



# West Hills Art League

## NEWSLETTER

# MAR 2020

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**  
March 19, 2020, 7pm-9pm



## Bus Trip to Cleveland Museum of Art "Picasso and Paper" Show

Organized by West Hills Art League  
**Saturday, June 6, 2020**  
**SPACE IS LIMITED - SIGN UP TODAY!**

**Itinerary:**  
7:00am Meet at pickup area (TBD)  
7:30am Depart for Cleveland  
10:00am Arrive at Museum  
Picasso show by groups and Museum  
4:00pm Depart for Home  
6:30pm Arrival back at parking area

**Cost: \$50 per person** - includes bus ride on 54 passenger bus with WiFi and bathroom, Picasso discounted group rate ticket and fees. Please note: Lunch is NOT included in the cost. The museum has a cafe or you may pack a lunch.

**Please register online at [westhillsartleague.com](http://westhillsartleague.com)**  
**Go to Meeting tab > Exhibits/Events page**

Make checks payable to West Hills Art League and mail to:  
West Hills Art League, P.O. Box 633, Moon Township, PA 15108.  
For more information contact Debra Tobin at [debratobin@ymail.com](mailto:debratobin@ymail.com)

## March 19th Meeting Guest Feature: Patricia Young

Patricia Mae Young traces her love for art to when she was a small child living with her grandmother. Patty loved drawing murals on her bedroom walls, and her grandmother loved what she saw!

In lower school her artistic talents were soon well known to her teachers, who put her in charge of keeping the schoolrooms beautiful, and encouraged her in many other ways. With their support she took art classes at Carnegie-Mellon University while she was still in high school.

She knew that the life of a fine artist would be the only truly satisfying life, and that the path leading to such a life was long and difficult. She set forth by studying commercial art at the Art Institute of Pittsburgh. Freelancing for many years as an interior design illustrator, and taking fine art classes at night, she nurtured her natural talents, and strengthened her artistic spirit.

She then moved to Apple's Mill, a peaceful and quiet artist's dreamland nestled on a lake amongst the farms near Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Here she devoted all of her energies to painting --- and to gardening --- becoming the fine artist she had wished to be. Her pastels and watercolors were soon well known in the area, as were her abilities to clearly teach the principles of color theory and plein-air painting, and to individually tutor emerging artists.

During this time she lived for a year in Singapore, taking Chinese Brush painting from Mr. Tan Khim Ser, an internationally renowned

artist with training in both Eastern and Western art. She also lived in Mediterranean Europe, where the light and air profoundly infused her work with a dreamy ethereality.

Patricia has recently moved to Hidden Ridge, in an excitingly creative artistic community. Located on the rural edge of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the region has metamorphosed from the decaying steel town in which Patty was born and raised, into a thriving artistic and intellectual metropolis. Pittsburgh's vigorous art scene, Hidden Ridge's artistic creativity and community, and the proximity of family should multiply Patricia's artistic creativity.

<http://art.net/~patricia/WorldWideArtScapes/pmy/influences.html>



# March Artist Spotlight



## Leah Shuck

When Leah Shuck walks into a room, you might notice her oversized glasses, her chic bangs, and her easy smile. It's also likely that you'll notice her original style – especially if she is wearing one of her repurposed outfits. Leah has brought her creativity and energy to WHAL, jumping right in to volunteer to serve on the board as Secretary. Let's take a peek at what's behind the woman who is clicking away on her laptop at every month's meeting to provide us with the minutes.

Leah hails from Huntingdon, PA. She was first inspired to create art by her elementary art teacher who played Beatles music during class, wore Hawaiian shirts, and brought in Iguanas. Motivated by her early experiences, she continued to take art classes in high school. But when her high school art teacher said, "Do you have a Plan B?" Leah turned her direction towards business classes. Luckily, she created a business plan for an Art Therapy office, and her initial love for art was rekindled.

Leah attended Seton Hill University with the intention of obtaining a degree in art therapy. She took all the studio courses that she could fit into her schedule, with a focus on oil painting and printmaking. She soon realized that it was the making of art that stood out to her, and she switched to K-12 art education.

Upon earning her teaching certification, Leah landed a job as an art teacher for West Allegheny High School. She was thrilled to get a high school position, as she finds high school students both fun and challenging. "I like them," she says, "and no day is the same!"

Teaching art only scratches the surface of Leah's busy life. While teaching full time, Leah earned her Master's in Art Education at Carlow University. While there, she took a class on "Creativity" which motivated her to examine re-using items to create art. Her interest in repurposing was further enhanced by a workshop on altered books that she took at Contemporary Crafts, where she realized that she could "do things with those little things and scraps I've saved." With an inclination to create using mixed media, Leah worked on altered books for a few years – taking old books and creating art pieces out of them. With a full-time teaching job keeping her from being able to invest the time into larger works of fine art, this gave her the opportunity to experiment in mixed media on a smaller scale. From

there she moved into upcycled and recycled "stuff," and subsequently launched her website, [sustainablestitches.earth](https://sustainablestitches.earth) in spring of 2018. Leah's focus has been on recycling and repurposing items and clothing. This art educator has taken creativity to a new level.

After living briefly in Coraopolis and Ben Avon, Leah bought a house in Carnegie, where she has resided with her dog, Xander, an eight-year-old pitbull, for the last four years. She has set up a studio in the basement with a drafting table and separate areas for sewing, and she continues to explore fiber arts and creating new clothing out of old clothing. When she's not making art, she likes to read, walk Xander, or cuddle on the couch with him and watch Gilmore Girls repeats.

Between her job, her projects, serving as the PA Art Education Association Representative, and volunteering as the West Hills Art League Secretary, Leah still makes time to attend workshops to "keep the ideas flowing." She has also started Second Saturday Maker Meetings, a time and space for people to get together and make art. Whether it's in a workshop or in the classroom, Leah says, "I want everyone to have the opportunity to be as excited about art as I am!"

<https://sustainablestitches.earth>





# Call For Artists

## **The Merrick Masters 2020 Biennial Juried Show**

We invite you to hang your masterpiece with ours! May 31, 2020 through July 17, 2020  
The Merrick Art Gallery, 1100 5th Avenue, New Brighton, PA 15066. \$3000 in prizes! Payments must be received before Friday February 28, 2020 for your work to be submitted to the juror. Make Checks payable to Merrick Art Gallery Associates (M.A.G.A.).  
Deadline: Email Submissions: [MerrickMastersArtShow@gmail.com](mailto:MerrickMastersArtShow@gmail.com) before Sunday March 1, 2020  
[https://northhillsartcenter.org/resources/Documents/Shows/Merrick\\_Prospectus%202020%20PDF.pdf](https://northhillsartcenter.org/resources/Documents/Shows/Merrick_Prospectus%202020%20PDF.pdf)

## **Art for Animals**

The North Hills Art Center Art for Animals Art Show is a juried animal themed show open to both professional & amateur artists, ages teen-adult. All 2D and 3D art media may be entered as long as the artwork has an animal/animals as the primary subject. The artist may enter up to three pieces at \$10 per piece/donation entry. Attach one of the tags below to each entry. Only recent work that has not been in a previous show at the North Hills Art Center may be submitted. Artists will be notified at drop off of any unaccepted entries. Each piece must be ready for display or hang-ing with picture wire. 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. Deadline for drop off: March 2 – March 6, 10:00am -3:00pm and March 3, 7:00pm -9:00pm  
[https://northhillsartcenter.org/resources/Documents/Shows/Art%20for%20Animals\\_call\\_2020.pdf](https://northhillsartcenter.org/resources/Documents/Shows/Art%20for%20Animals_call_2020.pdf)

## **WHAL Northland Library Show - Two Drop-Off Options**

The Northland Library has invited West Hills Art league members to display their artwork in the main library again this year from March through May. Artwork may be dropped off 10am-12noon on Friday, March 6 at Northland Public Library, 300 Cumberland Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15237 or at Tobin Studios 1234 Merchant Street, Ambridge, PA 15003 on Wednesday, March 4 from 5:30-7:30pm. Please contact Debbie Tobin at [debratobin@ymail.com](mailto:debratobin@ymail.com) if you have questions or need to make other arrangements.

## **Erie Art Museum Nicole & Harry Martin Spring Show**

In its 96th year, the Nicole & Harry Martin Spring Show at the Erie Art Museum is open to artists who live or work within 250 miles of the city of Erie, the jury process takes place in-person, in the Museum's galleries. The Erie Art Museum is pleased to partner once again with the Art Department of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania to bring exhibition juror, Arthur Ganson to Erie. Submission deadline March 1, 2020  
<https://erieartmuseum.org/prospectus2020/>

## **Westmoreland Art Nationals Juried Fine Art and Photography Exhibition**

Two locations May 18 - June 5 Westmoreland County Community College and July 4 - Sunday, July 7 onsite at the Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival. Deadline March 3, 2020.  
<https://artsandheritage.com/the-arts/art-nationals/>

## **Art Association of Harrisburg 92nd Annual International Juried Exhibition**

May 15th – June 18th, 2020 Now accepting submissions through April 2, 2020 from AAH members and non-members. All media welcome!  
Juror: Joel Daniel Phillips  
<https://www.artassocofhbg.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/92nd-Annual-International-Juried-Exhibition.pdf>

## **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 May 7-June 27, 2020. 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. A nonrefundable \$25 entry fee entitles each artist to submit up to three entries. Deadline for entries is April 4, 2020. Full Prospectus and Registration can be found at <https://online.com/stifel/crosscurrents/>

## **Moon Garden Club/West Hills Art League Summer Event**

The Moon Garden Club has invited the West Hills Art league members to join them for a new event they are planning for this summer. This event will take the place of their annual garden tour and will be held in the Herb Garden at Robin Hill. They are still in the initial planning stage but the evening will include Wine Tasting, "Farm to Table" appetizers made by Garden Club members and music provided by James Tobin. Artists are welcome to paint plein-air and also sell or display their art. There will be no fee or commission charged to the artists but admission will be charged to the public to attend. Please contact Debra Tobin at [debratobin@ymail.com](mailto:debratobin@ymail.com) if you are interested in participating. Tentative event date of Thursday, July 16th at 7-9pm.

## **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. Deadline: Saturday, June 13, 2020 • Receipt of all Entries and Fees  
<https://secureservercdn.net/166.62.110.232/s83.e88.myftpupload.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/84th-Midyear-Entry-Form.pdf>



# Member and Local Art News

**The Cranberry Artists Network Spring Show 20/20 Vision** will be on display at the Cranberry Township Municipal Building from February 20 - March 26, 2020.  
<https://www.cranberryartistsnetwork.com/>

**North Hills Art Center -Renegade Mixed Media Enthusiasts:**

Every Wednesday 10am-1pm. Bring in supplies to share. \$5 drop in fee. Looking to build the group - put in requests with the instructor: Chris Fondi. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1030688530606736/>

**In A New Light: American Impressionism 1870-1940**

Explores Impressionism's French roots and its reinterpretation of American landscape painting. The works by a diverse group of more than 75 artists trace not only the development of Impressionism in the United States but also the emergence of a truly American style of painting. January 18 - April 12, 2020. The Butler Institute of American Art, 525 Wick Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio 44502.  
<https://butlerart.com/art/in-a-new-light-american-impressionism-1870-1940/>

**At the Phipps Conservatory**, enjoy some sketching or photography and get away from winter at the Orchid and Tropical Bonsai Show: Out of This World. At this all-new show, guests will enjoy hundreds of star-shaped and otherworldly orchids, plus a "cosmic collection" of tropical bonsai. January 18 - March 8. Hours are 9:30 AM - 5 PM daily and until 10 PM on Fridays. <https://www.phipps.conservatory.org/calendar/detail/orchid-and-tropical-bonsai-show>

**Gilberti Fine Art Studios Classes:**

- Doug Brown -Realistic Watercolor Class Start Date: 3/5/2020
- Dianne Bauman -Oil Painting Start Date: 3/26/2020
- Cindy Gilberti -Expressionistic Watercolor Start Date: 3/30/2020  
<http://gilbertifineart.com>

**Gina Judy** was invited as one of 13 artists to show in the STIFEL FINE ART CENTER's exhibit, "Presence: An Exploration of Aging Through Art" which opens Thursday March 5, 6:30-8:30 PM, 1330 National Road, Wheeling, and run through April 25. She also has three works in Wheeling's February ARTWORKS AROUND TOWN exhibit in "We'll Show Them: Those Who Teach CAN." Through March 14, her work will continue in the OH + 5 (Ohio-Plus-Five) six-state biennial all-media regional juried exhibit of contemporary art at THE DAIRY BARN ARTS CENTER in Athens, Ohio. Three-jurors juried the 375 entered-works, of which 16% were accepted. She is also participating in the North Hills Art Center's "Touch of Blue" with three-pieces on exhibit, and had a piece accepted into the Spokane (WA) Watercolor Society National Open exhibit. Look for it on the Spokane Watercolor Society Website from April 3-27, 2020.

**For Sale, C&H Super Deluxe Mat Cutter** Model CHN 4060A. It is used, but in good shape. If interested contact Walt Gorr at 412-262-5618.

**Diane Bauman** will have work in the 2020 Hoyt Regional Juried Art Exhibition". Tyler Cann, Director of Columbus Contemporary Art

Museum juror this year said he was delighted to see such diversity and high quality works from artists in this region. Out of the 523 works submitted by 171 artists, 60 were selected. Public Reception which has been scheduled for Saturday, April 4th, from 2-4 pm. At approximately 3:00pm during the reception, award winners will be announced. The exhibit will be on display March 31 - June 11, 2020.

**James and Debra Tobin** will have art on display at the Cranberry Artist Network 20/20 Vision Show through March 27 at the Cranberry Municipal Complex and at the North Hills Art Center Art for Animals Show March 16 through April 3 with opening reception March 14, 7-9pm.

**Second Saturday Maker Meet-up with Leah Shuck**

Mark your calendars and plan to join West Hills Art League's Leah Shuck Saturday, March 14 from 1-3pm at Gilberti Fine Art Studio and Gallery 1039 Fifth Avenue in Coraopolis PA. Feel free to bring whatever you are currently working on... embroidery, watercolor, art journaling, sketching, bulletin journaling, stamping, mixed media, scrap booking, felting... whatever! You may also bring materials to share if you want! All are welcome!

**Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce (PAACC)**

Show Renewal/Call to Artists.  
Take down/drop off date: April 3rd from 9am-1pm, June 12. 9am-NOON, 850 Beaver Grade Rd Suite 101, Moon, PA 15108

**Artwalk Cory - Saturday, April 4 - Noon-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.

**Earth Day 2020 at Robin Hill Park - Sunday, April 19 - 1-3pm**

Amy M. Ottaviani, Community Engagement Director, Township of Moon has invited the West Hills Art League to participate in their Earth Day 2020 celebration. Artists are invited to set up and paint plein aire around the grounds during the celebration. Artists are also welcome to set up and sell their paintings. (The event is Rain or Shine and tents are not provided so please plan accordingly).

**West Hills Art League Annual Show - May 10, 2020**

Our annual art exhibit is open to all active members whose membership dues are paid in full. Each member is limited to two pieces of artwork unless otherwise stated. All mediums are accepted. Drop off date: Friday, May 1, 2020, 9am-NOON, Robin Hill Mansion - 949 Thorn Run Rd, Coraopolis, PA 15108. Our annual art exhibit is open to all active members whose membership dues are paid in full. Each member is limited to two pieces of artwork unless otherwise stated. All mediums are accepted. Drop off date: Friday, May 1, 2020, 9am-NOON, Robin Hill Mansion - 949 Thorn Run Rd, Coraopolis, PA 15108

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