



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!

In keeping with our tradition, juror Jeannie McGuire, will recap her critique at our April meeting. The meeting location will be at Robin Hill Cultural Center, 949 Thorn Run Road, Moon Township, PA on Thursday, April 16th at 7:30 PM.

And the winners are:

Best of Show: W. Korol Selley "The Flutists", Oil

First Place: Nancy Busy "Canyon Wall", Mixed Media

Second Place: Christine Manjerovice "Feeding the Birds", Pastel

Third Place: Catherine Geronimo, "Piece of Me", Acrylic

Honorable Mention: Carol Volz Begley, "Breton Hay Bales", Pastel

Honorable Mention: Vickie Froelich, "April 1965", pencil

Honorable Mention: Jim Larson, "Winters End", Oil

Many thanks to all of the members who brought snacks and beverages to the opening, and who pitched in to hang the show.

From Jeannie McGuire:

Painting strong figurative works primarily in watercolor, I focus on the pose. Attracted to the

shape, design and simplicity of the solo figure or the interaction of a few. My aim is to create a persona incorporating obscure backgrounds for movement and mood.

As a self-employed artist my work includes an array of commissioned pieces from portraits to full figures as well as original creations with my latest series of paintings drawn from photos spanning the early to mid 1900's.

My background is in graphic design and photography as well as the fine art I have explored through out my life. One of the biggest endeavors I've taken on in my professional life is being part of the founding board of directors for Watercolors Gallery in Pittsburgh's Cultural District. The gallery is a co-operative effort run and financed by the artist members since 1998. As of July 2008 the gallery relocated to Carnegie Pa, a small community 10 minutes from downtown Pittsburgh and renamed itself Double Door Gallery.

I continue to exhibit in regional and international shows, winning numerous awards. I also lead workshops and give demos to art groups. Many of my originals are reproduced into fine art writing cards, bookmarks and prints.

People love telling me how they feel about my art and I am grateful for the connection we have. To learn more about Jeannie McGuire visit jdm@jeanniemcguire.com 📧

Member News

Joan Barenbregge, a WHAL member and also a past judge for our yearly juried exhibit has decided to close her Elan art gallery in Sewickley. Sad news for the art community as Joan is a strong supporter of artists and the work they produce. Joan has mounted some excellent exhibits and most recently had tried monthly auctions to generate additional interest in original art works. Ms. Barenbregge stated in the Sewickley Harrol, "It's a bad time, and people are not spending on discretionary items. And it's worldwide, not just Pittsburgh. ✚"

Note from Joan Barenbregge:

Dear Friends of Elan Gallery,

I have very much appreciated your patronage and support during the two years that I have been operating Elan Gallery, but I have made the difficult decision to close at the end of this month. However, I expect to maintain the website and will continue to conduct sales or inquiries on behalf of the artists. Best wishes to you, and keep in touch if you wish.

With best regards,
Joan Barenbregge
j.barenbregge@gmail.com

WHAL Sympathy Extended

The WHAL sends it's condolences to Kathleen Zimbicki and who recently lost her 44-year-old son Max in an auto accident. Max Zimbicki was the loving father of Alexandra, Joshua Dennis, and Jacob Michael. His mother, Kathleen, is well known artist, past owner of Studio Z art gallery, an avid arts supporter in the Pittsburgh art community, and also a respected art instructor and demonstrator. Our sincere sympathy is extended to Kathleen, her husband Mike, and their family. ✚

Begley Wins Again

Carol Volz Begley received a First Place Award for an oil painting in the 2009 National Women's Exhibition at the Impact Gallery in Buffalo, NY. She also had a pastel landscape accepted in the 2009 National Red River Valley International Juried Art Exhibition held in Vernon, Texas and has had two oil paintings, one a portrait, the other a landscape accepted in the Memphis/Germantown 2009 Annual National Juried Exhibition held in Germantown, Tennessee. ✚

Chance to Exhibit

Here is a great opportunity to get your work seen!

Date: April 25-26, 2009

Time: From 6:00 PM Saturday to 2:00 PM Sunday

Location: 3510 Smallman Street,
Lawrenceville 15201

Professional and amateur artists of all ages are invited to show, display and sell their work. It's coming up quick so take a look and see if you might be interested.

Art All Night 2009 will be held in the brand new Red Warehouse at 3510 Smallman Street in lower Lawrenceville. This will be the first use of the 33,000 sq foot space. It is required that your art must not be wet and can not leave a mark on the new building.

There are 2 ways to register:

✚ Online Registration: Go to our online registration page <http://www.artallnight.org/> and fill in your information. Submit the form, print it out, and bring it with your artwork and ID to the online registration table between noon and 4 p.m. Saturday, April 25.

- Onsite Registration: If you did not register online you can still bring your artwork and ID to the onsite registration table between noon and 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 25. You

must show a photo ID when you register and submit your artwork and show the same ID when you pick it up. 🚧

Call to Exhibit

Life Drawing - A Fine Art Exhibit. Local artists - sketches and accompanied finished works referenced from live models, clothed or nude. All mediums, maximum size 40" x 60". Finished work must be ready to hang and meet exhibition standards. Paper sketches are not intended to be framed and will be attached directly to wall with putty.

Prizes include cash awards and other awards of merit. Award selections by Bob Bowden.

🚧 **SHOW DATES** Friday, June 5 through Wednesday, June 24, 2009

🚧 **ENTRIES** 2 entries may be entered for consideration. An entry consists of one finished piece with accompanying sketch.

Attach an artist label to the upper left back corner of each piece. Including sketch.

🚧 **ENTRY FEE** Double Door Members \$20, Nonmembers \$30, Checks payable to Double Door Gallery. At drop off sign in with your entry information and check made payable to Double Door Gallery.

🚧 **SALES** Selected works must be for sale. The Double Door Gallery receives the following commission on sales: members 20%, nonmembers 30%.

🚧 **SELECTION** Notification of entry acceptance by May 22 with instructions for picking up unselected works.

🚧 **PROMOTION** Digital show cards will be e-mailed for your personal use.

- **CLOSING PICK UP** June 25 - June 27, 11 am - 5 pm

Please direct all inquiries to Jeannie McGuire at jdm@jeanniemcguire.com. 🚧

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- 🚧 William Vrscak, Watercolor, May 22-24 and Sept. 25-27
- Linda Wallen, Van Gogh's Techniques, August 7-9
- Kathryn Galey, Watercolors, April 17-19 and September 18-20
- William Wentz, Watercolor Landscapes & Still-life, May 1-3 & October 16-18
- Anna Tomczak, Antique Photo Print Processes, July 31 – August 2

Sweetwater Events in May

Sweetwater's gallery is dedicating the month of May to show off the amazing talents of the young artists in our community! Take the time to visit these exhibitions to see the young imagination at work. All events are free to the public.

🚧 Sewickley Community Juried Student Art Show – Exhibition Dates: May 1-5. Reception: May 2, 4:00-6:00pm. This third annual exhibition is a chance for the community to enjoy the impressive talent of students from local Sewickley schools.

🚧 Life As An Artist - Exhibition Dates: May 8-19. Reception: May 8, 6:00-8:00pm. Quaker Valley 8th grade students experience what life as a professional artist is like by planning this show of their work.

🚧 After School Art - Exhibition Dates: May 22-29. Reception: May 29, 6:00-8:00pm. Works by students of Sweetwater's after school programs held at St. James, Mooncrest, & Cornell. 🚧