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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 September 3, 2020.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ESAL WEB SITE: www.esalart.org

I hope everyone is in good health, and surviving the changes necessitated by the Coronavirus Pandemic. I know it has been a HUGE disruption to our lives and has caused many hardships. I am so saddened by the loss of lives and drastic changes to our economic futures. I have had to make many changes too, and have realized that it is a good time to look at things in a new way. Instead of worrying about the things I can't do now, I am beginning to look at novel ways to accomplish the same goal. Isn't that the true meaning of creativity? Since I can't always meet people in person, I have been "meeting" them via FaceTime or Zoom or other online options, for example. It applies to our artwork too. If one way of creating isn't working, why not approach it from a different way? It's the time to look for other options, forge new paths, dream boldly.

"If you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you've always got(ten)." (Anonymous)

I look forward to the time we can meet up again face to face as a group, perhaps in the fall. We will assess that as we get closer. Stay safe and be considerate of others too. Sending much love. Arlene

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

Programs Canceled until the September 2020 meeting.

PERMANENT EXHIBIT OPPORTUNITIES

Murrysville Library "Whenever I get word about the Murrysville Library reopening, I will contact the exhibitors on the schedule with information and somebody "regrouping." So far, everything is still On Hold."
Barbara Jewell

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

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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...412-824-3199 **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

The February show is still up and they will probably be in lock down longer than other places.

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. Contact the exhibitor the prior month to determine when to hang your work.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is a notice that the printed copy of the Newsletter will be discontinued with the mailing of the June 2020 Newsletter. For those of you that have been receiving the printed copy, the Newsletter will be available via the ESAL web site. You can also receive the printed Newsletter if you send the Newsletter Editor an email address of a friend or relative who agrees to receive the ESAL Newsletter and is willing to make a printed copy for you.

Betty Trout's pastel "Summer Glow" was accepted into the 46th Westmoreland Art Nationals to be displayed during the Arts & Heritage Festival in July. The show will now be held virtually, since the festival has been cancelled this year.

The 45th Annual Christian Art Show at Calvary Lutheran Church in Murrysville has been canceled for 2020 due to the pandemic. It will be rescheduled possibly in the spring or fall of 2021. Thank you to all who have participated in the past 44 years.

Eileen Yeager's "Here Comes Spring (Western PA)" was juried into the June Landscape Show (June 3 - May 5) at the Art League Galley in the Torpedo Factory, Alexandria, VA by Judge Eric March, Artist - Educator, NYC & New Haven, CT. The June show is Online only and we will have an opening on Zoom

Eileen will be participating in the Three Rivers Arts Festivals first Virtual Show, June 5 - 14. This will be her 22 year and first without a booth. Each artist has their own individual web page featuring several photos, a description of their work, and contact information for purchasing art.

The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust has re-imagined every aspect of the Dollar Bank Three Rivers Arts Festival - performing art, visual art, creative activities, even food - for ten days of free art and music unlike any other in its history. For more information traf.trust.org

Linda Roos has 2 photographs (All That Remains and Another Aspect) juried into the 2020 Westmoreland Arts and Heritage Festival which is a virtual exhibit this year due to Covid19.

April 2020 ESAL Program Committee Report

As we make adjustments during these times of sequestering, ESAL is no exception. This past season, we have had a great line-up of programs to enlighten our artistic endeavors and the fall portion for the 2020-2021 year will be no exception.

Programs are being planned with hopes that we will be able to resume our meetings after some restrictions have been lifted. With modifications and adaptations, including masks, gloves, and social distancing, we might be able to resume our regular meeting schedule on September 3.

Of course, none of us want to place ourselves or our group at risk, and if the first possibility seems too hazardous, we could offer Zoom meetings - the presenters that have been contacted have agreed to use that option if it becomes necessary.

If there is a month when neither of those options works, we can share an excellent You Tube video that will be very informational for our group.

In any case, we feel that continuing the regularity of our ESAL meeting dates on the first Thursday of each month continues to unite our group, maintain its mission to educate, inspire, and encourage artists, and continues our presence within the community of local art enthusiasts.

Linda Roos has two photographs (Sunset at Low Tide and Clivia Reimagined) juried into the Westmoreland Nationals Westmoreland County Community College online exhibit.

Peter Cehily had a mixed media piece entitled "Mulberry Hues" juried into the Westmoreland Art Nationals exhibition for Westmoreland Community College. This year's WCCC exhibition is totally virtual due to the Covid 19 situation. The link for the virtual show is <https://artsandheritage.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/WAN-Virtual-Exhibit-WCCC-RESTRICTED.pdf>

Peter also has a piece entitled "While Charity Stands Watching" ink on canvas selected for the Merrick Masters Juried Exhibition at Merrick Art Gallery in New Brighton, Beaver County. The show originally scheduled for May 31st thru June is being rescheduled for a date later this Summer due to the Covid 19 situation

Larry Brandstetter has at the North Hills Art Center's *Art is for Animals* show is now a virtual gallery exhibit. *Check it out:* <http://www.northhillsartcenter.org>

North Hills Art Center is highlighting Larry Brandstetter's fun 8x10's and 50% of the sales will benefit *Hello Bully and Pgh Squealers Animal Rescues*. *check out the 8x10 store display...they make great gifts.*

<https://northhillsartcenter.org/art-purchase/> (if the North Hills is not convenient, Larry will have prints available in Monroeville)

Larry received notification of three pieces juried into the Westmoreland Art Nationals. A two part show and the first part will be a virtual show: <https://artsandheritage.com/the-arts/art-nationals/>

The second is the Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival Exhibition - Thursday, July 2 to Sunday, July 5, 2020

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

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) indicating your web site address will have it listed in future Newsletters for the enjoyment of ESAL members.

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