

"Serenity" by Kasey Hagens





"Foggy Greens" by Brandon Hirt

# **Allied Artists Quarterly Newsletter**

by Sandra Zulawinski Schwab



# **Spring Edition-2021**



Fellow members of Allied Artists,

Greetings and I hope you're all healthy and enjoying spring and creating exciting art! Our spring exhibit is up now at Bottleworks and I believe it to be one of our most dynamic shows ever. The juror, Carol Brode was amazed at the diversity and range of offerings. Eighty Five pieces of art that really showcases the region's talent. I applaud you all. My thanks to Judy Lansberry, Judy Crookston, Bennet Vaughan and Duane Webb for their help with the intake. We're all looking forward to the reception Friday May 21st at 6pm. Hope to see you all there.

I'm sorry that we had to have the spring & summer shows back to back, but with the pandemic, scheduling was difficult. That's why the reception was delayed 3 weeks. Hopefully, you're all vaccinated and safe by now. Next year's spring exhibit is tentatively scheduled for mid April.

Intake for the summer exhibit is scheduled for Saturday May 29, and the reception is Friday June 4th. Details are in the prospectus that was emailed and also can be found on the website or Facebook.

I know many of you have been asking about the status of the much anticipated collaboration exhibit with our friends from the JT Camera Club, but, I'm sorry to report that it appears we'll have to postpone it for another year. SAMA-UPJ / PPAC is still closed.

Wishing you all well and have a creative, productive month. K.C.

### 2021 AAJ Exhibition Schedule

AAJ Spring Exhibit—Bottleworks—May 6 to July 2, 2021, Opening Reception— May 20, 6:00—8:00 pm Receiving—Saturday, May 1, 10:00 to 12:00pm, Pick-up— Saturday, July 3, 10:00 to 3:00pm AAJ/Johnstown Camera Club Cooperative Exhibit—postponed. TBR as SAMA at UPJ is still closed due to the pandemic.

AAJ Summer Exhibit—Cambria County Community Art Center—May 29 to June 26, 2021 Opening Reception— June 4, 6:00—8:00pm, Receiving—Saturday, May 29,10:00 to 12:00pm Pick-up— June 26, 10:00 to 3:00pm

**AAJ Fall Exhibit**—SAMA Johnstown, UPJ—August 6 to Dec.17, 2021, **Opening Reception**— August 6, 6:00—8:00pm, **Receiving**— August 2 & 3, 10:00 to 3:00pm, **Pick-up**— Dec. 20 & 21, 10:00 to 3:00pm

# **Member News and Community Notes of Interest**

#### 2021 Sustaining Fund Drive Underway

2021 has us hopeful to return to a schedule of exciting and stimulating exhibits, giving you the artist, an opportunity to show your talents. Which brings us to the reason for this letter. We are in desperate need of your assistance. Last year put a terrible strain on our ability to function as a non profit and continue our assistance to you and the arts community. Contributions from generous individuals and civic-minded organizations enable us to continue our efforts to enhance the cultural climate of our area. Promoting the arts is our mission and we try to make a difference in our local community. Thanks to our supporters and member artists, we will continue to maintain a presence with our many exhibitions, collaborations, and creative endeavors.

Additionally, to encourage high school seniors who wish to pursue the visual arts at the college level, we will provide \$5000 in scholarships. We will also sponsor awards for the Annual Junior Art Show. Donations to our Friends of Art Fund allow us to donate a work of art from our annual exhibition to a non-profit organization.

Please become a greater part of your art community by being a financial supporter of Allied Artists of Johnstown! Help keep your organization thriving and functioning. Your tax-deductible contribution will help us continue our work and will be greatly appreciated. Please mail your gift, to the **Allied Artists**; **PO Box 1547, Johnstown, Pa 15907.** 

Thank you in advance for your commitment to the arts and the enrichment they bring to our community. Sincerely, Marianne S. Krizner, Board member emeritus Ken Cotlar, AAJ President

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Gary Lehman Award: Mary Wiley-Lewis - "Sunrise over Sauk River, WA" (Pastel) Rebecca C. Pender Award for the "Sara Crawford Memorial": Kenneth Cotlar – "#558" (Acrylic on canvas) Arthur Lambert Award: Joy Fairbanks – "Evening Tide" (Photography) Dr. Joel & Mary Borkow Award: Jim Richey – "Leviathan" (Photography) Sue Konvolinka Award: Alan Lichtenfels – "Babe" (Metal sculpture) Suzette Colvin, Re/Max Realtors Award: Bryan Smith – "In the Barn" (Photography)

#### **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!**

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#### **2021 AAJ Scholarship Award Recipients**

Eden Balog, \$2,500 Allied Artist Legacy Scholarship, Westmont Hilltop, Penn State University, Graphic Design Tarin Varner, \$1,000 Allied Artist Legacy Scholarship, Forest Hills, Indiana University, Art Education

#### Congratulations and Best Wishes!

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

President: Ken Cotlar Vice President: Duane Webb Membership Secretary: Kim Williams Recording Secretary: Judith Lansberry Treasurer: Bennett Vaughn

Scholarship Chair and Patron Drive: Marianne Krizner Website Editor: Duane Webb, Facebook: Lora Marsh, E-Mail Manager / Newsletter: Diane Safko

Exhibit Chairs: 89th Annual (FALL) Exhibit:, Spring Exhibit, and Summer Exhibit: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. If interested, please contact Ken at kcpc69@comcast.net or call 814-241-2947.

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