



GREATER NORRISTOWN
ART LEAGUE

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Mary Ellen Sillcox, Editor

September, 2016

President's Letter

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Friends, this letter is not going to be as long as the last one I wrote. It is also going to be much more personal, showing my experience with GNAL's adult art camp and the fun I am having there.

But most importantly is of course the fact Greater Norristown Art League is 75 years old!

We plan to celebrate this event with a spectacular show in cooperation with MCCC, the Montgomery County Community College. **Susannah Thomer** is chairing this show which will run from September 14 to September 30. The prospectus for this show is included in this newsletter and I hope you all will participate with your best works. On October 15 we will celebrate the anniversary with a sumptuous dinner at Norristown Cedar Club – tickets are still available as of today.

Now a word about my personal experience with GNAL's educational programs: I believe I am a reasonably good photographer, but I have never in my life ventured into other expressions of art, such as drawing, or painting. Actually, my worst grades in high school in Austria, many years ago, were always in art-education (and sports). I finally collected all my courage and signed up for our "Adult Art Camp", run by **Jo Ann Cooksey Bono** and **Mary Lozinak**. After 4 days I have to admit that I can't remember having been challenged as much in a very long time, but I have also to admit, that I am having a lot of fun. Yes, doing things you have never done in 76 years can be fun when you get the right instructions and help during the class. I have been drawing, created a figure that can move arms and legs (we call this a "Hampelmann" in Austria), formed a head out of clay, and right now I am working on a figure that will hopefully proudly wear this head on its shoulders. I can only encourage you to participate in such an adult

art camp when it is offered again. It is fun and it challenges you to go outside your comfort zone. You will get all the support you need and you will be proud to have done something you never did before and had no idea you could do.

I'd like to share with you the comment of **Debbie**, who was sitting next to me in the same art camp, about my work there: "If you can't control your talent, at least try to be funny!"

GNAL's Art Camps for kids and adults are just samples of a very rich offering of classes and workshops for all aspects of art; our instructors are well respected artists from the area with lots of experience in education and hands-on teaching. I do hope that you will regularly check our offerings and participate in our classes and workshops to make you an even better artist.

I am also working on keeping my promise to you to find and ensure new venues in the area where you will be able to show your art and hopefully sell some too. Our ventures at Einstein Hospital and the Commissioner's Office are resulting in sales and a lot of very positive reactions and feedback. I do hope that our new ventures will make GNAL's impact in the surrounding communities tangible and productive. We also hope to attract new members by showing our art in unexpected places. You will hear about the success stories when they are going to be implemented, hopefully in the near future.

Contacts to art organizations in our area are being initiated, we will see more of their art in our exhibits and we will have additional options for participating in their exhibits.

Arnold Winkler, President

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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

GNAL annual memberships expire on August 31st. Beat the rush, avoid getting caught in the stack of requests to be processed and ensure a quick handling of your entries in the members' September Exhibition. Send in your renewal or new membership request ASAP.

The link for a printable membership form can be found at http://www.gnal.org/membership_formnew.htm and in the Fall Brochure.

If nothing has changed with your information, feel free to send in your renewal ahead of time to insure you are good to go for the 75th Diamond Anniversary Show to be held at Montgomery County Community College.

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.

Welcome to new members, **John Cella** (Blue Bell), **Catherine Elam** (Blue Bell), **Sabah Farooq** (King of Prussia), **Laurel Greberman** (Lafayette Hill), **Suzanne Howarth** (Norristown), **Arthur Kurt LePine** (Norristown), and **Jessie & Dustin Mallory** (Norristown).

Welcome back to **Moni Bjorseth** (Lansdale) and **Loretta Ryan** (Norristown).

Jo Ann Cooksey Bono

GNAL - MCCC SHOW



What an opportunity to show off!

Get your best piece of artwork finished and framed!

Don't miss this singular opportunity to exhibit in this very special show!
Celebrating GNAL's 75th anniversary at Montgomery County Community College!

Be sure to view and fill out the prospectus which can be found in this newsletter.

Many thanks must go to North Penn Art for their sponsorship and tremendous support!

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONTHLY MEETING

Dale O. Roberts

Tuesday, September 13th, 7:00pm

Free & Open to the Public

Dale O. Roberts, award winning artist and juror of the Spring Open-Juried show, will be critiquing artwork brought in by the attendees (limit one piece per person). Dale will offer suggestions to improve your work.

ARTIST'S RECEPTION AT BRAEMER

The Artist's Reception for the current gallery show at Braemer Medical Arts Building at the Einstein Montgomery Hospital will be held September 23rd from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm.

All GNAL members are invited to the reception to share refreshments and enjoy the artwork, which is on display until November 16th.

LIVING THE DREAM WORKSHOPS with Doug Tweddale

www.dougtweddale.com / dtweddale@hotmail.com
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!

The first two Plein Air workshops take place on:

September 10 and 24 - Northwest of Philadelphia

Each one day workshop will be held in an area park.

Rain dates: Sun, 9/ 11 and Sun, 9/25

Cost: GNAL Members - \$40, Non-Members - \$50

October 22 and 29 - Northwest of Philadelphia

Each one day workshop will be held in an area park.

Rain dates: Sun, 10/23 and Sun, 10/30

Cost: GNAL Members - \$40, Non-Members - \$50

* B I N G O *

**Mark your calendar now for our 2nd annual
Bingo fundraiser!**

Win cash prizes, raffles, 50/50

Bring your own adult beverages and snacks

Saturday, November 12, 2016

Doors open at 6:30 PM

Play starts at 7 PM

St. Titus Church Social Hall

3006 Keenwood Road (off of North Wales Rd)

East Norriton, PA 19403

\$20 in advance; \$25 at door

To register: email contact@gnal.org or call 610-539--3393



Greater Norristown Art League is 75 years young!

Come and join in the celebration – and enjoy!

All are welcome: couples, singles, friends, family, instructors, class monitors, students, show jurors – everyone.

Diamond Jubilee Dinner/Dance

When: October 15, 2016
Time: 5 PM to 10 PM
Where: Norristown Cedar Club
810 W. Germantown Pike
East Norriton

Reserve your seat(s) now as space is limited!

The evening will include appetizers, a served buffet dinner, wine and other beverages, dessert, plus raffles, speakers, dancing and “Music through the Decades” with Joanne DeSimone.

Tickets for GNAL’s Diamond Jubilee Dinner/Dance are only \$35 per person. Make your check payable to GNAL and mail it to GNAL, 800 W. Germantown Pike, East Norriton, PA 19403. Please complete the form below and include with your check. Remember to note your entrée choice.

Name (s) _____

Email _____ Phone _____

(#) ____ Stuffed Chicken Breast Payment enclosed _____

(#) ____ Baked Salmon

Members in the News

Ann Marie Geiger had her nature photography on display for the months of June and July at the Peace Valley Nature Center. She had over 30 pieces on one wall and in a display bin.

Susanna Hart Thomer was featured in the Montgomery Media Newsletter/Colonial News in August. Her "Ode to Valley Green" collection will debut at Borrelli's Chestnut Hill Gallery in their new quarters at 1-5-7 E. Gravers Lane (she is the first featured artist at this new location!). An opening reception is scheduled for September 10 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Joan R. Rosiak had a photograph accepted in the 49th Art of the State: Pennsylvania exhibit. Her piece was one of 123 pieces selected from nearly 1800 entries (the artist is still giddy over the 7% acceptance rate!). Presented at The State Museum of Pennsylvania, the opening reception was June 26. The show runs through September 11, 2016.

Get Well

A get well card was sent to Kay Pike on her surgery.
A get well card was sent to Jeanne Hoff.
A "Hello!" card was sent to Jane Sillcox.

"ARTIST OF THE MONTH"

Diamond Jubilee Winners

CONDOLENCES

Condolences to **Cindy Ely** and **Jane Wayock** on the passing of their father.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Missing Art Books** There are some art books that are missing from GNAL's basement. These books, which are of high quality, had been set aside with a "GNAL Property/Do Not Remove" sign on them, so that they could be used as raffle prizes for GNAL's upcoming 75th anniversary celebration in October 2016. If anyone mistakenly thought they were books that could be borrowed from GNAL's library or placed them elsewhere, please return them to GNAL or notify **Fran Barone** at (610) 539-3393.
- **Kiwanis** GNAL is presently a corporate member of Kiwanis International. If interested in an individual membership to the local Kiwanis of Norriton Circle, call Jen Vare at 215-350-0454.

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.

Fred Arnold, Rebecca Bingaman, Moni Bjorseth, Anita Cohen, Perky Cohen, Ruth Detwiler, James Doyle, Barbara Fluck, Anthony Galatola, Peggy Geers, Ann & Glenn Haig, Matt Harris, Jeanne Hoff, Fred Kreitchet, Margaret Lichtenstein, Robert Mahoid, Jessie & Dustin Mallory, Concetta Mattioni, Janine Newton, Antonia Palmer, Dolores Pettit, Sandra Poelck, Susan Rawls, Marilyn Sclan, Phil Smith & Gail Gosser Smith, Elizabeth Snowden, Susan Sowers, Susannah & David Thomer, Dorothy Wilmanski, Candace Zacher

Many thanks to our most recent donors!

∞ Update on Ongoing Art Display ∞ Braemer Medical Arts Building Gallery at Einstein Hospital

**The next GNAL Einstein, Braemer Gallery Show runs
November 9th, 2016 - March 8th, 2017**

The theme for the Show: "Oh, the Places We Have Seen"
(Traveling with GNAL Artists)

Drop Off Art Work/Pick up current work: Wednesday, November 9th, between 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Braemer Medical Arts Building behind Einstein Montgomery Hospital (on Germantown Pike in East Norriton).
A \$5 entry fee per piece will be due at this time.

Linda Crane

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.

GNAL - Kiwanis volunteer art activity at Sillers Springs- Martin Luther School

As GNAL's representative to Kiwanis-Norriton Circle, **Marlene Gaudio** coordinated (along with **Mary Lozinak** and **Jo Ann Cooksey Bono**) a fun sculpy clay project with the children at Silver Springs - Martin Luther School on July 24. Face painting and refreshments enhanced the fun Sunday afternoon which was enjoyed by all.

If interested in learning more about the Kiwanis Club, contact **Marlene Gaudio** at 610-283-0512.



Keep up-to-date on GNAL activities by visiting us online: www.gnal.org

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is participating in the Amazon Smile Program.

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MEMBERS JURIED EXHIBITION CELEBRATING GNAL'S 75th ANNIVERSARY September 14-30, 2016 at Montgomery County Community College Art Gallery

Sponsored by North Penn Art

Juror: Karen Kappe Nugent

Delivery: Tuesday, September 6, 3-7pm only, **NO EXCEPTIONS**

at the Montgomery County Community College Art Gallery, 340 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell, PA 19422, 215-641-6300

Opening Reception: Wednesday, September 14, 5-7pm

Walk 'n Talk with Jim McFarlane: Sunday, September 18, 1-3pm

Gallery Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30-7pm, Weekends until 6pm

SUBMISSION

- Categories: Painting (oil, water media or pastel), Sculpture, Graphic (charcoal, drawing, mixed media or computer generated art), and Photography.
- **One (1) original entry** -no copies of published art/photos, no clip art, no derivation from other artists' photographs, books, videos or artwork will be accepted; no work previously shown at GNAL will be accepted.
- **Framed paintings must not exceed 30" on the long side of height or width.** Multi-part submissions must also conform to this limit.
- All pictures must be suitably framed and wired with braided wire only. Pieces hung by string, non-braided wire, or tooth hangers will be disqualified. No Exceptions.
- All sculpture must be freestanding and portable. No 3-D piece may be attached to the wall or floor for support.
- Entries must be priced or marked NFS (Not For Sale). No POR (Price On Request) will be accepted. All accepted artwork must remain for the duration of the exhibition. **Any artist removing work prematurely will be ineligible to participate in any GNAL sponsored show for one year.**
- Chairperson(s) will reject any piece considered to be unsuitable (including poorly presented artwork).
- All reasonable care will be taken in handling work; GNAL and MCCC do not assume responsibility for any work, nor do they carry insurance for submitted works.

AWARDS

Best of Show	\$375
Excellence Award in Painting	\$175
Excellence Award in Graphic	\$175
Excellence Award in Photography	\$175
Excellence Award in Sculpture	\$175
Merit Award	\$75
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