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**MEETING TIME AND PLACE** In person meetings have been replaced by virtual meetings on the regular monthly meeting dates.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 Zoom virtual meeting will be on March 4, 2021.**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

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

**Hello, one and all ESAL members!** This month is one to look forward to. We resume our regular ESAL meetings, we have one of our own members presenting an amazing topic on creating digital artwork (Tom Gallovich), and Spring is coming. Yes – it really is. We had a little taste of it this past week with some warmer days, and in some areas some spring flowers beginning to pop up. It's a seasonal change that we all look forward to.

I hope you are continuing to create and make art in your chosen media, as that can bring such joy to us and to others we share it with. And do share it with others!

I am looking forward to seeing you on March 4 th at 7 pm for some fun, an informative presentation, and our business meeting.

**Lots of love to all of you. Be safe and healthy! Arlene**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

As reported, the account balance is **\$5057.67**

**DUES**

**\$10/person \$15/couple**

**ANNUAL ESAL SHOWS 2020**

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

**PROGRAMS**

**March 4th, 2021**, our regular Zoom meetings return with a terrific program by **Tom Gallovich**

**Exciting Cutting Edge Digital Drawing Techniques on View at March 4, 2021 ESAL Meeting**

We are in for an informational treat this month as our own tech guru, Tom Gallovich, expands our knowledge with a fascinating demonstration of **Digital Drawing techniques**. As he will point out, these programs, including the digital watercolor programs, amazingly mimic the actual watercolor and art experiences.

He will enlighten us with a discussion of some of the cutting edge programs available on the market and demonstrate their amazing capabilities. Tom is eager to demonstrate the possibilities of the newly released program, *Rebelle 4*, that is easier to use than *Photoshop* and that can produce a **wide variety** of finished art works.

Viewers of this Zoom meeting will be able to observe how the program allows layering of digital paints, enables a virtual choice of papers and palettes, and allows a variety of mediums! Programs such as these can be digitally downloaded on individuals' computers, as Tom will explain.

Tom is working hard to create a "movie" of filmclips to depict the wide variety of possibilities with this innovative medium. The *Rebelle* program is by Escape Emotions and currently excels in the market of digital art. To pique members' interest, those curious may choose to view a slightly earlier version of it on YouTube by Googling *Rebelle 3*.

If time allows, Tom will allow some time for a Q and A period so be sure you do not miss this great opportunity for mind expanding capabilities and enlightenment!

**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**

Due to Covid restrictions and planned renovations, art exhibits are on temporary "hold" until further notice. I will contact those who signed up on the most recent list when the schedule is open again. Meanwhile, anyone else who would like to have a show there in the future, please email me to let me know.

Thank you, Barbara Jewell

**Redstone Highlands - Members exhibiting - 2021**

**LaDorna Stephens** will be there for the month of February.

**Norma Rowley** will be there for the month of March.

**Lane Neff** is tentatively scheduled for April.

It is well known the Redstone and their patients and visitors really enjoy the work our members hang there. Quite a few pieces of art have been sold.

Since the pandemic has hit us all, the Redstone has established a procedure for anyone preparing to hang their work.

- When you are ready to hang your work call the Redstone and make an appointment with Amanda.
- At the appointment time you will have your temperature checked and answer questions. Then you will be admitted to hang your work.
- For take down the same procedure will be used.

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At this time, there are no additional members that have signed up for months beyond February. Any member interested contact Lane Neff at 727-327-3495.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Members** – We have had Lane Neff handle our ongoing exhibit at Redstone Highlands very successfully for quite some time now, and she has indicated to me that she is not able to continue coordinating our shows there for much longer. I understand that we are still able to be there with our art and that it is still very much welcomed. I am asking for someone else in our membership to step up and take over from her in the next couple of months. We probably have someone to show there in February, but from then on the person who takes over the Redstone scheduling will need to find others to hang. Please consider helping our group out so we can continue to have an ongoing exhibit there. Reach out to me or to Lane for questions, or if you are willing to help out. Thank you.

"I want to thank you for asking me to speak with your art group! They were a wonderful group! You can be proud! I love the vitality, questions and interest they displayed! You are welcome to share my email with them, in case they want to get in touch! I love sharing my art experiences and community only enriches us, even more!

Artfully Yours,  
Linda James"  
[lindaj2@comcast.net](mailto:lindaj2@comcast.net)

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**POSITION OPENING**

**Director, Elaine Biondi Gallery Space  
Monroeville Public Library**

**PROFILE**

The Director coordinates the artistic exhibits in partnership with the Library and the Friends of the Library. This is a volunteer position facilitating the exhibits with the artist, within the rules of the Library, for the benefit of the Friends of the Monroeville Public Library. The Gallery Space is a section of the Library that is often used for talks, presentations, and special events.

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**EXHIBITS**

Once every 18 months, the Director holds the artists’ screening to select artists for the upcoming year. After an agreement is signed, the Director sets up the exhibits with the help of the artist and the Friends volunteers. As items are sold and recorded by the Library staff. At the end of the show, the Director calculates the amounts for the Treasurer to send to the artist, the state sales tax, and the Friends of the Library.

**PUBLICITY**

For each exhibit, the Director works with the artist to send out news releases to the local media.

**SCHEDULING**

The Director works with the Library staff reserving the room for the exhibit setup, take-down, and if desired, a reception. This is a wonderful volunteer opportunity to manage an art gallery and network with area artists! Expected re-opening is late summer. For more information, contact Diane Lindsey, Pres., Friends of Monroeville Public Library at [dianedlindsey@gmail.com](mailto:dianedlindsey@gmail.com) or 412/335-0242.

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**Greensburg Art Center 2021 Biennial Juried Exhibition**

Open Juried Exhibition May 15 – June 25; Entry Deadline: March 12 Entry Fee: \$35  
OVER \$1500 in Awards and Prizes

[www.greensburgartcenter.org](http://www.greensburgartcenter.org)

<https://www.greensburgartcenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/2021-Biennial-Prospectus.pdf>

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**Latrobe Art Center Annual Open Art Show**

This exhibition will be on display at the Latrobe Art Center, 819 Ligonier St., Latrobe, PA, and online at [LatrobeArtCenter.org](http://LatrobeArtCenter.org) Thursday, May 6 - Saturday, June 5, 2021. A Reception will take place on Thursday, May 13, 2021 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 p.m. at the Latrobe Art Center. Awards will be presented at 7:00 p.m. and will be livestreamed via YouTube and Facebook.

Artwork can be dropped off at the Latrobe Art Center on Saturday, May 1 and Monday, May 3, 2021 between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Categories for entry are as follows:

- 1. **Open Division**—original work and composition by an established artist.
- 2. **Amateur Artist Division**—an artist with little experience and who has not won any previous prizes in our annual show.
- 3. **College Artist Division**—any artist ages 18-21 who are currently enrolled in college (current student ID proof required).
- 4. **Junior Artist Division**—any artist ages 14-17.
- 5. **Young Artist Division**—any artist ages 3-13.

<https://www.latrobeartcenter.org/2021-open-show-prospectus>

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**Westmoreland Art Nationals Juried Fine Art & Photography Exhibit**

Deadline March 5

Every year, the Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival holds the Westmoreland Art Nationals, a juried fine art and photography competition, featuring art from all around the country. Artists are permitted to enter as many pieces as they’d like to be considered in both of our exhibits.

The first exhibit will be held in Commissioners Hall at Westmoreland County Community College. The exhibit will run from Saturday, May 22 through Wednesday, June 9, with the Opening Reception on May 22 from 6-8 PM. Awards will be Announced at 7:00 PM on May 22 and posted on our Facebook page. The second exhibit will be held at the Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival on Thursday, July 1 through Sunday, July 4 with the Opening Reception set for Saturday, June 26 from 6-8 PM. Awards will be Announced at 7:00 PM on June 26 and posted on our Facebook page. Both shows are free and open to the public to attend. A total of \$4,800 in prize money will be awarded

<https://artsandheritage.com/the-arts/art-nationals/>

<https://artsandheritage.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/2021-WAN-Entry-Form-Rules-FILL-IN.pdf>

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**Arlene Holtz** is having a solo show at the **Spinning Plate Gallery in East Liberty** during the month of March (from the 3rd to the 30th). Its title is "People & Places" and will feature her latest artwork created in 2021 and the end of 2020. Hours will be flexible and by appointment, and Arlene is happy to meet you in the gallery. Contact her via email, text, or phone to decide on a time. She looks forward to sharing it with as many people as possible.

**ESAL** donated \$100 to St. Margaret Mary Church in memory of Ted Scanga. Teresa sent us a thank you note on stationary designed by their grand daughter, Molly. Artistic talent runs in the family!

**Linda Roos and Cindy Downard** are displaying at the North Hills Art Center title Where Love Dwells, Winter Art Show. February 8-26, 2021

**Betty Trout** received First Place in North Hills Art Center's Where Love Dwells Show for her painting "Downtime". Oil on canvas 16"x20". The show runs through Feb 26 at the gallery, 3432 Babcock Blvd., Pittsburgh. If you can't get there to see the show in person, you can see all of the entries here: [https://youtu.be/\\_q9wKM7Vwc0](https://youtu.be/_q9wKM7Vwc0) - or at [northhillsartcenter.org](http://northhillsartcenter.org) where you can also vote for People's Choice.

**MEET the ARTISTS Day ~ February 23, 2021** 10:00am to 1:00pm at the North Hills Art Center's "Where Love Dwells" Art Exhibit.

Featuring Best in Show winner **Betty Trout**, Honorable Mention winner **Lynn Jacques** and whimsical doodler **Larry Brandstetter**. Each Artist will display additional works to discuss and which will be available for sale. Great gift ideas supporting a great cause, Hello Neighbor Network. Lynn Jacques will demonstrate how she creates her award winning collages.

Show Dates: February 8 to February 26, 2021. Gallery hours: Monday ~ Friday 10am - 3pm. Tuesdays 7-9pm

See the virtual show: [North Hills Art Center - Home](http://NorthHillsArtCenter.com)

**Larry Brandstetter** was juried into the **Erie Art Museum's 98th Annual Spring Show**. Over 450 pieces of art were entered and only 85 pieces selected. Two of his pieces were accepted, "in the Neighborhood" and "Bamboozle Boulevard."

The Spring Show Dates are March 19 to June 25, 2021. [www.erieartmuseum.org/springshow2021](http://www.erieartmuseum.org/springshow2021)

**The North Hills Art Center** is going to use **Cindy Downard** painting of Green Boots on the cover of their Spring Catalog. Such as honor to be ask to use it. <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=aca464ff0f&attid=0.1&permmsgid=msg-f:1691777507876383047&th=177a66ae13f7a947&view=att&disp=safe>

**Nicole Chmel** is having an art show at the **Garden Civic Center** in Greensburg until March 28th. M-F 9-5pm, Sat.-Sun 9-3pm. 951 Old Salem Road, Greensburg PA 15601.

ESAL member **Norma Rowley's** work will be part of an art exhibit at the **Galleria in Mount Lebanon** from March 12 to March 21. The exhibit will be in the space formerly occupied by the Charming Charlie store.

**Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art (SAMA)** is hosting a **3-Day Winter Plein Air Paint Out & Wet Sale** Feb 18-21. Artists who are interested in participating in the paint out should stop by the Museum at 1 Boucher Lane, Ligonier, contact [ligonier@sama-art.org](mailto:ligonier@sama-art.org) or call (724)-238-6015. A \$30 non-refundable registration fee is required for participating artists.

**Arlene Holtzwill** be having a solo show at the **Spinning Plate Gallery** at 5821 Baum Blvd, in East Liberty, for the month of March 2021 - the theme of it is "People and Places In the New Reality". In it I will show all my new art created in 2021 so far on paper and in art journals / sketchbooks. I hope that some of you can come to view my work then. I can take appointments, and I will be announcing regular hours later.

The **McKeesport Art Group's annual Spring Art Show**, traditionally held in May, has been **rescheduled** for Friday, September 17 through Sunday, September 19 at the Jacob Wohl Pavilion in Renziehausen Park, McKeesport.

ESAL member **Norma Rowley** will be exhibiting her work at the **Redstone Highlands** Murrysville facility during the month of March.

**North Hills Art Center presents Where Love Dwells Art Exhibit.**

Benefiting Hello Neighbor ~ a mentorship program matching refugee families with caring neighbors.

Show Dates: February 8 - February 26, 2021 - Virtual Opening and Awards ~ February 6, 2021

**Larry Brandstetter** is entering three new pieces of art created for this "home" themed event.

**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.

**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

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