



# West Hills Art League

NEWSLETTER

# MAY 2020

**PLEASE JOIN US  
FOR OUR MAY 21ST  
VIRTUAL MEETING!**

Business meeting  
starts at 7:00pm.

7:30-9:00 Virtual Show  
Critique by  
Laura Domencic

Members - check your  
emails for meeting  
web link and password.

## Innovative Solutions For Showing Art During The Pandemic

Despite the stay-at-home mandate, the West Hills Art League is finding new ways to show work, share demonstrations, and lift spirits.

Like everyone else around the globe, we are following recommendations that restrict gatherings that could spread COVID-19, so we have pivoted and moved our monthly meetings online. The April ZOOM meeting was a success

as we conducted our usual business and enjoyed a live video demonstration by guest sculpture artist Gadi Leshem. Although seeing the artist work live is optimal, the video conference did present a unique opportunity to closely view the artist's work. This new format also easily allowed for Q&A as he was transforming clay into art. Please consider joining us in May to join in the fun!

## May 20th Virtual Meeting Guest Feature: Laura Domencic

### ABSTRACT

[www.lauradomencic.com](http://www.lauradomencic.com)

Laura Domencic is an independent artist, curator, and educator who cultivates creative thinking in individuals and communities. As the Director of the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts for eleven years, she developed many exhibitions, education programs, and publications. Working with artists, community organizations, and universities, she consults on strategic planning and grant writing for visual arts projects.

Currently Laura is directing Arts France, Saint Francis University's artist residency program in Ambialet, France. She has managed corporate and private art collections in regional hospitals, law firms and other public settings to provide artists opportunities to share their work outside of the gallery context. Her collaborators and clients include individual artists, private collectors, The Documentary Works, and Ogletree Deakins law firm. Her paintings, drawings and sculptures are in private collections in Pittsburgh, PA, Buffalo, NY, Santa Fe, NM, and Melbourne, AU.



## Virtual West Hills Art League Annual Show

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, Laura Domencic, will review the digital images and select the award winners. We will announce the winners on Sunday, May 10 during an online presentation. Laura will offer insights into her selections with a recorded presentation during our virtual May 21st meeting. Please email submissions to [westhillsartists@gmail.com](mailto:westhillsartists@gmail.com) by **11:59pm Friday, May 1, 2020.**

# Exhibits & Events

## **Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce (PAACC) Show Renewal/Call to Artists**

Take down/drop off date: July 17

Time: 9am-NOON

Where: 850 Beaver Grade Rd Suite 101, Moon, PA 15108

**PLEASE DO NOT PICK UP OR DROP OFF BEFORE JULY 17TH.**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HANG ARTWORK. JULY 17, 9am - 1pm**

### PROSPECTUS

This call is open to all active members whose **membership dues are paid in full prior to submission**. Entries will be juried and selected by the exhibit committee. We will do our very best to fit all pieces that meet the standard requirements into the show.

Selections will be made that day and the show will be hung the same day. Artwork that has not been selected for the show must be picked up by 1pm.

- No entry fee and PAACC will not be taking commission. All sales will be directed toward the artist.
- 2D Artists may submit up to 3 pieces.
- 3D sculptural artists may submit up to 3 pieces 12"x12" or less in size for display case.
- 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 PAACC staff and guests.
- **QUALITY FRAMING OR MOUNTING REQUIRED FOR ALL ARTWORKS SUBMITTED!**
- **UNDER 36" IN ANY DIRECTION MUST BE FRAMED, UNLESS 2' GALLERY WRAPPED!**
- **LARGE ARTWORK ABOVE 36" IN ANY DIRECTION CAN BE SUBMITTED UNFRAMED WITH CLEAN PAINTED SIDES.**
- Artwork must stay up until the next change out! No exceptions!
- **Artwork that does not meet the above criteria will be disqualified**

Please supply (2) 3 x 5" cards, with the following information for each entry:

Name of artwork

Medium used

Dimensions (including frame height x width)

Price (or NFS)

Artist's name

Artist's Phone Number

Artist's Email

Artist's Website

## **ART WALK CORY Saturday, October 17 12-4pm**

The Coraopolis Community Development and Gilberti Fine Arts Studio & Gallery have invited artists from the West Hills Art League to participate in Art Walk Cory. Artists and artwork from Pittsburgh Society of Artists and the West Hills Art League will be stationed inside participating businesses throughout the Coraopolis business district. There will also be strolling musicians, children's activities and the Hoshi food truck. Please contact Debbie Tobin at [debra-tobin@gmail.com](mailto:debra-tobin@gmail.com) to sign up to participate.

They are confirming five Coraopolis businesses to serve as "artist hosts" for the day of the art walk so we are looking for five WHAL artists to represent the league. Two pieces per artist, and the artists will need to provide easels or pedestals (for sculpture) as they can't allow nailing into the businesses' walls. Once we have our five artists, they will match each artist up with a business that provides the necessary space. Load in/setup will be between 10 am and 12 pm the day of the event. Artists can, of course, sell their pieces during the event if they have a square or some other type of electronic payment.



# Call for Artists

## Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts Images 2020 Juried Exhibition

Schlow Centre Region Library and the Kish Bank Expect More Store, State College.

Entry Deadline May 8 <https://www.entrythingy.com/d=arts-festival.com>

## Artists Magazine Annual Art Competition

Artists Magazine wants to honor your most outstanding work - if your art is deserving of being celebrated in the pages of Artists Magazine, this competition is for you! \$24,000 in cash prizes plus publication in Artists Magazine. <https://www.artistsnetwork.com/art-competitions/artists-magazine-annual/>

Deadline: May 20

## Stifel Fine Arts Center Seeking Artists for Crosscurrents Exhibition

Oglebay Institute's Stifel Fine Arts Center is now taking applications to exhibit in the annual multi-media exhibition **Crosscurrents**, on display June 25- August 22.

A staple in OI's art exhibition season for more than 30 years, Crosscurrents showcases some of the finest artwork from the tri-state area. Any artist 18 years or older is invited to apply. Artists may submit works in any medium completed within the last calendar year which have not been previously exhibited at the Stifel Fine Arts Center. Pieces for the exhibit are chosen by a guest juror. Those gaining entry into the show will also be eligible for cash prizes, including a Best of Show award.

Full Prospectus and Registration can be found at <https://oionline.com/stifel/crosscurrents/>

A nonrefundable \$25 entry fee entitles each artist to submit up to 3 entries. Deadline for entries is May 31, 2020.

## The Butler Institute of American Art's 84th National Midyear Show

July 26th – August 30th, 2020, MacIntosh, Finnegan Hynes, & Davis Galleries

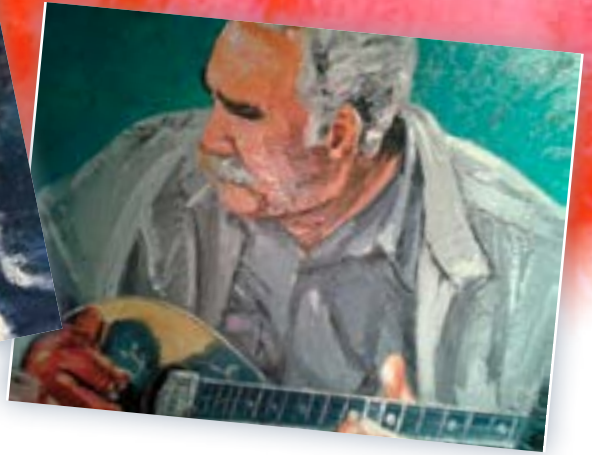
Artist Reception and Awards Presentation: July 26th 1-3pm

This annual juried show exhibits the artworks of adult artists from throughout the fifty United States and its territories. The exhibition includes accepted works in all two dimensional media, including oil, watercolor, acrylic, pastel, drawings, prints, photographs and digital. For the 2019 exhibition, there were 652 works of art submitted by 260 artists and 78 works of art by 64 artists. The artists spanned 14 states across the United States. The jurors for this year's exhibition is contemporary New York artist Paul Ching-Bor.

[84th Midyear Entry Form](#)

Deadline: Saturday, June 13, 2020 • Receipt of all Entries and Fees

# May Artist Spotlight



## Rita Wilson

Rita Wilson is an artist, writer, and educator. She has won several awards for her artwork, and her art and writing have been published in Rune and Riverspeak Literary Magazines, wolfmatters.org, and Voices from the Attic. Wilson earned an MFA from Carlow University and subsequently published her first book, "Greek Lessons: A Cultural Odyssey," which includes photographs of several of her paintings. A recent retiree from public education, Wilson continues to coach tennis, and spends her free time painting, writing, and reading.

### Artist's Statement:

My immersion in art begins with the vision of shapes and contrasts, the challenge of composition, and the tactile joy of mixing colors on the palette. I've learned to understand objects as shapes and shadows, and I take pleasure in transforming photos, ideas, or three-dimensional objects into visual interpretations on canvas. Using a palette knife allows me the freedom of experimentation, moving the paint on the canvas, changing direction, scratching, and blending, until I am satisfied with my creation. I mix my colors from a basic palette and work within this minimal palette to create a rich, cohesive spectrum of colors. My art reflects the character and personality of the people and places that I paint.



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