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### MEETING TIME AND PLACE

The next meeting will be on Thursday, October 5, 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](http://www.esalart.org)

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Many ESAL members and some guests attended the September meeting and are looking forward to the up-and-coming October 5<sup>th</sup> ESAL meeting, the second this year.

**"Art is the greatest form of hope" – Banksy**

I am looking forward to seeing even more people at our October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. This year will provide many opportunities for members. ESAL will need someone to volunteer as the Web Administrator and someone to volunteer to take over the responsibilities for the ESAL Newsletter, as soon as possible. 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 Madonna Yoder. Yoder focuses on repeating geometric patterns folded from a single sheet of paper. **Be sure to come out for this fascinating paper folding presentation - one that will amaze you with unique talents and perspectives.**

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

### TREASURER'S REPORT

No report as yet for October.

### SEPTEMBER MINUTES

No minutes as yet for October.

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

## **ANNUAL ESAL SHOWS 2022**

### **Brushes & Beans – (from Barb Jewel)**

After tallying up your responses to last month's questionnaire, it appears as tho' we will have enough volunteers to cover the various tasks listed. There are still a few details that need to be discussed with Mark, so I'll be able to give you an update at the October meeting. Mark asked for a final decision by mid-October which should be no problem, so that both he and we can move ahead with our planning. Thanks for your participation and cooperation.

### **PROGRAMS / Publicity**

Amazing Paper Folding Presentation Slated for October 5, 2023 ESAL meeting!

**Madonna Yoder** focuses on the infinite potential options in the realm of infinitely repeating geometric patterns folded from a single sheet of paper, also called origami tessellations. She has been running her own business, Gathering Folds, since 2020 with a focus on creating these patterns and teaching other origami folders how to fold and design them too.

Madonna has created over 400 original tessellation designs since 2018 and has created a variety of resources for tessellation folders of all levels since 2021.

With a background in geology and ecology from MIT and an abiding love for science fiction sagas, she is a nerd's nerd and enjoys tending her garden, social dancing, and playing volleyball when she isn't folding paper.

In this month's talk, Madonna will demonstrate how designing origami tessellations are like a choose-your-own-adventure book, discuss the evolution of her folding style, and show how these patterns can be translated into fabric manipulation techniques too.

Be sure to come out for the fascinating presentation - one that will amaze you with her unique talents and perspective.

### **PROGRAMS/SOCIAL - From Louise Baldel:**

*Attention: HELP NEEDED*

*Big hugs and many thanks to our wonderful ESAL member, Canan Unal who has been a joy to work with for the past several years!*

*Thank you to all the ESAL members who have shared their tasty food and treats for our monthly meetings.*

*Please continue to have your food plated and ready to serve with the appropriate utensils.*

*ESAL Social/Hospitality needs several volunteers to help with the kitchen duties before and after the meetings.*

*Prepare beverages, set out paperware, plasticware etc.*

*Arrive before the meetings at 6:00 and leave after the business meeting before 9:00*

*Louise Baldel will continue to create the display tables and support the volunteers.*

*Look forward to creating with you!*

*Louise Baldel landline #878 220 7268 email [bald246@windstream.net](mailto:bald246@windstream.net)*

## PERMANENT EXHIBIT OPPORTUNITIES

### Murrysville Library – Darlene Miklos

MURRYSVILLE LIBRARY EXHIBITS - Darlene Miklos

OCTOBER: Sue and Dan Yaklich

In addition to her paintings, Sue is an accomplished graphic designer with a wide range of business products. Dan's watercolor paintings are fun, fresh, and light-hearted.

The remaining schedule for 2023 is: **October:** Sue and Dan Yaklich **November:** Jan Kingery **December:** Jan Fiorina

Please call me at 412-829-7269 with any questions or to reserve a spot in the 2024 schedule.

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pamela Price** - My painting, *The Lord of the Rings*, was selected for the Mr. Roger's Juried Show at Latrobe Art Center. The exhibition runs through September.

**Joyce Clohecy** - won 3rd place at the Saxonburg Fine Art Show for her watercolor "Woodland Cabin" and the Sponsor's award for her watercolor painting "Birch Trees".

**Betty Trout** - juried into the Pittsburgh Society of Artists Fifty Seventh Annual Exhibition, with two oil paintings, "Old Factory" and "Linn Run in Winter". The show runs Sep 23 - Oct 21, at 3rd Street Gallery, Carnegie, PA. Opening/Awards is Sep 23, 5-8:30 PM. Closing/Artist Talk is Oct 21, 7-10 PM.

She is displaying several pieces in a group show titled "Las Obras", meaning The Works, at The Manos Gallery, Tarentum, PA. The show runs Oct 7-28. Opening is Sat Oct 7, 12-5 PM. Open House is Thu Oct 12, 4-8 PM.

Betty is also participating in the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art in Ligonier Fall Plein Air Paint Out Sep 28-30, & Wet Sale on Oct 1, 1-5 PM.

**Arlene Holtz** – One of my paintings, "Trusting What You See", has been selected for an exhibition in the Big Art Pop-Up Show by ThoughtRobbers Gallery held at the Oaklander Hotel on Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 8 pm.

**Jan Fiorina – MEMBER OUTING:** ESAL photographer, Jan Fiorina, has arranged for a member outing at **Rabkin Japanese Gardens**, a private garden located in Tarentum and which will be hosting a meeting of the North American Japanese Garden Association at the end of October. The **ESAL Member Outing is Monday, October 9**, Columbus Day, 12-3:30 PM, at 419 E 2nd Avenue, Tarentum PA. If attending, **RSVP** by texting Jan at 724-516-9262. (See attached flyer)

**Cindy Berceli** was recently honored by receiving a request for her award winning pastel art works to be displayed at the Mansion on Strathmore in Bethesda, Maryland. She was recognized by the curator and was sought out specifically to be part of the show based on her reputation as an accomplished artist on a national scale. We are proud to have such an accomplished artist and teacher within our art organization.

Here are Cindy's words to share her experience with you:

*The Curator of the 'Animal Kingdom Exhibit' at the Mansion on Strathmore in Bethesda, MD, emailed to ask if I was still painting animals. She remembered my Ostrich painting that was in a national juried exhibit held there several years ago and was hoping I would be able to send them a few paintings for this exhibit. I asked her to view the work on my website and she selected 'Unkempt Harry, the Alpaca', The Big-Hearted Giraffe and the 'Regal Ram' all pastels, which were delivered. The exhibit included a variety of media including soft sculpture, a kite artist, 2 artists working in oils, a printmaker, 1 hanging textile and others. The opening on September 14<sup>th</sup> was an incredible event, well attended and held in the beautiful mansion built in the 1800's. This is a very exciting exhibit which I am grateful to be part of. Continue entering shows, paint what you love and keep an eye out for emails, they arrive when you least expect them!*

**From Dan Yaklich** - The boards of Murrysville Community Library (MCL) and the Murrysville Community Library Foundation (MCLF) held their joint annual meeting on Thursday, September 14, 7PM, at the library.

(Excerpt from e-mail below)

At this year's meeting we plan to recognize and thank our programming partners - those community groups that provide programming hosted by the library. Of course, the East Suburban Artists League is high on that list. We very much appreciate that ESAL artists have provided exhibits of their work at MCL for many years, along with the artist talks that are now offered.

I hope that you and/or other members of ESAL can join us at the meeting so that we can recognize you in person. The meeting is open to the public; all are welcome.

Susan Long

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ESAL was represented by Jan Kingery, Jan Fiorina, Darlene Miklos and Dan Yaklich. As the President of ESAL, I happily received the Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of ALL the presenters at the Murrysville Library. The Certificate is attached to this e-mail.

#### **EDITOR'S NOTE:**

I will be 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. **A new editor is required ASAP** and all you need is a computer, word processing application, and a little time each month. I can help orient you so please choose someone. I am hoping this will be my last newsletter, and that the November issue will be submitted by someone new (with my help). Feel free to contact me directly with any questions (412) 592-6418 or [arleneholtz@gmail.com](mailto:arleneholtz@gmail.com) .  
PLEASE !!!!! THANK YOU ALL IN ADVANCE!

Arlene

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**\*\*\* Note:** Please let me know if you want your website listed here, or if you want yours deleted from this list. Thanks.

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