

# West Hills Art League

## NEWSLETTER

# MARCH 2021

## This Month's Guest Demonstrator:

# ELIZABETH MYERS CASTONGUAY

### Zoom Meeting March 18, 7pm-9pm

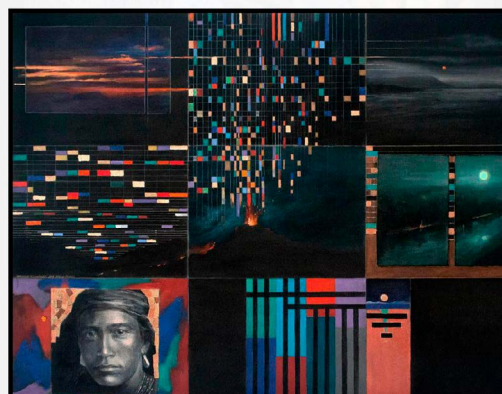
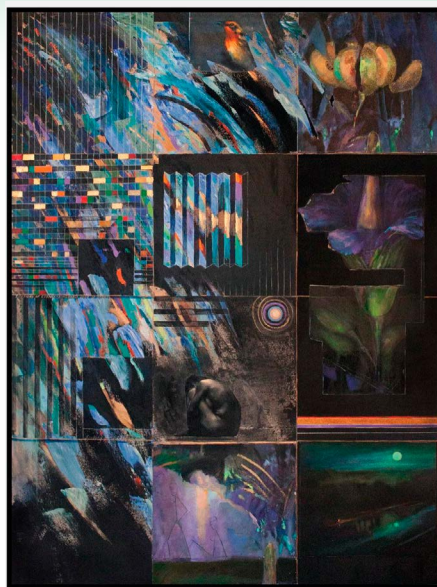
Elizabeth plans to discuss her current body of work entitled 'Tapestry of Nature' part of her Endangered body of work.

She has been working with acrylics and will share some tips on painting with acrylics. How to keep them for a longer period of time. The beauty of acrylic drying quickly on the canvas. Are Acrylics archival? How long does it take an acrylic painting to dry in comparison to the an oil - seems obvious but new things have been learned. What kind of paints to buy? Brushes? What is the Masterson Stay-wet Box.

She will give some pointers for drawing from the human figure which applies to everything in nature. She has taught figure drawing for many years to all ages including Pre-College, College, Graduates, and Adults.

What she has found to be the most effective way to try to be accepted into art organizations. Focus on a body of work not the breadth of work.

Elizabeth would love to have people email questions that they think of during the next month so she can be ready to answer them. Please send your questions to westhill-sartists@gmail.com



Elizabeth is also offering Zoom Life Drawing and Zoom 2-D

8 weeks long and she has one or two spots left.

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Membership in the following Juried Associations: Salmagundi Art Club (NYC), Ceres Gallery (NYC), Associated Artists of Pittsburgh, PA

## 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 Tues., March 2 @ 7pm

All WHAL members are invited! This is simply an informal chat session where members can show recent completed pieces or works-in-progress. There will be opportunities for you to ask questions about someone's process and materials, or you could ask for input on something you are working on, or even just log in to get inspired.

It's a great opportunity to connect, collaborate or mentor



Glass Art



## March Artist Spotlight

# Susan Vandertie

Let me start by saying that I have reinvented myself a few times over the years. I really think that everyone needs to do that once in a while – reinvent “you.” So I started out as a musician and have two university degrees in music.

While teaching music I took up photography in a rather big way. I have taken many classes, and done a considerable amount of freelance work. I still love photography and do quite a bit – second re-invention!

Along came digital, and Loretta Smith and I enrolled in the Master's program at Duquesne in digital multimedia. So my new reinvention of myself was as a digital/media artist, which is how I got into multi-media publication. Then I sort of retired from teaching (not quite but that is another story) and took up working with glass, which I dearly love and have not been able to do now for a year.

During a conversation with Cindy Gilberti on glass, she managed to convince me that I should try watercolors. Good thing too or I would be a crazy person by now since working at the glass center is sort of out of the question.

I have included a few photographs and some watercolors. The three photos are from the lily pond in the botanic garden. The contrasting

horizontal and vertical reflections, and surrounding growth fascinate me. In addition, did you ever notice how those gorgeous water lilies seem to emerge from a tangled web of snotty looking Yuk? One of the pictures is of an emerging bloom; the other is a beauty in full glory.

On to the watercolors, I have tracked through the seasons from early summer parrot tulips, to summer sunflowers. In between are some lovely dragonflies. Now there is something else beautiful that hangs out in the Yuk on occasion. Hummers visit my deck, so naturally I had to try to paint them. Then along came a bird that I thought was a robin. It was not. Later in the year came winterberries and snowberries.

My latest are the two Buddha's and my fire dancer. I am in love with the blue Buddha. Both of them emerged from a wash and were quite the, “peace bringers.”

I am very interested in Peruvian/Inca/Maya culture. They seemed to have this cultural association with blood, fire and gold. I did the wash first but was also playing with painting a dancer. When the wash was dry I knew I had to put the dancer in it. I need to do another one with a much larger dancer but that is for another day!



Buddha 1 - Watercolor



Buddha 2 - Watercolor



Peony - Watercolor



Peony - Watercolor



Hummer Watercolor



Robin Not Watercolor



Swamp Dragon Watercolor

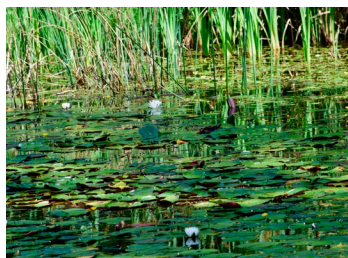
You Are My Sunshine Watercolor



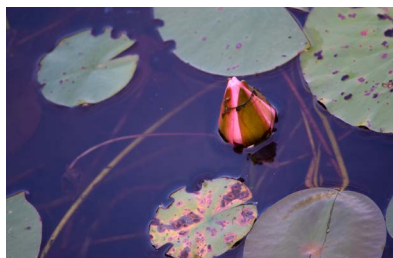
Snowberries Watercolor



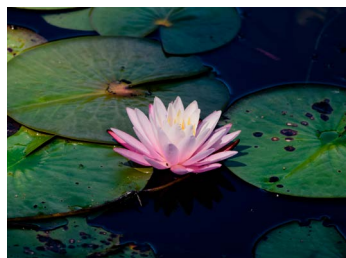
Winter Berries Watercolor



Lily Pond - Photography



Emerging From Snot1 - Photography



Emerged - Photography

# WHAL February Challenge: Art with Heart



**KELLEY BUSH**  
"LOVE VIBRATIONS", PHOTO  
(RANDOMLY OCCURRING  
HEART SHAPE IN THE FORM OF SOAP.)



**JOSETTE BAKER**  
"THE SECRET LETTER"  
ACRYLIC WITH COLLAGE, 10" x 10 1/2"



**NEELAM DWIVEDI**



**JAMES TOBIN**  
"LOVE THE FIRST DAY OF SPRING"



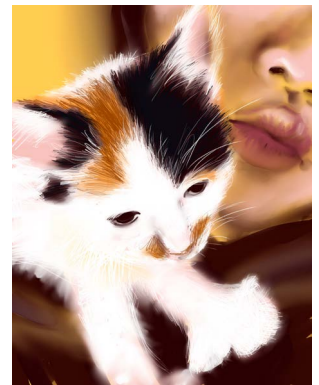
**DEBRA TOBIN**  
"LOVE IS WAITING"  
MIXED MEDIA DIGITAL ART  
CREATED FROM ORIGINAL PASTEL



**HELENA VALENTINE**



**KIM FREITHALER**



**LYNDA KIRBY**  
"KITTEN KISS"



**GINA JUDY**  
BETTY H. ON HER HUNDREDETH



**GINA JUDY**  
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**GINA JUDY**  
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**MARCH 2021  
CHALLENGE:**

**Pick a poem and make an inspired painting or drawing.**

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

# Call for Artists

## Virtual West Hills Art League Annual Show - May 2021

### Prospectus

This year's annual art exhibit will be presented virtually with images of all artwork compiled into a video presentation which will be posted on our website, Facebook page and YouTube channel.

Our Judge, Diane Pontoriero, will review the digital images and select the award winners. We will announce the winners on Sunday, May 10 during an online presentation. Our judge will offer insights into their selections with a recorded presentation during our May meeting.

- No entry fee - the fee will be waived this year.
- 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.
- Digital registration/art email deadline date: 11:59pm Friday, April 30, 2021.
- Please email submissions to [westhillsartists@gmail.com](mailto:westhillsartists@gmail.com) by 11:59pm Friday, April 30, 2021.
- 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.2020.oils.jpeg
- Also, IN THIS SAME EMAIL, please include the title, size in inches and price of each piece.
- Each artist will receive notification that their submissions have been received.

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

### Information on this year's judge, Diane Pontoriero

Diane Pontoriero has been creating and teaching art for over 50 years. She knew at an early age that creating art was what she wanted and needed to do. She was able to help her high school art teacher teach art classes to the middle school classes showing the importance of art education. Her artwork is inspired by nature and she enjoys painting landscapes especially local nature reserves like Beechwood Farms. Diane works in a variety of media: oil, acrylic, watercolors, pastels, fiber arts, and ceramics and has been fortunate to be able to teach art to all ages, from 4 to 94 years old. She has taught elementary and middle school art locally and has been teaching art at the North Hills Art Center for many years. She is currently the pottery studio supervisor and President of the Board of Directors at the North Hills Art Center.

### Education

Pennsylvania State University: Bachelor of Landscape Architecture

Carlow University: Certification in Art Education (K-12)

Carlow University: Masters in Art Education

Art Exhibitions/Awards

Erie Arts Festival: Panorama – Ceramics award

Erie Arts Festival: Special Award – Ceramics

Society of Contemporary arts – Birdhouse Exhibition

Cranberry Municipal Building – Solo Show

North Hills Art Center – Solo Show – Seasons

North Hills Art Center – numerous awards

This information will also be available on the website:

[http://westhillsartleague.com/Meetings > Exhibits/Events](http://westhillsartleague.com/Meetings%20Exhibits/Events)

## Greensburg Art Center 2021 Biennial Juried Exhibition

Open Juried Exhibition May 15 – June 25  
Entry Deadline: March 12 Entry Fee: \$35  
OVER \$1500 in Awards and Prizes

<http://www.greensburgartcenter.org>

<https://www.greensburgartcenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/2021-Biennial-Prospectus.pdf>

## INSPIRED BY NATURE

### Highlighting Beechwood Farms

Open to all, each piece must fit the theme:  
Inspired by Nature

Drop Off 4/5-9, M-F 10am-3pm,  
plus Tues Night 7-9pm.

Judge is James Sulkowski.

Virtual show live at 6pm Sat. 4/17.

In gallery show 4/19-5/14.



<https://northhillsartcenter.org>

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**ENTER NOW - DEADLINE MARCH 5, 2021**

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

### Westmoreland Art Nationals Juried Fine Art & Photography Exhibit

#### Now Accepting Entries for 2021 Westmoreland Art Nationals

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 Saturday, May 22 through Wednesday, June 9, with the Opening Reception on May 22 from 6-8 PM. Awards will be Announced at 7:00 PM on May 22 and posted on our Facebook page. The second exhibit will be held at the Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival on Thursday, July 1 through Sunday, July 4 with the Opening Reception set for Saturday, June 26 from 6-8 PM. Awards will be Announced at 7:00 PM on June 26 and posted on our Facebook page. Both shows are free and open to the public to attend.

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

- Best of Show
- Painting
- Graphics
- Craft
- Sculpture
- Photography
- Mixed Media
- Digital Media/Digital Art
- New Entrant
- 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.

<https://artsandheritage.com/the-arts/art-nationals/>

## Latrobe Art Center Annual Open Art Show

This exhibition will be on display at the Latrobe Art Center, 819 Ligonier St., Latrobe, PA, and online at [LatrobeArt-Center.org](https://www.latrobeartcenter.org) Thursday, May 6 - Saturday, June 5, 2021. A Reception will take place on Thursday, May 13, 2021 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 p.m. at the Latrobe Art Center. Awards will be presented at 7:00 p.m. and will be livestreamed via YouTube and Facebook.

Artwork can be dropped off at the Latrobe Art Center on Saturday, May 1 and Monday, May 3, 2021 between 10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

Categories for entry are as follows:

1. Open Division—original work and composition by an established artist.
2. Amateur Artist Division—an artist with little experience and who has not won any previous prizes in our annual show.
3. College Artist Division—any artist ages 18-21 who are currently enrolled in college (current student ID proof required).
4. Junior Artist Division—artist ages 14-17.
5. Young Artist Division—artist ages 3-13.

<https://www.latrobeartcenter.org/2021-open-show-prospectus>

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## New Virtual Artists/Conservations on Zoom

**The State Museum of Pennsylvania is launching a series of virtual Friday lunchtime programs in February.**

Fine Art Curator Amy Hammond will kick off this series by hosting a monthly conversation with an artist or art professional the first Friday of every month at 12:15 pm. On February 5, Ms. Hammond will welcome Ron Tarver, a Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer who has explored many facets of the African-American community for over 30 years. His fine art work has been exhibited nationally and internationally and is included in many museum, corporate, and private collections including the National Museum of American Art of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington DC, Philadelphia Museum of Art, and The Studio Museum In Harlem. His work entitled "Vented Steam" is in The State Museum's permanent collection. Mr. Tarver served as a juror for the 2020 Art of the State exhibition.

All of our Learn at Lunchtime programs are free via Zoom - plan to eat your lunch and enjoy great dialogue about art and artists!

To register for this program, visit our Learn at Lunchtime web page: <http://statemuseumpa.org/learnatlunchtime>

## CALL FOR JUNIOR ARTISTS (Grades K through 4)



We are now accepting design submissions for our 2021 Earth Day Design Contest! Your design could be featured on our Moon Park Bandannas which will be given out at our Moon Park Earth Day event. The contest is open to children in grades K through 4. Submissions are due by Friday, March 26th.

[DESIGN CONTEST FORM](#)

Celebrate Earth Day this year with a "hands-on" outdoor experience! Join us for a community tree planting and environmental engagement activities at Moon Park on Sunday, April 25 from 1 p.m.-3 p.m. This year's theme is "SAVE THE MONARCHS" and focuses on why the monarch butterfly is disappearing, how they are linked to milkweed plants, and how you can help to create butterfly and pollinator habitat right in your backyard.

### **Moon Park Earth Day!**

Sunday, April 25th, 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Moon Park: 1000 Beaver Grade Rd., Moon Township, PA 15108



## One Lens Online Exhibition: Entries Accepted through March 8th

We'd like to let you know about a special opportunity for an online photography exhibition. Pennsylvania's First Lady Frances Wolf has announced a special online exhibition entitled One Lens: Sharing Our Common Views - The First Lady's Virtual Photo Exhibition Project. To quote from Mrs. Wolf's message announcing the project:

"One Lens is a virtual photo exhibition to give each and every Pennsylvanian the opportunity to share their COVID-19 stories through photography. One Lens is our chance to show what it is like to experience this extraordinary moment in history.

Because art has the power to heal us, and by telling our stories, we can honor our efforts during this time, recognize our achievements, and help sustain each other as we continue the fight..."

Online submissions will be accepted through Mar. 8, 2021. The show goes live on Mar. 19, 2021.

For more details and submission instructions, please visit: <https://www.pa.gov/one-lens/>

# Member News



Congratulations to **James Tobin's** "BRC" was among the 85 works selected out of the 450 entries for the Erie Art Museum's 98th Annual Nicole & Harry Martin Spring Show!

The opening of the Spring Show is set for March 19, 2021, by appointment only. Standard admission pricing for non-members; free for members. Schedule your visit at [erieartmuseum.org/visit](http://erieartmuseum.org/visit). The closing celebration will be held 7 -9 pm on June 25, 2021.



Congratulations to our own **Lance Maloney** for receiving the Second Place Award for "Tippy Toe - First Snow" in the North Hills Art Center Where Love Dwells Show!

**Lance Maloney** - Apples on the Mantle

**Gina Judy** - Deck at Fallingwater, The Beauty of Worship, 1226 Milton, Pittsburgh

**Debra Tobin** - The House on the Top of the Hill, Home is Where the Cat Sleeps

**James Tobin** - The Old Neighborhood, Room with a View

**Helena Valentine** - Mischeif in the Marsh, Family Makes a House a Home



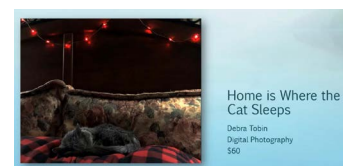
Apples on the Mantle  
Lance Maloney  
Acrylic  
NFS



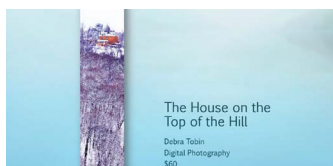
Mischeif in the Marsh  
Helena Valentine  
Acrylic  
\$50



Family Makes a House a Home  
Helena Valentine  
Watercolor  
\$40



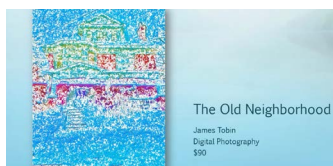
Home is Where the Cat Sleeps  
Debra Tobin  
Digital Photography  
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The House on the Top of the Hill  
Debra Tobin  
Digital Photography  
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Room with a View  
James Tobin  
Digital Photography  
\$60



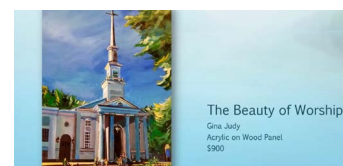
The Old Neighborhood  
James Tobin  
Digital Photography  
\$90



1226 Milton, Pittsburgh  
Gina Judy  
Fluid Acrylic on Board  
\$750



Deck at Falling Water  
Gina Judy  
Watermedia  
NFS



The Beauty of Worship  
Gina Judy  
Acrylic on Wood Panel  
\$900

**Leah Shuck** has an article published in School Arts magazine about student choice and sustainability in her art classroom!

(Pages 12 & 40)


**Audra Zampogna** had a story published in the Post-Gazette about her meeting her husband in 1977. The article is titled "Red Light".

Basket of Lemons is a new work by Rita Wilson.



# Events and Shows

2021  
Waterworks  
Pittsburgh Watercolor Society



Pittsburgh Watercolor Society  
presents Waterworks  
Gallery & Virtual Exhibition

March 6 - April 2, 2021

**North Hills Art Center** Monday - Friday 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
3432 Babcock Blvd.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

<https://northhillsartcenter.org>  
[www.pittsburghwatercolorssociety.com](http://www.pittsburghwatercolorssociety.com)

**ART CENTER**  
Art for a Lifetime

## Carnegie Museum of Art Exhibitions

<https://cmoa.org/exhibitions/>



SCAIFE GALLERIES - now through Mar 14, 2021

## Trevor Paglen: Opposing Geometries

The third cycle of the Hillman Photography Initiative, Mirror With A Memory, explores themes of artificial intelligence (AI) through the work of acclaimed artist Trevor Paglen.



CHARITY RANDALL GALLERY - now through Mar 27, 2022

## Locally Sourced

Locally Sourced presents the work of 19 Pittsburgh-area artisans and makers.



SCAIFE GALLERIES - now through Jun 27, 2021

## Controlling the Chaos

Controlling the Chaos features photographs from Carnegie Museum of Art's collection that offer a range of responses to the complexity of lived experience today.

## Sweetwater Center for the Arts

### TRIGGER WARNING

MARCH 19, 2021 - APRIL 24, 2021

Reception Friday, March 19, 7:00-9:00pm



Trigger Warning will feature art works from artists within the United States that tackle the complex relationship America has with its guns and the destruction left in its wake.

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