

"Flower Trio" by Cindy Mullen

Johnstown, Pennsylva.



"Bathing Beauties" by Judi Crookston



"First Valentine" by Lori Shutz

# Allied Artists Quarterly Newsletter Spring Edition 2019



What a busy Spring we've had! Our Spring Show at Ameriserv Bank was quite successful, with 37 artists entering 80 pieces of art. Unfortunately, due to space limitations at the bank (fewer panels), we were only able to hang 40 of them. However, we did accept several new members (and a few returning members!) and three works were sold from the show. For next year, we're considering limiting entries to two per artist instead of three, which would enable us to include more artists.

And you should have already received your prospectus for the non-juried Summer Show at the Community Arts Center. The receiving date is May 25th, which is Labor Day weekend, so if you plan to be

out of town you may want to arrange to drop off your work at the Arts Center earlier in the week. All members' work will be hung, so if something didn't get in the Spring Show, bring it in for this one!

This month we also interviewed ten high school art students from Cambria and Somerset counties. Judge John Minnich awarded seven scholarships to talented graduating seniors planning to further their art careers. And we provided the judges and awards for the Junior Art Show, which opened on May 8th at the Community Arts Center, and which showcases the best work by art students in Cambria County schools.

Work is beginning on our 87th Annual Exhibition coming up in August. You can expect the prospectus for that to arrive in June, so I hope you'll start now to create something very special for our 87th year. Our annual Patron appeal is also being mailed, so please consider donating so we can keep our many projects on track for the coming year! Kathleen Kase Burk, President

# **AAJ Officers, Exhibit and Committee Members**

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Board Meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 P.M .

at St. Mark's Episcopal Church Hall, Locust Street in Johnstown.

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# Allied Artists Of Johnstown 2019 Exhibition Schedule

Non-Juried Summer Show— Community Arts Center, May 25— June 29, 2019

Receiving: Saturday, May 25, 10:00 to 12:00

Opening Reception: Friday, May 31, 6:00 to 8:00 P.M.

Pickup: Saturday, June 29, 10:00 to 12:00

87th Annual Exhibit— SAMA Johnstown, Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center, August 9 - December 19, 2019

Receiving: Saturday, July 20, 10:00 to 12:00 at Bottleworks

Delivery to UPJ of accepted work: Monday and Tuesday, August 5 and 6, 10:00 to 4:00

Opening Reception: TBA.

Pickup: Thursday and Friday, December 19 and 20, 10:00 to 4:00 (All dates are subject to change).

# Member News and Community Notes of Interest

#### **Congratulations to our Spring Exhibit Award Winners!**

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Dan Helsel Award - Larry Mallory, "Ruby Red Lilly"

Anna Antemann Award - Diana R. Williams, "Jack"

Karen Welsh Award - Judith Crookston, "Under Thin Ice"

Al Lichtenfels Award - Kim Williams, "G.O.A.T. 21"

H.F. Lenz Company Award - Donald "Zonal " Patcher, "Enchanted Fractal Rune Optics"

Honorable Mention - Bill Dembowski, "—by a Thread"

Honorable Mention - Kathleen Kase Burk, "Germination"

#### 2019-2020 Allied Artists Scholarship Recipients

On Saturday, May 4th, 10 eager seniors arrived at the Bottle Works Building to have their personal interviews with this year's judge, Mr. John Minnich. Of those 10, 2 seniors received scholarships of \$1500 each and 5 received scholarships for \$400 each. Those 7 are: **Christine Troll** of Somerset who will study interdisciplinary arts at the University of Pittsburgh, Bradford campus, \$1500; **Sydney Huston** from Westmont Hilltop who will study studio art-graphic design at IUP, \$1500; The following 5 seniors will receive scholarships of \$400 each: **Marian Grata**, a senior at Central Cambria, will study graphic design at Slippery Rock University; **Savannah Reitz** from Great-

er Johnstown, will study art education and pre art therapy at Slippery Rock University; **Emily Belinda** from Forest Hills, will study art education at IUP; **Molly Piwonka** from Salisbury Elk Lick, will study art education at Eastern Mennonite University; and **Trinity Hardrick** from Greater Johnstown will study graphic design at the Pittsburgh Technical College. We wish them all a successful year studying art at their individual colleges.

Annette Ballow, AAJ Scholarship Chair



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"Kamau"-color pencil drawing by Christine Troll, Somerset High School

2019 AAJ PATRON DRIVE has begun. Letters went out on March 15th and we sincerely hope that you are committed to supporting our local Allied Artists of Johnstown. The arts are alive and well in this area and we are a big part of 

#### LIBRARY DONATIONS HONORING AAJ MEMBERS

In honor of several recently deceased Allied Artists members, the board recently made donations to purchase art books for the following libraries: Ligonier Valley Library (Helen Thorne), Ebensburg Cambria Public Library (Ed and Kay Kale), and Cambria County Library, Johnstown (Robin Green and Patricia Bartis).

THE ARTISTS HAND GALLERY in Indiana will be holding a photography exhibit. The entry deadline is June 30. It is a juried show with prizes. Additional information and prospectus can be obtained by contacting Sandy Trimble at sandyt@theartistshandgallery.com. AAJ members are encouraged to participate. \*\*\*\*\*

"60's, 70's, 80's ARTIST LEGECY OF IUP" Joy Fairbanks and Kathy Burk will be exhibiting at the IUP museum in the fall. The show titled "60's, 70's, 80's Artist Legacy of IUP" runs from Sept. 7th until Dec. 9th. The public is invited to the opening reception on Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 until 8:30 p.m. Eleven IUP graduates will be included in the show which will feature a wide range of artwork including sculpture, oils, drawing, collage, watercolors, encaustics, and ceramics.



#### **VOMA Mental Health Awareness Month**

AAJ member Susan Novak's solo show at VOMA (Venue of Merging Arts), opens on May 25<sup>th</sup> with an opening reception from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. The exhibit continues through June 7<sup>th</sup>. This unique exhibit showcases the evolution of Susan's paintings over the past 20 years and how such reflects the role of art in her own recovery from traumatic brain injury, PTSD and a devastating treatment experience that left her fearful to ever make art again. Susan is now a Board Certified Art Therapist, Certified Trauma Therapist, Certified Peer Specialist and Rostered Artist with the PA Council on the Arts. She is also involved in other related events offered at VOMA as part of their Mental Health Awareness Month celebration. For more information call **814-410-2245** or visit **www.TheVoma.com** 

## BARBARA STRANK ZIVKOVICH PAINTINGS

Barbara Strank Zivkovich was an Allied Artists member who painted lively, on-site watercolors of the mills, factories, and street scenes of Johnstown. Her works have become even more appealing in our community as many of her subjects have now disappeared forever. The Johnstown Area Heritage Association is seeking sponsors for each of nine paintings they would like to buy for their collection, as a record of Johnstown's historic past. Each painting is priced at \$500, and so far sponsors have been found for four of the nine selected paintings. Anyone wishing to sponsor the purchase of any of the remaining five should contact Richard Burkett at the Heritage Discovery Center. The artist's estate is also selling many others of her paintings, and if you'd be interested in purchasing one for your own collection, contact Richard at the HDC and he can put you in touch with the family.\*\*\*

### **GALLERY ON GAZÉBO**

A new art gallery/tea shop has opened at 140 Gazebo Place in Johnstown, next to Central Park. The first show, titled "CreativiTEA", features art dealing with the tea theme and will be on view until June 5th. AAJ artist Dan Helsel shared his beautiful style of painting with visitors at the gallery on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Visit Gallery On Gazebo on facebook.

EBENSBURG ARTS 4 ALL is now accepting submissions for their summer 2019 exhibit held at The Everyday Gourmet in Ebensburg. Receiving will be on Thursday, June 6th at 9:30pm. Any artist is welcome to submit work and there is no entry fee. For more information please email bcdumm@gmail.com.

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