



*Allied
Artists
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SUMMER 2014

AAJ Quarterly Newsletter

AAJ 82nd Annual Exhibition August 29 to December 14, 2014

Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art

Johnstown Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center—UPJ Campus

Artists' reception: Saturday, September 6—6 to 8pm



LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Kathleen Kase Burk

AAJ BOARD MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE SECOND
WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7pm

**currently seeking a permanent location for board meetings

Eighty-two years is certainly a long time for any organization to last! We are one of the oldest arts organizations in this region, and as I look back on the show catalogs from those 82 years, I'm proud that we've been an important part of the Johnstown community for so long. Year after year, we continue to produce exhibitions of local and regional artists' work, award scholarships to promising art students, and contribute to the quality of life here in the Southern Alleghenies.

Our 2014 non-juried Summer Show was held June 7 through July 5 at the Community Arts Center in Westmont. Sixty-eight works by twenty-eight artists were hung, and judge William Perry chose eight cash award winners and two Honorable Mentions. In addition, works by three of our five scholarship recipients were displayed; they attended the opening reception on Friday, June 13, with their families and were recognized. The opening was well attended, and four works were later sold from the show.

Jurying for our upcoming 82nd Annual Exhibition at SAMA/Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center took place at Artworks on August 9th. The number of members bringing in entries for this exhibition was surprisingly small, but juror Mary Weidner was nonetheless able to select a concise and interesting group of works for the Annual. Four new members also had work accepted for the show. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped that day! Of course, everyone is invited to the opening reception on Saturday, September 6, 6-8 pm---catered this year for the first time by UPJ, and sure to be a fun event!

Finally, I need to let you all know that the location of our monthly board meetings will be changing. St. Mary's School on Power St., where we have been meeting, will be used for pre-K classes starting in September, so we are in the process of finding a new location for meetings. We are exploring several options, and I will keep you informed of the new location when it is chosen. We're moving forward into the future as usual, just as we have for the last 82 years!

Kathleen Kase Burk

2014 ANNUAL PATRON DRIVE

As we go to print, the patron drive has netted \$4395. Thanks to all of you who have contributed, and to those who have not as yet, there is still time. We appreciate your donations enabling us to continue doing what we do best. Thanks to Alan Rauch and Colleen Schellhammer for their invaluable assistance with this project.

Marianne Krizner, Patron Chair

Remember...this is your newsletter. If you have any information that you would like to have included in the next edition, please forward the information to tower.christopher@gmail.com

—Some kind words about the new AAJ directory sent to Diane Safko—

"Diane, I just want to thank you for the very nice directory. I always keep a notebook to write people's names, because as you've experienced with me; I forget names so easily. This not only helps with the names, but the photos help connect most of the people with those names. It is nicely done and much appreciated by me". —Diana Williams

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MORE PRAISE FOR THE NEW DIRECTORY

Diane and Duane, my new membership directory arrived. Congratulations on a great idea—well executed! This was obviously A LOT of work, but for out-of-town guys like me it is a real treat to put faces with art I have seen....as I often miss the openings. Many thanks to all who helped. —Ned Wert

Visit us on the web at www.johnstownart.com and "Like" us on Facebook—Allied Artists of Johnstown.

Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley presents...

WET EXHIBITION & ART SALE

Sunday, September 7, 2014—1 to 4pm
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FREE OF CHARGE

Be part of SAMA-Ligonier Valley's *Plein Air Paint Out*. View and purchase original artwork that captures the beauty and history of Ligonier.

All work for sale will be created over the weekend, *en plein air*.

For more information
call 724-238-6015
www.sama-art.org

Past AAJ scholarship winner up and coming in the photography world!

OLIVIA LOCHER takes the viewer on a cross-country trip documenting America's weirdest laws. Check out her eye-catching photos at—

<http://www.designboom.com/art/olivia-locher-america-bizarre-laws-04-24-2014/>

2014 AAJ Board Members

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Summer Exhibit: Sandy Vigna & Gary Lehman
Annual Exhibit: Lora Marsh & Ken Cotlar

Berezansky's art now available online

Joe Berezansky's artwork is now contracted to Lyrical Fine Art in New York. Lyrical markets, reproduces, and sells limited edition canvas prints of his paintings. They are also affiliated with LaMantia Galleries in New York where they sell originals.

People can check out their web site and click on Joe's name to see what's going on. Also, you can check Lyrical Fine Arts Facebook page to see some of his images and give a "Like" for a Johnstown artist!

AAJ 2014 SUMMER EXHIBIT

The non-juried 2014 Summer Show was held at the Community Arts Center June 7 to July 5. Sixty-eight works were hung, and judge William Perry chose the following award winners:

Brian Dumm - "Fin de Seicle---Giraffes"

Larry Mallory - "Old Crane with Hook Roller"

Richard Hower - "Quiet Time"

Lorrie Perrine-Miglioretti - "Kissing the Canvas"

Alan Rauch - "Only a Memory"

Bill Dembowski - "A Ton of Stairs"

Lisa Mull - "Earth and Sky"

Ann Dougherty - "As My Conscience Explodes"

Honorable Mentions:

Cliff Kepple - "Softly the Snow Fell"

Bob Wertz - "Color Study #1"

Works by three of our five scholarship winners were also exhibited, and the opening reception on Friday, June 13, was well attended. Show co-chairs Sandy Vigna and Gary Lehman did a great job!

AAJ Member's New Work

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artist opening: Friday, October 3rd, 2014

5-8 PM • featuring the Barrie Spessler Jazz Duo

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