



2011 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WINTER Exhibit - January 29 to March 5, 2011 (Reception - Feb. 4)
Ameriserv Financial, downtown Johnstown
Chairperson - Jim Richey

SPRING Exhibit - April 2 to May 7, 2011 (Reception - April 8)
Ameriserv Financial, downtown Johnstown
Chairpersons - Ken Cotlar/Dan Helsel

SUMMER Exhibit - June 11 to July 16, 2011 (Reception - June 17)
Art Works in Johnstown, Third Avenue
OVERSIZED WORK WILL BE ACCEPTED for this event
Chairpersons - Diane Safko/Martha Nelson

FALL Exhibit - Sep 2 to Dec 2, 2011 (Reception - Sep 2)
SAMA Johnstown, Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center
Chairpersons - Gary Lehman/Mark Eash

Dues must be paid before entry to shows

2011 Winter Exhibit at Ameriserv

The winter show opened on January 29th, with sixteen artists displaying their works. Juror Bill Vrscak judged the show and provided numerous critique and comments regarding the entries.

Ann Dougherty was presented the Dembowski Award for her work "Creek". Michelle Bowers piece "Stoneycreek River - Summer, received the E. Jeanne Gleason Award. The Walter Jeffers Award went to Georgia Akers' "Iced Thicket". Larry Mallory's "Retired Marion" received the Terri & Bernie Seth Award. Judith Lansberry's "Welcome Home" was given the Dan & Jane Helsel Award, while the Carolyn Griffith Award went to Mary Wiley Lewis's "Foggy Landscape".

The exhibit will be displayed until March 5th at downtown Johnstown location of Ameriserv. We also hope to have the show available online for viewing soon.



This original oil painting (left) titled "Little Rocky" by Al Just is a part of the Winter exhibit at Ameriserv through March 5th

Executive Board and Committees 2011

Diane Safko	President
Lida Hood	Vice-President
Duane Webb	Treasurer/ Corr Secretary
Sam Howard	Recording Secretary
Judi Lansberry	Membership
Lida Hood	Scholarship
Duane Webb	Newsletter/website
Marianne Krizner	Patron Chair
Ken Cotlar Dan Helsel	Spring Show Co-Chairs
Diane Safko Martha Nelson	Summer Show Co-Chairs
Gary Lehman Mark Eash	Annual Fall Show Co-Chairs
Jim Richey	Winter Show Chair

Presidents' Letter

You may recall that our Fall newsletter announced the 2011 AAJ slate of officers. As printed in this newsletter, the 2011 slate of officers was accepted and the vote was cast as announced. With the exception of one position, the members of the Executive Board remain the same. After years of service as Membership Secretary, Florence Doyka has resigned and Judith Lansberry has accepted the position of Membership Secretary. AAJ is very grateful to Florence for the exceptional service she has provided and we wish her our very best in her future endeavors. Florence remains a veteran member of Allied Artists. We are pleased to have Judith as our new Membership Secretary, and are quite sure she'll continue to do a terrific job!

On January 29th, AAJ's 2011 Winter Exhibit opened at Ameriserv Financial. The show includes 34 pieces and the awards were chosen by our juror Bill Vrscak. Bill is a freelance artist/illustrator from the Pittsburgh area, with years of experience teaching workshops and seminars throughout the U.S. There were six awards presented to the following AAJ members for their unique and outstanding works: Ann Dougherty, Michelle Bowers, Georgia Akers, Larry Mallory, Judith Lansberry and Mary Wiley Lewis. CONGRATULATIONS to all! AAJ would also like to extend a welcome to one of our award winners. Michelle Bowers joined AAJ as an entrant at the Winter Exhibit and she won an award for her unique fiber art piece entitled "Stoneycreek River: Summer".

The Winter Exhibit opening reception was held on February 4th, and the president of Ameriserv Financial, Mr. Glenn Wilson attended with his wife Diane. Mr. Wilson is an avid supporter of the arts and graciously welcomes Allied Artists to exhibit at the bank and "fill the space with lovely works of art for all to enjoy". A very special "thank you" is extended to the exhibit chairperson, Jim Richey. Jim did a terrific job with planning the exhibit from beginning to end. Thanks Jim! You can see the exhibit online by going to our website at www.johnstownart.com.

As winter (hopefully) comes to an end, AAJ will begin preparing for our Spring Exhibit and Scholarship Awards program. Until the chill leaves the air, stay warm and CREATIVE! Prepare your works of art for entry in the next exhibit.

Diane M. Safko

(right) Ann Dougherty's oil painting "Creek" received accolades and the top award during the Winter exhibit which is being held at Ameriserv Bank's downtown Johnstown location until March 5th.



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT UPDATE

Sara Mihelic, a graduate of Richland High School, was awarded an Allied Artists scholarship in 2010, and is attending Edinboro University. This article is dedicated to Duchess Ringler.

Everyone said I should be excited, and I was...sort of. Though truthfully, I was more nervous than anything else. All my high school teachers made college sound like a horror story instead of an adventure. As my alarm went off and I got ready my first day at Edinboro, my stomach was in knots. All day long I held my breath, waiting for it to be impossibly difficult. However, that day flew past and so did the next and the one after that. Soon, the whole semester went by and surprisingly I was still alive! I survived my first semester of college and although some parts were a tad hard, it was more of adventure than anything else.

Sara Mihelic

IN MEMORIUM

Long-time member of Allied Artists, DAR, and Cambria County Arts Center. "Sandy" Vargo died Feb. 5, 2011 at the age of 72. A book will be purchased and donated to the Cambria County Library in her name.



Sandra "Sandy" Suzanne Shaw Vargo

AAJ Members,
Please read the attached letter from Windber Medical Center. AAJ has been asked to pass this volunteer opportunity on to its members. If you are interested in the "Art on a Cart" Volunteer Program, please contact Rachel Allen at Windber Medical Center for future volunteer training dates and specific details.

ART ON A CART at Windber Medical Center

Dear Friends of Windber Medical Center,

You may know that Windber Medical Center has the distinct honor of being a designated Planetree site, currently one of 15 in the world. You may also know that the Planetree philosophy of care uses the best of healthcare technology with hands on care that focuses on healing body, mind and spirit.

This type of care cannot exist without dedicated volunteers committed to implementing this vision with patients here at WMC. We are excited to present to you an opportunity to volunteer here at WMC through a Planetree initiative entitled Art on a Cart.

Volunteers trained in this program will engage patients in creative activities. This is not art therapy, but a chance to engage with patients and provide a diversionary experience for patients on the Medical Surgical Floor (Wing 3).

Rosemarie Sekerak, OTR and Rachel Allen, CMP, will present this training at WindberPlace on Tuesday, Feb. 22nd from 6:30 -8:30 p.m. If you are not currently a WMC volunteer, there will be some additional requirements you will need to fulfill.

Barb Bubenko, Volunteer Coordinator will be on hand Feb. 22 to provide this information.

Please RSVP by Friday, Feb 18th to Rachel Allen at 467-3768 or rallen@windbercare.org

Thank you for your support and interest in patient centered care here at WMC.

Rachel Allen
Planetree Steering Team Member
Art Committee Chairperson

The Pittsburgh Watercolor Society

Dear Fellow Artists/Painters,

Please pass the following information on to the members of your art organization:

The Pittsburgh Watercolor Society new member screening will be held on Sunday, March 13, 2011 in Simmons Hall at the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts from 1-3pm. Interested artists should submit 3 thematically related paintings. For more information contact Screening Chair, Darla Duffy at 412-860-5772 or darla.duffy@verizon.net

Thank you.
Michalina Pendzich
Pittsburgh Watercolor Society

WET OR DRY, THE AMAZING RANGE OF COLORED PENCIL

INSTRUCTOR AND ARTIST KRISTY KUTCH

MAY 14 AND 15, 2011 AT ALLEGANY COLLEGE OF MD.
CUMBERLAND CAMPUS

12401 Willow Booke Road, NE, Cumberland, Md just off Route 68

DAY ONE REG. BEGINS AT 8:30, CLASS BEGINS AT 9
SECOND DAY 9-3

FIRST DAY OF WORKSHOP WILL BE DRY COLORED PENCIL,
DAY TWO IS WATERCOLOR PENCILS AND WATER-SOLUBLE
CRAYONS.

WORKSHOP IS SPONSORED BY THE GREATER CUMBERLAND DISTRICT CHAPTER OF THE COLORED PENCIL SOCIETY OF AMERICA, ALLEGANY COLLEGE, CHEAP JOE'S ART SUPPLY COMPANY.

COST IS \$229, \$4 IS FOR THE REG. TO ALLEGANY COLLEGE,
\$225 FOR GREATER CUMBERLAND CHAPTER

IF INTERESTED PLEASE SEND DEPOSIT OF \$54 TO
LENORE LANCASTER, TREAS. ROUTE 1, BOX 221
RIDGELEY, W.VA 26753

THIS WORKSHOP IS OPEN TO EVERYONE 15 YRS AND OLDER.

THERE WILL BE SOME SUPPLIES TO USE LOANED TO
STUDENTS BY KRISTY KUTCH, SOME FOR SALE AS WELL
AS SOME OF HER BOOKS.

Kristy is a graduate of Perdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana. She has taught over 200 workshops nationwide. She is also author of "Drawing and Painting with Colored Pencil", "Colored Pencil Explorations" and "The Best of Colored Pencil", "Creating Radiant Flowers in Colored Pencils", to name a few. Kristy is a signature member of the Colored Pencil Society of America.

As of January 21st, there is only space for three more students, so if anyone is interested they need to send their deposit ASAP.

If you have any questions, contact Donna Housel at:

whitfordhousel@centurylink.net or phone 814-733-4012