

West Hills Art League

NEWSLETTER

MAY
2021

This Month's Guest Demonstrator:

Diane Pontoriero

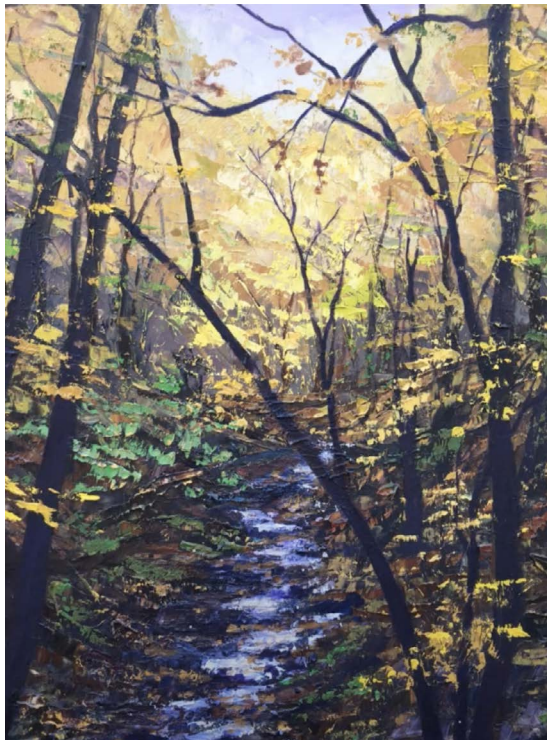
Zoom Meeting
May 20, 7pm-9pm

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.



**Join Us For
the WHAL
Annual
Mother's Day
Art Show
& Sale!**

**Virtual Artists
Reception
Sunday, May 9th
1-4pm**

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. Winners will be announced on Sunday, May 9th during an online presentation.

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://cmu.zoom.us/j/95783299353?pwd=dmMyMnp6N0w3ZEJPSHN5ZDJUTWN2UT09>

Meeting ID: 957 8329 9353
Passcode: 544042

**WHAL Virtual
Show And Share
Tues., May 4 @ 7pm**

May Artist Spotlight



Colleen Tittiger



Colleen grew up near Conneautville, PA on a farm with 2 brothers and 3 sisters. She is an identical twin. Colleen has always loved creating paintings. She went to school at Edinboro University and received a Bachelor's Degree in Art Education. She substitute taught for a few years and worked several odd jobs until she began working for the Court system in Beaver County, PA. Later she obtained her Master's Degree in Criminal Justice. Colleen is married and a mother of three grown children and now a grandmother. Life is so short, try and do what you love. Painting is her passion. Don't give up on your dreams!!

As an Artist Colleen likes to create pieces that have a variety of complementary colors and design. You will see that throughout her paintings. Usually something in nature or an individual will catch her eye and it will lead to a new piece. She paints because it is a part of her. She has painted and drawn since she can remember. Colleen believes we are all given talents and this is her gift to share with you.

<https://www.colleentittiger.com>



WHAL April Challenge: Spring Rewakening



JOSETTE BAKER -"DAFFODIL PATCH"
"ST. JOHN'S WORT", 7" x 11", WATERCOLOR



DEBRA TOBIN



LEAH SHUCK
"FINCH" OIL PASTEL SKETCH



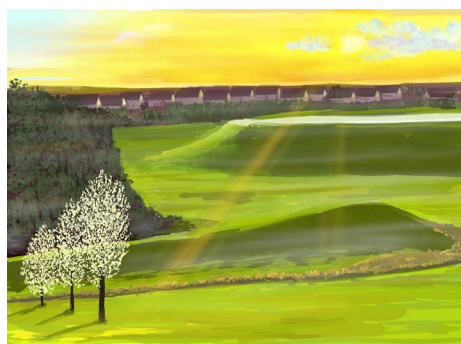
RALPH BONNAR "SIGNS OF SPRING"
10"x7" WATERCOLOR



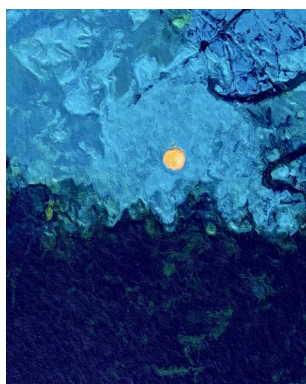
KIM FREITHALER - INK



GINA JUDY -"DAFFODIL PATCH"



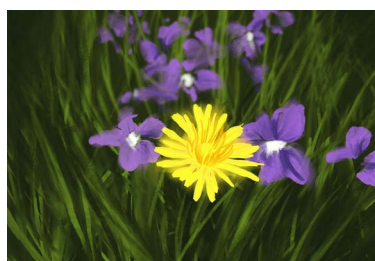
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JAMES TOBIN
"SPRING MOON"



HELENA VALENTINE
"SECRET GARDEN" BY JOHANNA
BASFORD DONE WITH WATERCOLOR
PAINTS. ADULT COLORING BOOKA



LYNDA KIRBY
"DANDELIONS & VIOLETS"
DIGITAL SKETCH



HELENA VALENTINE
"THE BOYS ARE BACK IN TOWN"

The Boys Are Back In Town

**MAY 2021
CHALLENGE:**

Paint A Memory

Email your submission to kirbycreativeservices@yahoo.com by May 31

Call for Artists

ANTHROPOLOGY OF MOTHERHOOD

CALL FOR ART

THREE RIVERS ARTS FESTIVAL | JUNE 4-13, 2021

SUBMISSIONS DUE BY MAY 7, 2021.

FIND OUT MORE AT ANTHROPOLOGYOFMOTHERHOOD.COM

The Anthropology of Motherhood project is seeking works of art and design that engage in the complex visual, material, emotional, corporeal and lived experiences of motherhood, care-giving, parenting, nurturing and maternal labor. Selected works will be on view from **June 4th-13th as part of the Three Rivers Arts Festival**. AOM is a functional, hybrid exhibition that is innovatively designed as both an art space, an interactive amenity, and a place of respite for families of young children. This exhibition welcomes all media and innovative use of materials.

Submit here: <https://www.anthropologyofmotherhood.com/traf-submissions-2021>

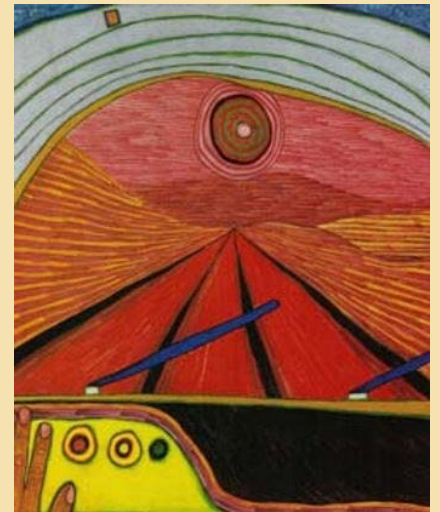
A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words Photography Exhibit June 5-27 Butler Art Center

Associated Artists of Butler County announces the 2021 Juried Photography Exhibit, "A Picture Is Worth a Thousand Words", an exhibit dedicated to the inspiring and engaging eye of the photographer. The show runs from June 5-June 26. Artist reception June 5, 7-9pm. Categories (Cash prizes):

1. The Human Condition
2. Nature
3. Architecture
4. Humor

DEADLINE : May 15, 2021

Apply here: <https://www.cognitoforms.com/ButlerArtCenter1/apictureisworthathousandwords>



Backroads: Art Less-Travelled June 5-27 Vestige Concept Gallery

Vestige Concept Gallery Presents: Backroads: Art Less-Travelled. This exhibit seeks to showcase works of art that venture off the beaten path, especially with regard to travel. Artwork could include places or experiences involving hidden gems, special or unusual places, wanderings, odd travel, strange encounters, and/or "lost" and fading places.

DEADLINE: May 22, 2021
<https://www.vestigegallery.com>

Apply here: https://artist.callforentry.org/festivals_unique_info

Call for Artists

ART OF THE STATE®

54TH ANNUAL JURIED EXHIBITION

statemuseumpa.org/artofthestate/

2021

Great News!

The Art of the State entry site for 2021 is now open and ready to receive submissions. We are happy to coordinate this news with the announcement that The State Museum is scheduled to re-open to the public on April 30, 2021. We believe that we can successfully hold an on-site show of art in the galleries.

We have made a few changes in the submission process. New in 2021:

1. Art of the State will open at The State Museum on Sunday, September 26, 2021, and close on Sunday, January 2, 2022.
2. We are now using the well-known art entry site Café for applications.
3. The fee to enter is \$30 for 4 works of art.
4. The maximum number of entries is four per artist.
5. The deadline for submissions is May 28, 2021.

To enter and review the exhibition details, please go to the entry site.

For questions about the exhibition, please contact Amy S. Hammond at RA-PHARTOFTHESTATE@pa.gov.

For instructions on how to enter, please visit <https://www.callforentry.org/artist-help-cafe>

Thank you for your extreme patience as we made our final plans and prepared to open the Art of the State competition. We hope that you and your loved ones are safe and well!



The State Museum of Pennsylvania
PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION

Building Bridges ...



LAUREL ARTS 11th TRIENNIAL EXHIBIT

June 22-August 5, 2021

Opening Reception*

6-8 pm Friday, July 2

Whether those two words are seen as verbs or nouns, think of the positivity they suggest. How might your artwork reflect a spirit of uniting people, places, ideas, or suggest a particular concern for "divisions" you recognize?

To build is active, sometimes challenging work. To bridge means reaching out to get across, to link, to connect. What would your bridges look like? Are they existing structures, or perhaps even metaphorical with layers of meaning? What would you mend, bring together, or discard? The visual interpretation is up to you, with full license to explore your medium and imagination.

Artists are sometimes lauded as "shape-makers, symbol collectors, and entertainers," said Edgar Whitney, artist-teacher. You are invited to artistically support the theme by communicating a sense of "Building Bridges."

If you have questions, please call or email
Phone: 814-443-2433
Email: gallery@laurelarts.org
www.laurelarts.org

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 Jason Hillegas. Art included but not limited to (*NO kits accepted*):

Fiber Arts: knitting/crocheting, sewing/quilting, weaving, silk painting, embroidery, batik, fabric dying, lacework, knot work/macramé, braiding, Shibori, nano 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 5/24-5/28, 10am-3pm & 5/25, 7-9pm

Pick up 7/6-7/9, 10am-3pm & 7/6, 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 gallery clips or saw tooth clips will not be accepted. No piece of artwork shall be substituted or removed until the last day of the show.

***PHOTO FEE: \$5 PER PIECE if the NHAC takes the photo(s) of your piece(s) for the virtual show.**

Please email jpegs to info@northhillsartcenter.org labeled as follows:
LAST NAME_TITLE_MEDIUM_PRICE ex: SMITH_STREAM_FIBER_300

NEW!

Virtual Opening (on website & facebook): Saturday, June 5, 6:00pm
Gallery Open June 7 - July 2, M - F: 10am - 3pm, T: 7pm-9pm

PLUS... Summer Solstice Raku Party!

(FSunay, June 20, 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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WHA! Member News & Art Openings

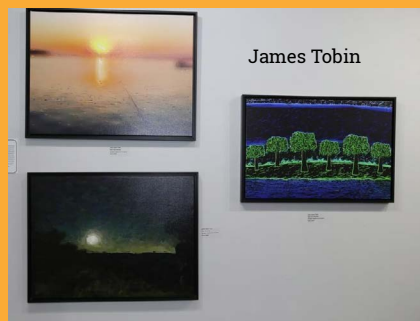


Gina Judy



Debra Tobin

Gina Judy, Lynda Kirby, Debbie and Jim Tobin submitted work to the Butler Art Center's "Art Is..." show, along with 28 other artists. Exhibit, on view in the gallery April 16- May 15. The "Art is..." exhibit will showcase the talents of all media and genres.



James Tobin



Lynda Kirby

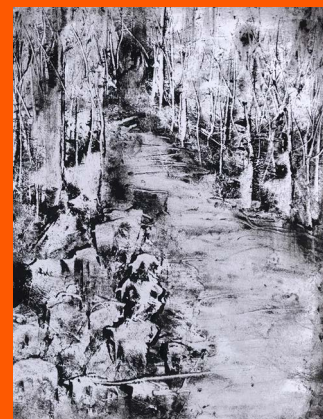
Debra Tobin, Jim Tobin, Gina Judy & Lynda Kirby have been accepted into the Greensburg Art Center Biennial 2021 Juried Exhibition by juror Kurt Shaw. Show runs May 15- June 25. Opening reception 6-8pm on Saturday, May 15.



Debra Tobin



James Tobin



Lynda Kirby

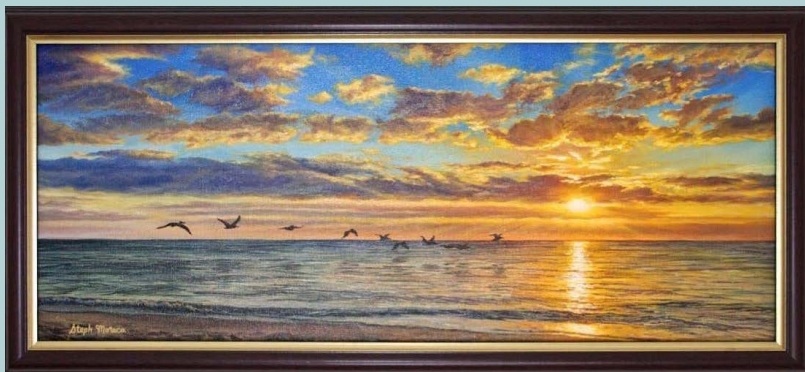
Steph Moraca, Leah Shuck, Gina Judy, Lynda Kirby, Debbie and Jim Tobin have been accepted into the 47th Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival 2021 Westmoreland Art Nationals Juried Fine Art & Photography Exhibition.

This year's jurors Nick Silvis and Dan Overdorff selected 100 pieces for each of the two exhibitions from a record breaking 564 pieces of artwork submitted.

Artwork will be displayed on their Facebook page and website. First Exhibit, Westmoreland County Community College Youngwood, will run from May 22 -June 19, 2021 Second Exhibit, Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival Twin Lakes Park, will run from June 26 -July 24, 2021.

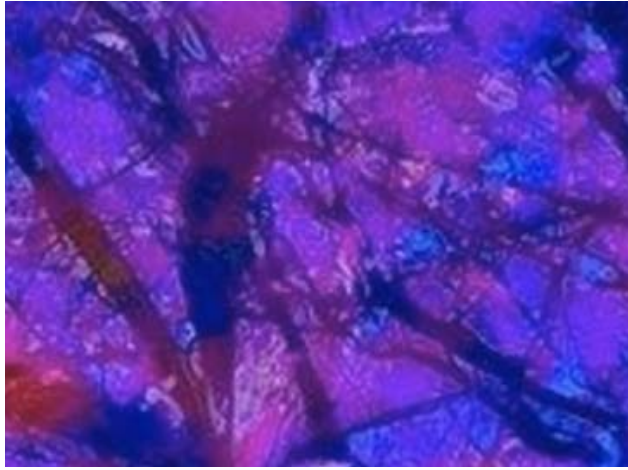


Lynda Kirby
"Roots & Rocks", Monoprint



Steph Moraca - "Naples Sunset", Oil

WHAL Member News & Art Openings



James and Debra Tobin have artwork on display in multiple shows including:

- Cranberry Artists Network Reawaken, Rejoin, Rejoice Spring Members' Show at Cranberry Municipal Building thru May 6
- The Butler Associated Artists of Pittsburgh Art Is Show at Butler Art Center through May 6
- The Beaver Valley Artists 44th Annual Spring Show at Merrick Art Gallery in New Brighton through May 13
- The North Hills Art Center Inspired by Nature Show through May 14 where James received an Honorable Mention for his "Twilight by the Pond" Digital on Metal.

James' "BRC" Digital on Metal is also currently on display at the Erie Art Museum's 98th Annual Nicole & Harry Martin Spring Show through June 25, 2021.

James and Debra will also have work in the West Hills Art League Annual Member's Virtual Mother's Day Show and Sale May 1 through 20, Latrobe Art Center Annual Open Show May 6 through June 5, The Greensburg Art Center Biennial Juried Exhibition at Greensburg Art Center May 15 through June 25 and The Virtual Juried Westmoreland Art Nationals May 22 through June 9 and July 1 through 4.



Kim Freithaler has had this painting accepted into the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh's Museum Lab portrait exhibition starting this June.

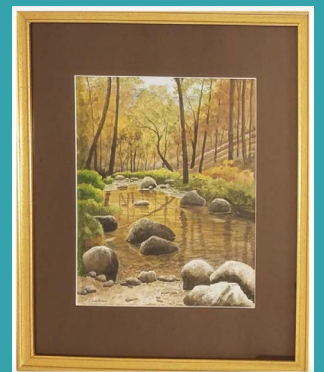
Congratulations to our award-winning WHAL members at the North Hills Art Center Inspired by Nature Show highlighting Beechwood Farms

Douglas Brown - Honorable Mention "The Rock Pond"

James Tobin - Honorable Mention "Twilight by the Pond".

Other participating members include **Gina Judy, Lynda Kirby, Debra Tobin, and Helena Valentine.**

Virtual show available on NHAC website and facebook page.
In gallery show through May 14.



Colleen Tittiger, Debbie and Jim Tobin are participating in the Beaver Valley Artists 44th Annual Members' Exhibition. Show dates are April 25th – May 13th at Merrick Art Gallery, 1100 5th Ave., New Brighton, PA.

Opening Reception Sunday, April 25th, 1:00 – 4:00 PM.
The Exhibition is open during Merrick Art Gallery hours: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, and beginning on April 25th, Sunday 1:00 – 4:00 PM. Masks are required on the premises.

WHAL Member News & Art Openings



Juror Keiko Tanabe selected **Gina Judy** for WATERCOLOR OHIO 2021 to be held in Kirtland, OH (near Cleveland) from July 17-Sept. 3 at the Gallery at Lakeland Community College, 7700 Clocktower Drive. (Ballet Series VII: All Dressed)



Gina Judy is honored that her painting "Betty H. On Her Special Day" was selected for the CROSSCURRENTS Juried Exhibition at the Stifel Fine Art Center, 1330 National Rd., Wheeling, from May 13-July 3, 2021~



Gina Judy - Bronze Award

Artist Locale: Richmond, OH, USA

Title: Daffodil Patch

Medium: Watermedia Collage

<https://www.ginajudyfineart.com>

Online Competitive gallery with winners from around the USA, Ukraine, Canada, Netherlands, Germany, Serbia, Australia, United Kingdom, France and Russia.

Congratulations to **Gina Judy** for receiving the Irene Ackerman Watercolor Award for her submission "Sunny San Antonio Riverwalk 2" in the Cranberry Artists Network Reawaken, Rejoin, Rejoice 2021 Members Spring Show. The show will be on display during normal business hours at the Cranberry Township Municipal Center thru May 6 and on the Cranberry Artists Network YouTube! <https://youtu.be/KUwt8VwOJJw>



Doris Dumrauf's photo of Milkweed Bugs on Common Milkweed was Runner-Up Winner out of more than 4,800 submissions in the "Close-Up Native Plants and their Wildlife Visitors" category of the 2020 National Wildlife Federation 'Garden for Wildlife' photo contest.

Events and Shows

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 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.

<https://www.latrobeartcenter.org>

Greensburg Art Center 2021 Biennial Juried Exhibition

Open Juried Exhibition
May 15 – June 25

<http://www.greensburgartcenter.org>

Cranberry Artists Network Reawaken, Rejoin, Rejoice 2021 Members Spring Show

On display during normal
business hours

March 26 – May 6
at the Cranberry Township
Municipal Building
2525 Rochester Road
Cranberry Township, PA 16066

www.cranberryartistsnetwork.com



Westmoreland Art Nationals Juried Fine Art & Photography Exhibit

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.

<https://artsandheritage.com>

May 22 & 23

**Shadyside...
The Other Art Festival
on Walnut Street with
Craft Marketplace**

739 Bellefonte Street
10am-5pm

100 Artists
For more info:
www.artfestival.com

June 5-14

**Three Rivers
Art Festival**

Pittsburgh Cultural District
(Not Point State Park or Gateway Center).

12 noon-8pm daily

This part online/part live event will include enhanced virtual presentations and select in-person, limited-capacity attractions.

<https://traf.trustarts.org>

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Judge Bio: Diane Pontoriero

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Meeting ID: 957 8329 9353
Passcode: 544042



INSPIRED BY NATURE

Highlighting Beechwood Farms

**Gallery show
now through
May 14th**

<https://northhillsartcenter.org>



ART IS...

Announcing the "Art Is..." Exhibit through May 15. What is art to you? How do you create? If art comes from within, what do you express? "Art is..." exhibit will showcase the talents of all medias and genres.

<https://butlerartcenter.org>

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