



West Hills Art League

To promote individual growth of the members and public appreciation of the arts.

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Demonstrator Corner

Look Who's Coming!

The WHAL guest speaker for the Thursday, September 18, 2008 meeting will be Chuck Percherke. Chuck is from Somerset, PA and grew up having a strong passion for drawing and painting. He moved to Pittsburgh and graduated from the Ivy School of Professional Art. Chuck has worked as an industrial display designer and record album designer before opening his own studio in downtown Pittsburgh. He has also held a position as an instructor in the art department at the South Campus of Community College. His diversification in the art field has also expanded to working with several local recording studios that produce music CD's and he is also involved in web design with his brother's computer business in Somerset, PA.

Chuck has served as Vice President and President of the Somerset County Artists Association. He is active as a member of two plein air art groups, enjoys giving and taking various painting workshops, and has juried various art shows. One of Chucks most memorable experiences has been to study in Lucca, Italy with John Del Monte and he has accompanied him this summer for a month of living and painting in Italy.

It's Promotion, Promotion

As you can see from his background, Chuck Percherke has a great deal of experience and insight to offer. In his demonstration he will be going over the questions you should be asking yourself before you start planning your art show. Some of the subjects he will be covering include:

How do I promote myself and the art that I have completed? Can I do it for little or no cost? Making the most of putting on an art show either as an individual or as a group.

With all of the electronic and digital ways to capture and promote your art, it is a great time to be an artist. Come and learn how to take advantage of all the resources available today that help you to promote your art work. 📌

WHAL Meeting Reminder

WHAL meetings are held the third Thursday of every month during the membership year, with the exception of the summer months of June, July & August when many of our members are traveling and December when our holiday party replaces the monthly meeting.

📌 Time: 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

📌 Location: Community Center @ Sharon Community Presbyterian Church
522 Carnot Road, Moon Township, PA 15108

Board Meeting

A meeting of the WHAL Board was held at Elene Page's house in August. At the meeting Kim Iyer agreed to stay on as president for this year. This gives the league some time to find a replacement. We encourage WHAL members to consider contributing back to the organization by volunteering to serve as a board member. The league can not exist without its members contributing their services. Kim has generously agreed to mentor anyone interested in the position and "take them under her wing" for the year to facilitate and easier transition.

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It was suggested and agreed upon at the Board meeting to establish the deadline of the 1st of every month for newsletter submissions. This will allow time to get the newsletter out to the homes, as well as uploaded to our website at least one week prior to our meeting date so our members can make plans accordingly.

Member Exhibitions

Exhibit 2008!

An exhibition of paintings by **Ray Zielinski**, **Bruce Shakely** and **Carol Volz Begley** will open at the Merrick Art Gallery, New Brighton, PA this Sunday, September 14, 2008, 1 to 4 PM. The exhibit continues through October 5th. Hours are Sundays, 1 to 4, Tues. - Sat.: 10 - 4. The Merrick is located at 5th Ave. & 11th St. in New Brighton, telephone (724) 846-1130. Opening Reception: Sunday, Sept. 14, 2008, from 1 - 4 PM. 🌈

Christ's Church Exhibit

Featured Artist Lillian Gordon

Lillian Gordon is the Featured Artist for the Eleventh Annual Juried Art Show sponsored by the Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church which will be held from October 9th to 26th.

Lillian is a long time WHAL member and also a member of Beaver Valley Artists, the Big Beaver Ladies Art Group, and also the Wednesday Evening Artist Group. Lillian states in her bio: "I have been interested in art for as long as I can remember. My husband, Bill purchased my first set of oil paints and that set me off on a great journey exploring art and meeting fellow artists.

My family and friends have been very supportive of my art. This has allowed me the pleasure of painting in Monet's gardens in Giverny, France and getting together with a group of artist friends that meet at the Outer Banks of North Carolina for over 20 years, with Maria Lestyan giving the art instruction.

Along with various workshops, I have also had instruction provided by Jim Sulkowski in his studio in Canonsburg. I am pleased to be able to share my art with everyone and hope to be painting for many more years to come.

There is still time to enter the show. There is a non-refundable entry fee of \$5.00 per art work due at the time of registration. Each artist is allowed up to four entries. Please contact Celia McKim at 724-827-2348 or the church office at 724-846-2899 for the entry form or more information. 🌈

Member Exhibit Coming Soon

Cynthia Weidner would like to invite the WHAL membership to her solo exhibit at the Merrick Art Gallery in October. Opening reception will be on October 12th from 1 to 4 PM. The exhibit will be open through November 2nd. 🌈

Workshop News

"The Power of Pastel" is being offered as a Portrait Workshop with Christine Swann. The workshop will be two days on September 27 & 28, (Saturday and Sunday) from 9 - 3 PM in Cranberry. For more information and to reserve a place in the workshop, call 724-444-8197 or email christine@swannportraits.com

Anyone who brings a friend gets \$50 off the cost of the workshop!!! So gather up your friends and enjoy a weekend of pastel painting.

Thank You From CONTACT

CONTACT Beaver Valley would like to thank Mia Peal, Lillian Gordon, and Tikvah Feinstein for generously contributing their artistic talents to artistically painting birdhouses that were sold and auctioned as a fundraiser during CONTACT's 2nd annual Landscaping and Garden Ideas Tour. The garden tour was held on Saturday, August 2, 2008 and blue skies enhanced the beautiful spender of the gardens on the tour. 🌈

Fall Gallery Art Walk

Friday Sept. 12, The Village of Sewickley is alive with art, live music and dining!

Sponsored by the Sewickley Valley Chamber of Commerce.

The following venues will host a public reception, 5:30 to 9 pm. **Free metered parking starts at 4 pm.**

Sweetwater Center for the Arts presents the Mavuno Invitational Exhibition

This invitational exhibition is curated by Elizabeth A. Douglas, Monique Luck, Jim McDowell, Anire Mosley and Mayota Hill.

Sewickley Gallery & Frame Shop and TABLE Magazine presents the 2nd Annual Sewickley Farm Show, Reflects Regional Harvest Hues

Ten artists plus ten local farms equals vistas ranging from a pastoral sheep farm to a vibrant honey bee apiary; in conjunction with the St. James Farmers' Market and Harvest Festival.

International Images, Ltd. will exhibit "Color and Contrast", by Rumen Rachev and Demian Utenkov

Rachev, a Bulgarian artist whose paintings, etchings, lithographs and mixed media works explode with color and dissonance, while still achieving fundamental harmony. Utenkov's delicate etchings reveal mysterious and creative imagery enhanced by flora and fauna.

Élan Gallery is exhibiting

"Variations/Phenomena," by Christo Braun
Christo Braun continues to explore the mercurial nature of pigmented resin's translucent qualities on stainless steel.

House of Two Sisters presents artist Jean K. Stephens with a selection of exquisitely rendered, colored pencil still lifes.

The Penguin Bookstore presents Portraits by Lynn Lupetti, "The Magic of Books"

Lynn's artistic vision has been an inspiration to people from all over the world. Her work is included in the collections of the Vatican, the White House and the Smithsonian Institute.

Clearview Federal Credit Union presents watercolor artist, Doug Brown

Gallery 30, (Sewickley Herald building), will exhibit works by the West Hills Art League Gateway Newspapers Office, 533 Beaver Street, Sewickley, PA 15143

Art Supply Sale

Top Notch Art Centre is having a sale of 40% to 50% off of all items in their store until September 15th. Top Notch is located at 411 S. Craig Street, Pittsburgh, PA or call 412-683-4444 for store hours. 🌈