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MEETING TIME AND PLACE In person meetings have been replaced by virtual meetings on the regular monthly meeting dates. These will be the first Thursday of every month beginning at 7:00pm. For the time being in person Show and Tell's are discontinued.

The next virtual meeting will be on January 7, 2020.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ESAL WEB SITE: www.esalart.org

I hope you have had a good Thanksgiving Day holiday, even if it was different from the "norm" this year. We have all had to adjust to huge changes this year, and some (or maybe most?) have been difficult ones to deal with. With or without the usual family gathering this holiday season, I do want to acknowledge that I still have a lot to be grateful for, and will keep that in mind as I prepare and eat my Thanksgiving meal by myself. I hope you all are able to do the same.

This is a reminder that at our meeting in November, we decided on **NOT meeting in December**, so I wanted to make sure everyone knew that, in case you missed it on Zoom. Also that if you want to view any guest speaker's talk, it is available on our ESAL website under the tab "Demonstrator" and then "Previous Demonstrations". We do NOT record our actual meetings, so you will have to attend to see those.

We will be doing something in January with Show and Tell (details to be shared later), and not sure yet about February, so stay tuned.

Lots of love to all of you and see you on Zoom the next time. Be safe and healthy!

Arlene

TREASURER'S REPORT As reported, the account balance is **\$4895.65** **DUES** **\$10/person \$15/couple**

ANNUAL ESAL SHOWS 2020

Until further notice all ESAL in person shows have been canceled.

PROGRAM

There is no meeting in December, therefore there will be no program.

PERMANENT EXHIBIT OPPORTUNITIES

Murrysville Library

Murrysville Library Exhibit Updates and Plans

As most of you are aware, exhibits from March on, planned for 2020, had to be cancelled due to the Covid 19 closing of the library. However, Diane Miklos was able to reschedule for Sept. and Oct., and Evelyn Turocy is currently exhibiting there for Nov. and Dec. Both are excellent watercolor painters! I encourage you to stop by to see Evelyn's show before the end of December. Norma Rowley is on the schedule for January and February of 2021. Sue and Dan Yaklich are tentatively scheduled for March and/or April. However... an article in the Nov. 18th edition of the Penn-Franklin News described a major project being planned in the library which will impact our display space. The plan includes the construction of a "Tech Nook," designed to stream content of various kinds for group viewing. As I understand it, our area is needed for seating space for children in what they envision will resemble a "little theater" with a large screen TV mounted on a wall.

After speaking to the board member in charge, Chuck Greenberg, it is clear that our art displays continue to be included in the new plans, but in a different location. It is unknown at this time when these changes might get underway, but Chuck has promised to keep me informed as decisions are made. I hope to speak with the director next week to see what her alternative display ideas might be. So, the bottom line now is that our plans can not be made definite past this December, until the Board lets me know what sort of schedule they have arranged. (Of course, when/if this construction actually

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Barbara Jewell

2020

The library is now open between the hours of 12 and 3, by appointment only. The exhibits for the rest of 2020 are scheduled as follows: **September and October: Darlene Miklos** **November and December: Evelyn Turocy.**

When we schedule for 2021, artists who missed their exhibit time this year will have first choice of a month then...assuming the library continues to be open then! Thanks for your cooperation.

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

Redstone Highlands is now closed to exhibiting artists until at least until 2021. The upsurge of Covid 19 continues to be an issue at the Highlands.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dick Blick Art Materials in Illinois announced that Larry Brandstetter was a top prize winner in the Blick Pen and Ink Challenge.

Greenback Mackerel is the winning drawing.

Here is the comment from the judge(s) on Larry's piece.

Congratulations, Winner!

Larry B., PA

"Greenback Mackerel"

Initially struck by the sense of whimsy and fun in the characters of this piece, it also shows great technical skill. It brings to mind images of children's fables and stories, while at the same time calling back the psychedelic mood of 60's-era illustration. With delicate handling of the medium and bold use of patterns, this piece successfully creates a world that is both familiar and wonderfully new.

Cranberry Artist Network presents **Art in the time of Covid-19** Show. November 10 to December 17, 2020

Here is a link to the virtual you tube show <https://youtu.be/wvZCb4CfSaA>

Larry Brandstetter has created "**Through all this Crazy**", a collage especially for this exhibit, your comments are welcome.

Cindy Berceli was invited to have a piece under "**Collecting Pastel Paintings**" in the November issue of **Southwest Art Magazine**.

Jan Landini and **Cindy Berceli** both have pieces in the **Southwestern Pennsylvania Council for the Arts** Regional juried show at the **Southern Alleghenies Museum** in Ligonier.

Gordon Sarti is now exhibiting at the Focus On The Arts gallery at the Galleria at Pittsburgh Mills.

Peter Cehily has a painting entitled "**Northerly Squall**" juried into the SPCARTS 25th Annual Exhibition at Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art in Ligonier Pa. The exhibition runs from November 14, 2020 to January 31, 2021

Larry Brandstetter was awarded a **Finalist Award** at the Camelback Gallery's International Juried 2020 Architecture Competition for his 20x30 ink drawing, **River Front Stew**.

Artists represented in this show are from: Canada, Germany, Italy, Sweden, United Kingdom, Ukraine and USA.

Camelback is promoting this show with Media Publications - Artweek.com & Artbase.com. Both having over 30,000 subscribers each.

Larry was one of over **950 entries in the Robert Burr ridge Studios' Petting Zoo juried competition**. Although he did not achieve one of the seven top awards, the host and judge picked ten each for Artist Nomination Award. The Judge, Linda Kemp chose Larry's "You had me at Woof!" ink drawing to be one of her picks. See the virtual show, search: *Bob Burr ridge Petting Zoo*

The ESAL membership dues for the 2020-2021 year are reduced due to the limitations on meetings and exhibitions from the Covid 19 Pandemic. It is \$10 for individuals and \$15 for couples.

Payment by check only. Make checks out to ESAL. Mail to Peter Cehily, 112 Cehily Road, New Kensington, Pa. 15068.

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