeople, is an annual juried exhibition held at The State Museum of Pennsylvania. With an established tradition of exhibiting highly creative art chosen by a distinguished panel of jurors, Art of the State provides an opportunity for both established and emerging Pennsylvania artists to exhibit their art and receive statewide recognition.

The 55th Art of the State exhibition will offer cash awards for selected entries in the categories of Painting, Work on Paper, Photography & Digital Media, Sculpture and Craft.

Online entries accepted: Feb. 18 - May 6
Notifications sent: Week of June 23
Intake: July 23-30
Exhibition on view: September 11, 2022 - January 15, 2023

For more information contact
Amy Hammond, Curator
ra-phartofthestate@pa.gov

Vestige CONCEPT GALLERY



Following the success of last year's "Post-Rustbelt: Living Between America", "Rustbelt: REDUX" seeks to continue the exploration of the theme in 2022. We are looking for the American experience of life during the decades following the decline of industry (mid 1970's) to beyond the turn of the millennium. Only this year... we are looking for more grit, more apocalyptic, more "street", more deconstruction, depression, more political, visionary, and yes- more rust!

Deadline 3/10
vestigegallery.com

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 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



Oglebay Institute
Inspiring the Imagination



Oglebay Institute has a unique challenge for you! The Stifel Fine Arts Center is getting a new roof and we've saved some of the ceramic roof tiles from the old roof for you to use in an original piece of artwork!

We will be auctioning these original pieces to raise funds and defray the cost of the new roof. You and Oglebay Institute will split the proceeds 50-50.

The auction will be held on Saturday, May 7.
The deadline for entry is April 20.
You can find the prospectus [here](#).

Lisa Rasmussen - Curator of Exhibitions
Stifel Fine Arts Center | Oglebay Institute
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Crosscurrents and Oglebayfest Artist and Gourmet Market

Oglebay Institute's Stifel Fine Arts Center is now taking applications to exhibit in the annual multi-media exhibition Crosscurrents and the annual Oglebayfest Artist and Gourmet Market.

[Click here to view the Crosscurrents prospectus and application online.](#)
Deadline for entry is April 4

[Click here to view the Oglebayfest prospectus and application online.](#)
Deadline for entry is June 1



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.



CALL FOR ARTISTS: NEW MEMBER SCREENING

on Sunday, March 13, 2022

This is your year to become a member of 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 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.

Call for Artists



Call for Artists at Ketchup City Creative! All artists are welcome to submit 2D works featured on non-traditional shaped panels and canvases. **No Rectangle or Square shaped works allowed!**

There is no size limit to this call. However, smaller works are preferred. Artists can submit 2 pieces. There will be a \$15 hanging fee per work accepted. These fees are nonrefundable and help pay for the studio space and show production. Work must be ready to hang with a wire or sawtooth hook. Artists are responsible for their own sales and will receive 100% of commission. Sold and Unsold work can be picked up after the show. To apply, please follow the link to fill out the google form.

Link to apply: <https://forms.gle/gfwCJDD4GXLscKWt5>

Important dates to remember:

Submissions Open – February 21st

Submissions Close – March 20th

Artists notified by – March 25th

Drop off – April 6th from 6-8pm

Show - April 8th-9th from 6-8pm April 10th from 2-4pm

Pick up – After show hours April 10th from 4-6pm

Email hheitenraterart@yahoo.com for any questions.



Pittsburgh Watercolor Society

Call for Artists! Pittsburgh Watercolor Society Spring 2022 new member screening!

What: Pittsburgh Watercolor Society (PWS) New Member Screening

When: March 12, 2022, 3:30 to 5:00PM, drop-off work between 3:00 and 3:30PM and pick up work between 5:00 AND 5:00PM.

Where: Wilkins School Community Center, 7604 Charleston Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15218.
Website: www.pittsburghwatercolorssociety.com



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

Call for Artists



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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.

Events & Shows



Nicole & Harry MARTIN | Spring SHOW

April 8- August 5

More details can be found at: ErieArtmuseum.org



The North Hills Art Center Winter Art Show

PITTSBURGH
PERSPECTIVE

Runs through March 4th.

<https://www.northhillsartcenter.org>



Cranberry Artists Network

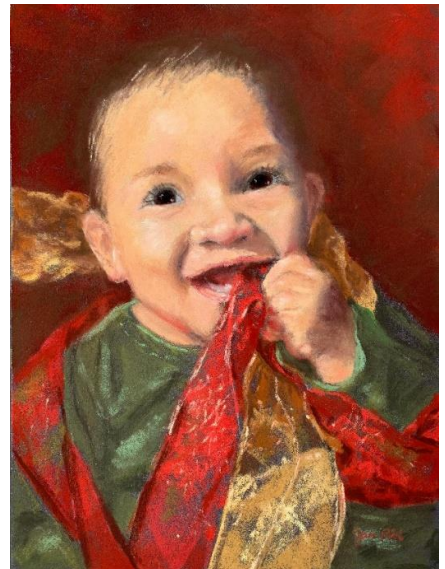
"A View from Above or Below"

March 4 – April 14, 2022

Opening Reception: Wednesday, March 9, 2022 6:00-8:00 p.m.

This juried show will be on display at Cranberry Municipal Building March 4 - April 14. Opening reception March 9, 6-8pm. Participating WHAL artists include **Gina Judy, Marian Sallade, Colleen Tittiger, Debra Tobin, James Tobin, and Patricia Young.**

Events & Shows



Clockwise, art by: Marian Sallade. Eric Dye (detail), Jan Pini, and Kristin Divers

"Pure Color"

*Pittsburgh Pastel Artists League
Members Show*

**North Hills Art Center
March 12 – April 8, 2022**

Hours: Mon-Fri 10-3

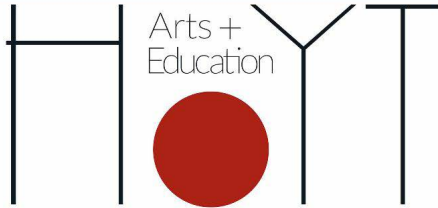
Reception and Awards: March 19, 5-7

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ppal-artists.com northhillsartcenter.org



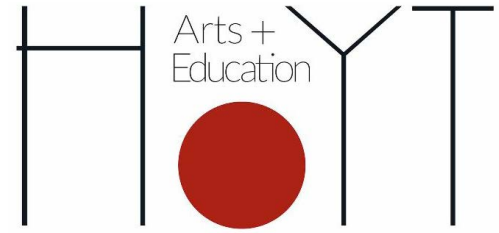
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Juried Competition
Apr 26 - Jun 30, 2022



**The Hoyt Mini Masterpiece
Competition 2022**
March 1 – April 21, 2022



THIS COMMUNITY IS OUR HOME ART SHOW WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9TH-30TH, 2022

The show, This Community Is Our Home, is meant to express the fundamentals of the word "community." This means that submissions chosen for this show are welcome to showcase their own communities, and how they make them feel. For example, there are our given communities, such as our hometown or our race. But there are also our chosen communities, such as our love of animals, our gender identity, or even our love of a certain Pittsburgh-based football team. "Community" is more than a geographic marker. It is the people we connect with, the things we love, and the ways we choose to identify ourselves. This Community Is Our Home is meant to showcase the different communities out there, while simultaneously exhibiting how connected we all actually are.

Visit www.butlerartcenter.org



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