

WHAL March 2021

Thursday, March 18, 2021 6:52 PM

Business meeting 7:01-7:15pm

Members present 14

Board Reports

- **Treasurer's Report (Audra Zampogna)**
 - Current balance \$4,279.80
- **Membership Report (Helena Valentine not present)**
 - 43 current members
- **Programs Report/ (Kim Freithaler)**
- **Publicity / Communications Report (Lynda Kirby not present)** March Challenge Reminder. Please email your artwork created to your favorite poem along with any newsletter info by March 31 to Lynda Kirby at kirbycreativeservices@yahoo.com.
- **Social Media/Multimedia Report (Cindy Gilberti, Jim Tobin)**
 - Last month's demonstration by James Sulkowski on our YouTube channel has over 140 views!

Member News (Debbie Tobin)

- Gina Judy WATERWORKS 2021 Pittsburgh Watercolor Society Member show at the NORTH HILLS ART CENTER
 - Gina Judy, with "Nursing-Home Series II", shown above her, at the Ohio Watercolor Society 2020 show now being shown through March 30 at the Marathon Center Art Gallery in Findlay, Ohio. Judy's "Ballet Series VI" will also be on display as one of 60 pieces out of 258 entries juried into the 128th Annual Juried Exhibition held by the Woman's Art Club of Cincinnati, at their Cultural Center "The Barn" 6980 Cambridge Ave., Mariemont, OH 45227 from April 6-25. Also, Judy was selected recently for a cash prize third-place in Philadelphia's Watercolor Society member show out of 220 online-exhibited pieces, for "Dreamscape", and for the cash-award and Bea Kott Memorial Award Ribbon (2nd Place) in the Northstar (Minnesota) Watermedia Society's online-member show for "Ballet Series IV". Jurors Sylvia Benson and Sue Vanelli, wrote: "Very interesting color palette. This painting tells a story that causes the viewer to feel what is depicted. The ballerinas have a calm demeanor against the bold patterning in the background. The figures are graceful in the way they are sitting as in a ballet stance consistent with the artist's intent. The painting keeps the viewer entertained with its unique complexity of composition. Excellent, brush work, especially the gown on the right. This painting stands out in a crowd and dares to be different."
 - She is also excited to be included in the Women's Art Club of Cincinnati 128th Annual Juried Show; of which I'm also a member!60 selected from 258...selected piece below!
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Call for Artists / Show and Class Announcements (Debbie Tobin)

- **Virtual West Hills Art League Annual Show - May 2021**
 - This year's annual art exhibit will be presented virtually with images of all artwork compiled into a video presentation which will be posted on our website, Facebook

- page and YouTube channel.
- Our Judge, Diane Pontoriero, will review the digital images and select the award winners. We will announce the winners on Sunday, May 10 during an online presentation. Our judge will offer insights into their selections with a recorded presentation during our May meeting.
 - No entry fee - the fee will be waived this year.
 - All submissions must have been completed within the past two years, not exhibited in a prior WHAL Art Show and not completed in a workshop or under instruction.
 - The show is open to all active members whose membership dues are paid in full. Each member is limited to three pieces of artwork. All mediums are accepted. Original artwork only. No giclees. No diptychs or triptychs.
 - Digital registration/art email deadline date: 11:59pm Friday, April 30, 2021.
 - Please email submissions to westhillsartists@gmail.com by 11:59pm Friday, April 30, 2021.
 - Digital requirements for emailed images are a jpeg format. *Image file size is limited to 2.0 MB or less.
 - Each image should be labeled as: Artist's last name, title of piece, year created, and medium: (LastName.Title.Year.Medium.jpeg)Example: Smith.Flowers in a Vase.2020.oils.jpeg
 - Also, IN THIS SAME EMAIL, please include the title, size in inches and price of each piece.
 - Each artist will receive notification that their submissions have been received.
 - *Note: Artwork that does not meet the above criteria will be disqualified.*
 - Information on this year's judge, Diane Pontoriero
 - Diane Pontoriero has been creating and teaching art for over 50 years. She knew at an early age that creating art was what she wanted and needed to do. She was able to help her high school art teacher teach art classes to the middle school classes showing the importance of art education. Her artwork is inspired by nature and she enjoys painting landscapes especially local nature reserves like Beechwood Farms. Diane works in a variety of media: oil, acrylic, watercolors, pastels, fiber arts, and ceramics and has been fortunate to be able to teach art to all ages, from 4 to 94 years old. She has taught elementary and middle school art locally and has been teaching art at the North Hills Art Center for many years. She is currently the pottery studio supervisor and President of the Board of Directors at the North Hills Art Center.
 - Latrobe Art Center Annual Open Art Show: Deadline May 3
 - This exhibition will be on display at the Latrobe Art Center, 819 Ligonier St., Latrobe, PA, and online at LatrobeArtCenter.org Thursday, May 6 - Saturday, June 5, 2021. A Reception will take place on Thursday, May 13, 2021 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 p.m. at the Latrobe Art Center. Awards will be presented at 7:00 p.m. and will be livestreamed via YouTube and Facebook.
 - Artwork can be dropped off at the Latrobe Art Center on Saturday, May 1 and Monday, May 3, 2021 between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.
 - Categories for entry are as follows:
 - 1. Open Division—original work and composition by an established artist
 - 2. Amateur Artist Division—an artist with little experience and who has not won any previous prizes in our annual show
 - 3. College Artist Division—any artist ages 18-21 who are currently enrolled in college (current student ID proof required).
 - 4. Junior Artist Division—any artist ages 14-17.
 - 5. Young Artist Division—any artist ages 3-13.

- <https://www.latrobeartcenter.org/2021-open-show-prospectus>
- North Hills Art Center's INSPIRED BY NATURE Show Highlighting Beechwood Farms
 - Open to all, each piece must fit the theme: Inspired by Nature
 - Drop Off 4/5-9, M-F 10am-3pm, plus Tues 4/6 Night 7-9pm.
 - Judge is James Sulkowski.
 - Virtual show live at 6pm Sat. 4/17.
 - In gallery show 4/19-5/14.
 - https://northhillsartcenter.org/resources/Pictures/Shows/Call%20For%20Entries_regional.jpg
- Butler Art Center "Art Is..." Exhibit, April 16- May 15. Opening Receptions April 17, 2021
 - What is art to you? How do you create? If art comes from within, what do you express? The "Art is..." exhibit will showcase the talents of all media and genres.
 - Entry fee: \$20 for up to 3 entries
 - Categories:
 - Painting: oil, acrylic, watercolor, mixed media, digital painting
 - Works on Paper: drawings. pastel, mixed media on paper
 - Photography: black and white and color
 - Sculpture: carved or constructed three dimensional artworks.
 - Category Awards: A minimum of 10 pieces must be entered in a category for awards to be given.
 - An individual may submit up to 3 artworks. Deadline to apply is 6pm April 3, 2020.
 - Image requirements: clear digital images showing only the artwork. Please crop out any distracting background.
 - Gallery specifications: All 2D work must be ready to hang with wire or saw tooth hanger securely affixed to the frame. Artwork not prepared with the above stated hanging hardware will be rejected.
 - 3 dimensional work must be display ready and level.
 - The AABC retains the right to use photographs of entries in promotional materials.
 - Delivery of artwork: Accepted artwork should be delivered to the Art Center by April 10, 2021.
 - Artwork pick up dates: May 15 10am-4pm
 - May 19-22, 12- 5pm
 - Opening Receptions, April 17,2021
 - Coffee & Art, 10am- 12pm
 - Art & Music 7-9pm
- <https://www.cognitofrms.com/ButlerArtCenter1/ArtIs>

Demonstration by Elizabeth Myers Castonguay, MFA

Creation Art Studio

Elizabeth plans to discuss her current body of work entitled 'Tapestry of Nature' part of her Endangered body of work. She has been working with acrylics and will share some tips on painting with acrylics. How to keep them for a longer period of time. The beauty of acrylic drying quickly on the canvas. Are Acrylics archival? How long does it take an acrylic painting to dry in comparison to the an oil - seems obvious but new things have been learned. What kind of paints to buy? Brushes? What is the Masterson Stay-wet Box. She will give some pointers for drawing from the human figure which applies to everything in nature. She has taught figure drawing for many years to all ages including Pre-College, College, Graduates, and Adults. What she has found to be the most effective way to try to be accepted into art organizations. Focus on a body of work not the breadth of work. She has membership in the following Juried Associations: Salmagundi Art Club (NYC), Ceres Gallery (NYC), Associated Artists of Pittsburgh, PA

Elizabeth is also offering Zoom Life Drawing and Zoom 2-D 8 weeks long and she has one or two spots left.

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Meeting adjourned 8:37pm

Respectfully submitted by Leah Shuck