

# West Hills Art League

## NEWSLETTER

# SEPT 2020

Next Zoom Meeting:  
Thursday, Oct. 15th  
7pm-9pm

**This Month's  
Guest  
Demonstrator:**

## JARED CULLUM

**Zoom Meeting  
Thursday, Sept. 17th  
7pm-9pm**

Jared Cullum is an author-cartoonist and painter with a passion for connecting with people through visual storytelling.

Born in Tennessee and raised in Virginia and Texas, Jared is currently settled with his wife and children in Pittsburgh, PA. He has written and or painted story and concept art for Top Shelf Productions, Frenemy Studios, Boom!-Archaia and Jim Henson Studios working on titles such as: Labyrinth, Dark Crystal, Fraggles Rock and Storyteller.

Between writing, illustration and field-sketching, Jared is an avid teacher of observational painting from life. He regularly records full length demos for Patreon subscribers and sped up

traditional painting demos for his youtube channel, "Jared Loves to Draw."

From workshops to schools, Jared has taught in Pennsylvania and Virginia. He currently teaches plein air watercolor, portraiture, cartooning and gouache at Sweetwater Art Center in Sewickley, PA and is available for workshops. He is also available for commissions in both his traditional painting and storytelling styles.

His most recent work "Kodi" is a full length young adult graphic novel for Top Shelf Productions that was released in August 25, 2020.

<http://jaredcullum.com/>



## Membership Renewal Now Due

The West Hills Art League membership year runs September through May. During this time of COVID-19 the West Hills Art League still needs and greatly appreciates your support and continued membership. 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 2022 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 Township, PA 15108, or use our convenient PayPal link located on the Membership page of our website.

<http://www.westhillsartleague.com>



## September Artist Spotlight

# James Tobin

James Tobin is an award winning artist from Dormont who now resides in Beaver County, Pennsylvania. He works in digital (Adobe Creative Suite), photography, and with acrylic.

He has shown his art in galleries and businesses throughout Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia. He has been a featured artist at the Oglebay Institute Stifel Fine Arts Center and Pittsburgh Cultural Trust Art Crawl. In 2019 he had a very successful joint show with his wife Debra at Merrick Art Gallery and his artwork can also be found at Bottlebrush Gallery for the Arts in Harmony PA.

He is the Vice President of the Cranberry Artists Network and a member of the Pittsburgh Society of Artists, Beaver Valley Artists and North Hills Art Center

James is also an accomplished musician and co-owner of Tobin Studios in Ambridge, PA.

Art website: <https://jamestobinart.com/>

Music website: <https://jamestobinmusic.com>

Email: [jamestobin@yahoo.com](mailto:jamestobin@yahoo.com)





# WHAL August Challenge: Outside My Window



DONNA LESONDAK



GINA JUDY



DEBRA TOBIN



JAMES TOBIN



MARY DURANTI



MARY DURANTI



KIM FREITHALER



RITA WILSON



MARYANNE PLUMP



AUDRA ZAMPOGNA



HELENA VALENTINE



LYNDA KIRBY



**SOMETHING NEW**  
(ART MEDIUM OR SUBJECT MATTER  
THAT I NEVER TRIED BEFORE)



# Member News

**Gina Judy** just found out that she was accepted into the 120th Anniversary International Philadelphia Works on Paper Exhibition from juror John Salminen. 100 images were selected from 488 pieces submitted from across the US and 9 foreign-countries!

Gina was also accepted to the 120th Philadelphia WORKS ON PAPER Online exhibition, for Ohio Watercolor Society

and as a Signature-Member of the Kentucky Watercolor Society with an online exhibit this year on their site Sept. 8-Oct. 31.

Gina's art page link is <http://www.ginajudyfineart.com/ginajudy@comcast.net>

## WE WANT TO CELEBRATE YOU!

Let us know about shows you are participating in or what you are working on!

Send an email to [kirbycreativeservices@yahoo.com](mailto:kirbycreativeservices@yahoo.com) with your story to share in the next issue!

## PITTSBURGH AIRPORT AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

WHAL member artwork is currently on display at the Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce.

<https://www.paacc.com>

## NORTHLAND LIBRARY

WHAL member artwork is on display thru Sept 25th at the Northland Library which is open to the public.

**NOTE: Pickup will be 9 am to 12 noon on Monday, September 28th**

<https://www.northlandlibrary.org>.

HELLO!

*New Members!*

Please join us in welcoming the newest members of the West Hills Art League,  
**Neelam Dwivedi**  
and **Ashu Kumar!**

## A Talented Artist In The Making!

Can you guess who this lovely teenage girl is? **Gina Judy** recently re-discovered this self-portrait oil painting that she made in **HIGH SCHOOL**.

It was created as an independent study on her own while the teacher helped her rowdy classmates pour ceramic molds!

As a former art educator, she can now see all of her value-contrast mistakes. This was copied from a low-contrast school photograph that attempts to be flattering, but does NOT work well for feature-contrasts!



Thank you, Judy, for sharing this fun story and early example of your work!

## Making the Connection: Fashion & the Environment

On August 4th, our very own **Leah Shuck** of Sustainable Stitches recently participated as a panel participant at hosted by Pittsburgh's GASP (Group Against Smog and Pollution.).

In GASP's new series, "Making the Connection", they explored how fast fashion, food waste, planting trees, and cleaning our homes impacts air quality.

To see the recorded video, visit:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=th8j4z\\_6K3U](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=th8j4z_6K3U)

To view upcoming events or to get involved, visit:  
<https://gasp-pgh.org>



# Call for Artists

## Handmade Arcade VIRTUAL MARKETPLACE Running November 28 - December 6, 2020

We are excited to announce our brand new immersive, virtual marketplace designed to help crafters, makers, designers, and artists from Pittsburgh, Western PA, and the U.S. showcase and sell their products.

Strategically timed to run during Small Business Saturday and Cyber Monday, this event offers safe, engaging holiday shopping from home with features like interactive experiences and customized content, including hands-on demonstrations, behind-the-scenes studio tours.

Apply to be a vendor at Handmade Arcade Virtual Marketplace and crush your holiday sales! We'll help you every step of the way with press, advertising, free business resources, and more.

### Fees:

Application fee (non-refundable; no exceptions): \$15

Accepted Vendor Fee: \$150

<https://www.zapplication.org/event-info.php?ID=8663&fbclid=IwAR037TupnnVDMIN7JJhgnAJ24XJf44PqUUJ26ugbAKOUSHwrqeDSSp6Sxxz>

## Tuscarawas County Art Guild Fall Art Exhibit / Opening November 14th, 2020

Tuscarawas County Center for the Arts  
461 Robinson Dr. S.E. New Philadelphia 44663

The Tuscarawas County Art Guild is providing an opportunity for artists to participate in our 5th juried art show. Artists 18 years and older and any TCAG member may submit a maximum of three original works of art.

**Entry Date:** Friday, October 30th 2:00pm to 7:00pm  
Saturday, October 31st 9:00am to 3:00pm

**Opening Day:** Saturday November 14th 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Award Ceremony will be at 7:00pm

**Exhibit Hours:** Open Monday thru Friday (except Thanksgiving weekend) 10:00 am to 2:00pm, Saturdays 11:00am to 4:00pm.  
Closed Sundays

**Eligibility:** All Art Guild members and artists over 18 years old.

**Entry Fees:** Entry fee for TCAG members is \$20.00, \$25.00 non-members

**Awards:** Best of Show, Awards of excellence, Merit Awards, and Honorable Mention Awards – free TCAG membership. Number of awards will be determined by the number of entries received. Details to follow.

For rules, requirements and details, visit:  
<https://www.tuscarawascountyartguild.com/2020juriedshow>

## Sweetwater's Annual Holiday Mart: November 28th – December 19th

Sweetwater's annual Holiday Mart is a tradition in our community that we just can't skip this year! After much consideration we are planning to present Holiday Mart online in 2020. There will be some adjustments to our usual policies, so even if you are a returning artist, please read all the information for this year found on our website. We will also be preparing to create pop-up markets if the regulations at the time allow for in-person sales. (The status on the pop-up markets will not be decided on until late November.) The online sale will be three weeks long, from November 28th – December 19th.

### Important Dates:

Last Day to Apply: October 12

Online Sale Dates: November 28 - December 19

Virtual Preview Party: November 27

For details and to complete the form online:

[https://sweetwaterartcenter.org/call\\_for\\_artists/holiday-mart/](https://sweetwaterartcenter.org/call_for_artists/holiday-mart/)

**Holiday Mart 2020 will be limited to artisan made items in these 6 categories:**

- **Jewelry** (examples: earrings, rings, necklaces, bracelets, etc.)
- **Wearable Art** (examples: knitwear, crocheted and woven wear, other handmade clothing and accessories, etc.)
- **Ceramics** (examples: handmade mugs, bowls, cups, etc. All items must be created from raw clay by the artist, no cast slipware with artist designs or illustrations.)
- **Gifts for the Home** (examples: hostess gifts, candles, towels, cutting boards, aprons, non-holiday cards, etc.)
- **Holidays** (examples: ornaments, holiday cards, holiday décor and decorations, menorah, etc.)
- **Art** (paintings, prints, collage, 2D and 3D art works)

All artists must be juried in and apply through this call for artists page with photos of their work. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis and artists will be notified within 5 days of their submission. The last day to submit an application is October 12th.



# Call for Artists

## The North Hills Art Center Annual Members' Show

The North Hills Art Center is conducting a CALL FOR ENTRIES for the upcoming Annual Members' Show – Multi-Media \*\*Juried Art Exhibit.

Gallery open to view show in-person Sept 14 thru Oct 9 : Mon-Fri, 10am-3pm; Tues, 7pm-9pm. View virtually on NHAC website, Facebook and YouTube starting Sept. 14.

Juried awards and people's choice! Amateur and professional artists can submit their 2D & 3D work to the Art Center for the show. This art show is for North Hills Art Center members only; those who are not members can join now to be eligible for participation online at: <https://northhillsartcenter.org> or call the office at (412) 364-3622.

Entry fee \$10 per piece. Maximum 3 pieces.

Our Juror for this show is Pittsburgh artist Holly Pultz. Besides being a full-time art teacher for 30 years and Chair of the Art Department at Seneca Valley School District, Holly has pursued the thrill of watercolor painting, oil painting, sculpting, calligraphy, large wall mural painting & puppet making.

\*\*This is not a juried entry show. Artwork is juried for awards only. However, the Art Center retains the right to reject artwork that is deemed inappropriate.

The Members' Show drop off dates are: 8/31-9/4, 10am-3pm; 9/1, 7-9pm. The show ends 10/9 with pick up: 10/12-10/16, 10am-3pm; 10/13, 7pm-9pm.

For more info, visit: <https://northhillsartcenter.org/resources/Documents/Shows/MembersShowCall%202020.jpg>

## 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 [debratobin@gmail.com](mailto:debratobin@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.

## Butler Art Center - Fall Art Crawl

This call is open to all of Pennsylvania and bordering states, artists working in all 2D and 3D mediums who wish to show. All works will be displayed in local businesses that are on or near Main street, Downtown Butler.

\*Artists required to accompany, set up, and take down works in their assigned business.

### COST TO ENTER:

Submission of 3 Digital Hi-Res images along with a \$10.00 Non-Refundable fee BY September 1st. Once assigned a business, a fee of \$50.00 will be due. With this fee, you can enter as many pieces as you and the business owner deem acceptable.

\*Fees may be made by Check or Card

Please make sure the payment will arrive to the center no later than September 16th 2020.

Please DO NOT mail Cash! Card payments can be made @ <https://butlerartcenter.org>

## COME JOIN US!

Join us on Friday, October 9, 2020 from noon until 9:00 pm & Saturday, October 10, 2020 from noon until 5:00 pm for our Fall Art Crawl.

### PLAY BUSINESS BINGO!

Visit businesses in downtown Butler to view artwork by local artist on display in those businesses. You can shop and dine as well. Bring your FULLY STAMPED completed Business Bingo card to the Art Center to be entered into a prize drawing.

Come visit, dine out and SEE THE ART!

<https://butlerartcenter.org/index.html>

## "Nature and Wildlife" Juried Exhibit October 8- 24.

The Associated Artists of Butler County is hosting its annual "Nature and Wildlife" juried exhibit October 8- 24. Artists whose art falls within the theme of nature and wildlife may submit up to 10 artworks online for \$30.

Deadline: Midnight Sept 26. Artists will be notified of acceptance by September 30.

Application link: Nature and Wildlife Exhibit

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/ButlerArtCenter1/NatureAndWildlifeExhibit>

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