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Quarterly Newsletter Spring 2010

Executive Board and Committees 2010

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2010 SCHEDULED EXHIBITS

Winter Show AmeriServe Bank
Receiving: Saturday, Jan 23rd, 10 am to noon
Reception: Friday, Jan 29th, 6-8 pm
Pickup: Saturday, March 6th: 10 - noon

Spring Show AmeriServe Bank
Receiving: Saturday, April 10th, 10 am to noon
Reception: Fri, April 16, 6-8 pm
Pickup: Sat, May 1st - 10 am to noon

Summer Show Community Arts Center
Receiving: Saturday, June 5th 10 am to noon
Reception: Fri, June 11, 6 to 8 pm
Pickup: Sat, June 26th, 10 am to noon

Annual Fall Exhibit UPJ SAMA Gallery
Receiving: Sep 14 & 15 (Tue & Wed 10am - 4pm)
Exhibit opens: Fri, Sept. 17
Reception: Fri, Sep 24 close: Fri, Jan 7, 2011
pickup works: Jan 10, 2011 10am - 4pm

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Diane Safko

2010 ushers in a new decade and with it, some new additions to AAJ's Executive Board. As many of you know, Janie Leck-Grela has relinquished her duties as president. Janie remains an active member lending her time and efforts as one of this year's exhibit chairpersons. As the newly appointed president, I appreciate the guidance and advice Janie and the experienced members of our Board offer upon my journey to direct our organization in the coming months. Duane Webb remains as Treasurer and produces our newsletter and maintains our website. Sam Howard continues as Recording Secretary and Marianne Krizner as Patron Chair. Florence Doyka is our Membership Coordinator and new to the Executive Board is Lida Hood as Vice-President and Scholarship Chair. I wish to thank all of you for volunteering to serve on the Executive Board and for the terrific work you do.

For those of you who are not acquainted with me, I thought this might be the appropriate time to tell you a little about myself and why being a part of an organization like Allied Artists is very special to me. I am a native of Johnstown and I imagine like most of you, from my earliest years always loved art. I received my B.A. in Graphic Design from Penn State University and worked in the design field in PA and Ohio. I eventually changed careers to social work and worked as a counselor and caseworker for nearly 20 years. In 2001 I retired from social work and took a part-time position with Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art and eventually joined Allied Artists. Through my association with AAJ, I have come full circle and returned to my roots, my love of art. I am now producing work regularly and learning new and different methods and mediums from my fellow artists. I believe the founding members of AAJ established this organization with that purpose in mind; "to foster a true appreciation of art and to further social activity and goodwill among its members".

With that in mind, I'm pleased to report that AAJ has added 5 new members with our Winter Exhibit. They are: Bonnie Samms-Overley, Dan Gargon, Nick Bocher, Scooter Hovanec and Mark Eash. These members work in a variety of mediums including fabric art, new media and photography. Welcome and CONGRATULATIONS to all. AAJ is alive and well. We are 77 plus years and continue to grow. I encourage all members to participate in our exhibits, encourage your artistic friends to become members, volunteer to do your part and help AAJ to prosper through your involvement. As always we welcome your suggestions and encourage you to attend the monthly board meetings. I look forward to hearing from and meeting my fellow artists throughout the coming months.