



“Aspen Grove” by Edward Kale



“Poppies” by Helen Thorne



“Transformation” by Richard Hower

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2015 QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



President's Letter

Dear Member,

I hope you're enjoying your summer! For Allied Artists, it's been a very busy one. Our 2015 non-juried Summer Show at the Community Arts Center in June consisted of 61 works by 28 artists, and also showcased works by four of our seven scholarship winners. Congratulations to the ten prizewinners chosen by the judge, Shawn Watrous from the New Kensington campus of Penn State University, and many thanks to Diane Safko and Carolyn Vaughn, co-chairs, for all their hard work.

Then, in July, “A Masterpiece in Bloom”, our collaborative project with the Garden Club, was installed at Artworks in Johnstown and proved to be the social event of the season! The opening weekend, July 24, 25, and 26, was packed with visitors and the judge for the Garden Club's displays was very impressed. The intersection of creative ideas and shared interests between these two long-time Johnstown organizations resulted in a unique and beautiful event. Marianne Krizner and her large committee of helpers who hung the art, provided the reception, and greeted visitors enjoyed working with the Garden Club, and all did a wonderful job in making this a very successful show. Although the flowers and plants couldn't remain beyond the opening weekend, our members' art will continue to be on view at Artworks until September 7.

With the opening of our 83rd Annual Exhibition on September 4 at SAMA Johnstown, at the Pasquerilla Center on the UPJ campus, we will celebrate another productive and creative year for Allied Artists. We can be proud that our organization is still going strong and continuing to enrich the cultural life of our area after all these years, and we hope you can attend the opening and celebrate with us!

Kathleen Burk, President

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 and tell us what YOU would like to volunteer to help with.....**Thank you!**

AAJ Monthly Board Meetings

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

All members are welcome!

- September 9, 2015
- October 14, 2015
- November 11, 2015
- December—No meeting



2015 AAJ Exhibition Schedule

(Dates are subject to change)

83rd Annual Exhibition—Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at UPJ (PPAC)

Exhibition Dates—August 28 through December 11, 2015.

Receiving/Jurying—Saturday, August 8, 2015 at Art Works –10:00 to 12:00, Pick-up-2:00 to 3:00

Delivery of accepted works to SAMA Johnstown—Tuesday & Wednesday, August 18 & 19 between 10:00 am & 4:00 pm

Opening Reception—September 4, 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Pick-up Dates from SAMA Johnstown—December 14 & 15 between 10:00 am & 4:00 pm.

About "A Masterpiece in Bloom"

Beginning with the colorful post card created by AAJ member Joanne Mekis to the enlarged sandwich signs in front of the Art Works, interested individuals were invited to the Allied Artists/Garden Club show being presented for the enjoyment of the public. And come they did! The participating AAJ artists were asked for their reaction to this never-been-done-before show and below are some of their responses:

From Richard Hower: This event is a visual feast that appears to be a popular and interesting event for years to come. Thanks.

From Kathy Trexel Reed: The concept of the mixed media "flower show" appealed to me, and persuaded me to submit some of my work. What a pleasure to see the many examples of the garden art surrounded by visual artworks. I was particularly impressed by the varieties of botanical specimens, including charming tiny arrangements. Exhibits which *include* children's art are always meaningful to me.

From Georgia Akers: Great Show. Great Attendance.

From Mary Wiley Lewis: The entire exposition was very colorful, beautiful, well laid out and designed for viewing. Art, regardless of the medium used, came from all ages. And the public greatly responded which was evident by the mass of folks who attended. A surprising and unexpected section of this show that was so worth seeing and most enjoyed by myself was the 'dining table' settings.

From Kenneth Cotlar: This was an extraordinary opportunity to see how creative expression from an alternative discipline can be mirrored alongside one's own art. For those floral artists who made the effort to push the boundaries of commonplace, the results were quite exciting. All those who participated should be applauded. Thanks to all who were involved in producing a lovely and vibrant show. On another note, I found the garden club's juror notes to be enlightening and illuminating and I wonder if this practice could be extended for our own exhibits.

From Alan Rauch: Great display or "individual" art and "individual" floral design. Having said that, I was disappointed in not seeing enough art that could inspire the floral designer...and not enough floral design that was inspired by the art. Ideal collaboration is difficult when the two parties don't collaborate with each other.

From Dan Helsel: It was a great exhibit, the flowers and the art went very well together. But, nothing happens without a good leader. Marianne did a great job. I heard many comments from visitors; some wanted to know when we will do this again. Sue Konvolinka and Carla Straw were great to work with. I greatly appreciate all of the members who worked with the hanging. Isn't art great?

From Diane Safko: The AAJ/Garden Club event was spectacular! For the first time since AAJ joined with the Johnstown Symphony Orchestra in March 2013, we have witnessed "group participation" among AAJ members. We (AAJ members) can accomplish amazing things when we work together and we need to do more community related events with even greater participation. Congratulations to Marianne Krizner and Dan Helsel for spearheading the Garden Club event. I suggest that our executive board get the rest of our members involved in similar events on a regular basis.

From Sandra Gramling: I so enjoyed talking to several Garden Club members at length, finding out about their organization and expressing my awe of their creative ideas. They remind me of our organization: friendly, helpful, and generous in sharing their talents—what a great pairing of artists!

From Donna Housel: The flowers were wonderful. I enjoyed the art. Maybe more art? Art related to flowers?

From Lora Marsh: I thought it was a very interesting exhibit. What's not to love about two creative groups coming together to put on one spectacular show. New bonds and friendships were made, and I think both groups achieved a greater appreciation for each other and the process of making a piece of art.

From Sandra Grech: I was delighted to be part of such a wonderful collaboration of two very different forms of art. The show was wonderful! Hope we can do it again.

From Helen Thorne: Exceptional display of talent, not only in horticulture but in their knowledge of design.....Fellow artists!

From Judi Crookston: My word for the show was "Fantastic! The level of talent displayed by both the florists and artists is amazing. It's wonderful that so much talent is found in our little town!"

There is nothing more to say except to add my gratitude to many AAJ members who stepped up to the plate, Dan Helsel, Duane Webb, Bennett Vaughn, Gary Lehman, Annette Ballow, Judi Lansbury, Diane Safko, Sandra Gramling, Sandy Grech, Helen Thorne, Joanne Mekis, Kathy Burk, and the many AAJ members who volunteered their time to be part of the welcoming committee. Thank you again. We enjoyed working with the Garden Club co-chairs, Sue Konvolinka and Carla Straw, and Angie Rizzo, Director of Art Works.

Event Co-Chair—Marianne Krizner

To view more "A Masterpiece in Bloom" visit www.johnstownart.com



AAJ Chair Marianne Krizner
JGC Chair Carla Straw



Art Works Director Angela Rizzo
& AAJ Co-Chair Dan Helsel



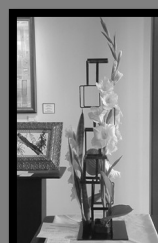
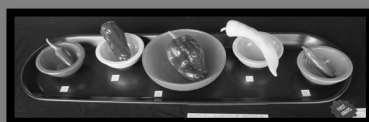
Gallery View



AAJ Committee Members
D. Safko & D. Webb



AAJ Committee Members
S. Grech & S. Gramling



REMINDER...

Pick-up of art work from the AAJ/Garden Club event at Art Works is as follows:
September 8 through September 11, Tuesday through Friday from 10:00am to 4:00pm and September 12, Saturday from 11:00am to 3:00pm

Member News and Community Notes of Interest

A message from BOTTLE WORKS on Third

Dear Artists,

The BOTTLE WORKS is gearing up for Cambria City Ethnic Fest, which runs Sept. 4 - 6, 2015.

Our goal is to have a greater art presence at the festival and provide an opportunity for local artists to promote and sell their art. We hope to have Third Avenue in front of both BOTTLE WORKS' buildings filled with artists selling and demonstrating. Space is limited so we encourage you to submit your application early. We will be accepting applications on a rolling basis until all spots are filled. This is a great opportunity to build on what the festival already has going and also make the Johnstown community more aware of the local art community. Hundreds of individuals convene on Cambria City this weekend, providing you with an already established crowd. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. I am always open to suggestions.

Sincerely,

Angela Rizzo, Executive Director

**For fees and set-up details and to obtain an application for booth space, please call 814-535-2020 or email arizzo@Bottleworks.org.

"Small Fantasies" at CACCC

AAJ member Cliff Kepple and costume designer Sally Fink are getting ready for a joint show at the Community Art Center of Cambria County entitled "Small Fantasies" which will run October 1-27. Opening is Sat., Oct. 3 from 1-3 pm. The show will feature realistic ball jointed dolls elaborately costumed by Sally Fink set on miniature stage sets constructed by Cliff. There will be three large 4'x6' stage sets: a forest scene, a Victorian parlor and a grand crystal hall. There will also be several small vignettes also constructed by Cliff.

**Photo shows Cliff working on stage set.



Power and Grace - paintings by Lora Marsh

A solo exhibition at The Artists Hand Gallery presents paintings by Lora Marsh. This is a free event and the exhibit will remain on view through the end of August. The Artist Hand Gallery is located at 732 Philadelphia Ave. Indiana, PA

<http://www.theartistshandgallery.com/>



AAJ member Ned Wert has been invited to exhibit several paintings at Blue Ridge Community College, Weyer's Cave, VA. The invitation was extended by John Bell, professor of Art at BRCC who is a former IUP painting student of Ned's. The theme of the show is focused on works by BRCC art faculty and their university teachers. The exhibition is scheduled September-December 2015. For further details please visit www.brcc.edu.

To contact Allied Artists of Johnstown email: aaj@johnstownart.com

"Learn To Paint Like the Impressionist Masters"

Alan Rauch will be teaching "Learn To Paint Like the Impressionist Masters" at Penn Highlands Community College this Fall. Classes are held Tuesday evenings, 6-8pm, beginning the 1st week of September, 2015 and will commence for 6 weeks. The class welcomes beginners as well as advanced students. Registration information is posted on the Penn Highlands website: www.pennhighlands.edu
Enrollment is limited so register as soon as possible.

Art Classes at "JustArt"

Al Just, AAJ member and owner of "JustArt", 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 or phone: 814-659-2365 for more information.

September class schedule:

Sept. 6th: JustArt * Moxham * 10am to 4pm
Sept. 11th : Laurel Arts * Somerset * 10am to 4pm
Sept. 12th : Hobby Lobby * Altoona * 10am to 4pm
Sept. 13th : JustArt * Moxham * 10am to 4pm
Sept. 17th : Hobby Lobby * Altoona * 10am to 4pm
Sept. 20th : JustArt * Moxham * 10am to 4pm
Sept. 26th : Hobby Lobby * Altoona * 10am to 4pm
Sept. 27th : JustArt * Moxham * 10am to 4pm



Class Project



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