



"Le Terrazze" - Joy Fairbanks



"Ocean Sundown" - Al Just



"Country Lane" - Sandy Vigna

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EDITION**



**2015 QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER**



### President's Letter



Dear Member,

I hope you found some time during April to see our beautiful Spring Show held at Ameriserv Bank. The juror was Yong Sook Kim Lambert, an artist and teacher at the Grier School in Tyrone, and a very nice article on the show appeared in the Tribune-Democrat on Sunday, April 5th. Congratulations to the artists who received awards, and many thanks to Ameriserv for its continued support of this exhibition.

This month Allied Artists awarded \$5000 worth of scholarships to seven deserving high school seniors planning to further their study of art. Our thanks to Sally Stewart, our very capable judge, and Annette Ballow, who again did a great job as chairperson. We also provided the awards for the Greater Johnstown Young Artists Exhibition, on view at the Community Arts Center until May 29th. It's wonderful to see the creativity and enthusiasm of local art students and dedicated art teachers!

Our next event is our members only, non-juried Summer Show at the Community Arts Center in June, for which you should already have received a prospectus. This is always a very popular show, and we look forward to seeing you on June 6th with some new and exciting work to enter.

Finally, not all shows are created equal. While our Winter, Spring, and Summer Shows are all great shows, our signature event of the year is our Annual Exhibition at the SAMA space at the Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center at UPJ. It's our only show held in a museum space, with an elegant catered reception and over \$1000 in awards. Yet, every year, because the jurying is held in August, three weeks prior to the show opening, some of our members don't plan ahead well enough to have work available to enter. The prospectus will be out in June, and it would be a shame for any member to miss our 83rd Annual, so plan now to have your best work available for jurying on Saturday, August 8th, at Artworks. (If you're on vacation, have someone else bring it for you!)

I hope you all have a wonderful, creative summer!

Kathleen Burk

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2015 AAJ SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

- Katey Ladika - Forest Hills High School - SCAD, Oregon, VCU or FSC (Visual Effects/Digital Studio)
- Angela Meyers - Windber Area High School - Edinboro University (Art Education)
- Tori Flick - Central Cambria High School - Robert Morris University (Graphic Design, Media Arts)
- Stephanie Leverknight - Homeschooled - New York Institute of Photography (Photography)
- Cayla Erisman - Conemaugh Township High School - Penna. College of Technology (Architecture)
- Alexander C. Bunting - Portage Area High School - Art Institute of Pittsburgh (Graphic Design)
- Matthew Derrick - Richland High School - Art Institute of Pittsburgh (Game Art & Design)

#### Donate a little time to AAJ:

NOW is YOUR chance to help AAJ. We need members with the following talents / skill sets or desire to help:

- Fundraising / Business skills
- Bookkeeping skills
- Social media skills

**NOTE: Thank you to Lora Marsh for volunteering to keep our FACEBOOK page updated.**

**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!

#### AAJ Monthly Board Meetings

AAJ monthly board meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 335 Locust Street in Johnstown.

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| June 10, 2015       | July 8, 2015      |
| August 12, 2015     | September 9, 2015 |
| October 14, 2015    | November 11, 2015 |
| December—No meeting |                   |

### 2015 Exhibition Schedule

(Revised --- All dates subject to change)

- SUMMER EXHIBITION- Community Arts Center, June 6 – July 4 / Receiving - Saturday, June 6—10:00 to 12:00
- Opening Reception-- Friday, June 12 - 6:00 to 8:00pm / Pick-up-- July 3 & July 4 - 10:00 to 3:00pm
- "A MASTERPIECE IN BLOOM" - Artworks July 24 & 25 (Art until September 7)
- Opening Reception – TBA / Pick-up – TBA
- 83rd ANNUAL EXHIBITION - Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at UPJ (PPAC) August 28 – December 11
- Receiving/jurying – Saturday, August 8 (Artworks) / Delivery of works to SAMA – TBA
- Opening reception – Friday, August 28 / Pick-up – TBA

Visit AAJ online: [www.johnstownart.com](http://www.johnstownart.com)

**\*\*\*Important Information... Please Read \*\*\***

## **"A Masterpiece in Bloom"**

### **Johnstown Garden Club & Allied Artists**

Plans are moving ahead for our one-of-a-kind exhibition on July 24-25 at the Art Works in Cambria City. Participating artists should bring their work to the Art Works on Sunday, July 19, from 12 noon to 3 p.m. and on Monday, July 20, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dan Helsel and his committee will hang the show. The show will open on Friday, July 24, at 3 p.m. and will remain open until 8 p.m. The show will also be open on Saturday, July 25 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. That evening we will have an open reception from 7-9 p.m. for AAJ members, Garden Club members, and the general public.

We would like to have the participating artists volunteer to spend an hour or two during the open hours on Friday and Saturday. Helen Thorne is scheduling members. You can call her with your choice of hours or she will call you. Sandra Gramling and Sandy Gresh may call you for help with the reception. Joanne Mekis has a special assignment which will be a surprise. Marianne Krizner—Exhibit Co-chair

## **ACOA – Just the Facts**

Although you have probably heard about the ACOA at some point over the past few years, some of you have asked what is this organization and what is its primary function. **The Arts Coalition of the Alleghenies (ACOA)** is a collective group of artists and arts organizations among Cambria, Somerset, and Bedford counties, all looking to jointly promote and protect the arts community.

In 2011, a committed group from within the arts community funded a survey to evaluate the impact of the arts and culture in the region. The objective was to strengthen and promote artists and the arts. From the results yielded by the survey the ACOA was formed as a non-profit collaboration which supports the arts in all its forms, the visual and performing arts. The mission of the Arts Coalition of the Alleghenies is to collaboratively schedule, market and advocate for the arts community in the Allegheny region. The ACOA works together with its member artists and arts organizations to encourage complementary programming and cooperative promotion efforts. For artists – that means maximum visibility. For art lovers that means the ability to find out about all of the area's classes, exhibits, and performances in one location.

In 2012 Allied Artists became a member of the ACOA. As a participating partner, AAJ (and other partners) benefit in several ways. ACOA members receive joint marketing efforts and influential promotional efforts. AAJ's website is linked to the ACOA website offering maximum social media exposure with links to our Facebook page and our quarterly e-newsletter. **ACOA membership is open to individual artists and art organizations in Bedford, Cambria, and Somerset counties.** To learn about ACOA and the benefits of becoming a member, visit [www.artscoa.org](http://www.artscoa.org). You may also e-mail [artscoa@gmail.com](mailto:artscoa@gmail.com). or contact: Arts Coalition of the Alleghenies c/o Pennsylvania Rural Arts Alliance, Box 9, Loretto, PA 15940 (Phone - 814-472-3927). D. M. Safko—AAJ / ACOA Liaison

## **SPECIAL NOTE...**

Joy Fairbanks was one of five artists featured in "Putting it Together", a collage show at the Artists Hand Gallery in Indiana, Pa. The exhibit runs until June 1. The gallery is open Monday thru Saturday.

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## **FREE SUMMER CONCERTS**

Memorial Park, Indiana, PA - 2nd & 4th Sundays  
June through August, 2015

## **Spring Exhibit Award Recipients**

Ann Dougherty—Ameriserv Highest Achievement Award  
Kenneth Cotlar—Ameriserv Excellence Award  
Kathleen Kase Burk—Ameriserv Excellence Award  
Marianne Krizner—Ameriserv Merit Award  
Gary Lehman—Ameriserv Merit Award  
Helen Thorne—Jeanne Gleason Award  
Mary Wiley-Lewis—Robert Thomas Award  
Mark Eash—Honorable Mention

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

## **CACCC "Artists on the Lawn"**

The Community Art Center of Cambria County is launching its first *Artists on the Lawn* event on June 27, 2015. Artists able and willing to publicly work on current pieces or demonstrate their techniques are encouraged to participate in *Artists on the Lawn*. The goal is to create an outdoor atmosphere of live art demonstrations, with a variety of artists congregating side by side on the Community Art Center's grounds. *Artists on the Lawn* will be a free to the public family-friendly event! Artists will spend the day working on a current project or perhaps starting a new piece. Each artist may have some art pieces available for sale. Application deadline is June 5th and registration forms and rental space details can be obtained by calling Angela R. Godin at the CACCC (814-255-6515) or by e-mailing [caccc@atlanticbnn.net](mailto:caccc@atlanticbnn.net).

## **Art Works TOMBOLA**

Artworks again plans to hold its "Tombola" fundraiser in July. Artists, including our members, will be asked to donate a work of art (at least \$100 in value), and during the evening of the event each guest will have the opportunity to select and take home a work of original art. We know that artists are constantly asked to donate for various causes, but in this case it is for an organization that we benefit from directly: our scholarship screening and jurying for our Annual Exhibition are held at Artworks free of charge, and they are also hosting "A Masterpiece in Bloom", AAJ's collaboration with the Garden Club, in July. So when you receive a request for a donation for this fundraiser, please give serious consideration to supporting this worthwhile organization. Thank You!

## **2015 Board of Directors**

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