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MEETING TIME AND PLACE In person meetings have been replaced by virtual meetings on the regular monthly meeting dates.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 April 1, 2021.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ESAL WEB SITE: www.esalart.org

Hello, ESAL members!

With Spring officially here, we are enjoying milder weather, new beginnings in nature, and new hope for a return to a more "normal" way of life. I am definitely feeling better about having had my Covid shots and looking forward to meeting you all in person again sometime this year. I am excited and also a little unsure about what life will be like in the fall. It is my wish that we can return to having our meetings together in person, but we definitely want

everyone to be safe and continue to be healthy. When we have an update about this, we will definitely let you all know. I know we will have an interesting guest presenter on our Zoom meeting this month, and I hope many of you will be able to join us on April 1, at our online meeting at our usual time of 7 pm. Look for the link to join us from Gordon in the coming week.

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

The following is a summary of Bernie Wilkie's presentation at the April 1, 2021 Membership Zoom Meeting:

We welcome Mr. Wilkie, who will lead an interactive presentation of some of his community mural projects.

He will also discuss the process of developing mural projects with communities, with the use of 2D design and color theory concepts. Additionally shared will be some of his recent works from his studio series, called Innerscapes.

The first of April will begin with a visually inspiring presentation for ESAL members. Bernie Wilkie will return to update us on his latest (and he believes his best) community mural. This will be the most recent of the 85 he has done to date. His work as a visual artist centers around large-scale community murals, teaching, and studio artwork. This desire to bring inspiring art into shared spaces has been the driving force of his career. After receiving his M.F.A. in 2001, he became a Community Muralist and Teaching Artist instead of pursuing a career in academia. His vision is to continue to utilize the power of art to strengthen communities and cultivate personal and societal wellness through beauty and collaboration.

His passion for art has led him to be an active teacher with grade schools, colleges, and in therapeutic settings such as youth homes and prisons. His work with students in permanent curriculum-based murals allows the students do most of the work from design to completion as they explore with a wide range of materials — including video and movement — to help synthesize what they are learning.

He also pursues his individual studio work - a body of paintings and mixed media works (called Innerscapes) that show life, color, and energy inside traumatized physical bodies. His studio work has been featured in over 35 juried exhibitions.

May 6th, 2021, To Be Announced

PERMANENT EXHIBIT OPPORTUNITIES

Murrysville Library

Murrysville Library Exhibit Updates and Plans

We're back! The library has reopened for daytime hours only. **Ellie Brendlinger** is exhibiting her work for the remainder of **March and for the entire month of April**. **Lane Neff** is scheduled for **May**.

Bob and Diane Bickers have graciously repositioned our screens to form a free-standing "X" shape display out in an open area, near the middle of the library. The four screens are covered on both sides with tan colored burlap, providing eight panels (6' x 3') on which to hang. We feel that this arrangement is actually an up-grade in terms of visibility and total hanging area! Our thanks to library director, Amy, along with Bob and Diane for their help in reestablishing our presence in the library!

Please drop by to see and comment on Ellie's lovely paintings. Anyone interested in a future show, please contact Barbara Jewell.

Redstone Highlands - Members exhibiting - 2021

Eileen Yeager will take over as Redstone Coordinator from Lane Neff.

LaDorna Stephens will be there for the month of February.

Norma Rowley will be there for the month of March.

Lane Neff is scheduled for April.

Ellie Brendlinger will do May

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.

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.

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.

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 or 412/335-0242.

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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 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>

Eileen Yeager had her piece "Ents, Shepardards of the Forest" Juried into the April Open Show at the Art League Gallery in Alexandria, VA. The show is up from April 7 - May 2, 2021. The Juror was Adriel Luis, Curator of Digital and Emerging Practice at the Smithsonian Asian Pacific Center.

Eileen Yeager has HP Printer Ink 920, 3 colors for Sale. I paid \$37.39 for it, but you can have it for \$20. It is opened but not used. My Printer rejected it. I needed 902 for my 6978 HP Office Pro but discovered too late to return online. So my mistake can be your gain. Email me at efyeager3@gmail.com

Eileen Yeager is teaching 2 classes at the Greensburg Art Center, Monotype Samplers, one of a kind prints, each week a different technique. 4 Tuesdays in April and 4 Tuesdays in May 1 - 4 p.m. So If you are curious about printmaking and monotypes, you may want to give it a try, both using the press and hand printing will be explored. We are limiting it to 6 students and we will wear masks. (If we are all vaccinated then no masks). Each 4 week Session is \$60 or \$100 for the 8 Weeks. At this point 5 students are enrolled for Session 1 and 2 for Session 2.

I can email you my Handout - Class Synopsis, Techniques each week and Student Supply List (most stuff is included) (This is not on the web site). if you email me at efyeager3@gmail.com If you are interested in this type of class but the schedule doesn't work, email me, I will be collecting names for a class in my home studio after I get this one rolling (I do have a press). To enroll call GAC at 724-837-6791 or online at www.greensburgartcenter.org

Latrobe Art Center Paint-Out

On Wednesday, April 21 - Friday, April 23, Latrobe Art Center invites you to spend some time painting or drawing a location of your choice within the Latrobe community! For more information, visit <https://www.latrobeartcenter.org/events-all/2021/4/21/latrobe-art-center-paint-out>

Betty Trout had two paintings juried into the Cranberry Artists Network Reawaken, Rejoin, Rejoice show. "Iris" is a pastel painting, and "Fuzzy" is oil on canvas. The show runs March 26 to May 6 at the Cranberry Township Municipal building, located at 2525 Rochester Road, Cranberry Township.

Lynn Jacques will be leading 3 classes at the Butler Art Center.

Sat. April 24, 12 noon -2. Collage Sampler- landscape or seascape. FREE. All supplies provided.

Sat. May 8, 12-2:30. Collage cards that be used for any occasion. Using papers, magazines, stamping, washi tape, etc.

Sat. June 19, 10-1. Acrylic Painting Still Life. Supplies provided. Can bring additional supplies or larger canvas. Sign up on the Butler Art Center website.

Saturday May 1st. 11-2 will have small art for sale and doing live painting.
Art Fair at Uncle Dave's Art Center on Route 56, Lower Burrell. There will be 20+ vendors and 2 food trucks.

Peter Cehily has an abstract entitled "Made of Steel Made of Stone" juried into the 48th Annual Hoyt Regional Exhibition. The show runs from April 13th to June 24th at the Hoyt Art Center in New Castle Pa at 124 E Leisure Avenue

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.

The Spring Show Dates are March 19 to June 25, 2021. 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 ia 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.

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.

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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