

West Hills Art League

NEWSLETTER

NOV
2021



The West Hills Art League membership year runs September through May. Membership benefits include: WHAL meetings, artist demonstrations, newsletters, artist page links on our website, social media, annual Mother's Day show and other local show and vendor opportunities.

RAFFLE

Members who pay their dues by our November meeting will have their names put into a drawing for a free 2023 membership.

Cost for new & returning members is \$25 single and \$35 family (2 adults living at the same residence).

Please make checks payable to West Hills Art League and mail to:

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

...or use our convenient PayPal link located on the Membership page of our website.

<http://www.westhillsartleague.com>

**WHAL Virtual
Show And Share
Tuesday, Nov. 2nd
@ 7pm**

**Join us at Robin Hill on Thursday,
November 18, 7pm-9pm**

**This Month's Guest Demonstrator:
Rae Gold**

3-D Fiber Artist

Rae Gold is a BFA graduate of Carnegie Institute of Technology in Graphic Design, Rae Gold has been self-employed for 30 years. Making wearable art, she exhibited in such shows as American Craft Baltimore, Philadelphia Museum Craft Show, and the Smithsonian Craft show. She was the Co-Director of Fiberart International 2019.

Gold's work has been published in books, including Worldwide Colors of Felt, by Ellen Bakker, The Surface Designer's Handbook, by Holly Brackmann, and Dimensional Cloth by Andra Stanton.

For the last 13 years Gold has devoted her creative life to working with three dimensional felt forms, taking classes from the finest dimensional instructors from around the world. She is now sharing her experience and knowledge with new students through Contemporary Craft virtual classes



November Artist Spotlight

Emily Glass



Bio

After a 20-year career in Information Technology, artist Emily Glass realized as she stood in a summer thunderstorm that she needed to follow her lifelong dream. That is when Feel the Rain Studio was born.

In her youth, Emily was always drawing storybooks and won scholastic prizes regularly, including having an anti-drug drawing on a highway billboard. While pursuing degrees in technology, she continued to take art classes to hone her craft and for stress relief.

Through art classes at the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh Center for the Arts, and Sweetwater Center for the Arts, Emily has experience in many mediums. She works predominantly in acrylic, but is also skilled in oil painting, indoor murals, jewelry making, graphite and color pencil drawing. In homage to her religion and ethnic background, she has experience in Orthodox iconography and Ukrainian pysanky painting. She is also a published illustrator of children's literature.

Emily has historically been a realistic artist. However, after experiencing the emotional turmoil of the Covid pandemic, she realized she needed to use her art as a voice and has since flourished in abstract painting to achieve that.

Emily's work has been shown at venues including The Frick Fine Arts Library, Art All Night, Pittsburgh Art Jam, and Roadkill Gallery.

A Pittsburgh native, Emily's studio is in her home in McKees Rocks, PA, where she resides with her husband, Michael, and their three very demanding cats. Outside the studio, she can be found gardening, going to concerts and local sporting events. With a love for adventure, she and her husband frequent Jamaica, which they consider their second home.

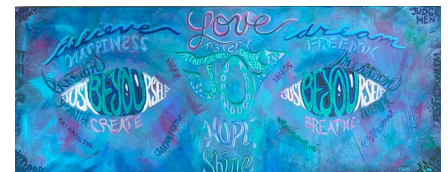
Artist Statement

I see art in everyday moments of life, asking myself, "How would I paint this?" I find joy in applying any color to any surface, from putting on makeup to painting a room!

Art has the power to both express and impact emotion. To create something that elicits an emotional reaction is incredible and I love to talk to others about how art makes them feel. It is an honor to create a piece that someone enjoys so much they want to hang it on their own wall.

I use a full palette of colors and contrasting values, often combining realism and abstraction. I let the paint take me by the hand and heart and we work together to create the final masterpiece!

Follow me on Facebook and Instagram at "Feel the Rain Studio", or visit my Etsy site where much of my work can be found: www.etsy.com/shop/feeltherainstudio



WHAL October Challenge: Inktober



Ralph Bonnar
"WEEDS", 18"x24" pen and ink on drawing paper



Helena Valentine
"Inky", ink drawing



Lynda Kirby
"Vessel", ink sketch



Josette Baker
"Witchy Brew", india ink on watercolor paper,
9" X 11", prompt word "fizzy"



Debra Tobin



Donna Lesondak
Just having some drawing practice fun with #inktober

NOVEMBER 2021 CHALLENGE: HUEVEMBER

Huevember is an art challenge that takes place in November. Its goal is to draw one drawing each day, for all days of the month of November, in a given hue. Each day is linked with a certain hue – you can use all colors you want in your drawing as long as the hue of the day stays the main visible color of the image. As you can guess, the name "Huevember" is a mix of 2 words – Hue, and November. There's no restriction in regards to what medium you can use. Hashtag's used: #huevember #huevember 2021

Email your submission to kirbycreativeservices@yahoo.com by November 30th.

WHAL Member News & Art Openings



Debra Tobin received a bronze award in the Camelback Gallery's Portraits 2021 Painting Competition for her acrylic painting "James and his Autoharp".



Steph Moraca's "Great Sand Dunes Sunset" will be included in the SAMA Regional Juried Exhibition hosted by the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art in Ligonier Valley.



"Elephant Dance", watercolor by West Hills Artist **Josette Baker** was awarded an Honorable Mention at the Butler Nature and Wildlife Exhibit.

"Congratulations to high school art teacher **Leah Shuck** for being honored with the 2021 Pennsylvania Art Education Association Outstanding Board Member Service Award. She was recognized by fellow board members at the awards ceremony in Philadelphia on Oct. 22.

The award recognizes educators who are outstanding leaders in the field of art education for their creative contributions, excellence in professional engagement and dedication to service. For the past few years, Shuck has held the voluntary, elected position of Region 1 co-representative for the PAEA, serving art teachers in Allegheny, Westmoreland, Fayette, Greene, and Washington Counties."



James Tobin was a Special Mention Finalist for the Camelback Gallery 2021-2022 Online Solo Artist Exhibition Series.

Join PAEA (Pennsylvania Art Education Association) next month on 11/10/21 for a Family Heritage Collage virtual workshop with local artist, Alison Zapata.

[Find out more & register here!](#)

WHAL Member News & Art Openings

WHAL members **Sandra Beitsinger, Doug Brown, Cindy Gilberti, Lynda Kirby, Heidi Lee, Melissa Tai, Colleen Tittiger, Debbie Tobin, James Tobin, Rita Wilson and Doug Wynn** were among the artists who participated in the Coraopolis Fall Festival and Art Walk on October 16th. The Coraopolis Fall Festival and Art Walk paired in-person regional artists/ artwork with participating businesses.



WHAL member Patricia Young won third place plus an honorable mention at the Pittsburgh Pastel Artists League "Pure Brilliance" show at Gilberti Fine Arts. Debra Tobin and Marian Sallade were each awarded honorable mentions. Congratulations!



Kim Freithaler has completed her mural project at Cooper-Siegel Community Library. Stop by and it check out!

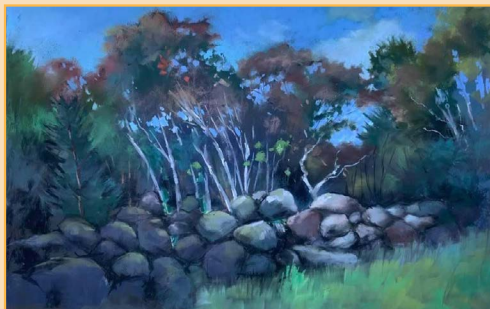
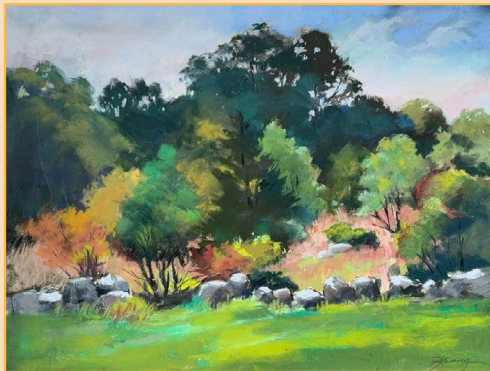


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D. Zoe Shutka was the September featured Artist of the Month at Inches Nursery in Crescent Township, PA and displayed over thirty pieces of original artwork

Here are some of the paintings from **Patricia Young's** recent 3 week trip to Martha's Vineyard.

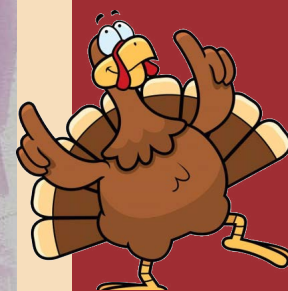


Gina Judy was awarded second-prize in the 2021 Spokane Watercolor Society Juried Member Show.



"Sir Dudley" circa 2021
Oil painting by
Kelley Bush

Why did the art thief's getaway vehicle run out of fuel?



He had no Monet to buy Degas to make the Van Gogh.

Call for Artists

the North Hills Art Center *invites you to participate in our annual*



Holiday ARTISAN MARKET CALL FOR ARTISTS

We are preparing for the Holiday Artisan's Market and extend this invitation to you to display your creations for sale to holiday shoppers. We are looking for a wide variety of items, including holiday & home décor, jewelry, pottery, glass, paper arts, fashion items, stained glass, knitwear, and more...

Market Dates: November 20–December 11, 2021 **Preview Party:** November 19, 6pm–9pm

Market Hours: Mondays thru Saturdays: 10am–3pm, Tuesday Evenings: 7pm–9pm

Delivery of items: November 8–12, 10am–3pm; November 9, 7–9pm & November 13, 10am–12pm

Pick up of items: December 14, 7–9pm, Dec 15–17, 10am–3pm; Dec 18, 10am–12pm (*tentative*)

Please register to reserve your place by **October 15 –or as space allows**. See our website (*art show page*) for more info & to download general instructions, inventory list & show flyer.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO DISPLAYING AND SELLING YOUR CREATIONS!

In fairness to all of our artists, we will be screening applications. This will ensure inclusion of a wide variety of art/crafts & continue the high quality shopping experience of years past. In order to facilitate this, JPOS will be required at the time of application.



Call for Artists

CALL FOR ARTISTS!!!

Watercolor Artists wanted for an
upcoming Watercolor Show at Ketchup City Creative.
The show will run November 12th-14th, 2021.

Each artist can enter up to 4 pieces of art.

Must be framed or ready to display.

Registration fee is 25.00/artist.

Contact Amy Scafuri at artaboutpgh@gmail.com for further details

Drop off is at Ketchup City Creative 612 Main Street, Sharpsburg
on Monday, November 8th between 6:00pm- 8:30pm.

Opening Reception and light refreshments: Nov. 12th 6:00pm-9:00pm

Nov. 13th 3pm-6pm

Nov. 14th 3pm-6pm

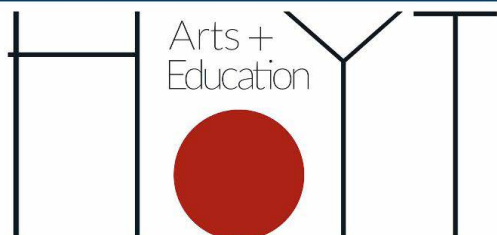
How to make a fall-themed decoration from your leaves in your yard!



[https://www.youtube.com/
watch?v=2tg4js7cKgE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2tg4js7cKgE)

Our newest 55 piece installation at the Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce is now on display through January 2022. Thank you to **Helena Valentine, Lynda Theiss Kirby, James Tobin** and everyone else who brought in artwork and helped hang the show!

49th annual



R E G I O N A L

Juried Competition

124 East Leasure Ave., New Castle, PA 16101

<https://hoartcenter.org>

CALL FOR ARTISTS!

Emerging & professional artists within 250 miles of New Castle are invited to apply for the 2022 Juried Show. to compete for cash prizes, First Place \$600., Second \$400., Third \$200., & up to 6 Merit awards!

Deadline for Entries is February 22, 2022.

This year's Juror is Laura Domencic, Executive Director of the Erie Art Museum

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Deadline for Entries: Postmark- Feb. 21, 2022

Notification of Acceptance: March 28th

Delivery of accepted works: By April 15th

Pick up works: July 2nd

Public Reception: May 14th, 1-3pm

Exhibition Dates: April 26 – June 30, 2022

Prospectus:

<https://hoartcenter.org/hoart-regional-juried-exhibition/>

Call for Artists

WHAL Plein Air Day at Raccoon Park

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us on Sunday, November 21, 9am for a WHAL Plein Air Day at Raccoon Park (meet at the beach area). We've had some members request for us to continue Plein air throughout the winter months so we will give it a try. Fingers crossed for a nice sunny day!

Collage Meet-Up by Contemporary Craft

Wed., Nov. 17, 2021,
11am-1:30pm
5645 Butler St
Pittsburgh, PA 15201

Join us on the third Wednesday of the month for Collage Meet-up day in the Mixed Media Studio. Meet-ups are a great way to get to know other artists working in a similar medium and enjoy the company of others while you craft. No formal instruction is offered during the meet-up, but everyone is encouraged to learn from each other.

Cost: Pay what you can. There is a suggested \$10 donation per session. **Materials:** Bring your own materials (paper, glue sticks, etc.) and feel free to use Contemporary Craft's stash of old marketing postcards, etc. to create your collages. Contemporary Craft will provide scissors, cutting mats, and a large, bright Studio space to work in!

Lunch: You are welcome to bring a bag lunch to enjoy while you are here or you can order food from any of Pittsburgh's many meal delivery services.

If you require accessibility accommodations, please let us know by calling 412.261.7003 and we are happy to assist you.

LOVE BINDS PITTSBURGH

Cover the region in messages of love and hope!

Calling ALL FIBER ARTISTS!

Do you appliqué, crochet, embroider, knit, macrame, quilt, weave, make lace, hook rugs, or have some skills to share? Want to learn?

WHY:

Join together with others in our community to brighten and beautify spaces and neighborhoods touched by gun violence.

WHERE:

Join us at an in-person event or drop off your materials or finished projects at any of our convenient locations.

Scan the QR code below for more information, and details about drop-off locations and events



HOW:

Create a 24"x 36" panel in whatever your medium and decorate with the word 'LOVE' or 'HOPE'!

The pieces will be hung inside or outside in places chosen by our community partners.

Please use weatherproof yarns (acrylic and wool are good choices) or materials.

Plenty of inspiration can be found at loveacrosstheusa.org, a crochet project created by artist London Kaye.

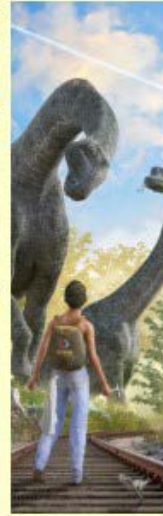
CONTACT US:

If you want to host an event, partner with us, or teach others, please let us know!

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Events & Shows



Call for Artists

ENTER NOW - DEADLINE MARCH 4, 2022

WESTMORELAND ART NATIONALS
JURIED FINE ART & PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITIONS

Westmoreland Art Nationals **Juried Fine Art & Photography Exhibit** **DEADLINE: MARCH 4, 2022**

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 21 through Wednesday, June 8, with the Opening Reception on May 21 from 6-8 PM. Awards will be Announced at 7:00 PM 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
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.

Events & Shows



4th Annual *Lawrence County Art Show*

Exhibition Dates: November 12, 2021 to February 28, 2022



Sweetwater Center for the Arts
Community. Classes. Culture.

Holiday Mart - Annual Sale of Artist Made Gifts In-person & Online Nov 26 - Dec 12, 2021

We are excited to offer our annual Holiday Mart in-person again this December! But are also excited about our new online audience and sales! So in 2021, we will be offering both!!

<https://sweetwaterartcenter.org>



Tuscarawas County Art Guild 2021 Fall Art Exhibit

Opening Nov 20, 2021

Tuscarawas County
Center for the Arts
461 Robinson Dr.

S.E. New Philadelphia 44663



Oglebay Institute
Inspiring the Imagination

Stifel Fine Arts Center Holiday Art Show & Sale

Nov 5 – Dec 23, 2021

Stifel Fine Arts Center, Wheeling
Schrader Center, Oglebay Park

Opening reception: 5-8pm
Thursday, November 11, 2021

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