

# WHAL January 2021

Thursday, January 21, 2021 6:41 PM

Business meeting 7:01pm-7:25pm

Members present: 20

## **Board Reports**

- **Treasurer's Report (Audra Zampogna)**
  - Balance \$4,399.01
- **Membership Report/Renewal (Helena Valentine)**
  - 33 paid members
- **Programs Report (Kim Freithaler)**
  - Next month's presenter is James Sulkowski <http://www.jamessulkowskifineart.com/>
    - James Sulkowski received his education from the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Art, Carnegie Mellon University, and - most notably - the Art Students League of New York with Frank Mason and Robert Beverly Hale. His timeless works have been displayed in the White House, the Metropolitan Opera House in New York City, and historical museums abroad. Since first offering classes in 1981, he has instructed hundreds of students - first at his studio, then at the university level and workshops across the country.
    - James has authored articles for numerous publications, including American Artist, American Art Review, and US Art. His first full-length book, Mastering Oil Painting, was published by Walter Foster in 2013. For eleven seasons, he hosted the instructional show Let's Paint on public access television. His art instruction dvds art and art video downloads have been collected worldwide .
    - His original oil portraits , commissioned murals and other work has been collected worldwide and is in public and private collections including President and Mrs. George H.W. Bush, The Metropolitan Opera of New York, The Abdul Azziz Museum in Jedda, Saudi Arabia, The Hotel Lafayette in Nemacolin Woodlands Resort, Carnegie-Mellon University and countless others.
    - For those interested in original oil paintings , commissioned portraits , florals , landscapes , still life or a special project please email us or call us . Art workshops conducted nationally and in the Pittsburgh area as well as art video downloads , art instruction dvds and art instruction books are all available . James' classical art approach has garnered many awards throughout the years and he shares his knowledge with those who attend his art workshops in Houston,Pa.
    - James lives in Pittsburgh with his wife, Sherri, and their adopted beagles, Opal and Molly.
  - Discussion around May art show:
    - Still looking for a judge.
    - Debbie has spoken with Robin Hill and we are looking at another virtual art show.
      - Lance asked about submitting more pieces than 2 since it will be digital again - yes.
- **Publicity / Communications Report (Lynda Kirby)**
  - Kelly Bush will be the next featured artist in the newsletter but Lynda & Debbie are always seeking out people to volunteer.
- **Social Media/Multimedia Report (Jim Tobin/Cindy Gilberti)**
  - Check our Youtube channel for videos of our presentations.

- Follow us on Facebook and Instagram! west hills art league @westhillsartleague

## **Member News / Call for Artists / Show and Class Announcements (Debbie Tobin)**

### **Challenge Reminder and Next WHAL Art Show & Share**

- JANUARY 2020 CHALLENGE: DRAW OR PAINT A FIGURE IN MOTION
  - \*EMAIL TO [KIRBYCREATIVESERVICES@YAHOO.COM](mailto:KIRBYCREATIVESERVICES@YAHOO.COM) BY JAN. 31\*
  - Create a portrait of a person or persons in motion. Examples could be someone playing sports, people dancing, or children running and playing. Your choice of medium.
- Next WHAL Virtual Show And Share Tuesday, Feb. 2nd @ 7:30pm
  - Are you seeking inspiration for your next project? Have you ever admired a fellow member's work? Just need a little encouragement? Let's collaborate!
  - All WHAL members are invited to participate in our monthly WHAL Art Show and Share.
  - Plan to join our new monthly Zoom call 2 weeks after our regular member meetings. This is simply an informal chat session where members can show recent completed pieces or works-in-progress.
  - There will be opportunities for you to ask questions about someone's process and materials, or you could ask for input on something you are working on, or even just log in to get inspired.
  - It's a great opportunity to connect, collaborate or mentor.

### **Member News**

- Leah Shuck is hosting a virtual tour of the Brandywine River Art Museum's collection & faux alcohol ink workshop on February 9th. [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/alcohol-inks-at-home-with-the-brandywine-river-museum-of-art-tickets-136840380261?fbclid=IwAR1m\\_ytuW-W6BEHYgdeq0crnT0JkpijAudQDthQoUdC5KZOLrlyyRqKR3M](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/alcohol-inks-at-home-with-the-brandywine-river-museum-of-art-tickets-136840380261?fbclid=IwAR1m_ytuW-W6BEHYgdeq0crnT0JkpijAudQDthQoUdC5KZOLrlyyRqKR3M)

### **Upcoming Call for Artists**

- The Erie Art Museum's 98th annual Nicole & Harry Martin Spring Show is moving up this year. We're excited to kick off 2021 with the Spring Show. Registration and submission opens this week and must be completed before January 24, 2021. The juror will select the works on February 10, 2021 with the show opening in mid-March.
  - With the success of last year's digital submission, we are continuing it again this year. Each artist may submit up to three works. Museum members pay \$20 for the first submission and \$10 for any additional entries; non-members pay \$30 for the first submission and \$20 for any additional entries.
  - We look forward to announcing the Juror soon, until then, check out the prospectus, register and submit!
  - Not a member? First-time Memberships start at \$15 and include benefits such as free admission to the Museum, invitation to Members-Only events, our Quarterly magazine, and more. We also have monthly membership plans starting at \$2.25 per month. Members entering three works save \$30 on entry fees. Become a member today and save!
- Hoyt Regional 2021: Artists are invited to submit electronic entries for the 48th Hoyt Regional Juried Exhibition.
  - Elaine A. King, freelance curator and art critic, will select works and award winners for the exhibition.
  - DATES TO REMEMBER
    - \* Deadline for Entries: 2/6/21
    - \* Notification of Acceptance: 3/15/21
    - \* Delivery of accepted works: By 4/3/21
    - \* Exhibition Dates: April 13-June 24, 2021
- <https://hoytartcenter.org/hoyt-regional-juriedexhibition/>
- Westmoreland Art Nationals Juried Fine Art & Photography Exhibit: Deadline March 5

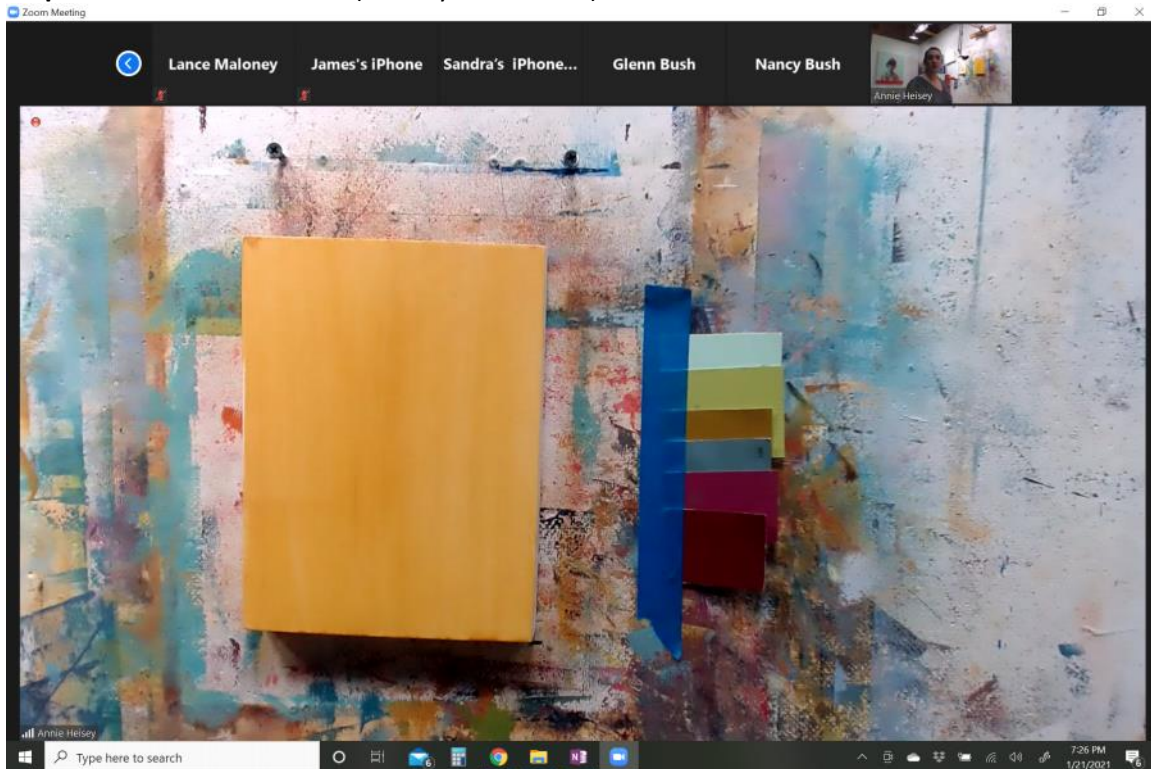
- Now Accepting Entries for 2021 Westmoreland Art Nationals
- Every year, the Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival holds the Westmoreland Art Nationals, a juried fine art and photography competition, featuring art from all around the country. Artists are permitted to enter as many pieces as they'd like 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.
- 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.
- <https://artsandheritage.com/the-arts/art-nationals/>
- North Hills Art Center Where Love Dwells exhibit
  - \*THEMED SHOW: Each entry MUST incorporate your idea of 'home' somewhere in the piece.
  - Benefiting Hello Neighbor
  - Juror for this show is William Pfahl
  - Awards Announced & Virtual Viewing February 6
  - Gallery viewing February 8-February 26
  - Art Delivery Dates: January 25 – January 29, 10am - 3pm & January 26, 7:00pm - 9:00pm
- Audra has inquired about the PAACC show. We are currently waiting to hang new work there again.
- Audra brought up a plein air painting event at the botanical gardens and inquiring as to whether or not they had a space to display as well.

### **Demonstration by Annie Heisey - Introduction by Kim Freithaler**

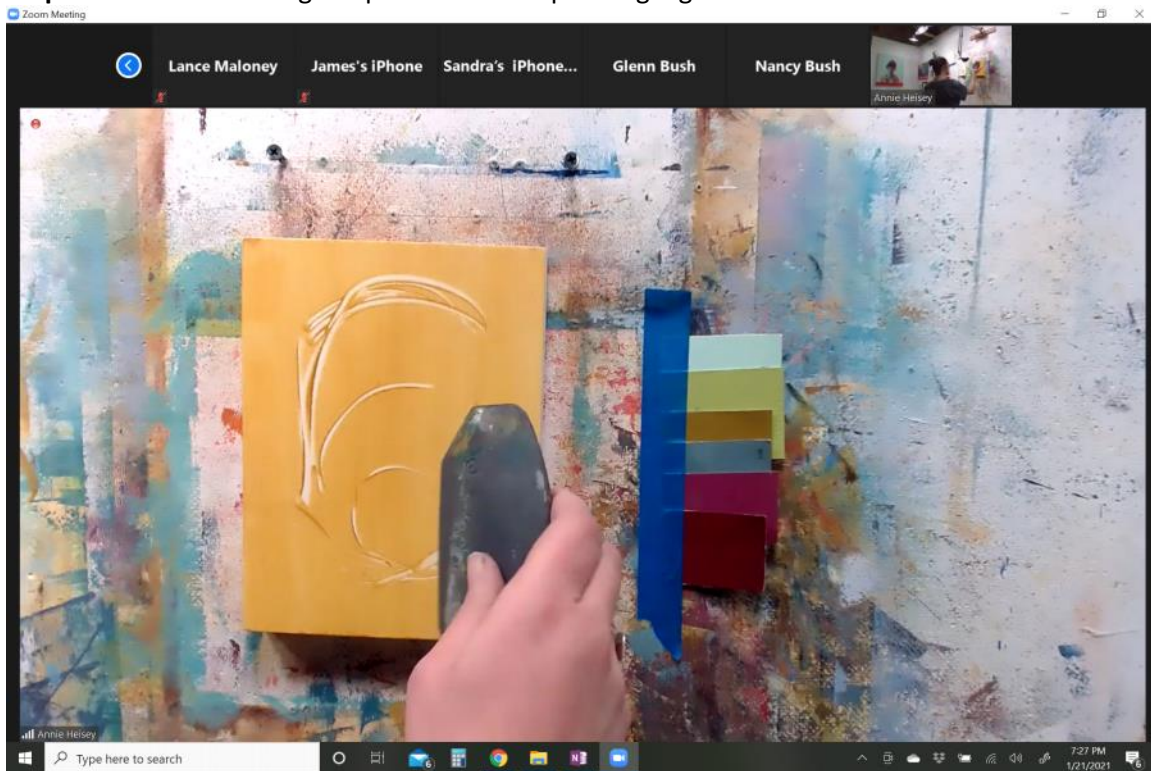
Annie Heisey is an artist and educator living and working in her native city of Pittsburgh, PA. Best known for her paintings of beautifully rendered figures in abstracted or impossible environments, Heisey's work aims to disrupt the viewer's experience of a painting as a simulation of the physical world.

Since receiving her MFA from Boston University in 2007, Heisey's work has been exhibited nationally in galleries and institutions which include the Boston Center for the Arts, Site: Brooklyn Gallery in Brooklyn, NY, and the Carnegie Museum of Art in Pittsburgh, PA. Her awards include the Junior Artist Residency at the Oregon College of Art and Craft in Portland, OR, a nomination for the Portland Art Museum's NW Contemporary Art Award, and the 2019 Festival Award at the Three Rivers Arts Festival. Her work has been included in several catalogs and publications including the Boston Globe. She is represented locally by BoxHeart Gallery.

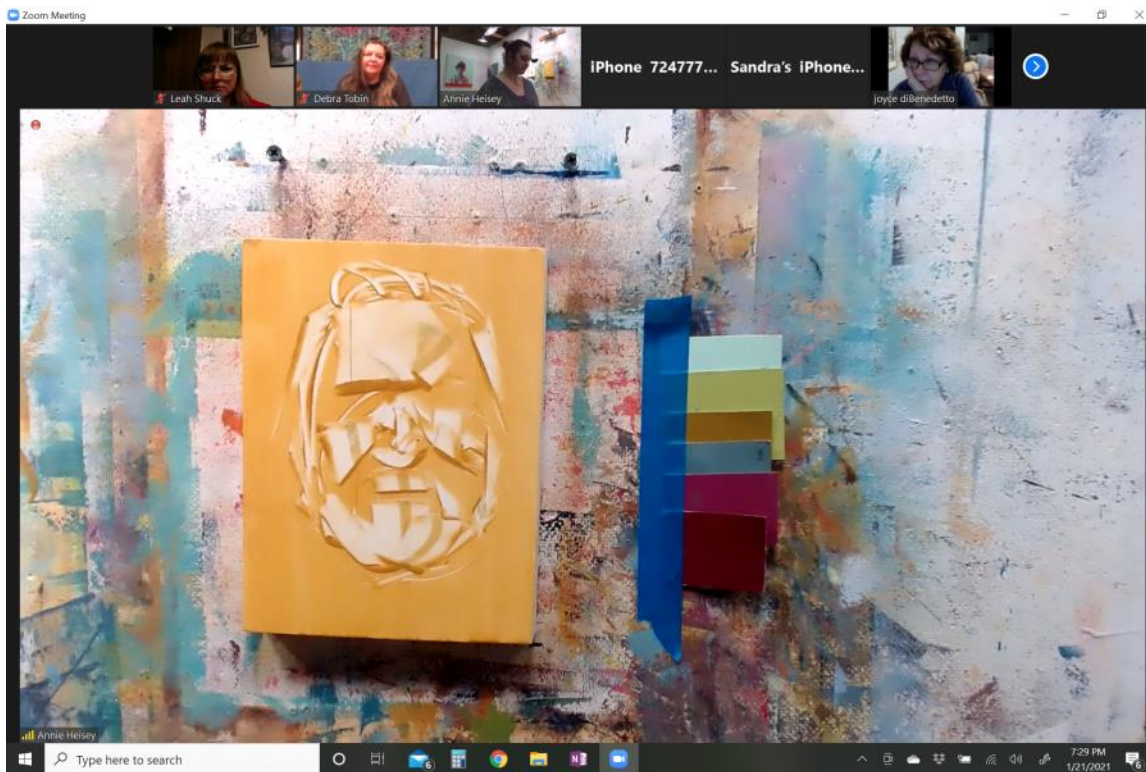
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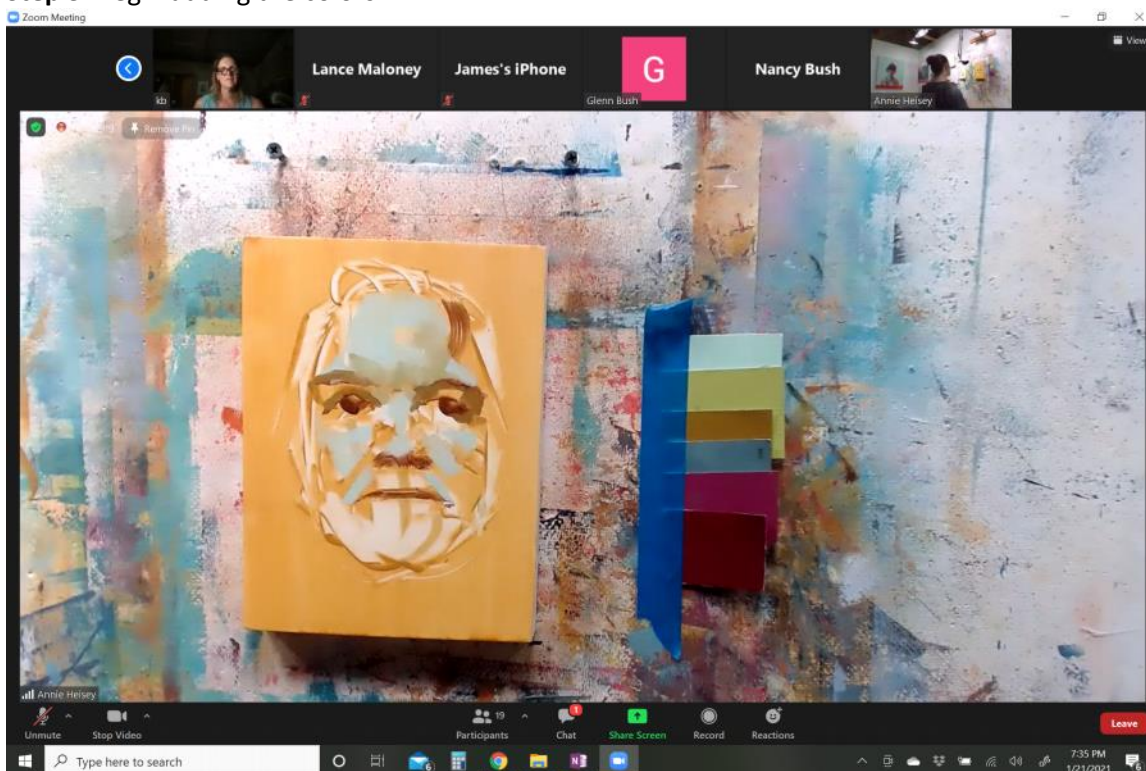
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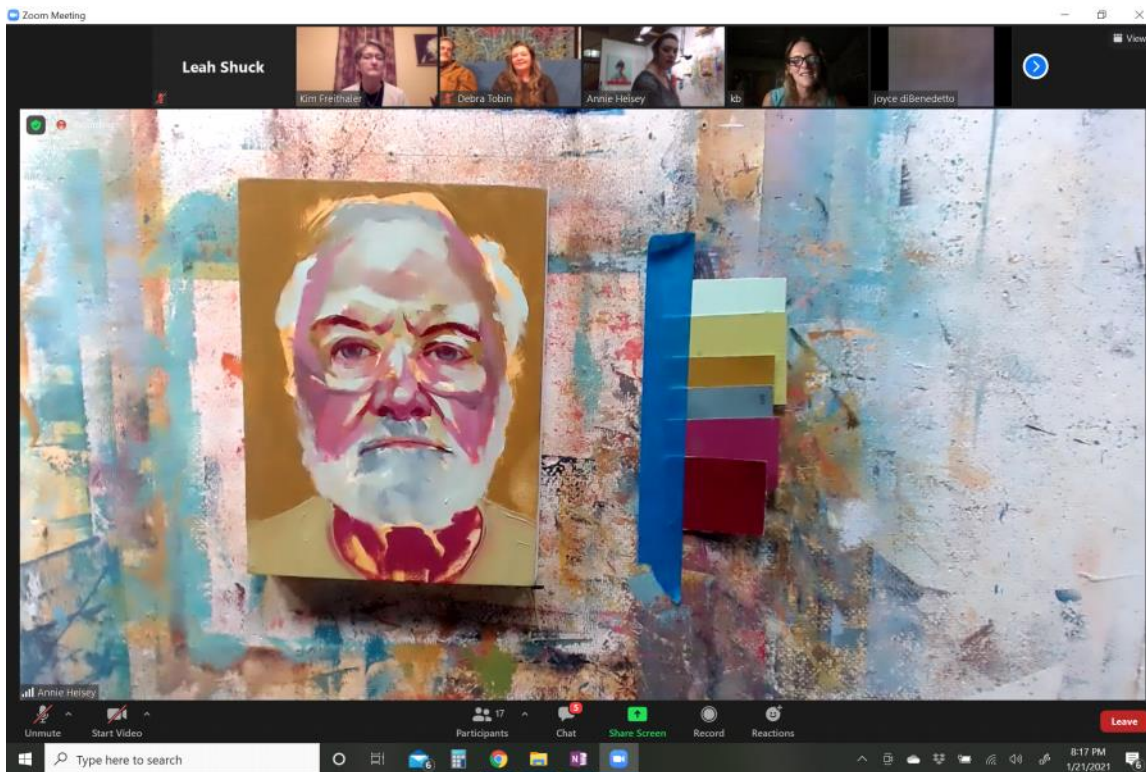




**Step 3:** Begin adding the colors.



**Step 4:** Continue adding colors. She is currently using Princeton Summit synthetic brushes with a straight edge.



To see more progress photos, check out the step by step document.

Meeting adjourned 8:39pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Leah Shuck