

West Hills Art League

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2022

YOUR CHOICE! Join us at Robin Hill or via Zoom on Thursday, May 19th from 7pm-9pm

This Month's Guest Speaker & Mother's Day Show Judge: **Susan Sparks**

Artist Statement -

Personally, I do mostly two-dimensional works in painting, drawing and printmaking. I paint with aqueous media, watercolor and acrylic, and pastels. In my acrylic work I have succeeded in attaining the depth an appearance of an oil-like technique as well as the use of transparent washes and glazes in a more traditional use of acrylic. My drawings include works done in pen and ink, charcoal, graphite, and pastel. In addition to my traditional media pieces, I also combine techniques in many of my works on paper.

I have an emotional - though not stylistic - inheritance from the Dadaists, a school of revolutionary artists from the 1920's who professed "anti-art" - nonrepresentational art, which is greatly influenced by chance. Although most of my work is quite clearly representational, I call on the spirit of the Dadaists in the initial conception of my work. My most current work relies heavily on the Dada theories. I have been exploring non-traditional media, and am currently working on a series that I call the "Art of Noise" where I express music, sound and the patterns and textures of sound in a visual language.

I have "Synesthesia" a sensory perception that allows me to See Sound. This has led to most recent work, which is an exploration of a new media and technique, as well as an exploration of sight and sound. A little over five years ago I was shown a new technique using what I call "Ink, Tape & Magic."



The process involves aluminum plumber's tape, a backing such as foam core, India ink and a drawing/etching process. The result is a piece that looks like a cross between an etching plate and a piece of metal repoussé work. The current series is all based on visual representations of patterns and textures of sound.

Literature, and humor are also main influences on my work. If wit and humor do not appear in the work itself, they find their way into my titles. I incorporate that satire into my art by distorting reality, ever so slightly, enhancing it with my own "off-center" observations.

Although I enjoy doing shows and exhibits, and find them very gratifying, they are not the reason that I do art. I do art because it is what I do. I am an artist and have always been one. I knew as a child that I would do art, all of my life. I do not feel that because I am an artist that I am different or special. I do feel that I have been gifted with a talent and a different perspective on life, and I enjoy sharing that with others.



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.

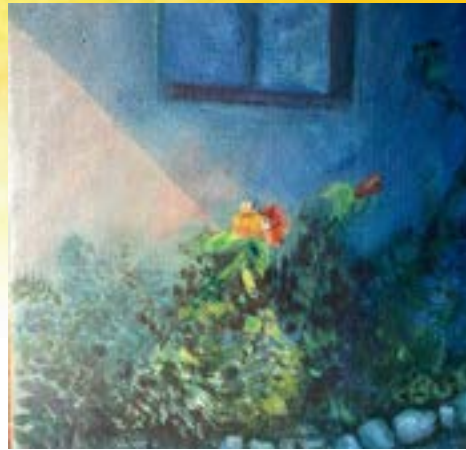
**WHAL
Mother's Day
Show pick up
is Thursday,
May 19 after
our meeting.**

**WHAL Virtual
Show And Share
Tuesday, June 7th
@ 7pm**

WHA! April Challenge: April Showers Bring May Flowers



Lynda Kirby - pastel



Kelley Bush



Emily Glass - "Blind Eye"



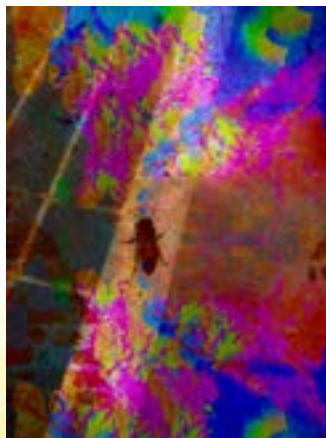
Debra Tobin - "Resilience", Roof Tiles from the Stifel Fine Art Center



Cindy Gilberti "Taos Sunset", 9 x 12" pastel



Ralph Bonnar "BEE IN A TREE"
12"x9" acrylic on blue 135 lb paper



James Tobin

MAY 2022 CHALLENGE: "ABSTRACT"

Inspiration for art is found anywhere and everywhere. Here is a list of words that represent different actions, emotions and thoughts. Use these abstract concept prompts to challenge yourself or simply as a starting point for a new piece of art.

Email your submission to kirbycreativeservices@yahoo.com by May 29th

42 Abstract Concepts to Paint

Apex	Flash	Radiate
Awakening	Flux	Release
Becoming	Growth	Rhythm
Burst	Harvest	Secret
Cascade	Hush	Self-Worth
Catharsis	Ignite	Shift
Conscious	Impediment	Solitude
Conversion	Inflation	Sonar
Cosmos	Instinct	Spiral
Dichotomy	Listen	Suspension
Discreet	Lonely	Synthesis
Drift	Pierced	Tangle
Emerge	Poison	Vision
Fallen	Pressure	Vortex

WHAL Member News & Art Openings



News from Emily Glass!

- Hilltop Coffee is featuring some of Emily's artwork
- Three of her pieces were featured in the Pittsburgh Fringe
- Emily had a painting in the "Art All Night" show
- Emily's art will be on display at Hilltop Coffee in the Arlington/South Side Slopes area of Pittsburgh thru June!
- Emily is now a permanent vendor at the "I Made It! Market" at the Mall in Robinson.
- Some other upcoming event that Emily is showing art: Janoski's Market on Mother's Day weekend; Uncle Dave's Spring Arts Festival on May 14th; The Terminal in the Strip District On May 21st.



Lynda Kirby participated in the Pittsburgh Fringe Virtual Visual Art Group Show, April 8th-10th.

Three of her monotype prints have been juried into the Women In Art: Visual Voices 2022 Exhibition, going on now thru June 4th at the You Are Here art gallery in Jeanette.



James Tobin, Gina Judy and Lynda Kirby

were accepted into the Stifel Fine Arts Center's annual juried art exhibition "Crosscurrents". Opening reception is May 12th, show runs through July 2nd.



Lynne Preisser's watercolor piece was accepted into the Pittsburgh Watercolor Society show at the Wilkins School Community Center near Regent Square in April.

Debra Tobin, James Tobin & Lynda Kirby are participating in the Oglebay Institute Stifel Fine Arts Center Raising the Roof Auction gala and concurrent online auction to be held on May 7th. Join the online bidding starting May 1 and in person at 6 PM on May 7 to snag your favorite!

<https://event.auctria.com/689f5161-c94f-442d-9580-294d567993d2/a780d600ec2e11e-9ae081d-b830846aa5>

The task for this show was to create a unique piece of artwork using roof tile(s) from the Stifel Fine Arts Center.



Congratulations Gina Judy! Her watercolor, "BALLERINAS VII" has been accepted into the 41st Annual Adirondacks National Exhibition of American Watercolors at the Old Forge, NY.

She was also a finalist in Camelback Gallery's IAA Awards in Acrylic Painting.

WHAL Member News & Art Openings

Fun times at the North Hills Art Center Art of the Earth Show, 150 pieces of art by 70 artists! Stop by and check out the show!

Congratulations to **Helena Valentine** for winning Best in Show for "Twigs" Acrylic. First Place Awards to **Marian Sallade** for "Reaching the Top" Oil, **James Tobin** for "Reflections" Photography/Digital

Art, and **Patricia Mae Young** for "Cherry Blossoms at National Arboretum" Pastel. Honorable Mention to **Debbie Zuzindlak Tobin** for "Of Earth and Air" Eco print and fiber assemblage. WHAL is well represented with beautiful artwork also from **Doug Brown, Gina Judy, Lance Maloney and Melissa Tai.**

Congratulations to WHAL artists who are showing art at the Westmoreland Arts Nationals and the Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival:

**Gina Judy
Lynda Kirby
Steph Moraca
Debra Tobin
James Tobin**



Debra Tobin, James Tobin and Lynda Kirby participated in the The Beaver Valley Artists 45th Annual Juried Exhibition is on display through May 12 at Merrick Art Gallery 1100 Fifth Avenue, New Brighton, PA.



Debra and James Tobin will be the featured artists at the Cooper-Siegel Community Library from May 19 through mid August. Public invited to the Artist Meet and Greet Sunday, May 22, 2-4pm. 403 Fox Chapel Rd Fox Chapel, PA 15238
Live music by James Tobin and refreshments.
<http://www.coopersiegelcommunitylibrary.org/>



Call for Artists

PLEIN AIR OPPORTUNITIES IN JUNE!



West Hills Art League members have been invited to do plein air painting in Harmony, PA on Saturdays in June for their art market event!

There will be artists vendors set up around town, etc and this would be a nice opportunity for the artists. Bob McCafferty would like to see artists on the Inn lawn and around town. For more information, contact Debra Tobin at debratobin@ymail.com

<https://bottlebrusharts.com>

WHAL members are also invited to participate in plein air painting on June 19th as part of the **Moon Garden Club's Garden Party** (plant based foods, wineries, breweries, etc.) at Robin Hill Park from 5-8pm.

Save the date - more details to come!

WANTED! WHAL PLEIN AIR OUTING COORDINATOR/ORGANIZER

Plein Air Artists - we need you! If interested, please contact Debra Tobin at debratobin@ymail.com

Hameau Farm Studio Artist Retreat



PLEIN AIR ARTIST RETREAT

Hameau Artist Retreat

May 10-14, 2022

SNicholas Studios | Bellefonte PA

This an immersive plein air opportunity and includes morning instruction, plein air painting in a rural (farm) setting in nearby Central PA, with livestock, chickens, peacock, and more. Meals are available for a nominal fee.

Artists can select one or more days based on what they can afford and your personal schedule. All mediums are welcome.

For more information or to register, visit <https://www.snicholasart.com>

2022 Saxonburg Festival of the Arts September 10th from 10am -6pm and September 11th from 12pm - 5pm.

Exhibit your artwork alongside 150+ vendors and artists using various mediums; pottery, glass, wood, jewelry, metal, painting, photography and much more. The festival strolls up and down Main Street, Saxonburg and through Roebing Park. We personally invite you to join us on Main Street where the bulk of the artists will set-up! The vendor rate for Main Street is \$110 for the weekend.

If you are interested in being an exhibitor, please download the application from the website. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions about the event.

Steps to Take:

1. Please fill out the application and send it to the 2022 Saxonburg Festival of the Arts Committee (email and mail submission instructions are listed on the application).
2. You will receive an email with instructions for payment when your

application is approved. Please allow a few days for our volunteers to respond.

3. Once you pay your invoice, you'll receive an email confirming your payment. That's it!

<https://www.saxonburgpa.com/festival/>
724-524-1406

Call for Artists



**North Hills Art Center
Fiber & Fire Show
Call for Artists**

Where Art meets Fiber & Fire!

NHAC
NORTH HILLS ART CENTER

The banner features a collage of fiber and fire art pieces, including a colorful woven bag, a piece of fabric with a blue and orange pattern, a piece of fabric with a blue and orange pattern, a piece of fabric with a blue and orange pattern, and a piece of fabric with a blue and orange pattern.

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 Diane Pontonero.

Art included but not limited to (NO kits accepted):

Fiber Arts: knitting/crocheting, sewing/quilting, weaving, silk painting, embroidery, batik, fabric dyeing, lacework, knot work/macramé, braiding, Shibori, nuno 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 6/6-6/10, 10am-3pm & 6/7, 7-9pm

Pick up 7/18-7/22, 10am-3pm & 7/19, 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 saw tooth clips will not be accepted. No piece of artwork shall be substituted or removed until the last day of the show.

Opening Reception & Awards: Saturday, June 25, 6:00pm-10pm

Gallery Open thru July 15, M - F: 10am - 3pm, T: 7pm-9pm

(rain date: Sunday, June 26, 6pm-10pm)

PLUS... Summer Solstice Raku Party!

(Saturday, June 25, 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.

North Hills Art Center

3432 Babcock Blvd.

Pittsburgh, PA 15237

412-364-3622

info@northhillsartcenter.org

www.northhillsartcenter.org



Waterworks 2022 Members Exhibition

May 21 - June 11, 2022

Online and in person at
North Hills Art Center,
3432 Babcock Blvd.,
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Waterworks is the annual
PWS members-only exhibit. Each
member may submit one piece.
Online registration is required.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Entry Deadline:

Friday, May 13, 11:59PM

Drop Off @ North Hills Art Center,

May 14, 11:00 AM to 3:00PM

Opening Reception:

Sat, May 21 5:30 to 8PM

(may change due to

COVID-19 restrictions)

Pick-up of unsold works:

Sunday June 11, Noon to 3PM

PROSPECTUS:

https://www.pittsburghwatercolorssociety.com/resources/Documents/Waterworks/pws_2022_waterworks_prospectus.pdf

Juror of Awards:

Kim Freithaler, Artist and
North Hills Art Center Director

QUESTIONS?

Contact us at waterworks@pittsburghwatercolorssociety.com



**ART
OF THE
STATE®**

CALL FOR ENTRIES

stateofthestate.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!

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

Call for Artists



— CALL FOR ENTRIES —

ANNUAL OPEN SHOW

June 1 - 30, 2022 | Drop Off: May 26 & 27, 2022



Latrobe Art Center is calling for artists ages 3 and up to submit entries in any medium to our annual Open Show!

At Latrobe Art Center we believe in "Art for All"—art for artists of all ages and experience levels. We want artists, aspiring or experienced, to showcase their work for the Greater Latrobe community and the southwestern Pennsylvanian region.

Applicants to our Open Show do not have to be a member

or Gallery Participant at Latrobe Art Center—they just have to love creating art!

This show only accepts three entries per artist. The show will be judged by Emily Franicola, Director of Seton Hill University's Harlan Gallery.



AWARDS*

BEST IN SHOW

OPEN DIVISION: First Place • Second Place • Third Place • Honorable Mention

AWARDS OF DISTINCTION: Pencil/Ink • Acrylic/Oil • Watercolor • Mixed/3D • Photography

AMATEUR ARTIST DIVISION

COLLEGE ARTIST DIVISION

JUNIOR ARTIST DIVISION

YOUNG ARTIST DIVISION

* Awards are given at the direction of the judge and are based on the number and quality of entries received in each category



Oglebay Institute
Inspiring the Imagination

Oglebayfest Artist and Gourmet Market

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

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

Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art Biennial 2022 Exhibition:

Oct. 21, 2022 to Jan. 22, 2023

Artworks included in exhibition will be selected by juror, Tom Paquette. Selected artists will be notified by Fri., Sept. 2, 2022

Cash awards :

\$1,000 for Best in Show

\$500 First Place Award

\$250 Second Place Award

\$100 Third Place Award

\$300 People's Choice Award

Winners will be announced at the Artists' Reception on November 12, 2022

Application deadline:

Friday, June 3, 2022.

www.sama-art.org/biennial

Questions: call (814) 472-3920
or email loretto@sama-art.org.

The Merrick Masters 2022 Biennial Juried Show

We invite you to hang your masterpiece with ours!

Opening: Sunday, August 28, 2022

The Merrick Art Gallery

1100 5th Avenue, New Brighton, PA 15066

\$2,000 in prizes!

1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place, and multiple Honorable Mentions will each receive Monetary Awards.

Submissions due June 30, 2022

For more information and to download the prospectus, visit www.merrickartgallery.org

Events & Shows



Westmoreland Art Nationals Juried Fine Art & Photography Exhibitions

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.



Women in Art: Visual Voices Juried Exhibition

You Are Here

406 Clay Avenue, Jeannette, PA 15644

Sat, Apr 23, 2022 12:00 PM Sat, Jun 4, 2022 6:00 PM



You Are Here, and partner Maureen Kochanek 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.

Events & Shows



Join us on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8, 1-4pm for our West Hills Art League Annual Art Exhibition and Sale Reception.

We have filled Robin Hill with sixty-eight pieces of original art by twenty nine talented artists! Please plan to spend part of your afternoon with us in this lovely setting! The gardens will be open for a stroll for all to enjoy and light refreshments will be served. Music will be provided by artist/singer/songwriter James Tobin.

A huge thank you to our juror Suzie Sparks who spent the afternoon selecting the winners. A difficult task considering the wide variety of styles and mediums. Her selections will be announced along with a People's Choice Award at 2:30pm.

Along with May 8, we will also be offering Gallery Days when we will have the building open and staffed with artist docents for the public and our invited guests to walk through the show. Gallery Days are Wednesday evenings, May 4, 11 and 18, 6-8pm and Thursdays, May 5, 12 and 19, 10am-4pm. Please share these dates and times on your social media. The building is otherwise booked for private events and classes and not open to the general public.

A poster for a painting workshop titled 'PAINTING ANIMALS IN WATERMEDIA with YELENA LAMM'. The background is a solid blue color. At the top left is the logo for the Pittsburgh Watercolor Society (PWS) and at the top right is the logo for the North Hills Art Center (NHAC). The text 'The Pittsburgh Watercolor Society presents:' is in a small font. The main title 'PAINTING ANIMALS IN WATERMEDIA' is in large, bold, black capital letters. Below it, 'with YELENA LAMM' is in a smaller font. Three small images of animal paintings (a bird, a cat, and a horse) are shown. The date and time 'Saturday, June 11, 2022 9:00am - 4:00pm' are in bold. The location 'at the NORTH HILLS ART CENTER 3432 Babcock Blvd. | Pittsburgh, PA 15237' is listed. Contact information 'northhillsartcenter.org | info@northhillsartcenter.org' is provided. A registration link 'www.pittsburghwatercolorsociety.com/event-4752273' and a note 'Online registration and payment in full due May 31, 2022' are at the bottom.

A poster for the '2nd Annual SHADYSIDE ...the Other Art Festival with Craft Marketplace'. The background is dark blue. The title 'SHADYSIDE' is in large, bold, white capital letters. Below it, '...the Other Art Festival' is in a script font, and 'with Craft Marketplace' is in a smaller sans-serif font. The dates 'May 21st - 22nd' and times 'Sat./Sun. 10am - 5pm' are listed. The location 'Outdoors on Walnut Street in Shadyside, Pittsburgh, PA' is provided. 'FREE ADMISSION' is written in bold. The address '739 Bellefonte St in Pittsburgh, PA' is at the bottom. A large image of a red and silver water fountain is on the right. The artist's name 'FRANCINE ZAJAC' is at the bottom right.



Howard Allen Events
ArtFestival.com
561-746-6673



Events & Shows



May Events in the Cultural District



BRAIN BONE BLOOD
707 Gallery
Through May 15



**Simply Devine:
A Retrospective of
Danny Devine**
820 Liberty Avenue
Through June 12



**Deaf Brown American Mom,
an exhibit by
Fran Ledonio Flaherty**
SPACE
Through May 15



Cinzia Campolese
Wood Street Galleries
Through June 26



Oglebay Institute
Inspiring the Imagination



The Stifel Fine Arts Center is getting a new roof and are auctioning off some of the ceramic roof tiles from the old roof that have been repurposed into original pieces of artwork from local artists!

Proceeds will go towards the new roof.
Attend the auction on Saturday, May 7 or bid online at: <https://event.auctria.com/689f5161-c94f-442d-9580-294d567993d2/>

Stifel Fine Arts Center | Oglebay Institute
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304-242-7700 | www.oionline.com/stifel



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The North Hills Art Center *presents*
ART OF THE EARTH

Art Exhibit **SHOW DATES:**
 APRIL 23 - MAY 13

benefitting
Beechwood Farms



**FOUR QUESTIONS
 REGIONAL SCULPTURE EXHIBITION**

May 10th - June 11th

Public Reception

May 22nd, 2022 between 1:00pm - 3:00pm

A QR code will accompany each sculpture.
 Scanning the code will link visitors to a
 Q&A about the artist!



Merrick Art Gallery
 1100 5th Ave
 New Brighton, PA 15066



**49th
 annual**



R E G I O N A L

Juried Competition

Apr 26 - Jun 30, 2022



Erie Art Museum

Nicole & Harry
MARTIN

**spring
 SHOW**

**Going on now
 through August 5**
 More details can be
 found at:
ErieArtmuseum.org

West Hills Art League
P.O. Box 633, Moon Township, PA 15108



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