

## PATRON DRIVE

Thanks to everyone who contributed to our 2009 Patron Drive. Despite the questionable economic times, members and patrons contributed \$5935. Thank you for your generosity.

From that total, \$1075 was presented to awardees at the 2009 Annual Show. The Friends of Art donation amounted to \$715 and our designated recipient, the Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center, selected work for that amount from the Annual Show. Awards for the other three AAJ Shows totaled \$680, and patrons and members contributed \$3005 for scholarships. The contribution for Associate, our general expenses, was \$460.

Several AAJ members were helpful by making follow-up calls during this patron drive. I want to thank my co-chair, Robin Strachen, and Jim Ritchey, Bob Hovanec, Dan Helsel, and Janie Lech-Grela. I also want to thank Florence Doyka for her help with labels. Without them, we would not have received these donations.

If you have not as yet made a donation, please think about doing so.

*Marianne S. Krizner, Patron Chairperson*

## OPEN STUDIO

Westmont - Every Wednesday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 is open studio night at the Community Arts Center.

Bring your medium of choice and join with other artists as we gather to paint, talk, and maybe sip a little wine. \$3 per session.

**Annual Dues** for 2010 is now being accepted. Dues of \$25 must be paid before entry to shows. Late dues received after March 1st is \$35. Remit to: Allied Artists of Johnstown  
PO Box 1547, Johnstown, PA 15907

Stay current on all the AAJ news, plus you can view the shows and other artworks online at:

[www.johnstownart.com](http://www.johnstownart.com)

## NOMINATIONS FOR TRIBUTE TO WOMEN

The Johnstown YWCA is searching for outstanding women in the Cambria or Somerset county area to honor at its annual Tribute to Women scheduled for May 27, 2010. The categories for honorees are as follows: Arts and Letters, Business, Community Service, Education, Non Profit Services, Professions and Lady Liberty (a woman who has been or presently is in the military). The requirements stipulate that the women be proficient in their area of expertise and be involved in their respective communities. Additionally, they should be role models for other women. Surely, you are acquainted with women who would meet these standards. They need not be members of Allied Artists. They could be your friend, neighbor, co-worker, or your child's teacher, or maybe even members of Allied Artists. We just need to find them.

Nomination forms are available at the YWCA, 526 Somerset Street, in Johnstown. If you have any questions, call Marianne Krizner at 814-255-1972. Thank you for your help.

## WINTER EXHIBIT NOW ON DISPLAY

Ameriserve Bank, downtown - The latest Allied Artists show is being held at the Ameriserve in Johnstown, with 42 works accepted into the display.

Martha Murhy was our juror for the exhibit. She works as a resident artist with the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, ArtsPath and Laurel Arts.

Awards were presented to Larry Mallory, Ken Cotlar, Bill Dembowski, and Ralph Welsh for their exquisite works.



above: "Winter Day" (closeup) by artist Sandra Grech

You can view the exhibit during regular banking hours at Ameriserve, or view our online show at: [www.johnstownart.com](http://www.johnstownart.com).

# Special Event Invitation

## Plein Air Paint Out & Wet Sale

Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Johnstown is planning an event called the SAMA Johnstown Invitational Plein Air Paint Out & Wet Sale. AAJ members have been invited to participate in this weekend event that gives artists the opportunity to paint (or otherwise create) works of art at designated locations in and around Cambria County and share their work with residents, visitors and collectors.

This event is scheduled for a weekend in May (dates to be announced) and will commence on Friday morning and conclude on Sunday with a "wet" art sale at the Museum on UPJ campus. Each participating artist can submit two works which must be created during the weekend. There is a \$30 registration fee and artists will receive 75% of the sale price of each work and SAMA will retain 25%. Exact dates, registration forms, and recommended locations for painting and creating will be made available to AAJ members presently.

This is a first time event of its kind offered by SAMA Johnstown and is planned to be an annual event. Since the "paint out" is limited as to the number of artists that may participate, SAMA has requested that Allied Artists members receive an early invitation via our Newsletter, in order to determine how many of you may be interested. Remember that this is an opportunity to produce and possibly sell your work at a local Art Museum. It is also an opportunity to allow our community to learn about Allied Artists of Johnstown which means increased memberships, patrons and donations to support the many fine programs AAJ is proud to sponsor.

If you are interested in participating in the SAMA Johnstown Invitational Plein Air Paint Out & Wet Sale or would like more information, please let us know by e-mailing [aaj@atlanticbb.net](mailto:aaj@atlanticbb.net) or by calling Diane Safko at (814) 421-1525.

Your response will be required by February 28, 2010.

If you have news that you would like to publish in the newsletter or place on our website, contact AAJ  
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