



*Allied  
Artists*  
of Johnstown, Pennsylvania

# Fall 2012

## Quarterly Newsletter

Shown: detail of Joe Berezansky's acrylic 'Autumn's Last Tango' is currently on display in our Fall Exhibition

### 2012 Board of Directors

President: Diane Safko      Vice President: Lida Hood  
Treasurer: Duane Webb      Secretary: Sam Howard  
Membership: Judith Lansberry      Scholarship Chair: Lida Hood  
Patron Drive: Marianne Krizner / Jim Richey  
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

### President's Letter

The Allied Artists 80th Annual Juried Exhibitions' opening reception took place on November 8, 2012 and was an overwhelming success. There were nearly 80 people in attendance at the SAMA Johnstown gallery to view the 72 works included in the exhibition. In all, there were 15 works chosen to receive awards, given to the following artists for their outstanding works; Lisa Mull, Bill Dembowski, Alan Rauch, Kathleen Kase Burk, Donna Holdsworth, Steve Jendricks, Lori Miglioretti, Bob Wertz, Mary Lessard, Diane Safko, Georgia Akers, Helen Thorne, Joy Fairbanks, Joe Berezansky and Marcene Glover. A tribute to two of AAJ's members who passed away this year is included in the exhibition; Mr. Walter Kososki and Mr. Paul Whinnie. We are fortunate to have their works as part of the display and to share our fondest memories of both very talented men. If you have not yet seen the exhibition, which will remain on display through January 5, 2013, please stop by to view an excellent show. My thanks to Janie Leck Grela who did a fine job of chairing the AAJ 80th Annual Juried Exhibition. AAJ welcomes its newest members who were chosen to join our ranks with the annual exhibit receiving; Judith Crookston, Melissa Haslam, Steve Jendricks, Lori Miglioretti and Ken Robb.

Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Johnstown will host a special event planned in conjunction with the exhibition. A "Lunch a l'Art" will take place on November 29, from 12:00 to 2:00 pm. The event will include a luncheon and AAJ members Joe Berezansky, Donna Holdsworth and Bob Wertz will share insights into their work and particular medium. For more information about the "Lunch a l'Art" or to make reservations for this event, please call SAMA Johnstown at 814-269-7234. Reservations should be made by November 26 as seating is limited. Cost is \$9.00 per person.

Please read your newsletter thoroughly for more information and updates on AAJ's ongoing and upcoming projects and PLEASE plan to be a part of it all! Our winter newsletter will be out in February and until then I wish you all a tranquil winter and very happy holiday season.

My Regards,  
Diane M. Safko

2013

### Exhibit Schedule

Winter Exhibit: Jan 19 through Feb 23, 2013  
Reception – Friday, Jan 25 – 6:00 to 8:00PM  
Ameriserv – 216 Franklin Street

Spring Exhibit: Mar 16 through Apr 20, 2013  
Reception – Friday, Mar 22 – 6:00 to 8:00PM  
Ameriserv – 216 Franklin Street

Summer Exhibit: Jun 1 through Jul 6, 2013  
Reception – Friday, Jun 7 – 6:00 to 8:00PM  
Art Works in Johnstown – 411 Third Avenue, Johnstown  
**NOTE:** Large format work will be accepted

Annual(Fall)Exhibit: Sep 6 through Dec 13, 2013  
Reception – Sept. 6 or Sept. 20(?) – 6:00 to 8:00PM  
SAMA Johnstown – 450 Schoolhouse Road, UPJ  
**NOTE:** Annual Exhibit dates are tentative, to be confirmed at a later date.

### Allied Artists of Johnstown, Pa Inc. 2013 Slate of Officers & Meeting Schedule

Allied Artists of Johnstown is pleased to announce the 2013 Board Candidates.

**Note:** Candidates will be elected during the annual meeting;

Wednesday, January 9, 2013. Members are encouraged to attend.

Please contact AAJ with any questions, comments or suggestions for board

candidates at; [aaj@johnstownart.com](mailto:aaj@johnstownart.com) or:

AAJ at P.O. Box 1547 Johnstown, PA 15907

Phone: (814) 421-1525

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**Secretary:** Annette Ballow      **Summer Show:** Marcene Glover  
**Membership:** Judith Lansberry      Diane Safko  
**Patron Drive Chair:** Nadine Toth  
**Patron Drive Co-Chair:** Jim Richey      **Fall Show:** Kathleen Kase Burk  
**Scholarship Chair:** Donna Holdsworth      Ken Cotlar  
**Newsletter/Website:** Duane Webb

\*Please see 2013 Exhibit Schedule for locations & dates of exhibits

Board meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm

Location may vary. To be announced by e-mail monthly.

**PLEASE CHECK YOUR E-MAIL REGULARLY!**

*All are welcome to attend*

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### AAJ 2012 Patron Drive

We have good news to report. Our patron drive is \$100 away from our goal of \$6000. To all of you who have contributed, we are deeply grateful, and to those who may still want to donate, we would be happy to receive additional funding.

The Patron Committee is not a one- or two-man operation. Compiling letters, addressing and stuffing envelopes, making follow-up calls, and acknowledging donations involves many volunteers. My patron co-chair, Jim Richey, and I would like to thank the following for assisting us in making the all-important follow-up calls: Lora Marsh, Annette Ballow, Gary Lehman, Martha Nelson, Janie Leck-Grela, and Dan Helsel. Thank you also to Janet Criste who helped stuff nearly 200 envelopes.

Those calls and additional e-mails sent out by Jim produced results as evidenced by the amount of donations received. Of the total designated donations received, \$1625 has already been presented to artists as awards at the 80th Allied Artists Annual Juried Exhibition on November 8, 2012.

The Allied Artists of Johnstown is very appreciative of the support system we have in this community. Because of that support, we continue to fulfill our mission

Marianne S. Krizner, Patron Chair

## NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

Check out **Ray Rafferty's** 'Menagerie of Digital Spaces' on his blog: <http://raydartist.wordpress.com>

In August, **Marcene Glover** exhibited work at SOHO20 Chelsea Gallery, NYC. She is now represented by Christine Frechard Gallery, Pittsburgh. Her portrait of Congressman Bennie Thompson was selected for placement in the permanent collection of Mississippi's Bennie G. Thompson Congressional Center.

**Martha K. Nelson** is having her artwork displayed at the Warde Nasse Gallery which is located at 178 Prince Street in New York through 2012.

## AAJ ANNUAL EXHIBITION IS NOW SHOWING

at the UPJ Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center  
SAMA Johnstown

Oct 12, 2012  
through  
Jan 4, 2013

shown right: 'Vintage Woman'  
an acrylic by Melissa Haslam



There was plenty to discuss at the artists reception on November 8th. The turnout was wonderful... about 80 people attended the event. Awards were presented to 15 artists from the 70 works the juror had to choose from. The show is available for viewing

on our website also, so feel free to invite distant friends and relatives.

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left: Helen Thorne (center) and Marianne Krizner (on right), with Mary Lessard and Alan Rauch (far left) enjoying the opening reception



above: 'Untitled' an oil by Sam Howard is on display at the 80th Annual Fall Show

## JSO Project Meeting

As you probably are aware AAJ is combining efforts with Johnstown Symphony Orchestra to present slides of our members' works at the JSO Spring Concert in March, 2013. On Sunday, Oct. 21 a meeting was held



Members are being presented the information at Helen Thorne's home Helen Thorne which was

open to all AAJ members. Helen prepared some tasty snacks and refreshments and we were treated to a tour of her lovely home and grounds. A very special thank you goes to Helen for her hospitality and support of this project. To date, we have collected approximately 95 works submitted by our members and are hoping to



Jim Richey demonstrates the slide show format to the group

collect many more. If you have not already done so, please contact Jim Richey to receive the information needed regarding the types of images you may have that fit the evenings' musical performance and how to submit them. Jim is also

working with the JSO board on developing a program insert that shows photos of all the works included in the slide show and information on how they can be purchased if they are for sale. We will also need a count of how many of you plan to attend the concert on March 9, 2013 (Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center, UPJ campus) in hopes that we can receive tickets at a reduced rate.

Please contact Diane at [dsketches@atlanticbb.net](mailto:dsketches@atlanticbb.net) or Jim at [jimrichey@hotmail.com](mailto:jimrichey@hotmail.com) if you plan to attend.

Another meeting is planned for January 13, 2013 at 2pm at Jim Richey's studio at 99 Diamond Blvd, so keep checking your e-mail and PLEASE plan to be a part of this opportunity by submitting your works.

## ACOA PANTRY PROJECT

As you know from previous mention, AAJ is a member of the newly formed Arts Coalition of the Alleghenies. The mission of the ACOA is; To collaboratively schedule, market and advocate for the arts community in the Allegheny region. To work together with our member artists and arts organizations to encourage complementary programming and cooperative promotion efforts. The Pantry Project is an effort put together by the ACOA to promote its member organizations and to show true Holiday spirit by having each organization collect canned goods to be distributed to the needy. Since AAJ has no permanent home for drop-off of canned goods, we are limited as to our participation. However, if you plan to stop in at SAMA Johnstown to view the annual exhibition or are otherwise in the area, we can all do our part by bringing canned goods which are being collected at the Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center in the SAMA gallery. It costs very little for a few cans of soup, veggies or fruit and it will make a huge difference for a family in need. Watch those expiration dates!! You may drop off your canned goods Monday through Friday at SAMA Johnstown throughout the months of November and December. Please call ahead if you plan to do so - 814-269-7234.

Thank you in advance for your generosity towards this most worthy cause.