



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!

Artist: **Robert Newton**

Medium: Watercolor, Oil, Batik, Encaustic

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The next meeting of the season will be held on Thursday, November 19, 2009. The location is Sharon Presbyterian Church Community Center, 522 Carnot Road, Moon Township, PA. **Robert Newton** will be our speaker and will demonstrate an oil painting and discuss the painting process. He encourages questions and comments while he is demonstrating...why did you do that, what color is that, how did you get that color etc. so feel free to speak out. Included below is a statement from Robert that includes some of his journey as an artist.

"Thank you so much for considering me for a demo! I've done some kind of art ever since I can remember. I started out when I became serious with watercolor. I saw reproductions of Nat Youngblood and Frank Webb in the Sunday paper and was inspired by their work. I painted by myself for years with little exposure. I was self conscious and more than a little timid, knowing that everything I painted came from deep inside my heart. It gave me the sense I was naked in public! Not too many years ago I made a leap of faith and started painting plein-air with Ron Donoughe. It was hard at first painting in public, but soon the comments from people and painting in the company of other artists set me free, my fears subsided and I began to enjoy it very much. I met Doug Brown during one of those outings! I've been concentrating on painting in oils the last couple of years and like to demonstrate in oil. I've no formal education in art. Reading lots of books

and being in the company of other artists has been a wonderful education. I appreciate the opportunity to be involved in such a fine organization!" ✚

Food for Thought

Celebrate with a Christmas Party?

Kim Iyer would like everyone to start thinking about a Christmas party. December is rapidly approaching and WHAL has had some wonderful holiday celebrations in the past. Kim has inquired with Robin Hill and the date of Friday, Dec. 18th is available. A vote will be taken at the next meeting to see if the members want to move forward with a Christmas party this year so make sure to attend and lend your voice. ✚

Christy House Venue

Bring Your Sale Items to the Meeting!

Christy House, 403 Frederick Ave, Sewickley, PA 15143, (412) 741-5960 has agreed to display WHAL items for sale. Small artwork (6 x 8) and/or prints, Christmas Ornaments, or any other small hand crafted art items that can be sold for under \$25 can be brought to the meeting. Kim Iyer will have boxes and labels for items and will take them to the Christy House. ✚

Member News

Congratulations on Awards and Shows!

Kudos to Wanda Selley who was juried into The Allied Artists Of America 96th Annual Exhibition at The National Arts Club, 15 Gramercy Park South, NYC. If you happen to be in New York City and want to visit, you must call ahead. Phone # 212/475-3424. The show runs from Nov. 13 - Dec. 1, 2009. Reception & Awards ceremony will be on Sunday, Nov. 29, 2009. Jury of Selection: Gary T. Erbe, Thomas Valenti, Evelyn Floret and Claudia

Seymour. The Jury of Awards: Max Ginsburg, Distinguished Artist, James Toogood, Author and Instructor Pa. Academy of Fine Arts. The painting Wanda submitted was "Brothers". You might recall seeing it at Gallery 30 in Sewickley not too long ago. It's also on Wanda's web page on the WHAL web site. 🚩

WHAL Members in PTI Show!

WHAL has some members participating in a show at the Pittsburgh Technical Institute, 1111 McKee Road, Oakdale PA, 15071, Phone: 412-809-5100. The show is titled "Five Boys and a Girl". The boys are Charles Jones, Mike Budaik, Doug Brown, and Barry Windersand. The lone girl is our own Elene Page. Take a break and visit the show for a visual treat. 🚩

Web Site of Interest

Great Art Information!

Cindy Gilberti would like to pass along a good link for web site for and about art:

<http://www.goldenpaints.com/justpaint/index.php>

Check it out, very informative with information that covers just about everything that would be of interest to an artist. 🚩

Plan a Trip for Summer

Frank Web, Brittany, France!

WHAL members are very familiar with Frank Webb and his great demonstrations and workshops. He is currently offering a workshop in Brittany, France for this coming summer, June 17-27, 2010. He will demonstrate a wide variety of approaches and will show you how to re-create your on-location subject with exciting shapes and juicy, luminous color.

Also, Frank is as adept at the spoken word as he is at the painted image. He salts his critiques with philosophical insights laced with a dose of humor and primed with enthusiasms. Frank is always encouraging and has the ability to pull the best out of workshop participants. In this workshop, Frank will introduce new realities beyond the mundane using design principles and creative expression.

Two day trips exploring the country and historical sites are included. Contact Flying Colors Workshops, 320 So. Gaylord St., Denver, CO 80209, phone 858-518-0949, FlyingColorsArt@me.com for more information. 🚩

Gallery News

What's New at the Galleries!

International Images, ltd, 514 Beaver Street, Sewickley, PA, LIFE, LOVE AND SANITY new works by Liza Houston coinciding with Sewickley's Gallery Walk. Eliza is a senior at Moon Area High School and this is her senior project. All proceeds from the sale of her art will benefit The Laughlin Center of Sewickley. Also, see new glassware designs by Diana Welch, of which will be for sale on the 1st floor Gallery. Exhibition to continue until mid-November 2009 information or other inquiries please stop in, Gallery hours are 11 am – 4 pm, Tuesday through Saturday and by appointment, or call (412) 741-3036. 🚩

Southwestern Pennsylvania Council for the Arts, 14th Annual Regional Juried Art Exhibition

Treat yourself and take a nice day trip to Ligonier and take in the SPCA Regional Art Exhibition It runs from Friday, November 20, 2009 through Saturday, February 13, 2010 at the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley. www.spcarts.org or e-mail info@spcarts.org 🚩

New Art Class Venue

Painting and Drawing Classes!

Frost Fine Art Studio: Linder Complex, 734 Thompson Avenue, McKees Rocks, PA 15136 Designed for all levels, from beginners to advanced. Each student works at his/her own level and pace. Emphasis is placed on understanding the fundamentals and color. The classical (or traditional) approach as taught at the Art Students League, as well as a more impressionistic style, is presented but all approaches are welcome. Kathy Frost believes there is a system to make painting work and invites you to come and learn. For more information, call Kathleen Frost at 412-921-5620