

# Spring 2012 Quarterly Newsletter

Shown: detail of Frank Honkus's 'Early Spring' photograph that was part of the Spring Exhibition

#### 2012 SCHEDULED EXHIBITS

Summer Exhibit – Jun 2 to Jun 30, 2012 Receiving - June 2; 10-noon Opening – Friday, June 8 – 6:00pm) Community Arts Center, Westmont

Annual Fall Exhibit - Oct 12, 2012 to Jan 4, 2013 Receiving at Bottleworks - September 8th 10am - 12pm Jurying 12 - 2pm, then pickup work from 2 - 3 pm Drop off Oct 8 - 9th, SAMA Johnstown, UPJ campus (Opening - tba)

#### Dues must be paid before entry to shows

If you have not yet paid your membership dues, please submit \$35 (includes late fee) to: Allied Artists of Johnstown P.O. Box 1547, Johnstown, PA 15907

#### Amerisery Sponsors 2012 Spring Exhibit

The AAJ Spring show was displayed through April 28th at the downtown Johnstown location of Ameriserv. The show was juried by William Hoffman, Jr, and 39 works were exhibited. Awards were presented to Annette Ballow, Joe Berezansky, Ken Cotlar, Kathleen Kase-Burk, Alan Rauch, and Alan Lichtenfels. Honorable mentions went to artists Annie Pritts and Bill Dembowski.



Alan Rauch (I) received an award for his work from his co-chairperson Sandra Grech with AAJ President Diane Safko watching.



above; Annie Pritts oil painting 'Family Trade received Honorable Mention



above: Alan Lichtenfels metal sculpture 'Pelican' received the Carolyn Griffith Award

The show can still be viewed on our website: www.johnstownart.com

## Warde Nasse Gallery Exhibit

New York City - AAJ member Martha K. Nelson is having her artwork displayed at the Warde Nasse Gallery which is located at 178 Prince Street in New York City throughout 2012.

#### 2012 Board of Directors

President: Diane Safko Vice President: Lida Hood
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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 – Spring 2012

With every season and every year, Allied Artists is becoming actively involved with more exhibitions and events. This means greater exposure for our organization, more involvement with the community and more opportunities for our members to display and possibly sell their works. This newsletter makes mention of two particular projects that most definitely deserve our attention.

The Allied Artists 80th Anniversary Exhibition being held at the Jenner Art Gallery at Mountain Playhouse is of special interest. It is scheduled for July 24 through August 5, 2012. Also, a combined effort between the Johnstown Symphony Orchestra and Allied Artists is in the works. Scheduled for March, 2013 Maestro Istvan Jaray has requested AAJ's participation in a very exciting venture. Due to the amount of information you will need to know regarding these ventures, the information is posted on our web site (www.johnstownart.com) by clicking on EVENTS in the blue menu bar, then clicking the individual event in the area highlighted in yellow. PLEASE take the time to read these articles thoroughly as your participation is vital to their success.

AAJ's Spring Exhibit at Ameriserv Financial closed on April 28. Thanks to our co-chairs Sandy Grech and Alan Rauch the exhibit was very successful. We had a tremendous turn-out at the open reception which yielded many positive comments. There were six awards given to the following members; Ken Cotlar, Alan Rauch, Annette Ballow, Kathleen Kase Burk, Joe Berezansky and Alan Lichtenfels. Two honorable mentions went to Annie Lou Pritts and Bill Dembowski. Congratulations to all! Two pieces from the exhibit were purchased and AAJ added a new member, Lynn Musulin. Welcome Lynn! Thank you Sandy and Alan for your hard work and tireless efforts. On May 14, AAJ will open its next exhibit at the Cambria County Library. The exhibit will feature the works of Sandy Grech, Janie Leck-Grela, Donna Holdsworth and Georgia Akers. They will remain on display until August 19. Please make an effort to view the exhibit.

In the Winter issue of our newsletter, a request was noted for a patron drive co-chair. I am happy to report that Jim Richey has volunteered for the position and will be assisting Marianne Krizner with our annual patron drive. When you receive your patron letter, please give generously as AAJ counts on your support.

Wishing you a very pleasant Summer, Diane

# REMINDER PATRON DRIVE IS UNDERWAY

Our annual Allied Artists of Johnstown Patron Drive will begin soon, and we are looking for member volunteers to help with stuffing envelopes and making the important phone calls.

We need your help.

Please call Marianne Krizner at 814-255-1972 to sign up. Thank you.

### The Westmoreland Museum Juried Biennial

Greensburg - Two of our members have been juried into the Westmoreland Museum's Biennial Exhibit. Kathleen Kase-Burk and Ronald Nigro will have their works displayed. An artists reception will be held on Friday, April 27 from 6:30 - 8pm. The show runs from April 28th through July 22, 2012.

# SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT SPOTLIGHT

My experience at Edinboro has been wonderful, so far. I'm in my second semester studying art education. Last semester I took Drawing 1 and 3D Design which were a challenge compared to high school art classes but the same goes for all the classes I've had so far. This semester I'm tackling Drawing 2 and 2D Design. I can't wait to finish my foundations studio classes and move into other areas of art. All of my professors are helpful and really nice. They are some amazing people who each have a different perspective on art. I have also become involved in the National Art Education Association Club. We got to go to New York City at the beginning of March for the NAEA conference. Most students do not get to have this experience so early in their college careers so I consider myself lucky. It was wonderful to get to have fun in the city, go to lectures, and get lots of free art supplies. I can't wait to go to the conference next year in Texas. Our president is graduating this semester and I am in line to be president next semester. It is very exciting to get an opportunity like that. I really feel I have made the right choice going to Edinboro to study art. I am so proud of everything I have accomplished to this point.

Michelle Mazur

#### 2012 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

If you have not yet received your copy, or if there is a discrepancy with your listing, please notify aaj@johnstownart.com with the corrections.

#### PORTRAIT WORKSHOPS

Marcene Glover is teaching portrait workshops at Touchstone Center for Crafts. She invites all of you to join her and bring your friends. The Beginning (July 9-13) and Advanced (July 30-Aug 3) classes will inspire all, even experienced artists. Call Marcene at 814-243-2126 or 724-329-1370 to register at Touchstone. (More info on our website)

#### ARTISTS WANTED

**SOMERSET** IN TOUCH HOSPICE is looking for an artist who paints birds, particularly a goldfinch. A patient's family established a memorial and would like this work of art to be hung in Hospice House. They are also interested in having a mural painted on a wall of their new addition.

The owner of the Pine Grill restaurant is also searching for an artist to paint a mural on an inside wall.

Interested artists should contact Beverly Penrod: bevingray@yahoo.com



AAJ Summer Show June 2 to June 30, 2012 Receiving will be June 2nd 10am - 12 noon

at the Community Arts Center, Westmont (Opening – Friday, June 8 – 6:00pm) Juror - Melissa Kuntz, associate professor of art at Clarion University

## **EXHIBIT OPPORTUNITIES**

#### CAMBRIA COUNTY LIBRARY

NOTE: VOLUNTEER EXHIBITORS ARE NEEDED, PLEASE CONSIDER THIS OPPORTUNITY TO DISPLAY YOUR WORK The following is the schedule of drop-off and pick-up dates for each exhibit period.

Drop-off - May 14 Pick-up - August 20

Drop-off - August 27 Pick-up - December 3

Drop-off - December 10 Pick-up - March 18, 2013

If you are interested in displaying at the library exhibits, please contact Diane at (814) 421-1525 or e-mail: aaj@johnstownart.com

#### PITTSBURGH WATERCOLOR SOCIETY

66th ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL EXHIBIT OCTOBER 6 - NOVEMBER 3, 2012 at 3rd Street Gallery in Carnegie, PA For full details on entering, visit their website at: http://www.pittsburghwatercolorsociety.com/

#### JOHNSTOWN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA PROJECT

UPJ PASQUERILLA CENTER - A special project was unveiled at a recent AAJ meeting by Maestro Jaray. He is hoping to have involvement of AAJ during a single performance in early 2013 by having artwork displayed in the lobby as well as having images projected onto a screen behind the orchestra during the concert event. More information is available on our website:

www.johnstownart.com

(Show your previously displayed work)

# JENNER ART GALLERY EXHIBIT

MOUNTAIN PLAYHOUSE - We've been invited to show our work from July 24th - August 5th during their performance of Fox on the Fairway. If you plan to participate you must email the TITLE, SIZE, MEDIUM and PRICE/VALUE to aaj@johnstownart.com before June 15, 2012. Check our website for more information: www.johnstownart.com

#### MARCENE GLOVER SOLO EXHIBIT

Johnstown, PA - AAJ Member Marcene Glover's new works will be featured as "Calm Energy" at **BOTTLE WORKS** Ethnic Arts Center. The exhibit features oversized oil portraits, tiny glass garden enameling, and colorstream works. Marcene invites all to her opening reception August 2nd, 7:30 - 9 pm. See more on our website.

#### JOY FAIRBANKS WORK DISPLAYED

Collegeville, PA - AAJ Member Joy Fairbanks has had one of her collages accepted into the 28th Juried Exhibit of the National Collage Society. The exhibit is being held at the Philip and Muriel Berman Museum of Art at Ursinus College in Collegeville, PA. The exhibit runs June 1st thru August 12th.

#### TRAVELING EAST THIS YEAR?

Philadelphia - The new Barnes Museum opens May 19th and is accepting group reservations for September 2012. Check now for individual tickets. Their new location is on the Ben Franklin Parkway, very near the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Visit their website: www.barnesfoundation.org/