



LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Kathleen Kase Burk

Dear member,

I don't know about you, but I'm enjoying the cooler than usual temperatures this summer...It makes it easier to work on art!

Our Summer Show at the Community Arts Center was a great success. Co-chairs Jeanne Wagle and Mary Wiley-Lewis did a wonderful job, even inviting two classical musicians to play at the well-attended opening! Congratulations to the award winners, who are listed below.

As summer turns to fall, we celebrate our 85th Annual Exhibition at SAMA at Johnstown, in the Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center. Jurying was held August 5th at the Bottleworks, and our juror, Pittsburgh artist and curator Adam Welch, was very selective, choosing only 34 pieces from the 64 submitted. Many of the paintings are quite large, though, so it will look beautiful installed in the SAMA space. I hope everyone will attend the opening on Friday, September 1st, 6-8 pm; it's always a great evening!

And finally, I hope as many members as possible will join us at a picnic at Marianne Krizner's house this Sunday, August 20th, where plans will be unveiled for a very special project we're working on for next year. Just give Marianne a call to let her know you're coming!

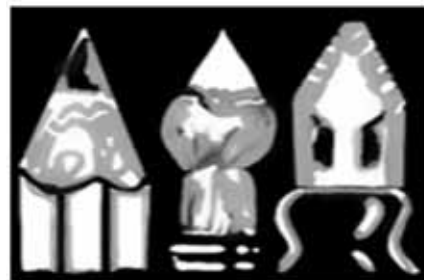
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Patron Drive News-

Thanks to the generosity of our members and patrons, our Allied Artists Patron Drive reached \$4136 as of August 15. We are, indeed, grateful to all of you for the loyal support of our organization. We will endeavor to keep to our mission of encouraging and supporting art, providing the community with exhibitions of quality art, and awarding art scholarships to high school graduates.

Marianne Krizner, patron chair

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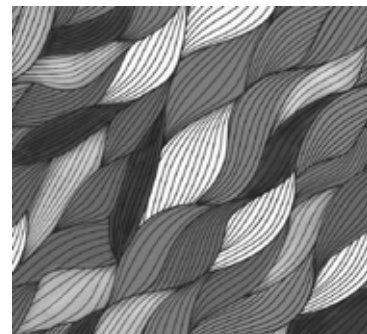


Laurel Arts Features Exhibit Dedicated to Fiber Arts

Laurel Arts in Somerset will host "Common Threads," an exhibit devoted to artwork created from fibers, August 21st thru Sept. 27th, 2017. All forms of art will be accepted: domestic threads, wearable threads, imaginative threads, symbolic threads, fancy & decorative threads and color magic in threads.

The works will be juried on Sunday Aug. 20th. End of show pick up is Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2017.

A reception and open house will be held Sunday, Aug. 27th from 2 to 4 pm.



Free to a Good Home...

Alabaster, soapstone, limestone and marble for stone carving. Available in 50-100 lb. boulders or 100-300 lb blocks.

AAJ members who are interested can contact Tom Bichko at 814-749-3378.

Summer Show Winners-

- Gary Lehman Award- Lance Marks "Painter's Gift"
- Ned Wertz Award- Anne Dougherty "New Morning"
- Rita G. Clark Award- Zone Patcher "Isochronic Tones"
- E. Jeanne Gleason Award- Jaime Helbig "Assateague Pony"
- Ed & Kay Kale Award- Alan Lichtenfels "Sheared Lamb"
- A. Schlock Watercolor Award- Mary Wiley-Lewis "On the Vine"
- Honorable Mention- Diana L. Williams "Embrace the Differences"
- Honorable Mention- Donna Whitford Housel "Volcano"

“A View to the Soul” at SAMA Altoona

AAJ member **Kim Williams** is a featured artist at the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art in Altoona. “A View to the Soul,” an exhibit showcasing Kim’s talent for drawing the viewer into her paintings, is on display through Sept. 9th.

SAMA Ligonier Valley celebrates 20th Anniversary with Family Day Sept. 9th

Join Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art 1 pm to 5 pm for music, food, family fun, children’s games, activities, art demos & more during their first Family Day event! The museum gallery will feature “Two Decades’ Delights: Highlights from 20 Years of Exhibitions.” This event is free and open to the public. Rain date for the event is Sept. 10.

Gallery Show at Mountain Playhouse-

Jeanne Wagle is the featured exhibitor at the Jenner Gallery at Mountain Playhouse, Jennerstown, Sept. 19 thru Oct. 1, 2017. The Gallery is open during each performance. Visit www.mountainplayhouse.org to see the performance schedules.



Shibori Workshops in Ligonier-

The Tribune Review recently featured an article on traditional Japanese Shibori work featuring **Susan Novak** at the Main Exhibit Gallery/Studio in Ligonier. She will be offering more Shibori Workshops as well as a Chinese Brush Painting series there this fall. Susan also offers private Shibori Parties for fun and fund raisers. So next time you want to try something new, give Susan a call at 814-241-7715.

In other news, Susan was also recently hired as an Art & Trauma Therapist for the Ligonier Valley Counseling Center and is looking forward to offering some “Creative Coping Classes” as well as an Art Therapy Group for Female Trauma Survivors and a special Saturday afternoon Art Therapy Series for Children with Autism.

Exhibitors Wanted-

I am looking for artists interested in exhibiting their art work at Forest Hills Elementary School. We have an open gallery that will accommodate 20 to 25 two dimensional pieces depending on the size. The exhibit will be on display for about nine weeks. We ask the artist to come to the school and give a gallery talk for the students. If you are interested or would like more information contact Ed Burda at eburda@fhrangers.org.



AAJ member Joy Fairbanks Featured in Indiana Gallery Show

AAJ Member **Joy Fairbanks** will be one of the featured photographers in the Artists Hand Gallery Juried Photography show that opens August 8th and runs through Sept. 11. Public reception is to be held Aug. 11th from 6 to 8 pm. The Gallery is located at 732 Philadelphia St. in Indiana. Joy is one of the artists who exhibits at the Gallery on a permanent basis.

And more good news for Joy- one of her photos has been accepted into the annual Mr. Fred Rogers juried show to be held at the Latrobe Art Center September 1 thru 30, 2017. There will be a public reception on Sept. 7th from 6 to 8 pm. Congratulations are certainly in order!

Susan Novak Makes Headlines in Teaching-

One of the programs I work with - “Art Expressions Inc.” was recently named one of the 50 national finalists for the 2017 Presidential Arts & Humanities Youth Art Program Awards. Our founder indicated that our application for this year was primarily based on the work I did as an art facilitator at Jeanette Elementary School. I am crossing my fingers awaiting announcement of the final top 12 Award-ees, who will get to participate in a 3 day arts programming conference in DC, a \$10,000 monetary award which could provide funding for “Art Expressions” to return to Jeanette next year as well as introduce our program to other disadvantaged schools. (My dream is to bring “Art Expressions to Johnstown.) I believe Michelle Obama presented the awards last year. Final winners to be announced any day now, but making the top 50 is a valuable way for our program to get its foot in the door at new schools and seek funding.



Students having fun with “Dream Pillow” project.