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MEETING TIME AND PLACE In person meetings have been replaced by virtual meetings on the regular monthly meeting dates.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 unless otherwise scheduled by the ESAL Board.

The next virtual meeting will be on January 7, 2021.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ESAL WEB SITE: www.esalart.org

I hope all of you had a warm winter holiday season this year, even if it may have been different from what you had hoped. I know mine was definitely a lot quieter than usual, and my wish is that next season it will be more like what we would like. One positive outcome of this Covid season has been that we have been able to continue meeting and having guest presenters online, which means that this year we can have programs in January and February and not worry about the weather at all! If and when we are able to meet again in person before we break for the summer, we will let you all know. For now we will continue to meet on Zoom.

Note that January and February, though we will not have a business meeting, we **WILL** have some Show and Tell, and even a guest presenter program (Linda James) in February! This is excellent, since we usually do not meet at all those months. The program schedule is listed in the newsletter (updated version), so be sure and read / save this newsletter. I am looking forward to seeing more of you in January and February for some fun and safe socializing. 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 **\$5177.80** **DUES** \$10/person \$15/couple

ANNUAL ESAL SHOWS 2020

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

PROGRAMS

January 7th, 2021, come share what you've been up to artistically with a show and tell. Members will each have a chance to show and talk about one original piece of their art and may include any announcements relative to our group during their up to five minutes of fame.

February 4th, 2021, welcome a new presenter, Linda James, whose program invites us to take another look at creating with colored pencils.

March 4th, 2021, our regular meetings return with a terrific program by Tom Gallovich about creating digital art.

April 1st, 2021, one of our favorite presenters, Bernie Wilke returns with an enlightening program about the art of mural making.

May 6th, 2021, To Be Announced

PERMANENT EXHIBIT OPPORTUNITIES

Murrysville Library

Murrysville Library Exhibit Updates and Plans

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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

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

Eileen F. Yeager was juried into the **25th Anniversary Region Juried Art Exhibition** by the Southwestern Pennsylvania Council for the Arts with her piece "2020 Imploding" a Monotype. For your 11/26 deadline.

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 Burrige 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 Burrige 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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