



"Freedom" by Darlene Custer



"Jo" by Kathleen Charney



"Follow the Flow" by David Kasuba

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Letter from the acting president of Allied Artists of Johnstown

It was with great sorrow and regret that I had to assume the mantle of your president with the sad passing of our friend and colleague Kathy Kase-Burk. She will be immensely missed. We will honor her legacy at a future exhibition as soon as we can have a non-virtual event.

The board has been having virtual zoom meetings the past couple of months. Obviously, very little can be accomplished at this time in terms of scheduling exhibits, due to the pandemic.

I've spoken with the powers at SAMA and we are still on board to put up the previously planned collaborative show with the Johnstown Camera club in early May, pending the reopening of the PPAC at UPJ.

In other news, I inherited the trove of Allied Artists records and memorabilia and equipment. With a need for storage plus other concerns, I initiated contact with the Bottleworks and made a deal for a permanent home (with board approval, of course).

In addition to a storage room, we now will have a facility for board and membership meetings as soon as in-person gatherings are acceptable. Plus, and this is the really exciting news, the Bottleworks wishes to host an annual exhibit of our organization! This will replace the shows at Ameriserv. We all agree, a much much better venue, with fewer restrictions as to size and scope of art and accessibility. Both the Bottleworks and AAJ are looking forward toward a long and successful association. Having a permanent home for Allied Artists was a dream that Kathy and I spoke of many times and I'm pleased to make this a reality in her memory.

That's my news for now. Here's looking forward to a time, hopefully soon, when we can have a joyful reunion producing a show and gathering in fellowship.

Take care. Be well. Be safe. Make art.

Respectfully yours, Ken Cotlar

Allied Artists of Johnstown 2021 Slate of Officers & Committees

Allied Artists of Johnstown is pleased to announce the 2021 nominations for Board Officers. Note: Candidates will be elected during the annual meeting; Wednesday, January 13, 2021, 7:00PM, Bottleworks, 411 3rd Ave., Johnstown.

All AAJ members are asked to make a special effort to attend the Annual Meeting. **WEAR YOUR MASKS!**
Please check the AAJ website to confirm if the meeting will be real time or virtual (online only).

Please contact AAJ with any suggestions for board candidates. You may nominate yourself or another member for any of these board positions at; aaj@johnstownart.com or please contact Ken Cotlar at kcpc69@comcast.net or phone 814-241-2947.

Nominations should be made in the next **30 days** or the suggested slate of officers shall be presented for approval as is at the AAJ annual meeting in January, 2021.

AAJ Slate of Officers

President: **Ken Cotlar**
Vice President: **Duane Webb**
Treasurer: **Bennett Vaughn**
Membership Secretary: **Kim Williams**
Recording Secretary: **Judith Lansberry**

Committees and Social Media

Patron Drive: **OPEN**
Scholarship: **Lida Hood**
Facebook Manager: **Lora Marsh**
Website Manager: **Duane Webb**
E-Mail/Newsletter: **Diane Saffo**

Member News and Community Notes of Interest

Congratulations to the 2020 Annual Exhibit Award Winners

Dan Helsel & Lynn Musulin Award: Larry Mallory- "Full Bloom"
The Evelyn Picking Award-Donated by Howard M. Picking III: Diana Williams- "Painting Sunshine"
Keneth Cotlar Award: Lora Marsh- "Portal"
Dr. Magdi & Karen Azer Award: Brandon Hirt- "Foggy Greens"
1st Summit Bank Award: Kathleen Kase Burk- "Mystery Keys"
Edwin & Rosemary Pawlowski Award: Kim Williams- "Gemini (Pollux)"
Dorothy & Camille Maravalli Award: Joy Fairbanks- "Water"
Jeanne & Rob Gleason Award: Kenneth Cotlar- "#466"
Mr. Kamal & Dr. Jyothi Gella Award: Norman Ed- "dis cord"
Al Just Award: David Kasuba- "Follow the Flow"
Slovenian Savings & Loan Association Award: Jamie Helbig- "Eat at Joes"

Congratulations to Judy Crookston who won special merit for three of her photographs in the International Photographic Competition sponsored by Professional Photographers of America. Two of them were selected into the prestigious PPA Loan Collection. The Loan Collection consists of the best couple hundred images out of 5,200 entries worldwide. Judy would like to publicly thank Diana Williams, as she stated Diana is "an extraordinary AAJ artist and friend, for agreeing to pose as a cleaning lady for my image entitled "The Charwomen," which was an homage to Norman Rockwell".



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A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE ALLIED ARTISTS OF JOHNSTOWN

During this global pandemic, AAJ remains committed to it's mission; "encouraging and supporting art in all it's branches and fostering a true appreciation of art". Although we are unable at present to provide exhibitions in real time as our 2020 Exhibit Schedule intended, you can view past exhibits and learn how to become a member on our website at www.johnstownart.com. If you have questions about AAJ, please email aaj@johnstownart.com. The Executive Board and members of Allied Artists of Johnstown hope you and yours remain safe and healthy throughout this unprecedented time. We look forward to socially gathering at future AAJ exhibitions and events. Thank you for your continued support of the arts.