



2012 AAJ EXHIBIT SCHEDULE

Winter Exhibit – January 21 to February 25, 2012
(Opening reception – Friday, January 27 – 6:00 pm)
Ameriserv Financial, downtown Johnstown

Spring Exhibit – March 24 to April 28, 2012
(Opening reception – Friday, March 30 – 6:00pm)
Ameriserv Financial, downtown Johnstown

Summer Exhibit – June 2 to June 30, 2012
(Opening reception – Friday, June 8 – 6:00pm)
Community Art Center of Cambria County, Westmont

Annual Exhibit – October 12, 2012 to January 4, 2013
(Receiving of works to be jurored – tba)
(Opening reception – tba)
SAMA Johnstown, UPJ campus

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2012 Slate of Officers

Allied Artists of Johnstown is pleased to announce the 2012 Board Candidates. **Note:** Candidates will be elected during the annual meeting; Wednesday, January 11, 2012, 7pm at Jim Richey's studio, 99 Diamond Blvd in Southmont. Members are encouraged to attend. Please contact AAJ with any questions, comments or suggestions for board candidates at: aaj@johnstownart.com or: AAJ at P.O. Box 1547 Johnstown, PA 15907 Phone: (814) 421-1525

NOMINEES:

President: Diane Safko
Vice President: Lida Hood
Treasurer: Duane Webb
Secretary: Sam Howard
Membership: Judith Lansberry
Patron Drive Chair: Marianne Krizner
Patron Drive Co-Chair: OPEN
Scholarship Chair: Lida Hood
Winter Show: Duane Webb/Annette Ballow
Spring Show: Sandy Grech/Alan Rauch
Summer Show: Lida Hood/Martha Nelson
Annual (Fall) Show: Janie Leck-Grela
Newsletter/Website: Duane Webb

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 Cottlar 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

I'm pleased to report that AAJ's 79th Annual Juried Exhibition at SAMA Johnstown has been well received. The exhibition began on September 2nd and ends December 2nd. This year's exhibit features 51 works from among 28 artists. In addition, there are 2 works included in the exhibition which pays special tribute to members of the organization who have passed away in 2011.

Ralph Welsh, a landscape and still life painter and long standing member of Allied Artists, passed away in May. Sandra Vargo, a native of Johnstown who enjoyed working in oils and watercolor passed away in February. Though her work is not represented in the exhibition, Elsie Krissay, one of Allied Artists life-long members, passed away in April at the age of 103. AAJ added four new members as part of the annual exhibit. I'm happy to welcome Marcene Glover, Donna Holdsworth, Brandon Locher and Aaron Stoup. Susan M. Palmisano, professor of fine art in painting and graduate coordinator at Indiana University of Pennsylvania was this year's juror and has served as juror for the Allied Artists previously. Palmisano commented regarding the exhibition; "Each time I have the pleasure of seeing the works of the Allied Artists of Johnstown, I am impressed with the quality and experimentation". I would like to thank Gary Lehman and Mark Eash who co-chaired the show, for volunteering their time to plan and organize a terrific exhibit. CONGRATULATIONS on a job well done!

(Editor's note: You can view the Annual show online at: www.johnstownart.com)

Winter is just a few short weeks away and this newsletter includes our 2012 Exhibit Schedule and Slate of Officers and chairpersons. Please review this information and if you wish to be a nominee or would like to nominate a fellow member for a board position, please e-mail AAJ at aaj@johnstownart.com or call (814) 421-1525. Election of board officers will take place at our annual meeting on January 11, 2012. I urge all AAJ members to attend the annual meeting for the purpose of election of the 2012 board. Please take special note of the fact that we are seeking a member to fill the position of patron drive co-chair. The member who accepts this position will work closely with Marianne Krizner to assist with our annual patron drive. It is through the efforts of our patron drive committee that our organization is able to continue its many programs and events. Please consider becoming a part of our executive committee as patron drive co-chair.

In conclusion, I'm grateful to everyone who pitched in throughout the year to make 2011 a successful year for the Allied Artists of Johnstown. To those of you who may not have entered an exhibit in sometime, please consider being a part of our Winter Exhibit in January 2012.

Check the exhibit schedule for exhibit dates and plan to join your fellow artists in the coming year by displaying your talent and sharing your artistic gifts.



above: Diane Safko, AAJ president

Best wishes to all for a very Happy Holiday season and contented new year!



-Diane

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SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT *Spotlight* OLIVIA LOCHER - Greater Johnstown H.S. graduate

Ever since receiving the scholarship from Allied Artist I have been practically living all of my dreams. I am a junior at School of Visual Arts in NYC (where I also received a scholarship) and I absolutely love it. I have been so lucky to have studied under some amazingly talented and informed professors and also have had two interesting internships outside of school with contemporary photographers. On my days off class I enjoy working on projects, photographing models, and attending gallery openings. As a young artist I find the city to be a very inspiring place. My work has matured so much after moving to New York. I've exhibited in galleries in NYC and Europe and also have been a part of various publications. I am so thankful for Johnstown's Allied Artist support and for helping me reach my dream of experiencing art education in NYC.

Olivia Locher

EASH - LEHMAN EXHIBIT at the BOTTLEWORKS

AAJ members Mark Eash and Gary Lehman are having a joint show at the BottleWorks Ethnic Arts Center from **December 1 until early to mid-January**. Mark is presenting his new works of photography. Gary is displaying recent pieces of wheel-thrown raku pottery.

The opening reception for the show will be Thursday, December 1 from 7-9 PM at the BottleWorks.

Refreshments will be served, and the work will be for sale.

Johnstown Library Exhibit Space Available

Library Exhibit for 2012; Two members are needed to display their work at the Cambria County Library exhibit beginning January 30, 2012. Please contact Diane at: aaj@johnstownart.com or call (814) 421-1525.

SALLY STEWART HONORED

The 2011 Bottle Works Artists Hall of Fame honored one of AAJ'S long standing members, Sally Stewart. Sally is a native of Johnstown and an internationally known painter and sculptor. The body of works that Sally has, and continues to create, is extraordinary. She is very active in the community and has been involved in many projects throughout our region, including designing and creating



above: Sally Stewart

the large wooden doors of the Community Art Center of Cambria County and a collection of works depicting the 1889 Johnstown Flood. Sally's accomplishments in the art world are far too numerous to mention here, but she has always been proudest of her 30 + years of teaching art in the Greater Johnstown Area. Sally has taught many of our AAJ members and states "*there is no good or bad art; it's just good to do art*". From your fellow artists and members of Allied Artists, **CONGRATULATIONS** Sally on your induction into the Artists Hall of Fame.

ANNUAL SHOW PICKUP

PASQUERILLA CENTER, UPJ

Annual Exhibit pick-up of art work is on December 6th, from 9:00am to 4:30pm at SAMA Johnstown Gallery. ALL art work must be retrieved on this date, unless other arrangements are made in advance.

DATE NIGHT IN PITTSBURGH?

ABOUT TO OPEN AT PITTSBURGH PUBLIC

THEATER, (downtown)..... Red is a play by American writer John Logan about artist Mark Rothko first produced by the Donmar Warehouse, London in December 2009. The Broadway production received the Tony Award for best play on Broadway in 2010.

Google for more info on performances and ticket prices.

NOTE: The email address for Allied Artists of Johnstown has been changed to:

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