



"American Goth" by Bill Dembowski



"Caged Mums" by Susan Novak



"Andrea" by Diana Williams

**Quarterly Newsletter Fall Edition 2015**

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**President's Letter**



Dear member,

Our 83rd Annual Exhibition is still on view at the SAMA Johnstown space at the Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center at UPJ, so there is still time to see it if you haven't yet. It features some very interesting work by long time members, as well as exciting new work by the five new members who joined us this fall. This year's "Friends of Art" recipient was Westmont Family Counseling Ministry; they selected two photographs from the show, "Nature's View" by Kasey Hagens and "Blossom" by new member Travis. R. Caldwell. **"By the way, the pick up dates for this show have been changed to a week later, to Monday and Tuesday December 21 and 22, due to a change by UPJ. (If you have a problem, please let us know).** Art work can be picked up from 10 am to 4 pm.

As you look over the new 2016 exhibition calendar included in this newsletter and begin planning your entries for the Winter and Spring shows, I'd like to bring to your attention some changes that Ameriserv Bank has recently made in its policies for exhibitions in its gallery space. One is that it will no longer allow free-standing, three dimensional sculpture to be exhibited, due to the small space and the risk that someone may run into it and be injured, or that the art itself may be damaged. (Problems with damage have occurred in the past.) However, wall-hung relief sculpture is still acceptable. The other change is that the bank reserves the right to remove any work from the show that it deems offensive or inappropriate. As they are a business serving a wide range of the public, and they kindly allow us to use their space at no cost, we feel we should honor these requests.

In this newsletter you will also find our proposed slate of AAJ officers and committee chairpersons for 2016, and you might notice some unfilled positions on the board. We are a small group---currently just over 100 members---and it's increasingly difficult to find enough people to fill these positions. We realize many of you are very busy or live too far away to attend meetings, but if you do have some time and interest, we'd really appreciate your getting involved. If you have questions about any of the open positions, please call me at 472-2629. And of course, when you receive your reminder for 2016 dues, please give some thought to volunteering in some capacity this coming year.

Have a wonderful holiday season!

Kathleen Kase Burk  
President

*Allied Artists of Johnstown, Pa Inc.  
2016 Slate of Officers & Committees*

Allied Artists of Johnstown is pleased to announce the 2016 nominations for Board Officers.

**Note:** Candidates will be elected during the annual meeting;

Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church Hall, Locust Street in Johnstown.

**All AAJ members are asked to make a special effort to attend the Annual Meeting.**

**Please contact AAJ with any questions, comments or suggestions for board candidates at:**

[aaj@johnstownart.com](mailto:aaj@johnstownart.com) or:

**AAJ at P.O. Box 1547 Johnstown, PA 15907**

**Phone: (814) 472-2629**

**Officers:**

**President:** Kathleen Kase Burk

**Vice President:** OPEN

**Treasurer:** Duane Webb/Bennett Vaughn

**Corresponding Secretary:** Diane Safko

**Membership Secretary:** Megan Ochenrider

**Recording Secretary:** Marianne Krizner

**Committees:**

**Patron Drive Chair:** OPEN

**Scholarship Chair:** Annette Ballow

**Winter Show:** Norman Ed/Judy Crookston

**Spring Show:** Ken Cotlar, Ann Dougherty

**Summer Show:** Gary Lehman, Lida Hood

**Annual Show:** Kathleen Burk, Ken Cotlar

**Social Media:**

**Website:** Duane Webb

**Facebook:** Lora Marsh

**ACOA Liaison:** Diane Safko

**Please see 2016 Exhibition Schedule (below) for locations & dates of exhibits.**

Board Meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM

at St. Mark's Episcopal Church Hall, Locust Street in Johnstown.

**PLEASE CHECK YOUR E-MAIL REGULARLY FOR UPDATES,  
CHANGES, AND SPECIAL MESSAGES!**

**ALLIED ARTISTS OF JOHNSTOWN 2016 EXHIBITION SCHEDULE**

(All dates subject to change)

**WINTER SHOW — AMERISERV BANK - January 30 – February 27, 2016**

Receiving: Saturday, January 30 from 10 – 12 pm

Opening Reception: Friday, February 5 from 6 – 8 pm at Ameriserv Bank

Pick-up: Saturday, February 27 from 10 – 12 pm

**SPRING SHOW — AMERISERV BANK - April 2 – April 30, 2016**

Receiving: Saturday, April 2 from 10 – 12 pm

Opening Reception: Friday, April 8 from 6 – 8 pm at Ameriserv Bank

Pick-up: Saturday, April 30 from 10 – 12 pm

**NON-JURIED SUMMER SHOW — COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER - June 4 – July 2, 2016**

Receiving: Saturday, June 4 from 10 – 12 pm

Opening Reception: Friday, June 10 from 6 – 8 pm at the Community Arts Center

Pick-up: Saturday, July 2 from 10 – 12 pm

**84<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL EXHIBITION — SAMA JOHNSTOWN, UPJ - August 26 – December 9, 2016**

(Receiving, Opening Reception, Pick-up - TBA)

## Member News and Community Notes of Interest

Past AAJ scholarship winner Chris Antemann is currently being featured at the Frick Museum in Pittsburgh. An exhibit entitled "Forbidden Fruit," by Chris Antemann, a 1988 graduate of Westmont Hilltop High School, is now at the Frick Museum in Pittsburgh. Chris has exhibited extensively in the United States and China, focusing on porcelain sculpture. For this show, Chris created many porcelain figures that tell a story. The show is at the Frick until January 10, 2016. We are certainly proud of Chris and what she has accomplished.

AAJ member Joy Fairbanks had one of her photos juried into the South Western PA 20th Annual Regional Juried Exhibit. The opening was Nov. 21, and the exhibit is currently on display at SAMA in Ligonier through Feb 7th, 2016. Joy also has two photos in the Indiana Art Association Fall Show held at the Indiana County Historical Society. That show runs through Jan. 8th. Joy is also part of the current exhibit at the Artists Hand Gallery. The Gallery invites the public to visit during November and December to make gift purchases for the holidays. Gift certificates are also available.

AAJ member Jeanne Wagle is teaching batik watercolor classes at the Main Exhibit Gallery in Ligonier. The subject is a magnolia with blue background. Cost of class is \$55 and the class date is Saturday, Dec 5th from 10 to 4. For more information and to register please go to [www.Mainexhibit.com](http://www.Mainexhibit.com) or contact Jeanne at 863-840-28243.

### A request from The YWCA - Tribute to Women:

Since 1987, the Greater Johnstown YWCA has been honoring women leaders who work and reside in Cambria and Somerset Counties. Through this awards process, individuals within the community nominate women they know who have demonstrated leadership qualities in their chosen field, their personal lives and their commitment to community service.

We are asking that you think about women you know that have demonstrated these qualities in the areas of: Arts and Letters, Business, Community Service, Education, Non-Profit Services, Professions, Lady Liberty (Military) and S.T.E. M. Nomination forms are available at the YWCA on Somerset Street. These forms explain the criteria for the various categories. We depend on the public for nominations of these women. By doing so, you can bring recognition to deserving individuals you might know. The deadline for nominations is February 19, 2016. Please call the YWCA (814-536-3519) for additional information.

### Art Classes at "Just Art"

Al Just, AAJ member and owner of "Just Art", now offers week day or evening classes at his studio, 608 Grove Avenue, Moxham, for those students who cannot attend a weekend group class. Email: [ajust1725@aol.com](mailto:ajust1725@aol.com) or phone: (814) 659-2365 for further information.

#### December Class Schedule:

Dec. 5- Hobby Lobby - Altoona - 10am to 3pm  
Dec. 6 - Just Art - 608 Grove Ave. - Johnstown - 10am to 3pm  
Dec. 10- Hobby Lobby - Altoona - 10am to 3pm  
Dec. 11 - Laurel Arts - Somerset - 10am to 3pm  
Dec. 13 - Just Art - 608 Grove Ave. - Johnstown - 10am to 3pm  
Dec. 19 - Hobby Lobby - Altoona - 10am to 3pm  
Dec. 20 - Just Art - 608 Grove Ave. - Johnstown - 10am to 3pm

#### January Class Schedule:

Jan. 2 - Hobby Lobby - Altoona - 10am to 3pm  
Jan. 8 - Laurel Arts - Somerset - 10am to 3pm  
Jan. 10 - Just Art - 608 Grove Ave. - Johnstown - 10am to 3pm  
Jan. 14 - Hobby Lobby - Altoona - 10am to 3pm  
Jan. 16 - Hobby Lobby - Altoona - 10am to 3pm  
Jan. 17 - Just Art - 608 Grove Ave. - Johnstown - 10am to 3pm  
Jan. 24 - Just Art - 608 Grove Ave. - Johnstown - 10am to 3pm

### A SPECIAL REQUEST

We are asking all of you to go to the ACOA page on Facebook, "like" the page, and invite others to like it also. Please use the "share" feature as well, to share members' events. Find Allied Artists of Johnstown on Facebook also, "like" us and share AAJ with your friends!

#### **Donate a little time to AAJ:**

Now is your chance to help AAJ with the following talents, skill sets or desire to help:

Fundraising / Business skills  
Bookkeeping / Social media skills

#### **PLEASE VOLUNTEER!**

E-Mail [aaj@johnstownart.com](mailto:aaj@johnstownart.com) and tell us what YOU would like to volunteer to help with.....

**Thank you!**



#### **2015 Board of Directors**

PRESIDENT: Kathleen Kase Burk  
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PATRON DRIVE CHAIR: Marianne Krizner  
SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR: Annette Ballow  
NEWSLETTER: Diane Safko  
FACEBOOK: Lora Marsh  
WEBSITE: Duane Webb  
ACOA LIAISON: Diane Safko

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