



*Allied  
Artists  
of Johnstown, Pennsylvania*

# SPRING 2014

Quarterly Newsletter

## 2014 SUMMER EXHIBITION June 7 through July 5, 2014

**Location: Community Arts Center of Cambria County**

**1217 Menoher Boulevard— Johnstown, Pennsylvania**

**Artists' reception: Friday, June 13—6 to 8pm**



### LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Kathleen Kase Burk

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

Saint Mary's Church Hall—411 Power Street, Johnstown

Spring is a busy time for us all, and AAJ is no exception. The 2014 Spring Show, sponsored by Ameriserv Bank and juried by Charles "Bud" Gibbons from PSU New Kensington campus, was a bright and colorful way to welcome the new season. Co-chairs Diane Safko and Ben Policicchio did an excellent job, along with many volunteers who hung the work and donated food and drink for the opening reception.

Allied Artists also provided the awards for the Greater Johnstown Young Artists Exhibit, which opened on May 8th at the Community Arts Center. This show highlights the work of talented students from 12 area schools, grades 6 through 12. This month we also awarded five scholarships to deserving high school seniors who are planning careers in visual art. Our judge for the scholarships was retired Johnstown High School art teacher John Varnecky.

I hope everyone is enjoying the spring weather while working on some entries for our annual non-juried Summer Show, which will be held at the Community Arts Center June 7th. Entry forms were mailed recently, but if you misplaced yours, please contact show co-chairs Sandy Vigna (659-7566) or Gary Lehman (gl4lehman@comcast.net). This show is for members only, and all work will be hung; watercolorist Bill Perry will select award winners. Make sure your dues are paid, and be sure to bring something in on June 7th.

### 2014 ANNUAL PATRON DRIVE

Early in June you will all be receiving letters concerning our annual Allied Artists of Johnstown patron drive. Since this is the only AAJ fundraiser, it is important that all of us, patrons and members, contribute in order to have funds for our scholarships, show awards, Friends of Art project, and general expenses. The Allied Artists is a valuable asset for this community, providing artists the opportunity to showcase their art by hosting four shows for the pleasure of the general public, as well presenting art scholarships to high school seniors pursuing art in college. The arts are an important dimension we need to encourage. Please donate to this worthy cause.

*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*

### 2014 AAJ Board Members

**President: Kathleen Kase Burk**

**Vice President: Christopher Tower**

**Treasurer: Duane Webb**

**Secretary: Katie Respet**

**Corresponding Secretary: Diane Safko**

**Membership: Judith Lansberry**

**Patron Drive: Nadine Toth & Marianne Krizner**

**Scholarship: Annette Ballow**

**Email editor: Judith Crookston**

**Winter Exhibit: Chris Tower & Ann Dougherty**

**Spring Exhibit: Diane Safko & Ben Policicchio**

**Summer Exhibit: Sandy Vigna & Gary Lehman**

**Annual Exhibit: Lora Marsh & Ken Cotlar**

Visit us on the web at [www.johnstownart.com](http://www.johnstownart.com) and like us on Facebook—Allied Artists of Johnstown.

CONGRATULATIONS TO AAJ MEMBERS...

Three AAJ artists' work will be used to illustrate a three-part series in the Cambria County Historical Society newsletter this year. They are: "Spring Garden" by Annette Ballow, "Gone Fishing" by Nadine Toth, and "Meandering Mums" by Diane Safko. They were chosen to represent the seasons of Spring, Summer, and Fall.

**2014 AAJ SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**

**1ST \$800 -Erika Law**, Windber Area

Studying Art Therapy at Marywood University

**1ST \$800 -Katelyn Marsh**, Forest Hills

Studying Art Education at IUP

**2ND \$500 -Sara Miller**, Blacklick Valley

\*\*\*Winner of the *Glenn Brougher Award*

Studying Interior Design at IUP

**3RD \$250 -Devin Forst**, Cambria Heights

Studying Illustration at PA College of Arts and Design

**4TH \$210 -Brennan Brougher**, North Star

Taking Art Studio at IUP

**2014 AAJ Exhibitions**

**Summer**—June 7th through July 5th at the Community Art Center of Cambria County

See your 2014 Summer Exhibition prospectus or [johnstownart.com](http://johnstownart.com) for full details

**82nd Annual Exhibition**—August 29 through December 13th at SAMA Johnstown, UPJ Campus (opening reception is September 6)

Further details for the Annual Exhibition coming soon...

**Larry R. Mallory's work receives high honors in NYC**

AAJ's Larry Mallory's, "Hook Roller Included", was accepted into the Allied Artists of America 100th Annual Exhibition at the National Arts Club, Gramercy Park South, NYC. Larry earned the Mary Bryan Memorial Award for Watercolor.

"Hook Roller Included" was also accepted into the Salmagundi Club's 130th Annual Members' Exhibition at Salmagundi Club, NYC. Larry earned the Macowin Tuttle Memorial Award (First Place in Watercolor).

Thank you!!!!

We now have 57 Members are receiving our quarterly newsletters via email. **A special "thank you" to Judy Crookston for all her help in spearheading this project!** Any member who is interested in receiving theirs by email, please send your request to [aaaj@johnstownart.com](mailto:aaaj@johnstownart.com).



**AAJ**

**2014 Spring Exhibit Award Winners**

**Claire Scaletta Memorial Award**

—Larry Mallory: "One Motley Crew of Strippers"

**Ameriserv Watercolor Award**

—Judith Lansberry: "Forever Rose"

**Ameriserv Oil Award**

—Alan Rauch: "The Art Student"

**Ameriserv Photography Award**

—Joy Fairbanks: "Le Terrazze"

**Ameriserv Acrylic Award**

—Clifford Kepple: "Flurries and Sunshine"

**Ameriserv Mixed Media Award**

—Diane M. Safko: "Beloved"

**Ameriserv Open Media Award**

—Kathleen Kase Burk: "Sticks and Stones"

**Ameriserv Open Media Award**

—Helen Thorne: "Autumn Day"

**Spring Exhibition Honorable Mentions**

**Sandra Gramling**

—"Koffee"

**Megan Ochenrider**

—"Through the Bars"

**Colleen Schellhammer**

—"Estes Park, Co."

**Kasey Hagens**

—"Baby Dragonfly"

**Ken Cotlar**

—"DS 293"