



*Allied
Artists*
of Johnstown, Pennsylvania

Quarterly Newsletter Spring 2011

2011 COMING AAJ EXHIBITS

SUMMER Exhibit - June 11 to July 16, 2011 (Reception - June 17)

Art Works in Johnstown, Third Avenue

Open to Members Only

OVERSIZED WORK WILL BE ACCEPTED for this event

Chairpersons - Diane Safko/Martha Nelson

FALL Exhibit - Sep 2 to Dec 2, 2011 (Reception - Sep 2)

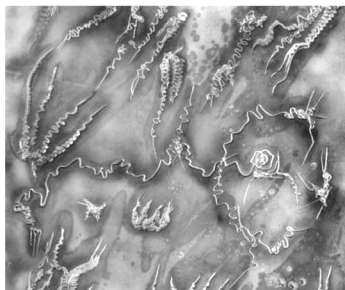
SAMA Johnstown, Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center

Chairpersons - Gary Lehman/Mark Eash

Dues must be paid before entry to shows



(above) Sandra Grech's mixed media "Frozen" is on display at Ameriserv Bank's downtown Johnstown location until May 7th.



(left) Ken Cotlar's work of Acrylic/Latex/Plexi entitled 401-PX-11 was one of the eight award recipients at our Spring exhibit being held at Ameriserv through May 7th

Ken Cotlar One Man Show

Ken Cotlar will have a one man show in State College, PA at "Zola's Bistro and Gallery" on College Ave. The show will open on May 17th and run for 2 months. Ken will also have a booth at the Harrisburg Artfest over the Memorial Day weekend, Saturday, Sunday, & Monday. He will also be exhibiting at Three Rivers Art Festival, June 9-11th. If you come visit him at the art festivals, you'll see work quite different from the art he shows at AAJ exhibits.

Executive Board and Committees 2011

Diane Safko	President
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Diane Safko Martha Nelson	Summer Show Co-Chairs
Gary Lehman Mark Eash	Annual Fall Show Co-Chairs
Jim Richey	Winter Show Chair

Presidents' Letter

On April 2nd, AAJ's 2011 Spring Exhibit opened at Ameriserv Financial. The show includes 55 pieces and the awards were chosen by our juror Kathleen Cochran-Zimbicki. Ms. Zimbicki was so impressed with the level of talent represented that she contributed a juror's choice award. With her award included, there were 8 awards total presented to the following AAJ members for their excellent works; Martha Nelson, Joy Fairbanks, Ann Dougherty, Larry Mallory, Joy Thwing, Ken Cotlar, Lora Stager and Alan Lichtenfels. CONGRATULATIONS to all! Lora and Alan are two of our newest members along with Sally Sturm, all three of whom became members as of our Spring Exhibit. AAJ extends a warm welcome to Alan, Lora and Sally.

The Spring Exhibit opening reception was held on April 8th. A very special "thank you" is extended to our exhibit chairpersons Ken Cotlar and Dan Helsel. Ken and Dan did a terrific job with planning the exhibit and opening reception. The exhibit will remain on display through May 7th and you can see the show online by going to our website at www.johnstownart.com.

This newsletter includes the prospectus for the Summer Exhibit to be held at Art Works in Johnstown. This will be our first time exhibiting as a group at Art Works. It was suggested by members of AAJ that we choose a location which offers more space for exhibiting larger works including three dimensional pieces. Art Works in Johnstown offers plenty of space and since our Summer Exhibit is a MEMBERS ONLY exhibit, I am hoping that EVERYONE WILL PARTICIPATE IN THIS EXHIBIT and fill the gallery with many unique works to show case the talent and creativity for which AAJ is known. Please plan to enter the Summer Exhibit. This is your opportunity to display large works that are often too large for less spacious galleries.

As you may know, AAJ has changed the location of its monthly meetings. Jim Richey has generously offered the use of his studio at 99 Diamond Boulevard in Johnstown where we will continue to meet for the present time. The Executive Board is searching for a permanent location where we may be able to store our files and supplies and possibly hold a variety of workshops. If you have any suggestions regarding a rent free space that you may be able to provide or know is available, please forward the information to our e-mail address at: aaaj@atlanticbb.net.

I sincerely hope to see each and every one of you at receiving for the Summer Exhibit on June 11th. Till then, wishing you many carefree and sunny spring days!

Diane M. Safko

2011 Spring Exhibit at Ameriserv

On April 2nd, AAJ's 2011 Spring Exhibit opened at Ameriserv Financial. The show includes 55 pieces. The show was juried by Pittsburgh artist and teacher Kathleen Cochran-Zimbicki. Awards were presented to: Martha Nelson, Joy Fairbanks, Ann Dougherty, Larry Mallory, Joy Thwing, Ken Cotlar, Lora Stager and Alan Lichtenfels.

The exhibit will be displayed until May 7th at the downtown Johnstown location of Ameriserv. The show is also available for online viewing on the AAJ website: www.johnstownart.com.

LOST & FOUND

A large black portfolio was left at Ameriserv Bank during drop-off for the Spring Exhibit, please contact Diane at (814) 421-1525.

Summer Exhibit receiving is on June 11th at the Artworks, next to the Bottleworks. Oversized works are welcome!

VOLUNTEER ARTISTS WANTED

The John P. Murtha Neuroscience & Pain Management Institute, located on Scalp Avenue in the Richland area of Johnstown, needs volunteers interested in teaching art classes or giving demonstrations. The individuals who attend these classes are being treated for a variety of pain related disabilities. Many of them have taken art therapy classes previously and gain a great deal of relaxation and a feeling of accomplishment through their involvement.

If you are interested in assisting these individuals by sharing your knowledge and talent, please contact Barbara Duryea at: bduryea@conemaugh.org or phone (814) 269-5241.

PATRON DRIVE

Time passes quickly when you are having a good time and enjoying yourself. This year we have enjoyed three Allied Artists of Johnstown shows with a fourth coming up very quickly. It takes time and money to organize these shows, arranging for jurors and award money. Add to that the cost of a newsletter, postage, office supplies, and presentation of scholarships and the cost increases. The Allied Artists couldn't possibly handle all of these expenses without a Patron Drive. Dues and entry fees are not nearly enough to cover the dollars involved.

On June 1, the Allied Artists of Johnstown will officially begin the 2011 Patron Drive. If you wish to volunteer to stuff envelopes or make important follow-up calls. The more people calling, the less calls a member needs to make. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.



**Help is needed to make
it a success.**

Can we count on you?



**Please call Marianne Krizner at 814-255-1972
before June 1st.**

Greensburg Biennial Exhibit

AAJ member Joy Fairbanks has been juried into the Greensburg Biennial Exhibit which opens May 13th - June 24th. *There is a link for more information on our website.*

Arts Conference *for arts managers, teachers, artists and arts advocates.*

Monday June 6, 2011 at Indiana University of Pennsylvania
8:30 AM - 3:30 PM Cost \$30 per person - includes workshops,
refreshments and lunch. **More details can be found on our
website or email: praa@francis.edu**

DISPLAY SPACE IS BEING OFFERED

Emmanuel Church, located on Luther Street in Richland, is offering AAJ members to utilize their gallery space from September 2 through November 6th. The show is being coordinated by AAJ member Sandy Vigna. She can be contacted at: 659-7566 or by emailing her at: svigna@atlanticbb.net) for more details. There is no charge for exhibiting. The subject for this autumn show is: "In Living Color".

AAJ exhibits at the Cambria County Library

The Cambria County Library has a small area called the Classic Corner located on the first floor, where they have asked AAJ members to exhibit their art work throughout the year at 3 month intervals. The first exhibit is currently on display until June 20th. For each 3 month interval, AAJ will exhibit the works of four members. Each member should choose 4 or 5 pieces to be hung. The library is open on Mondays and Tuesdays (drop-off and pick-up days) from 8:00am to 8:00pm. Drop off is at the Reception Desk on the 3rd floor. Tell the receptionist you are dropping off art work for the Classic Corner which Sandie Hinterliter is coordinating.

Exhibiting at the library has many advantages for an AAJ member, including exposure in a highly populated public area, the library is open 6 days a week with many scheduled events open to the public and, of course, the opportunity to possibly sell your work. At present, we have 3 members scheduled to be included in the exhibit that begins on June 27, 2011. There is 1 available spot for that exhibit period which will be assigned on a first come first serve basis. If you wish to be included in the June to September exhibit, please forward an e-mail with your intent to Diane Safko at aaj@atlanticbb.net or dsketches@atlanticbb.net.

The following is the schedule of drop-off and pick-up dates for each exhibit period. These dates may be adjusted depending upon the library and AAJ's schedule of events.

Cambria County Library – 2011 Exhibit Schedule / Drop-off & Pick-up dates for art work:

(Current display) Pick-up - Monday, June 20 - 9:00am to 7:00pm

Drop-off - Monday, June 27 - 9:00am to 7:00pm

Pick-up - Monday, September 19 - 9:00am to 7:00pm

Hanging - Tuesday, June 28 - Library staff

Drop-off - Monday, September 26 - 9:00am to 7:00pm

Pick-up - Monday, January 9, 2012 - 9:00am to 7:00pm

Hanging - Tuesday, September 27 - Library staff

Drop-off - Monday, January 30, 2012 - 9:00am to 7:00pm

Pick-up – TBA

Hanging - Tuesday, January 31 - Library staff

Please note the following:

- All art will remain on exhibit for 3 month intervals.
- Art work can be pieces that have been exhibited previously.
- Art work that is purchased will be tagged as sold and remain on display for the duration of the exhibit.
- Checks will be made out to AAJ. AAJ will receive the customary 20% commission. No commission is required by the Library, but donations are appreciated.
- The following information regarding each piece to be displayed must be reported prior to the drop off date;
ARTIST NAME, TITLE OF WORK, MEDIUM, SALE PRICE. This information is needed to produce tags to be placed beside each work and the information should be e-mailed to Diane Safko at: dsketches@atlanticbb.net.
- Please provide a brief artist profile which will be posted in the display area (what clubs you belong to, your art background/education, an artist statement about your work or art in general).
- While art work is at the library it will be covered under the library's insurance policy up to \$25,000-total value.

PLEASE KEEP THIS INFORMATION ON HAND FOR FUTURE USE.

If you have any questions regarding the library exhibits, please contact Diane at (814) 421-1525 or e-mail her at: dsketches@atlanticbb.net.