

Sketchpad



Fall 2018

President's Letter

Pottstown Area Artists Guild Begins Its 59th Year

Greetings,

We are beginning our 59th year as Pottstown Area Artists Guild, continuing the legacy of founding artists Fred and Sarah Griese-mer, Albert and Sylvia Sanft, Joseph F. Landis, Mildred Sands Kratz, and Dorla Dean.



PAAG President Judi Williams

As President of the PAAG, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone for an exciting new year. We are all thrilled to be exhibiting back in the lovely Boyer Gallery, filling it with energy and enthusiasm, since it is our mission: "To promote, inspire, and support the artistic spirit within the community". Additionally, we strive to challenge each artist to grown and explore his or her creative abilities during the course of the year.

There are several new additions to the Board Members: Historian, Michael Good; Communication, Leslie Ehrin; Hospitality, Sue Ott; and Greeter, Susan Ploppert. Another change to the PAAG Board, is that our long-time member, as past President, Barbara Tschantre, will be retiring from the Board. She has done an enormous amount of work on behalf of the Guild as President for five years and former President for two years and we certainly appreciate and thank her for her service.

A special thanks to Mary Kosar, and her Committee, who played an important role in the advancement of the Guild's Spring Art Show through dedication and hard work. The success of "2018 Art on The Hill Art Show" would not have been possible without a strong and reliable team working well together. The Board has spent many hours planning and creating events to engage our members and guests in the MASTER'S of ART: Lectures & Art Forums Program/ Monthly Lectures and Presentations. Our Guest Lecture Series offers talks by local and nationally known artists, presenting a wide range of topics and demonstrations, that appeal to everyone.

We hope that you find our website helpful and informative, where you can read more about upcoming talks by Artist Dane Tilghman, Sept. 18th, whose work has evolved from realism to surrealism, and on Oct. 16th, Jim Ulrich, Dumpster Diver and Mixed-Media Artist, will speak and show examples of his assemblages and sculptures.

Please mark your calendars for the third Tuesdays of the month, when we meet to participate and to enjoy these presentations. Our meetings are free and open to the public. Please feel free to invite and bring your family and friends to our meetings.

All of the information we send out via Constant Contact or via emails can also be found on the PAAG Website. We hope to publish two editions of the Sketchpad this year, which will also be found on the site. You will notice that we have also have entered dates for our speakers and events into our Calendar page.

I am honored to serve as your President of the Pottstown Area Artist Guild. It is truly a privilege to be a part of a community where artists care for each other and strive to build positive relationships that support innovation and social community growth.

Sincerely,

Judith Byrd-Williams
President, Pottstown Area Artist Guild

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Dues are only
\$35

You can pay at the meetings or mail to:
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Art on the Hill Show

PAAG offered another dynamic event this spring, at The 2018 Hill School Show in June with 58 artists submitting 134 works, 82 pieces of which were exhibited, thanks to Juror, Laura Lynne White, the former Gallery Director at GoogleWorks. Check out the sensational movie that PAAG President, Judith Byrd-Williams created from Livestreaming the event!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OxAnUddhYAg&feature=youtu.be>

Eleven prizes were awarded, which included: The Joseph F. Landis Founders' Best in Show Award for Cathy Grygiel's "Snowfields", and The Hill School Award /Award of Excellence to Robyn Burckhardt for her "Phragmites". Jason Arthur's photograph, "Sycamore" won the Arthur & David Nuzzo Award, and Veronika Berry won the Fergus Ursprung Memorial Award for her Collage & Assemblage called "Light and Shadow".

There were also First, Second, Third prizes given, along with four Honorable Mentions. Congratulations to all of those Award-winners! More than one hundred fifty visitors came to see the Show this year, despite inclement weather on the Opening Day and the following week of the exhibit.

Next year, the 2019 Hill Show Drop Off date will be June 12th, Opening Date June 15th, and show will close June 22nd.



BEST IN SHOW

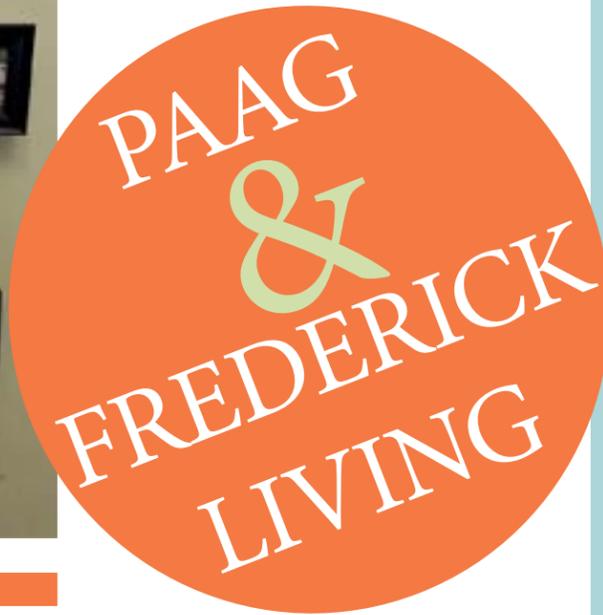
Snowfields
by Cathy Grygiel

This year's Best in Show Joseph F. Landis Foundation Award-Winner, Cathy Grygiel, of Souderton, PA, exhibited and won with her image of "Snowfields" in the 2018 Show at The Hill School. Cathy is an Expressionistic Landscape and Floral Artist who enjoys working in the plein-air tradition. A graduate of Kutztown University, she now prefers working directly from rural landscapes using pastels in an impressionistic style, but she previously painted in watercolors for years. Cathy is a member of the Pastel Society of America, a Signature member of the Pastel



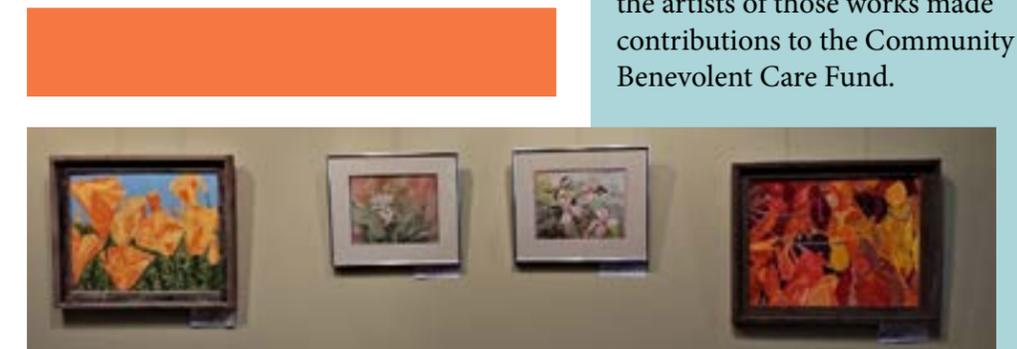
Society of Maryland and a member of the International Association of Pastel Societies.

Community Collaboration



GUILD DISPLAYS AT FREDERICK LIVING COMMUNITY

At the invitation of Jana Alderfer, Community Life Coordinator of the Frederick Living Community on Big Road in Frederick, PA, six artists of the Guild displayed a number of their works. The display ran from the beginning of May through the end of June. The opening was just in time to catch the numerous visitors, who came to the community to see the Car Show also held there early in May. Over 25 pieces were on display by Guild members, Arline Christ, Liz Griesser, Cheryl Hart, Don Havas, Sue Ott and Kathy Wince. Many of the people who live at the Community expressed their appreciation for the exhibit and the quality of the works displayed. Indeed, a couple of the works on display were sold. In appreciation for the show the artists of those works made contributions to the Community Benevolent Care Fund.





PAAG Celebrates Manatawny Creek Winery 20th Anniversary



WINERY ARTISTS
Judith Byrd-Williams
Cheryl Hart
Mary Kosar
Elaine Woltemate

The Plein Air
Group / Cheryl Hart
painted several Plein
Air Painting at the
winery

Manatawny Creek Winery
Colleen Norheim
227 Levensgood Road
Douglassville, PA 19518

*Dear Manatawny Creek Winery,
PAAG would like to again express my sincere gratitude for your support to the Pottstown Area Artist Guild. As a non-profit organization we depend on community outreach through networking and collaboration. Special thanks again to Colleen. Her commitment was a large part to the success of the show. She was willing to meet the needs of the Guild with assistance and learning.*



PAAG Leadership Committee

PRESIDENT
Judith Byrd-Williams

**SECRETARY/
MEDIA COORDINATOR**
Don Havas

TREASURER
Mary Kosar

PHOTOGRAPHER
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HOSPITALITY
Sue Ott

**PROGRAM
CHAIRPERSON**
Will Ursprung

HISTORIAN
Michael Good

COMMUNICATION
Leslie Ehrin

GREETER
Sue Ploppert



Upcoming Events and Opportunities

WINTER SHOW COMING SOON!

There will be a non-juried show in Dec. 20, 2018-Feb. 2019 at Montgomery County Community College, Pottstown Campus. As this space is large, according to Patrick Rodgers, Galleries Director, artists will be able to submit up to five pieces per artist and more at the Gallery Directors discretion. 3-D works and large scale works can be shown. All 2-D work submitted must be framed, wired and ready for hanging.

CALENDER SUMMARY:

December 1 - Deadline of receipt of intake forms

December 17 - Artwork drop off

December 19 - Declined artwork pickup

December 20 - Opening reception

February 8 - Show closes

February 9 - Artwork pickup

Gallery Closed for Winter Break.

FALL SPEAKERS

SEPTEMBER 2018

Dane Tilghman, Premier African-American Painter, who paints about sports, jazz and the African-American experience.

Dane is constantly taking his artwork towards new dimensions; he has gone from realism to incorporating his own interpretations of surrealism and elongation. Over the years, Dane has established himself as one of the premier painters of African American Golf Art and Negro League Baseball images. In 1999, a Dane Tilghman baseball image was incorporated into the Baseball Hall of Fame Museum in Cooperstown. In 1989 and 1995, Dane's art was included in an exhibition at the Afro-American Historical and Cultural Museum in Philadel-



phia. Dane's philosophy is best described as bringing out the best of the African American Experience.

OCTOBER 2018
(Rescheduled from cancelled March 2018 meeting)

Jim Ulrich, Mixed-media Artist and Member of the Dumpster Divers of Philadelphia,

Jim will show examples of his mixed-media assemblages and sculptures. These

works incorporate both found materials and hand-fabricated components. His work varies from representational to purely abstract and some of it is functional. Jim will explain how the found objects catalyze an idea, and describe the

varied processes and materials employed to refine those ideas into a final piece.

A Pittsburgh transplant, Jim's work has been exhibited at Pittsburgh's Carnegie Museum, Andy Warhol Museum and Pittsburgh Center for the Arts, Reading's Goggleworks, the National Watch and Clock Museum, the Phillips Museum of Art and the Berman Museum, just to name a few. He received an A.S. in Fine Arts from Allegheny County Community College, Pittsburgh, PA, and a B.A. in Studio Arts from University of Pittsburgh. In addition to his sculptures, Jim has done cover, inside editorial and spot art for a number of magazines and booklets.

NOVEMBER 2018

Lisa Muller, Painter and ceramic artist.

GUILD MEMBERS PROMOTE YOUR SHOWINGS!

See where members of the Pottstown Area Artists Guild are now exhibiting. Visit the Members Events page of the PAAG website at <https://paag.info/member-exhibits>.

In order for exhibit information to be posted on the website, Artists need to submit information to Don Havas at dwh345@comcast.net by the 15th of the month.

Don't forget to like us on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/PAAGuild/>, and follow us to keep up with the current Guild activities. Members with current dues paid who have exhibit information to share need to post exhibit information on the Facebook page at the link above.

Also, check for other local art events in the Visitors' Posts section of the Guild's Facebook page.

Proclamation



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Governor Wolf
Office of the Governor
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Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Wolf,

Pottstown Area Artist Guild is pleased to request your presence at our annual "2018 Art on The Hill - The Pottstown Art Show" held in collaboration with The Hill School Center For The Arts. The Pottstown Area Artist Guild continues to strive to expand its programs and offer highest quality programs to the art community at large. We hope that you will be able to take part in our upcoming event. It is one of the finest juried art shows in the Tri-County and our main fundraiser for the year.

"2018 Art on The Hill - The Pottstown Art Show" opening reception is Saturday, June 2nd, 2018 from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. with an Awards Ceremony at 5:30 p.m.

Pottstown Area Artist Guild founded in 1960 is 501(c) (3) a non-profit organizations. The Hill School Center For The Arts in Pottstown hosts our organization. The Hill School Center For The Arts is also home for this annual juried show "2018 Art on The Hill - The Pottstown Art Show and Sale." We also conduct a MASTER'S of ART: Lectures & Art Programs, a monthly program at The Hill School. This program brings nationally and locally known artists to present on a variety of art topics. These programs are free to members and the public.

After 55 years, in 2015 Pottstown Area Artist Guild was about to close its doors because of lack of new volunteers. A number of factors continue to place the Guild at risk including older membership, difficulty in attracting new members and the lack of a sufficiently wide media outreach to the public.

Governor Wolf, you could be the spark we need to revitalize our community awareness and membership. Your presence could bring a new face of support for the arts and to a struggling organization.

However, Governor Wolf, we would understand if you're unable to make our event at The Hill School. In which case, would it be possible for you to grant us a Proclamation making June 2, 2018 the "2018 Art on The Hill - The Pottstown Art Show Day"?

For your convenience, we have enclosed some information about the PAAG.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Sincerely yours,

Judith Byrd-Williams
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