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**MEETING TIME AND PLACE** The normal meeting dates and times will be the first Thursday of each month at the Christ's Lutheran Church, Rt. 286, 5330 Logan Ferry Road, Murrysville, PA 15668. Meeting format will be Social 6:30pm with Show & Tell 6:45pm followed by Guest Speaker from 7 to 8pm. The business meeting will be from 8 to 9:00pm. No meetings scheduled in June, July and August. No winter meetings for January and February. **The next meeting will be on May 7, 2020**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**ESAL WEB SITE:** [www.esalart.org](http://www.esalart.org)

If you are anything like me, you are probably tired of hearing about the Corona Virus or COVID-19... It seems like our whole life right now is based around this pandemic. I wish this weren't the case, but it's our reality today. As you have heard already we decided to cancel our April ESAL meeting in line with the recommendations to limit the spread of this virus. I'm sure you join me in hoping it doesn't take too many weeks to know that we have made a difference. In the meanwhile, it is up to each of us to keep our thoughts positive and do whatever we can – not only to help us and our close family and friends, but also to help others where we can. I hope that there are more and more of us who decide not to panic, not to give into fear, but to take the necessary precautions and know that eventually this will be over. Let's join together to make this happen. Looking forward to seeing all of you again on the other side of this.

STAY HEALTHY AND SAFE! **Arlene Holtz**

**TREASURER'S REPORT** As reported, the account balance is **\$4089.74** **DUES** **\$25/person \$30/couple**

**ANNUAL ESAL SHOWS 2020**

**June:** Gallery Space--**August:** Boyce campus--**December:** Penn State, New Kensington

**PROGRAM**

**Program Updates for ESAL Meetings April, May, 2020**

ESAL members are in for a treat as our membership meetings resume after our winter break. We have a series of fascinating presenters who will be sharing their perspectives on their area of expertise in art.

**On April 2**, our own member, **Eileen Yeager will enlighten us with her presentation, "Creating the Perfect Mats"**. Eileen has an extensive background in art instruction, teaching matting and framing professionally, and providing art consulting in cities throughout United States.

**On May 7**, the *Oh Scrap and You Are Here Gallery* in the heart of the city of Jeannette will discuss their inspiration for creating those spaces. They will share their attitude toward art, their goals and the mission that guides their decision-making process. Jen will also share her unique *Lean On Me Project* ([www.yah406clay.org/lean-on-me-project](http://www.yah406clay.org/lean-on-me-project)) that includes 36 carvers with over 450 canes having been donated in 28 states.

**PERMANENT EXHIBIT OPPORTUNITIES**

**Murrysville Library** Below is the Murrysville Library exhibit schedule for 2020 as far as it has been filled.

Thanks to all who have signed up for a month! All exhibitors new to this space are encouraged to stop by the library to see the current show and familiarize yourself with the space in order to better plan for your own show. Be sure to display a list including titles of all images with corresponding numbers on each piece. Each piece can be labeled separately if you prefer. Be sure to include prices and your contact information if your work is for sale! There is a podium for a comment book and a plastic sleeve on the wall for your bio. A title, in the way of a unifying theme is suggested as a way to give viewers an idea as to what to expect to see in your exhibit. Of course, publicity always helps! Each artist is responsible for his or her own publicity, but if you need suggestions as to how to handle this, you can contact **Barbara Jewell** 724-733-0950 or [greenjewell2@juno.com](mailto:greenjewell2@juno.com)

**2020**

**Jan. and Feb.** Shelley Hagmaier...724-882-8585 **March:** Rick Armstrong...724-327-5069 **April:** Tirzah Mason...412-609-6059 **May:** Lynn Jacques...724-339-9038 **June:** Darlene Miklos...412-829-7269 **July:** Norma Rowley...412-824-3100 **August:** Lynn Skoff...724-216-3798 **Sept.** Barbara Jewell...724-733-0950 **Oct.** Sue and Dan Yaklich **Nov:** Tom Gallovich...724-845-5900 **Dec.** Evelyn Turocy...412-731-9543

If your name appears on this list, please print and keep it for your records! Remember that you are responsible for calling the person **BEFORE** you on the list to arrange for a changeover time on the SAME day. If you have any questions, call or email: Barbara Jewell

**Redstone Highlands - Members exhibiting - 2020**

**January** - Arlene Holtz, **February and March** - Lorraine Free, **April** - Larry Brandstetter, **May** - Tom Gallovich, **June** - Tirza Mason, **July** - Darlene Miklos, **August is open**, **September** - Ellie Brandlinger **October through December is open.**

**Exhibitors** can contact the gift shop to put in some small items for sale. However you must first ask permission. Members can sign up for 2 months in a row. **Call or email Lane Neff to reserve a month.** 724-309-8428 or email [lbneff@aol.com](mailto:lbneff@aol.com). Contact the exhibitor the prior month to determine when to hang your work.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### NOMINATIONS REQUESTED FOR ESAL's UPCOMING ELECTION

As you all know, the upcoming ESAL positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer need candidates. If you are interested in serving your organization, please send me your name and qualifications by April 2nd. Thanks.  
Ellen Spain, Coordinator for ESAL Nominations [EllenSpain@comcast.net](mailto:EllenSpain@comcast.net)

In addition to a new slate of officers, **a replacement for the Newsletter Editor is needed by June, 2020.** Any member interested in taking over this responsibility contact Gordon [gordonsarti@gmail.com](mailto:gordonsarti@gmail.com) or by texting to 412-303-4026.

**Rick Armstrong** has an exhibit on display at Murrysville Library through the month of March

**Larry Brandstetter** received notification, his ink drawing "Greenback Mackerel" was juried into the **47<sup>th</sup> Annual HOYT Regional Juried Art Exhibition.** Public Reception & Award Ceremony April 4<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 to 4:00pm [www.hoytartcenter.org](http://www.hoytartcenter.org)

**The month of April 2020,** it's Larry Brandstetter's turn to display his artwork at the **Redstone Highlands Murrysville,** 4951 Cline Hollow Road.

**A free acrylic landscape class** will be taught by **Bob Bickers through the Monroeville Arts Council** on Saturday, October 17, 2020. The posters and additional information for both of these events can be found on MAC's website at [monroevilleartscouncil.org](http://monroevilleartscouncil.org)

**Linda Roos' photograph 'All That Remains'** was selected into the Hoyt Museum's 47th Regional Juried Competition. The exhibition runs from March 31 to June 11, 2020 at the Hoyt Museum in New Castle.

**Sue Yaklich has 50 photos for sale** in the Westmoreland Mall shop "Simply Made Creations" and she is working in the store on Thursdays and Fridays. Anyone interested in renting space there to sell their art should get in touch with Sue.

**JOYCE FROST loves visitors!** Since her fall and surgery, she has been at home and bed-bound for over a year now. She is holding her own but is mostly confined to her bed and very much missing human connections. Being the "people person" she is, as time goes on and visitors are less frequent, it becomes harder for Joyce to remain upbeat. So, if you can spare some time between 1-4 PM any day, she would GREATLY appreciate seeing some of her ESAL friends! "No appointment necessary; Walk-ins welcome!"  
Barbara Jewell

**Loraine Free** will be having a solo show at **.5 Gallery in Etna the month of May.** She will have over 40 pieces on display! She will also be a gallery participant at the Latrobe art center and is currently showing five pieces. She is also being featured in the Shady Avenue magazine in the Spring issue.

**Loraine and her husband Gary** are having a show at **Redwood Highlands** during the month of February.

## CONTINUING ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Louise Baldel** asks ESAL artists to please consider recycling their old paint tubes and old paintbrushes for her to reuse in future center pieces? Contact Louise for more information.

**MEMBER'S WEB SITES:** An email to the Editor ([gordonsarti@gmail.com](mailto:gordonsarti@gmail.com)) indicating your web site address will have it listed in future Newsletters for the enjoyment of ESAL members.

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**EDITOR'S CORNER:** Remember everyone, to receive the monthly Newsletter you must have an accurate and up to date email address. They receive the Newsletter via the USPS. Send any email changes to [glsarti@comcast.net](mailto:glsarti@comcast.net) and it will be forwarded to the Membership Chair to keep the official record updated. All submissions should be a Veranda font size 8 or 9. **A reminder: All paid members will receive the official membership list from the Membership Chairperson via email. The personal contact information of each member is considered confidential and is not to be shared with non-paid members.** The first newsletter for each new ESAL year will be published near the end of August of that year.