West Hills Art League NEWSLETTER

Thursday, March 21st, 7pm-9pm Meeting & Artist Presentation **Steph Moraca** Fine Artist

Steph Moraca's passion for translating the beauty of natural landscapes onto canvas began at a young age. She became enamored with the great outdoors through her childhood travels, where she visited many national parks and golf courses with her family.

Ms. Moraca attended professional studio drawing classes at age 10 and began to paint by age 12. Ms. Moraca received a Bachelor of Arts in Studio Arts from the University of Pittsburgh in 2012. Today, she is still painting what originally sparked her passion: golf and nature landscapes. She is a nationally recognized award winning artist.

Ms. Moraca creates original oil paintings for private art collectors throughout the United States. You can find her work online, at trade shows, and in golf shops. Her landscape paintings have been recognized in national fine art exhibitions and the talk of podcasts and magazines. She is involved with organizations including the Golf Heritage Society, Oil Painters of America, the Pittsburgh Society of Artists, and more.

"I have developed a unique painting style somewhere between realism and photo-realism," she explains, "I dedicate many hours to work on fine detail in these paintings." Her clients boast that her paintings are realistic, yet artistic to the point where a piece can be recognized as a painting when taking a look at an original work up close.





Ms. Moraca completes original paintings in her studio and participates in live painting demonstrations at corporate events and weddings throughout the United States. She accepts custom commission requests for paintings including pet portraits, family portraits, hole-in-one paintings, vacation landscape paintings, and imaginary landscapes. In addition to selling her own artwork, she teaches free weekly painting lessons on her YouTube Channel "The Painting Stoof" to help others learn how to paint.

www.stephmoracafineart.com



MAR 2024

West Hills Art League membership year begins September 1st and extends through August 31st.

Membership is open to all art enthusiasts who share our mission.

West Hills Art League is a volunteer organization. Members volunteer their time and skills for the better of the organization.

Cost for new and returning members is \$25 single and \$35.00 family (2 adults residing at the same address). Members who pay their dues by the November meeting will have their names put in a drawing for a free 2024 membership!

Some membership benefits include:

- Guest speakers
- Eligibility for entry into the WHAL annual art show and other leaguesponsored events
- · Seasonal activities
- Opportunity to meet & share with other artists

*Membership is not pro-rated. So join early in the season!

**By joining our league you automatically give us permission to use photos of yourself or your art in our publicity materials including brochures, website, social media, etc. If you prefer to opt out of this please notify us in writing.

Meetings are held during the months of September through May, on the 3rd Thursday of the month from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. A guest demonstrator/speaker is invited to present at each meeting. Demonstrations encompass a variety of media and style, as well as informative speaker presentations on the business side of being an artist.

WHAL Virtual Show And Share on Tuesday, March 12 @ 7pm



March 12	WHAL Virtual Show and Share 7:00pm
March 21	WHAL Members Meeting - Robin Hill Speaker 6:30pm Informal chat 7:00pm Business Meeting
April 2	WHAL Virtual Show and Share 7:00pm
April 14	Spring Plein Aire Picnic at Robin Hill 9:00am-5:00pm
April 18	WHAL Members Meeting - Robin Hill Speaker 6:30pm Informal chat 7:00pm Business Meeting
April 21	Mother's Day Show Online Registration Deadline 9:00pm
April 26	Artwork Drop Off for Mother's Day Show - Robin Hill 9:00am -12:00pm
Мау	Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Comme\ Art pickup/drop off Date - TBA
May 7	WHAL Virtual Show and Share 7:00pm
May 12	WHAL Mothers Day Show Reception - Robin Hill 12:00pm Setup 1:00-4:00pm Reception
May 16	WHAL Members Meeting - Robin Hill Speaker 6:30pm Informal chat 7:00pm Business Meeting / Show Art Pick up.
June	Plein Air
June 4	WHAL Virtual Show and Share 7:00pm
July	Plein Air
July 2	WHAL Virtual Show and Share 7:00pm

August	Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Com- merce Art pickup/drop off Date - TBA
August	Plein Air
August 6	WHAL Virtual Show and Share 7:00pm
September	Plein Air
September 3	WHAL Virtual Show and Share 7:00pm
September 19	WHAL Members Meeting - Robin Hill Speaker 6:30pm Informal chat 7:00pm Business Meeting
October	Plein Air
October	WHAL Fall Show TBD
October 1	WHAL Virtual Show and Share 7:00pm
October 17	WHAL Members Meeting - Robin Hill Speaker 6:30pm Informal chat 7:00pm Business Meeting
November	Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Com- merce Art pickup/drop off - Date TBA
November 5	WHAL Virtual Show and Share 7:00pm
November 21	WHAL Members Meeting - Robin Hill Speaker 6:30pm Informal chat 7:00pm Business Meeting 7:30pm Speaker Demo
December 3	WHAL Virtual Show and Share 7:00pm
December 6	\$55 Holiday Art Cash and Carry Show Set up 10:00am - 3:00pm Robin Hill Carriage House
December 7	\$55 Holiday Art Cash and Carry Show 9:00am-3:00pm during Garden Club Greens Sale. Tear Down 3:00 -4:00pm





APRIL 14, 2024 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Plein Air Picnic with Pot Luck Lunch

ROBIN HILL PARK - 949 Thorn Run Rd, Coraopolis, PA 15108

Please RSVP at our Sign Up Genius Page to let us know you are coming and what you will be bringing for the pot luck lunch!

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084DADA92BA5F9C70-48450088-west

Congratulations to the following WHAL artists for their awards at the North Hills Art Center "Casting Shadows" show:

Helena Valentine - Best of Show, "Step by Step" Marian Sallade - 2nd Place, "Walking in the Woods"

Patricia Young - Third Place, "Blue Barn" Lance Maloney - Honorable Mention, "Circle of Brodgar"

Other WHAL artists participating in the show were Claire Lapiska, Donna Lesondak, James Tobin, Debra Tobin and Lynda Kirby.



FOR SALE:

Spiratone Studio Lights Travel Kit Like new, \$250 OBO Logan Compact Mat Cutter 301, \$40 OBO For more information, contact Doris Dumrauf at (412) 327-0800

James Tobin, Debra Tobin and Lynda Kirby

showed their artwork at the Butler Art Center Digital Art Exhibit in February.





Congratulations to Debra Tobin for her "Best In Show" award at The Butler Art Center and Gallery Digital Show.

Lynda Kirb



Lynda Kirby's donated t-shirt design was chosen for the grand opening of the Butler Art Center online store.



Leah Shuck is showing 8 pieces of her art at the Women Collage Artists Show at the Wilkins School Community Center, going on now through March 9th.

WOMEN COLLAGE ARTISTS

February 17, 2024 - March 9, 2024 Opening Reception February 17, 2-4



Emily Glass's painting, "We All Bleed Red" was accepted into the Greater Pittsburgh Arts Project and is on display at the mayor's office for Black History month.



Marian Sallade won an Award of Excellence for this painting at Ligonier SAMA paint out. She also sold it!

Aimee Bungard went to coast for the month of March!

She shipped 4 pieces to Prism Arts Philadelphia and 1 to Larson Gallery in Yakima, Washington!

Debra and James Tobin are participating in the ShuBrew Wall of Local Art Lucky Charms Show. On display this March. Opening reception Tues., March 5.

> They will also have art on display through mid-summer in the McMurray Art League's Springing Into Summer Exhibition at Arc Human Services, 111 W. Pike Street, Canonsburg, PA.



Lisa Shaughnessy, Mary-Jane Maness, Helena Valentine, Lynda Kirby, Debra Tobin and James Tobin are among the WHAL artists participated in the Fun-A-Day Pittsburgh 2024 Art Show.

James Tobin



Lynda Kirby



Helena Valentine



Debra Tobin



Lynda Kirby, James Tobin and **Debra Tobin** are participating in the CURRENTS: Pittsburgh Print Group New Works Exhibition & Sale showing at the The Manderino Gallerv in California, PA. Opening Reception is Thursday, March 14 from 5-7pm and will run through April 12.



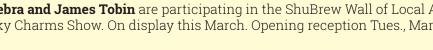
Debra Tobin





Lynda Kirby

Debra Tobin



Gina Judy was recently included in the Woman's Art Club of Cincinnati Signature-Member Show in Mariemont, Ohio, and is in several online-member exhibitions for three-different watercolor-societies, as well. She was recently accepted into the Kentucky Watercolor Society's Regional "AquaVenture" opening in March in Lexington, KY, and also the Spokane Watercolor Society National Exhibit.



We installed 54 pieces of art for our Winter Art Exhibit at the Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce. Stay tuned for our next change out in May!



Emily Glass's painting "Conflict"

Emily Glass, Helena Valentine, Lynda Kirby, and Debra Tobin are participating in You Are Here Gallery's 2024 Women In Art Exhibition in Jeanette, PA. Opening reception takes place March 2 from 6 until 8 pm. and is showing thru Sat, Apr 13, 2024 4:00 PM



Debra Tobin



Helena Valentine's Rachel Carson Bridge -Homage To Her Life's Work



Lynda Kirby "Vessel"

Dianne Bauman, Lynda Kirby, Colleen Tittiger. Debra Tobin. James Tobin and Susan Walker are among the

WHAL members participating in the Cranberry Artists Network Spring Show "Emergence" on display through April 4 at Bottlebrush Gallery in Harmony Pa.

OFF THE EASEL! Recently sold work from WHAL members:

SOLD

Donna Lesondak

"Wolf Moon" at NHAC 2024 Casting Shadows Show

SOLD!

Debra Tobin

"The Praver" Sold at the Butler Art Center Digital Show



SOLD!

Helena Valentine

"Step By Step" at NHAC 2024 Casting Shadows Show



SOLD!

Helena Valentine



"Tall Order" at NHAC 2024 Casting

Shadows Show



Debra Tobin

"Two Strange Hearts" sold at the ShuBrew Ain't Love Strange Show in February.



SOLD!

Leah Shuck

Linoleum block tea print series sold at the Bottlebrush Gallery "Art of Coffee" show.



SOLD!

Emily Glass

Lovely Little Life (5x5 acrylic on tile)



SOLD!

Steph Moraca

"Hummingbird Happiness", acrylic on panel, 8x10"



SOLD!

Steph Moraca

"Autumn Round in the Tetons", oil on canvas. 16x12."



WHAL February Challenge:



Helena Valentine Digital - Love Of Art Dedicated to my fellow artists.



Debra Tobin "Black Hearts"



Lance Maloney "Paddock Smoochies"



Josette Baker Acrylic painting titled "The Artist" for the love theme challenge because art is my passion.



Debra Tobin "Love Birds"



James Tobin



Lynda Kirby "Weird Love", Block Print

MARCH 2024 ART CHALLENGE: ART IN FULL BLOOM

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

Call for Artists

West Hills Art League Annual Mother's Day Show May 2024

The 2024 annual art exhibit will again be held at the Robin Hill Park Main Building.

We will announce the winners and present ribbons and certificates on Sunday, May 12 during our Mother's Day Opening Reception.

PROSPECTUS

Entry fee is \$10.00 per piece. Entry fees will go toward the yearly support of the West Hills Art League in addition to the costs of the reception and running the show.

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 2D mediums are accepted. Photography and Digital Art are welcome. Original artwork only. No giclee prints of original paintings or drawings will be accepted.

Deadline for in-person art drop off, entry form and emailed images is 11:59am on Friday, April 26, 2024.

Please please fill out the entry form online at **westhillsartleague.com** (found in the "Meetings: "Exhibits/ Events" tab) and email images of your submissions to: **westhillsartists@gmail.com**

Digital requirements for emailed images are a jpeg format. *Image file size is limited to 2.0 MB or less.

Each image file should be labeled as: LastName.Title.Year.Medium.jpeg (Example: Smith.Flowers in a Vase.2023.oils.jpeg)

No commission will be taken for art sales. All sales will be directed toward the artist.

Artists may submit up to three (3) 2-D pieces.

All artwork must be delivered ready to hang and include any accessories, electronics and appropriately attached hanging wires. Sawtooth hangers will not be accepted because it is not compatible with the hanging system. This is for the security of the artwork and safety of the staff and guests. QUALITY FRAMING OR MOUNTING REQUIRED FOR ALL ARTWORKS SUBMITTED! UNDER 36" IN ANY DIRECTION MUST BE FRAMED, UNLESS 2' GAL-LERY WRAPPED! LARGE ARTWORK ABOVE 36" IN ANY DIRECTION CAN BE SUBMITTED UNFRAMED WITH CLEAN PAINTED SIDES.

Artwork must stay up until the end of the show pickup at May 16 member meeting! No exceptions!

Artwork that does not meet the above criteria will be disqualified

Please secure (2) $3'' \ge 5''$ cards, with the following information on the back of each entry:

- Name of artist
- Title of artwork
- Medium
- Dimensions (including frame length x width x height)
- Price (or NFS)

2024 Juror:

Rachel Saul Rearick Executive Director at Contemporary Craft

Call for Artists





PITTSBURGH Society of Artists



SATURDAY March 9, 2024 DROP OFF 1:00 to 2:00 PM **PICK UP** 3:30 to 4:30 PM

WILKINS SCHOOL COMMUNITY CENTER 7604 Charleston Avenue Regent Square PA 15218 Lower Level Auditorium Handicap Access at Back Door

This is your year to become a member of the 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 artisitic 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 (3) 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.

Following are rough guidelines board members follow in evaluating submissions. CONSISTENCY: The most decisive factor in judging a candidate for membership is the artist's ability to speak with a recognizable voice through their work. Consistency in style and medium allows an artist to showcase their talents in the particular area in which they are most accomplished.

VISUAL INTEREST: Visual interest is evaluated by looking at the strength of the work based on the elements and principles of art and design CONTENT: The work is examined with an eye towards originality, expression

and meaning. CRAFTSMANSHIP: Craftsmanship is rated according to the skill and degree of quality in the work and presentation.

All due care will be taken handling art during screening hours. PSA is not responsible for loss or damage of art works

Pre-register online pittsburghsocietyofartists.com

THE STATE MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA PRESENTS ART STATE OF THE

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.

Presented by The State Museum of Pennsylvania in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation, the 57th 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.

2024 Exhibition Timeline Overview

Deadline for submissions: May 3, 2024 E-mail notifications sent: Week of June 17 Art delivery: July 13 - 21 Exhibition on view: September 8, 2024 -January 5, 2025

2024 Jurors

Selection Jurors

Marc Jacobson, Professor Emeritus, Herron School of Art + Design, Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis

Jennifer-Navva Milliken, Executive Director and Chief Curator, Museum for Art in Wood

Eric Sung, Artist and Professor of Art/ Photography, Providence College

Awards Juror

Jim Toia. Artist and Curator Executive Director, Karl Stirner Art Trail Director, Community Based Teaching, Lafayette College

Full Juror bios are available on the Call for Entry site.

Questions? Contact Amy Hammond, Curator & Art of the State Project Director ra-phartofthestate@pa.gov

Call for Artists





2024 APRIL 11, 2024 Entries and fees are due

MAY 31, 2024 Accepted works are due

JUNE 23, 2024 Opening reception and award announcement

AUGUST 11, 2024 Exhibition closes

Submit entries online at www.butlerart.com

A Fair in the Park September 6 - 8, 2024 Mellon Park, Shadyside

The 55th annual A Fair in the Park will welcome 90+ fine artists and fine craftspeople to Pittsburgh's beautiful Mellon Park, located between the city's eastern neighborhoods of Shadyside and Squirrel Hill. The fair is free to the public and draws strong community support. An estimated 20,000 dedicated visitors enjoy the opportunity to interact with approximately 85 regional and national artists working in a variety of mediums including: clay, fier, wood, jewelry, glass, leather, metal, mixed media, and two-dimensional art. Artist applications now open at: <u>http://bit.ly/AFIP-app-24</u> The link to the application is also on The Craftsmen's

The link to the application is also on The Craftsmen's Guild of Pittsburgh's website: <u>craftsmensguild.org</u> Application Deadline: March 15, 2024



ENTER NOW - DEADLINE MARCH 8, 2024 WESTMORELAND ART NATIONALS JURIED ART & PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

THE MANOS GALLERY CALL FOR ARTIST

April Group Show- "Shadows Distributed"

All Entries or inquiries please email-Manosgallery@yahoo.com



Events & Shows



REGIONAL

Juried Art Competition

May 21-July 25, 2024

Opening Sat March 16, 6-9pm Artistry.Intelligence.

Pittsburgh Society of Illustrators React to the Use of AI in Art

The North Hills Art Center Show runs through April 5

STEUBENVILLE ART ASSOCIATION AND TOP OF WEST VIRGINIA ARTS COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

The collaboration between two local art groups will feature artists at the 3539 Main Street Weirton Summit-Gallery location, and at the Historic Ft. Steuben, 120 S. Third Street, Steubenville location. Patricia Young, accomplished Pittsburgh Artist, is being featured for only a \$40 fee at Historic Ft. Steuben, which is only a 45-minute drive from Robinson Twp. The workshop includes some supplies, and will be from 9:30-3:30 PM on Weds., March 20. All students need to bring are pastels, table-easel, one stick of charcoal and a pencil, and some photo-references. Send check on or before March 15 to SAA, P. O. Box 1061, Steubenville, OH 43952, and specify the workshop in the check-memo.

March 12 is also the deadline for an encaustic HOT WAX workshop. A SPE-CIAL medium, ENCAUSTIC, or hot-wax, used by the ancient Egyptians, will be

presented by Pittsburgh expert encaustic artist TONY LANDOLINA at Summit Gallery (3539 Main, Weirton, WV) on SATURDAY APRIL 20. This is a 'not to miss' special medium event! DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION of this workshop, due to the wood-panels and suppliesneeded to be purchased, and the notification to the speaker, is MARCH 12. THIS IS A FIRM DEADLINE since space in the room is limited. Please forward a check (includes the SAA/Summit gallery fees AND supplies) \$95 if you have your own hot-gun to bring, \$125 if you don't; to Gina Judy, Program Chair, P. O. Box 416, Richmond, OH 43944. The actual workshop will be presented Saturday April 20, from 10-4 PM. If you wish to purchase your own supplies, information is on the April 20 calendar of SUMMIT GALLERY or contact Gina, but \$45 still needs to be sent by March 12 to hold a spot. You will get to keep supplies purchased in either

case. Gina will forward the fees to SAA/ Summit Gallery. For more information, call Gina 740-282-7908.

A watercolor or acrylic workshop will be held by Gina Judy at Historic Ft. Steuben on Weds., April 17 from 9:30-3:30, using Stan Miller techniques of the three-color painting method to obtain values. Students will complete a simple portrait, (which can be traced if desired) to complete the techniques. Call Gina for the supplies needed for the workshop. \$40 for the day. All proceeds benefit the Steubenville Art Association.

Events & Shows



Susan Walker Watercolor Workshop

Thursday, April 18th, 6 - 7:30 pm,

CURIO Art Gallery 113 North Main St. Zelienople, PA 16037 (724-473-0223)

\$25, Save your seat <u>HERE</u>





Discover the art of watercolors in this Introductory level workshop with Susan Walker! Susan is a local artist and educator who has a passion for helping others discover their creative side. During this workshop, you will learn about the artistic medium of watercolors and leave with new tips, tricks, and techniques to start you on your artistic journey. Watercolor painting is easy to do and always turns out beautiful! No need to be nervous, we welcome all levels...yes, even beginners! Grab your friends and family members and head to the studio to start a new hobby or to do that thing you always wanted to try. At CURIO we specialize in making fine art and art making approachable and exciting for all. All supplies are included in the cost of the class, however, if you have supplies you would like to bring and use please feel free to do so.

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Fundamentals of Painting: Color & Value Ages 13+

Fundamentals of Painting: Color & Value

April 26th 6 - 7:30 pm

CURIO Art Gallery 113 North Main St. Zelienople, PA 16037 (724-473-0223)

\$25., Save your seat <u>HERE</u>

Discover the fundamentals of painting in this Intro level color & value-specific workshop with Susan Walker! Susan is a local artist and educator who has a passion for helping others discover their creative side. During this workshop, you will learn about the artistic properties of color mixing and creating value with acrylic paint. Leave with new tips, tricks, and techniques to start you on your artistic journey. Beginning a painting can be overwhelming but breaking it down into smaller steps and practicing good fundamentals is a fantastic way to get started! No need to be nervous, we welcome all levels...yes, even beginners! Grab your friends and family members and head to the studio to start a new hobby or to do that thing you always wanted to try! At CURIO we specialize in making fine art and art making approachable and exciting for all. All supplies are included in the cost of the class. Artists will not leave with a finished piece of art. Students will be exploring color mixing and creating value with acrylic paint and will create value scales and color wheels during class to help in their future art-making endeavors.

Events & Shows



Come see famous paintings replicated on 3x3 inch canvases! Visit hoytartcenter.org for more details.

101st ANNUAL • ERIE ART MUSEUM SPRING SHOW

Show Dates: March 15 to August 9, 2024

CRANBERRY ARTISTS NETWORK

BOTTLEBRUSH GALLERY SHOW DATES:

Friday, March 8, 2024 - Thursday, April 4, 2024 539 Main St, Harmony, PA 16037 Gallery Hours: Friday 11-5 Saturday 10-5 and Sunday 12-4.

> **OPENING RECEPTION:** Friday, March 8, 2024, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Oil Painting with Wendy Mackin

The next session of oil painting classes with talented instructor Wendy Mackin begins Thursday, March 7th from 10am-1pm at Gilberti Fine Art. Expand your skills with this informative and friendly group of artists. All skill levels are welcome. \$150/6 weeks Email gilbertifineart@gmail.com to register.



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