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MEETING TIME AND PLACE

The next meeting will be on Thursday, November 2, 2023 starting at 6:30 for social time, presentation at 7, and business meeting at 8 pm, and will continue to be on the first Thursday of the month in September, October, November, March, April, and May.

ESAL WEB SITE: www.esalart.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: From Dan Yaklich

Many ESAL members and some guests attended the October meeting and are looking forward to the up-and-coming November 2nd ESAL meeting, the third this year. If you didn't attend the October meeting, you missed an excellent paper folding presentation by Madonna Yoder.

"The true work of art is but a shadow of the divine perfection" - Michelangelo

I am looking forward to seeing even more people at our November 2nd meeting. This year will provide many opportunities for members. ESAL will need someone to volunteer as the Web Administrator and **someone to volunteer at this meeting to take over the responsibilities for the ESAL Newsletter**. We also need volunteers for food and refreshments.

Socializing will begin at 6:30pm. "Show and tell" to display your artistic creation through various media will start at 6:45pm.

The presentation will begin at 7pm by Greg Bensko, a native Pennsylvanian and graduate of the Art Institute of Pittsburgh, will share his passion for wildlife art this month. This is a very specialized art form as he will explain to ESAL members and guests. Our featured artist will also do a live demonstration of his techniques for painting the scenes that often accompany his wildlife paintings.

The Business Meeting will begin approximately at 8pm and finish by 9pm.

TREASURER'S REPORT

No report as yet for November.

SEPTEMBER MINUTES

See attached October Minutes.

DUES \$25/person or \$30/couple

ANNUAL ESAL SHOWS 2022

PROGRAMS / Publicity

Bensko Wildlife Illustration Presentation Slated for November 2 ESAL Meeting:

The artists' treats will continue at the November 2, 2023 ESAL meeting and program. Greg Bensko, a native Pennsylvanian and graduate of the Art Institute of Pittsburgh, will share his passion for wildlife art this month. He notes that this is a very specialized art form as he will explain to ESAL members and guests.

Our featured artist will also do a live demonstration of his techniques for painting the scenes that often accompany his wildlife art paintings. He will allow time for questions and answers during his discussion.

Greg has submitted work for the Pennsylvania Game Commission contest which featured his work before a juried panel. He also does commissions for the National Bloodhound Association as he creates memorial paintings for members' treasured pets.

His unique hand painted turkey feathers are one of a kind and are breathtakingly crafted. His pet portraits are a perfect way to immortalize a beloved pet or showcase ones animal spirit.

Greg also does handcrafted framing using recycled and restored Pennsylvania barn wood.

PROGRAMS/SOCIAL - From Louise Baldel:

PERMANENT EXHIBIT OPPORTUNITIES

Murrysville Library – Darlene Miklos

NOVEMBER: Jan Kingery

From the beginning, Jan's mother encouraged her interest in art, and her father supported her as well. She studied graphic art at the Ivy School of Art. Jan uses pastels to create lovely portraits and pictures of animals. Her inspiration comes from photographs and other images.

The remaining schedule for 2023 is: **November:** Jan Kingery **December:** Jan Fiorina.

Please call me with any questions or to reserve a spot in the 2024 schedule.

**Redstone Highlands -
Program is temporarily suspended.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eileen Kopelman had a painting juried into the SAMA show in Ligonier. (Mixed media collage, The Invasion Begins, Wyoming PA Massacre 1778)

Eileen Yeager' piece "Ukrainian Wheat Fields", a Monotype Collage got a First Place Award by Juror David Klug at the North Hills Art Center Members show, September 18 - October 6..

Her piece, "Ents of the Forest" a Marbelized Paper Collage, was juried into the 28th SANNA Annual Biennial, Nov 17 - February 4, 2024 Ligonier Pa,. Opening November 18, 6 - 9pm.

Two of her pieces "Dill" and "Ginger" were juried into the "Little Winter Show" at the Art League Gallery in the Torpedo Factory, Alexandria, V a.by Juror Blake Gore a Miniature Artist, Nov 8 - Dec 3

Eilleen will participate in 3 Holiday Artist Markets in Nov/Dec, - Greensburg Art Center, Latrobe Art Center and North Hills Art Center

EDITOR'S NOTE:

I am stepping down as **Newsletter Editor** due to my additional job workload this year. I am working 3 jobs to support myself, I and have little time for much else. This newsletter will be my last for the ESAL calendar year. **A new editor is required** if members wish to keep receiving newsletters. All you need is a computer, word processing application, and a little time each month. I can help orient you with the current newsletter to use as a template and instructions. I am honored to have served for the past year as newsletter editor and past president. Feel free to contact me directly with any questions (412) 592-6418 or arleneholtz@gmail.com .

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