



*Allied
Artists*
of Johnstown, Pennsylvania

Winter 2012

Quarterly Newsletter

Shown: detail of Bill Dembowski's 'Serious Shadows' currently displayed at the Winter Show

2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Winter Exhibit – Jan 21 to Feb 25, 2012
(Now Showing)
Ameriserv Financial, downtown Johnstown

Spring Exhibit – Mar 24 to Apr 28, 2012
Receiving - Mar 24 - 10 - noon
Opening Reception – Friday, March 30 – 6:00pm)
Ameriserv Financial, downtown Johnstown

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

Annual Exhibit – Oct 12, '12 to Jan 4, 2013
(Receiving – tba) (Opening – tba)
SAMA Johnstown, UPJ campus

Dues must be paid before entry to shows

2012 Winter Exhibit at Ameriserv

The winter show opened on January 21st, with forty-six works being displayed. Julie Bernstein Engelmann of Indiana, PA judged the show.

The exhibit will be displayed until February 25th at the downtown Johnstown location of Ameriserv. The show is also available for online viewing at:

www.johnstownart.com.

Shown right: 'Shepherdess' a pastel by Mary Wiley Lewis received the Dan Hesel Award

Below: Jim Richey's digital infrared photograph titled 'Farm in the Dell' received the Gary Lehman Award



Alan Rauch Exhibit

March 9-24, 2012, at ArtWorks in Cambria City, Learning Lamp Annual Event, Alan will exhibit a selection of his artwork featuring animals, pet portraits, kids art, tons of color and hopefully a little humor too. Opening reception will be Friday evening, March 9th, and Saturday and Sunday, March 10 & 11. Exhibit will continue until March 24.

2012 Board of Directors

President: Diane Saffo 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 – Winter 2012

2012 marks the 80th anniversary of Allied Artists of Johnstown. In 1932 a small but dedicated group of local residents came together to share their talents and knowledge with the community and Allied Artists of Johnstown took form. Throughout the years AAJ has grown in numbers, has spread by reputation to include members from several surrounding counties, sponsors young artists to develop their skills by offering scholarships and has donated works of art to many local organizations. It is known as one of the oldest art related organizations that exists in Johnstown. It is recognized as having among its members (past and present) many of the finest artists in Southwestern Pennsylvania. It has been said that if you are a member of AAJ, you are one of the area's "art elite". As a collective membership, we have much of which to be proud. With that in mind, I hope that each of you make a special effort to be actively involved in the continuation of AAJ. Participate in the exhibits, volunteer to help with events or serve as a committee member or chairperson and give generously to our annual patron drive. 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 this committee that our organization is able to continue its many programs and events. On January 21, AAJ's Winter Exhibit opened at Ameriserv Bank in downtown Johnstown. It will remain on display until February 25. There are 46 pieces included in the exhibit. Four awards were presented as chosen by our juror, Julie Bernstein Engelmann. Ms. Engelmann was drawn to the artworks that "immediately conveyed a feeling and a story" and those that revealed a "confident and well-practiced artistic expertise". The award winners were JIM RICHEY for his photograph "Farm in The Dell", MARY WILEY-LEWIS for her pastel "Shepherdess", LARRY MALLORY for his watercolor "One Rusty Bucket" and DONNA HOLDSWORTH for her mixed media piece "In A Coat He Borrowed from James Dean". Congratulations to our winners!

I offer my thanks to Annette Ballow and Duane Webb who acted as co-chairs for the exhibit and did a terrific job, and to all those who assisted with receiving, hanging, the reception, etc. If you haven't yet, please stop in to view the exhibit and see what excellent work your co-members do.

Also, currently on display are works by members Carolyn Vaughn and Donna Whitford-Housel who graciously volunteered to exhibit their talents at the Cambria County Library. The exhibit will continue until May 7. Please see the article regarding the Library exhibits in this newsletter. One more very special note; A long standing and well beloved member of AAJ, Walter S. Kososki, passed away on January 6, 2012. Walter was 90 years young. Mr. Kososki had asked his family to include among his wishes that in lieu of flowers to please make donations to AAJ's scholarship fund. What a fine request from a very fine gentleman. Thank you Walter.

My Best to All,

Diane



Detail of Twilight Run, a watercolor & gouche painting by Walter Kososki. This work received the Hagadus Memorial Award at the Fall 2008 exhibit.

FRAMES AVAILABLE

Frames are priced from \$3 to \$30, including glass. If anyone is interested in seeing a listing of sizes and prices, email me, chuck@mamulaphoto.com, and we will send a complete list. We will open our business location, 186 Fairfield Avenue, to Allied Artists members who may have an interest in seeing what is available on Saturday, March 10 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Sunday, March 11, from 11 a.m. till 2 p.m. There are approximately 140 frames available, some of which have never been joined, in addition to ones that are currently hanging on our walls.

AAJ Audit Completed

In an effort to ensure that AAJ funds are properly maintained and accounted for, an internal audit was conducted for the organization. Our thanks to Gladys Knox, Dan Helsel, and William Thwing for providing many hours of their time and expertise to ensure that our record-keeping is satisfactory.

YOUR INPUT IS REQUESTED ON THESE ITEMS OF BUSINESS

- It was recommended that AAJ obtain a laptop and budget software to computerize our records. If anyone has access to a laptop that might be donated, email Diane at aaj@johnstownart.com
- Each year an organization is chosen as AAJ's Friends of Art recipient in which they are entitled to pick out any artwork being displayed during our Annual show. If you would like to nominate an organization for this tribute, email: aaj@johnstownart.com
- We are requesting for all members to provide a current email address so that we can try to minimize our rising postage costs. Simply send an email to aaj@johnstownart.com

Calling all Artists - Spring Show Receiving will be March 24th 10am - 12 noon

at Ameriserv Financial, downtown Johnstown
Artists reception – Friday, March 30 – 6:00pm
Juror - William M. Hoffman, Jr., of Ligonier

WILL YOU VOLUNTEER TO HELP?

Before we know it, June will be here and we will launch our 2012 Patron Drive. The proceeds from this drive provide the money for all our show awards, the scholarships, the awards for the Junior Art Show, the purchase of a piece for the Friends of Art donation, and general office expense. As a 501 C3 Non-Profit organization, we must receive half of our budget from the general public, excluding membership dues and fees. You can understand the importance of this drive.

As always, it takes more than one person to reach our goal. Please consider folding letters, stuffing envelopes, or making a few follow-up calls. You can always volunteer instead of waiting to be called for help. You can call me at 814-255-1972 to volunteer.

Thank you in advance.
Marianne Krizner

AAJ exhibits at the Cambria County Library

NOTE: VOLUNTEER EXHIBITORS ARE NEEDED, PLEASE CONSIDER THIS OPPORTUNITY TO DISPLAY YOUR WORK
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 approximately 3 month intervals. For each 3 month interval, AAJ would like to exhibit the works of 3 to 4 members who volunteer to have their works on display. 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. Please check the exhibit schedule below and decide when it best suits you to be included in one of these exhibits. If you wish to be included, please forward an e-mail with your intent to Diane at: aaj@johnstownart.com

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 – 2012 Exhibit Schedule / Drop-off & Pick-up dates for art work:

Drop-off – Jan. 30

Pick-up – May 7 (NOTE: This exhibit is currently on display.)

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

Please note the following;

-Each member should choose 4 or 5 pieces to be hung. The library is open on Mondays

(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.

-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: aaj@johnstownart.com.

-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). Take it with you when you drop off your art work.

-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 ARTICLE ON HAND FOR FUTURE USE.

If you have any questions regarding the library exhibits, please contact Diane at (814) 421-1525 or e-mail me at: aaj@johnstownart.com