



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!

Connie Moore is a local artist who makes her home in O'Hara Township and works out of her new studio. She has been a Graphic Design Instructor at The Art Institute of Pittsburgh for 26 years. Connie has worked in a broad range of media that includes oil, acrylic, colored pencil, pastel, wood cut and monoprint, and also mixed media. Her experience also includes digital art and computer illustrations. Connie is the President of Pittsburgh Progressive Artists and a member of Pittsburgh Society of Illustrators, Pittsburgh Society of Artists, and the Artist coop - Double Door Gallery. Among her many shows and awards are a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place awards and a Best of Show in the *Annual Peoples Show*, PPG Wintergarden, and a number of solos shows. Come and share in the excitement of multiple media use in creating art. ✚

News About WHAL Show

New Month and Extended Dates!

A discussion is under way with Robin Hill to move the Annual WHAL Juried Art Show March, instead of May. Also being considered is to hold the show for a month instead of the traditional 2-week time period. This will allow greater opportunity for visitors to view the show. More information will be forthcoming as we move closer to March and the dates are confirmed. ✚

More Show News

WHAL Group Exhibit at Gateway Newspapers Office!

Marjorie Thompson, W. Korol Selley, Zoe Shutka, and Will White are the WHAL members exhibiting at the Gateway Newspaper Office in January and February. Below are bios for W. Korol Selley and Will White. Please stop by the Gateway Office and feast your eyes on this exceptional installation.

Exhibition @ the Gateway Gallery

Jan. thru Feb. 28th 2009

Gateway Newspapers

533 Beaver Street, Sewickley, PA

Will White Bio

Will C. White used to create TV commercials for Alka-Seltzer and triumph Sports Cars. After retiring, he moved to Sewickley, where he writes a newsletter, conducts computer classes for seniors, and paints in watercolor. Now, no longer constrained by other people's creative requirements, he feels free to explore anything that comes into his head. His influences range from Hieronymus Bosch to the Surrealists and modernist Odd Nerdrum. While individual elements of his pictures tend to be representational, the themes and subjects of his art are imaginary and even evolve as he creates them. The result is art that doesn't insist on a single meaning and an artist who delights in viewers' interpretations. Will has enjoyed awards, one-man shows, exhibits in galleries and having his pictures in collections

across the country. He's a member of the Associated Artists of Pittsburgh and the West Hills Art League. For more information, contact the artist at (412) 741-0255 or e-mail him at willwhite04@yahoo.com ✚

W. Korol Selley Speaks About Her Art

Art has always been an integral part of my life. I have endeavored to experiment in various mediums until I settled on oils, which I've used extensively since 1965.

For three years into oil painting, I've worked with one color only, (burnt umber) as a self-teaching method in the study of "value". Within the first ten years, I worked from life and in doing so, I often found that Nature and live models weren't always accommodating and hindered the creative process. Studio painting and photo referencing became the norm, in that I could paint whenever I wanted and time was no longer an issue.

In going public with my work in 1983, I made my debut in a juried studio exhibit at the Carnegie Museum of Art and Natural History.

My style is that of super realism. My life's work is representative of the people I've met, places I've been and things I've seen.

I strive to create as natural and true to life depiction of all my subjects. My city and landscapes are never contrived, rearranged, nor do I eliminate elements for any reason. My paintings are intended as being historical and therefore must be true and precise in every detail within the time frame in which they were created.



Bring A Guest to the Next WHAL Meeting!

Gallery News

Élan Fine Art Gallery announces an exciting new event in 2009!

A public Art Auction will be held Saturday, January 31, with a preview from 9 to 10 AM, the auction will begin at 10 AM and continue until 3 PM. This is a cash and carry event only. Élan Gallery will showcase 20 skilled and talented artists with up to 100 pieces of art to bid on! This art will then remain on exhibit until the time of the next auction when a new group of 20 artists will be featured. Art Auctions will be a continual event at Élan Gallery, held on the fourth Saturday of each month. Any artist interested in submitting their work for review, is invited to visit www.elanarts.com under "opportunities" or email art@elanarts.com for more information.

Contact: Joan Barenbregge, 412-749-0427 ✚

More Gallery News

Art Events in the Village

The Sewickley Gallery & Frame Shop
Walk in Time: The Paintings of Risa Moldovan
January 18-31, 2009.

Delicate...Beautiful...Spellbinding! Join us for this stunning exhibition of classical still lifes in the tradition of the Old Masters. Risa Moldovan, a Sewickley resident, creates a detailed palette of light and shadows. Her demonstrable talent and skill is evident in these impressive compositions. A portion of sales will benefit the outreach programs of the Child Health Association of Sewickley.

Elan Art Gallery

427 Broad Street

Mark Panza: Structure Meets Nature

For Mark Panza the mystery of the human figure, the elements, flora, and modern architecture, are primal inspirations as he

captures the world around him. Through the artful use of digital cameras and an Apple computer, he merges these elements into highly personalized imagery. As these separate components begin to converse, new relationships are revealed, and there is an alchemical reaction that Panza finds compelling.

Mark has owned and operated Panza Frame and Gallery in Millvale, PA for over two decades. www.elanarts.com

The House of Two Sisters

559 Beaver Street

Art Boutique featuring works by Carol Acquilano, Tom Gardner, Ned O. Wert, Frank Dininno, Jean K. Stephens and Molly Amsler. www.thehouseoftwosisters.com

International Images, Ltd.

514 Beaver Street

Winter Wonderland through February. Enjoy the multi-cultural collection in this unique art gallery. www.internationalimagesltd.com

And...

Don't forget to stop by the Penguin Book Shop and spend some time in their Art & Architecture section. Find out what they recommend for a good read. www.penguinbookshop.com 📖

Classes & Workshops

McMurray Art League is offering classes in January/February 2009. The classes will be held in the McDowell Shops behind Atria's in McMurray, PA located off Rt.19.

- **January 28, 29** - Wednesday & Thursday with Christine Swann, portraits 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. \$30 per day for members, \$33 non-members.

- **February 3, 10, 17, 24** - Tuesdays with Tom McNickle, watercolor landscapes, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., \$25 per day for members, \$28 non-members.
- **February 19, 26** - Mary Kay Richardson, painting, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., \$30 for members, \$33 non-members.

Registration Contact: Alena Lutton, alena145@comcast.net or call 412-279-3840.

2009 Bucks County Art Workshops

Besides the traditional oil, watercolor, and pastel painting, workshops in furniture painting by Maxine Stahl, fabric painting by Maureen Baker, and mixed media by Cathy Taylor are being offered. Also new this year are three day workshops on weekends. For more information and enrollment form please go to www.buckscountyartworkshops.com or call (215)249-9186.

📖 March 13-15, John Ennis Studio: Understand the fundamentals of portrait painting!

📖 March 20-22, Coulter Watt Studio: Study the Old Master's of Still Life painting with award winning painter Coulter Watt.

📖 March 27-29, Dot Bunn Studio: This information packed workshop is for painters wanting to learn color mixing for consistent success.

📖 April 17-19 Peter Hunt, Plein Air: Peter will take you to some awesome sites for this workshop! 📖

Call for Artists

The AARP Foundation invites members to enter its 2010 calendar contest. Fourteen paintings

on the theme ‘There’s Nowhere I’d Rather Be’ will be selected and exhibited at AARP’s

Life@50+ National Event and Expo in Las Vegas, Oct. 22 to 24, 2009. Contestants must be amateurs and their painting must be original. Pastels, oils, acrylics and watercolors are eligible. To learn more and get an entry form, go to www.aarp.org/foundation or call 1-88-687-2277 toll-free. ✚

Gallery Crawl in the Cultural District

Presented by: Trust Education and Community Engagement Department
The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust
Venue: Throughout the Cultural District
Next performance: Friday, January 23, 2009
5:30 PM
Tickets: FREE!
Art. Music. Dance. Networking. Fun.

The Gallery Crawl is a free quarterly showcase of art and entertainment in the heart of the Cultural District. All events take place at a variety of galleries and spaces and are FREE and open to the public. The event is ongoing between 5:30 and 9:00 pm, and patrons may start at any location. ✚

A Letter From Our President

Hello everyone,
As the election of our new art league president approaches, I’d like to take a moment to express my gratitude to all who have helped me over the past three years. You’ve been instrumental in making the last three years seem almost effortless.

Our league has met with a few changes during this time; and while change is not always

welcomed by some, I’ve received many voices of approval for the direction we’ve taken and we will continue to grow as a group. It has been a privilege to guide our league through this exciting time and I look forward to many years to come as a member of a great art league!

To ease the minds of those individuals considering stepping into my shoes as president, we have a wonderfully organized and dedicated Board. My job has become almost effortless due to their seamless teamwork. The job of the president is to coordinate with our Board members through email, oversee and coordinate our venues, preside over our monthly meetings and be the point of contact for any outside interest in our league.

While I provide assistance to our Board members as necessary, our vice president, Elene Page provides the speaker/demonstrator program for our monthly meetings, Audra Zampogna handles all our finances as treasurer, Cathy Vignolini is our webmaster and membership director, the newsletter continues to be written & distributed by Connie Serapigla, Marjorie Thompson as recording secretary documents the minutes of our meetings and Rita Wilson covers our events as our publicity director. Additionally, we have many members who continually step up and volunteer their time and the combined efforts of all make my job very, very easy.

I look forward to working through the transition of our new president and will continue to be available to him/her, as well as our entire league. Please submit your nomination(s) to Elene Page prior to our April meeting and feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

With warmest regards,
Kim Iyer

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