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Quarterly NEWSLETTER

Fall 2008

President's Letter

It's No Secret...
The Allied Artists of Johnstown boast a membership that includes artists that are experts in their craft. But did you know that we have many members who are renowned nationally as professionals in our field? Talented individuals that serve on many boards, exhibit both nationally and internationally, manage art centers, direct museum programs, curate, write arts curriculum, teach and whom garner awards and recognition at the highest levels. Take a look though this newsletter to see what your fellow members are doing. If you are involved in a 'special' exhibit or project, let us know. We'd love to promote it.

In just the past 10 months I have read numerous articles about our members, each furthering the arts in our community. I'm always so happy to see a mention for the Allied Artists of Johnstown in these articles and interviews. It's no secret the whole is only as valuable as its parts. You are a part of an organization that has fostered the arts in this region for over 76 years!

To those of you who have given AAJ 'a mention' Thank YOU! To those of you who talk to artists you meet about AAJ and encourage new members to enter our exhibits- Thank YOU! All of us benefit when each of us thrives as an individual artist. We always need your ideas and participation.

We welcome your involvement- in exhibits at workshops and with our board. Our board meetings are listed in every newsletter and on our web site. The Executive Board meets every second Wednesday at 7 PM at the Bottle Works Ethnic Arts Center. Your ideas, time and talents help us be stronger as a whole-we invite any one who is interested to attend. It's no secret- we are proud of our member artists, so brag about your membership in Allied Artists of Johnstown, we love to brag about you.

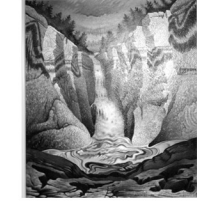


Janie Leck-Grela



Summer Show

Good food and good friends were in abundance at the Artists opening reception at the Bottleworks. The night's activities were highlighted by the ceremonies to honor the award winners in the exhibit. Former AAJ member Kathy Rosensteel served as juror for this exhibit.



Berezansky's "Lifelines"

Joe Berezansky's work "Lifelines" took 1st place. 2nd place went to Joy Fairbanks for her collage "Great Escapes", and 3rd Place to Rich Newill for "My First Dollar". Honorable Mentions went to James Richy for his photo "Rainbow" and to Glenn Brougner for his photo "We won the Race Today".

2008 SCHOLARSHIPS ANNOUNCED

Eleven area students were considered for scholarship awards in May, with 5 recipients being awarded scholarship monies. Keith Cummings was the juror in deciding the awards. There were 5 students from Richland School District, 2 from Windber, and 1 each from Westmont, Somerset, Bishop Carroll, and Penn Cambria.

Erik Olsen of Somerset received the highest award of \$1460. Matthew Pekala of Windber received 2nd place in the amount of \$750. A third place tie resulted in Richland seniors Kelly Fritz and Stephanie Martin both being awarded \$250. The fourth place amount of \$200 was awarded to Cassandra Speicher of Windber.

Other applicants who entered the competition were Shannon Benya, Jeana Dom, Samantha Johns, and Stephen Mack, all of Johnstown; Sara McMahon, Cresson; and Kellie Waksmunski, Carrolltown. Winners were presented certificates at the Summer Show on May 30 at the BottleWorks

AAJ Executive Board

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- Scholarships- Gary Lehman
- Spring show- Lida Hood
- Summer show- Helen Thorne
- Fall show- Bob Hovanec
- Winter show- Janie Leck-Grela

2008 Meeting Schedule

- August 19th
- September 10th
- October 8th
- November - no meeting
- December 10th (Annual holiday party)

Coming Events

- Fall Show** Sep 12 - Dec 14
UPJ Pasquerilla Center (SAMA)
- Winter Show** Nov. 1- 29
AmeriServe Bank
- Plein Aire** October 18
Naeskahoni Town - see page 3 for more details

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