



GREATER NORRISTOWN ART LEAGUE

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2016 THEME SHOW WINNERS!

Special Theme Show Award: SPIRIT OF PEACE PREVAIL - **Marlene Serafine Gaudio**

First Prize: MOTHER AND TERRAIN - **Stefania Luciani**

Second Prize: TOGETHER - **Celeste Sabinske**

Third Prize: PEACE 1 - **Alice Chung**

Donald Robinson Memorial Award for Watercolor with Emphasis on Light and Dramatic Atmosphere:
VANCOUVER SANCTUM - **Carol Salter**

Mary Benfield Memorial Award: WHIRLING DERVISHES - **Sabah Farooq**

Frank Moulton Carter Memorial Award for Imaginative Work: PEACE THRU MUSIC - **Susanne Rotondo**



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Marlene Gaudio

Stefania Luciani

Susanne Rotondo

FRANK MOULTON
CARTER
MEMORIAL AWARD
FOR IMAGINATIVE WORK

MARY BENFIELD
MEMORIAL AWARD

Celeste Sabinske

Alice Chung

Carol Salter

Juror Mallary Johnson & Sabah Farooq

Please enjoy this last newsletter of the year!
There will be no January newsletter: the next newsletter will be February 2017.

Wishing all a happy and peaceful holiday season, and a happy and safe New Year!



2016 Theme Show Report

Mary Ellen Sillcox and Ria Hyer
Theme Show Co-chairs



The theme for this year's Theme Show was "Striving for International Peace." There were a total of 45 entries submitted by 30 artists making this a small, but intimate show. Creative approaches to the theme ranged from realism to abstract; the artwork was imaginative and inspirational!

Due to the size of the exhibit, juror Mallory Johnson was able to take her time and really examine each piece.

The show was open to the public Saturday and Sunday, though the main traffic was Sunday afternoon for the reception and award presentation. Attendees had a good time taking in the artwork (there was plenty of room to step back and enjoy each piece!), munching on goodies, and catching up with each other.

The People's Choice Award was a well-received, new event. Sunday's visitors were asked to vote on their favorite piece of art: one vote per person. The show co-chairs tallied the votes, and awarded **Janice Ward** the People's Choice!

It's always nice to hear compliments by visitors. Criticisms are acknowledged and noted for future reference. However, when a member takes the time to email a compliment, it's exciting! The much appreciated compliment was: *I just wanted to let the Art League know how impressed I was with their most recent theme show! It was very clean and bright, and the white walls really helped to make the art "pop". The placement of paintings/art was well thought out and balanced. Kudos to the folks who worked to make it a very presentable show!* Many attendees also had similar words so the above represents some of those comments.

Putting on an art show requires much work and dedicated volunteers! Friday evening's duties included organizing the room for drop-off (greeting artists, checking in and labeling their artwork) and organizing the exhibition (organizing the awards, hanging and re-arranging the artwork as needed, soliciting for food donations and sitters). A big thank you to **Vicki Marino, Cheryl & Richard Coniglio, Bob Makoid, Jack Lloyd, Mary Maudsley, Carol Salter, Jo Ann Cooksey Bono, Arnold Winkler, Ria Hyer, and Mary Ellen Sillcox.**

The delectable cuisine and refreshments at Sunday's reception was provided by **Alice Chung, Terry Clopper-Chaves, Rosalie Funk, Marlene Gaudio, Harriet Kline, Wendy Liu, Beatriz Montoya, Carol & Phil Salter, and Jane Sillcox.**

Many thanks go to the exhibit sitters who are so important in giving a good impression to our visitors: **Barbara Brown, Terry Clopper-Chaves, Rosalie Funk, Wendy Liu, Trish Lynch, Celeste Sabinske, Marilyn Sclan, Sherry Ward, Mary Maudsley, and Mary Ellen Sillcox.**

Clean-up and the return to normal the end of Sunday was accomplished with help from **Arnold Winkler, Mary Maudsley, Mike Greco, Carol & Phil Salter, Cheryl & Richard Coniglio, Ria Hyer, and Mary Ellen Sillcox.** Even juror Mallory Johnson and her husband pitched in!

Thank you to the artists for their excellent contributions and to all those who helped make this show a success from beginning to end. Everyone's efforts are very much appreciated!

Monthly Meeting Featuring Michele Byrne



Very personable and generous with her time, Michele gave an in-depth explanation as she demonstrated how she incorporates movement and excitement to her work using palette knife and bold brushwork to add drama and life to her art.

It was fascinating to watch as Michele transformed a blank canvas into an enticing city scene that invited the viewer to participate in the setting!

To find out more about Michele Byrne, visit her website at www.michelebyrne.com or visit her Facebook page at *Michele Byrne Art*.

Carol Salter & Mary Ellen Sillcox



*We welcome you to the Annual
Holiday Social and Art Exchange!*



Sunday, December 4 at 4:00 pm

Please join Greater Norristown Art League and celebrate, reunite with Art League friends, dine on great food, and give and receive a unique and very personal gift of art for the holidays. Friends and family are welcome!

If you wish to participate in the exchange

(The gift art work exchange is for members only)

For the art work exchange, 2D work should be approximately 5" x 7", matted and wrapped. Sculpture is welcome.

Please bring a food offering

If your last name begins with A – L, bring a hot or cold appetizer

If your last name begins with M – Z, bring a fruit or dessert

UPCOMING EVENTS

HOLIDAY MIRTHFUL ANGEL POTTERY AND SCULPTURE STUDIO OPEN HOUSE AND SALE

DECEMBER 2, 3 AND 4, 2015

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

The Fall kiln opening adds to an incredible inventory of utilitarian pottery and stoneware sculpture, uniquely designed and hand-crafted by artist-educator **Marlene Serafine Gaudio**. The studio is at 1301 Valley Forge Rd (at Woodlyn Ave, Worcester Twp), Eagleville, 19403. For more info: www.mirthfulangelpottery.wordpress.com. This holiday season, give unique gifts of lovingly handcrafted pottery at affordable studio prices. On display will be significant new sculpture as well as utilitarian stoneware. If you prefer a personal shopping appointment please call 610-287-5012 or email mirthfulangelpottery@gmail.com.

The 150th Annual American Watercolor Society Exhibition and Whitney Museum Field Trip

Saturday, April 22, 2017

GNAL is hosting a full day field trip to the 150th Annual AWS International Water Color Exhibition which includes a buffet luncheon at the Salmagundi Club and a visit to the New Whitney Museum of American Art. The American Watercolor Society is one of the oldest and most prestigious art societies. The AWS Exhibition is one of the premiere international watercolor events. More than 1,200 artists from throughout the United States and 23 foreign countries will have submitted their work to a panel of jurors chosen from Signature Members of the AWS. Of these submissions, approx 150 will paintings will be selected for exhibition.

Once again we were able to keep the price reasonable at \$105.00 all inclusive. You can't beat this price for a full day in New York City. It will be a welcomed spring break from the long winter months.

We are ready to take reservations for our spring art fling. Last year's trip sold old out quickly. So tell your friends and make your reservations by contacting **John Grob** at jogrob123@gmail.com.

LIVING THE DREAM WORKSHOPS with Doug Tweddale

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215-908-0850

An experienced Plein Air painter and teacher, Doug has studied for many years with Master Albert Handell. Workshops include demos, critiques and help at the easel. Week-long workshops also have a final critique of all works done during the week. Plein Air painting will be done near public areas with easy access. All media and experience levels welcome!

Upcoming workshops take place on:

February 10, 2017 - Delaware Valley Art League, Paoli, PA
Pastel In-House Demonstration 1:00 pm - no charge

February 17, 2017 - Delaware Valley Art League, Paoli, PA
Pastel In-House Workshop 9:30 am - 3:00 pm

April 2 - 8, 2017 - Sedona, AZ

Special workshop co-taught with Michael Chesley Johnson with focus on both pastel and oil mediums. Sedona has brilliant red rock formations and Oak Creek Canyon vistas. Enrollment limited to 12, so sign up early to reserve your spot! Cost: \$475

May 7 - 13, 2017 Yosemite National Park

Yosemite Valley has spectacular views of El Capitan, the Merced River and many waterfalls. Both hotel and RV lodging available at El Portal, CA. Enrollment limited to 12, so sign up early to reserve your spot! Cost: \$475

GNAL IS HAVING A FLEA MARKET!

Saturday, April 22, 2017
From 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Need to clear a few items from your closet?
Looking for new treasures to enhance your home?

This fundraising event for GNAL can be a two-way street ...
good for us - good for you!

Rent a table for just \$15 each

Bring your wares to the Norristown Cedar Club
810 West Germantown Pike

The Cedar Club venue is indoors so weather will not be a concern!

Baked goods will be available for purchase.



*My decorating style is Early
American Flea Market.*

Members in the News

Alice Chung, along with six other Korean artists representing Philadelphia Arts Connection, will be exhibiting 10 pieces of art in various media. The exhibit will run from November 16 to December 16, 2016 at the MCCC Fine Arts Center Gallery in Blue Bell.



"Croatia": Acrylic by Alice Chung

Reception will be November 30, 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Cheryl Coniglio has a painting in the Garden State Watercolor Society 47th Annual Juried Show. The show runs from November 19, 2016 to January 15, 2017 and is being exhibited at the Trenton City Museum at Ellerslie in Trenton, New Jersey.

Paula Slemmer will be exhibiting her watercolor paintings and gel prints at the Indian Valley Public Library in Telford, PA during the month of December.

Susannah Hart Thomer was featured in an article by John Cella for *MONTCO Homes, Gardens & Lifestyle* magazine's Fall 2016 issue.

THINKING OF YOU / FEEL BETTER

Another "Feel Better" card was sent to Jeanne Huff
A "Thinking of You" card was sent to Jean Stanton

"ARTIST OF THE MONTH"

Theme Show Winners

CONDOLENCES

Condolences to GNAL member and instructor **Anne Whalon** on the passing of her mother.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **SCULPTURE STUDIO RESUMES!** Thursdays from 7:00 to 9:30 pm. No instructor, \$5.00 per class. Choose any medium and come work in the company of other sculptors. Contact Janice Ward at 610-279-6480.
- **CORRECTION:** The correct phone numbers for the Class Monitors of **Teresa DeSeve's** Monday Pastel class are as follows: **Jackie Drewes** (morning class) -- 610-613-3560
Judy Stevens (afternoon class) -- 484-964-4151
- **Kiwanis:** If you are interested in membership information for Kiwanis International-Norriton Circle, contact GNAL's rep, **Marlene Serafine Gaudio** at 610- 283-0512.

Job Opportunity at GNAL

GNAL is looking for a Sat. Kids' Art Class instructor for a Mixed-media class and a Basic Drawing class to begin Feb. 18, 2017. Class descriptions are here: <http://www.gnal.org/youngartistsclasses.htm>. Child Abuse, State Police and Finger Printing needed. Email joann@gnal.org for specifics.

Job Opportunity

Part Time Picture Framer For Phila Western Suburbs

Part-Time Picture Framer needed for a busy picture frame shop in Conshohocken. Position requires Fridays & Saturdays. Applicant should have good color and design instincts, and familiarity with artist materials. Job duties include working with customers, measuring & math skills, fitting artwork, and managing materials. Extreme attention to detail, an affinity for multi-tasking, computer and people skills are required. To apply please respond with a resume to theframeshop@verizon.net No phone calls please. Some professional framing experience or an art background is required.

Contributors to the Annual Appeal Campaign: Thank You!

Our supporters show how much they value GNAL's role in the community in many ways: from volunteering as show sitters, to providing refreshments for receptions, to performing the many tasks that keep GNAL going day-to-day.

The Annual Appeal offers another way to show support and thank those who have participated. There is no deadline for the Annual Appeal Campaign thus contributions will continue to be accepted.

Donna McGough

Many thanks to our most recent donor!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

**Welcome to GNAL's 75th year!
Renew Now!**

Send in your renewal or new membership application ASAP. Non renewing members will be deleted from the directory this month, so please make sure you are in good standing prior to the deadline. We need you to support our classes, workshops and our promotion of the arts in the community.

The membership form is online at http://www.gnal.org/membership_formnew.htm

An individual membership is \$25, and a couple membership is \$40. Life Memberships are \$250. We hope you will continue to support us with your memberships, volunteerism and contributions.

You can use PayPal to pay for membership here: <http://www.gnal.org/>

We welcome new members **Terry Boyle** (Audubon), **Elizabeth Delaney** (Limerick),
Michelle Jenkins (E. Norriton), **Robert Nowak** (Audubon)

Jo Ann Cooksey Bono

THE ABSOLUTELY PERFECT HOLIDAY GIFT!

If you're looking for the ideal gift for artsy friends and/or family, a GNAL Gift Certificate is 'picture perfect'! Certificates are available in any amount and can be used towards classes (adults and kids), workshops, and trips.

Send a message to contact@gnal.org adding 'Gift Certificate' to the Subject line. Or call 610-539-3393 and leave a message with your name and phone number for a return call.



Opportunity to show your work at John James Audubon in Mill Grove

The museum house at Mill Grove has been under renovation for an extended period of time. We are expecting to have a soft opening during the Sapsucker Festival of 2017. New changes to the museum include the opening of a previously walled over door, new exhibits on the first floor, a reference library, interpretation of the murals in the drawing room and TWO updated and improved changing galleries. We are looking for interested artists to display their work within the new galleries.

The plan is to have at least one artist, perhaps two, for each changing gallery time period. We are planning on three, three-and-a-half month rotations of art with a reception at each opening. Artwork would be for sale with the potential of having smaller pieces of the entrant's work for sale within the gift shop. Advertising the art gallery will be at the front of the site and also online. Bird and nature art is the requirement as that is our focus here at Audubon. If interested, please email Stephanie Britten at sbritten@audubon.org with contact information, online portfolio link or images of your work.

Opportunity to show your work at El Paquito Restaurant, Chestnut Hill

Andrea Clair is looking for art work to hang in her restaurant, El Paquito, in Chestnut Hill.

She will also have a small reception for the artist.

Email Andrea at andrea@elpoquito.com, if interested.

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