



ARTifacts

Pocono Mountain Arts Council

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT...

Dear PMAC Members,

Usually when I write this letter for Artifacts it is with pleasure that I report all the good things artists are doing and what the council has done with a view of what we can look forward to in the future. Well, this time I can report that our artists have continued to do impressive things in the art world and continue to produce art work of the highest quality which was obvious in the shows and exhibits in which we participated last year.

However, in looking to the future of our organization, the picture is not quite as bright. We do not have a Secretary nor has anyone stepped forward to take that position. Our Public Relations person, Catherine Schratt, who has worked diligently with the council for twelve years assuming many responsibilities, will be taking a well-deserved rest after this year. Our Vice President, Mira Hensley, who we depended upon to replace me when I am out of town for four months and has been competently chairing our summer show for the past several years, as well as directing many other projects and events for us, will also be stepping down after this year as she is taking on work responsibilities. So, as you can see we will be needing to replace three officers of our board, a Vice President, Secretary, and Public Relations person.

It is difficult to continue to offer all of the opportunities for 150+ artists as we have been doing without some kind of strong, active leadership to keep things organized and working. So, I guess I am asking you to think about if you want the arts council to continue and if so, who will replace these fine people who have made that happen for so many years.

If we cannot replace them we need to think about either a serious reduction of services or a complete rethinking about the organization as it stands. I would appreciate some feedback from you, our members, about your thoughts on this matter as we will be discussing it at length at our officer planning and member meetings in the next few months.

Nancy Pitcher, President

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PMAC Gallery Exhibits

**** Lake Naomi ****

Logan Steele Community Center

Millers Dr. off Rt. 940- Pocono Pines, PA

May

-Jill Swerzie

-Joan Bridgeman

Coordinator: Tom Hutton

Call Tom @ 570-646-7778

or email: hutlamp@epix.net

**** Pocono Mountain**

Public Library **

5570 Memorial Blvd., Tobyhanna, PA

May

~ June Schott

Coordinator: Nancy Hopping

Call Nancy @ 570-676-9465

or email: njhopping2@verizon.net

**** ESSA Corporate ****

May

Agnes Keough

~Patricia Cartledge

200 Palmer Rd., Stroudsburg, PA

(Take 8th St. off Main St.)

This gallery has many openings in 2016. If you would like to exhibit call the coordination, Ana a.s.a.p.

Coordinator: Ana Rosas

email: armrate@hotmail.com

Note: If artists need to reschedule, call the coordinator. Leaving the walls empty is what we would like to avoid. Let's be responsible artists.

WELCOME

*Here we grow again!
New PoconoMAC Members*

Lenni Gritz—Greentown
Carlisle Y Nostrame—Buck Hill Falls
Beth Palser—Oxford
Pleasant Valley Manor—Stroudsburg
Total Membership 134

We will always welcome new members.

*Please mention us to new folks you meet
who may be interested in joining us!*

Haiku Inspiration...

Spring Resolution

By Dan Ferguson

**Pocono springtime
Beauty in the outdoor world
Awaiting your thoughts.**

"LIVING THE GREEN LIFE" - thru May 26, 2016

The Spring exhibit at Northampton Community College Dunning Gallery is titled "Living the Good Green Life". This is in conjunction with the college's endowment for the arts grant that speaks to how having consideration for our environment can be displayed in the arts in all forms.

The Gallery is open to the public so stop in and see the ten PMAC artists currently exhibiting there.

OF INTEREST TO ALL

Joan Sayer will be displaying more than a dozen of her watercolor paintings at the Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce (GLVCC) building in Nazareth, PA. for the month of May. The address is 18 South Main Street.

Joan Polishook's art work was recently shown at Sussex County Arts & Heritage Council in a show of Women's Inspiring and creative works. Joan's painting, "Crazy Red Hair" oil on board has also been juried into the annual Skyland's Show which takes place in May at the Council. The Artist's Market, a new gallery in Shohola, PA will include an exhibit of Polishook's oil paintings during the month of May, as will the gallery at the Steer Barn Clubhouse in Hemlock Farms, for the months of May, June & July.

A third volume of poetry and prose has just been published by the Hemlock Writers, cover design features landscape oil painting by Polishook and selected illustrative drawings and paintings throughout the book.

Watercolor Classes - St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Tannersville

Tuesdays June 14 - August 9th

Various artists known to the area. For more information about these instructional, fun and affordable classes, call Lin and Polly Werkheiser @ 570-629-0089.

Come Paint With Me 2016 schedule may be obtained by going to www.joanpolishook-arrt.com and clicking on CPWM. All are invited to participate in the FREE Thursday sessions that begin in June.

Check this out - www.littlegreenbookshop.com

Their main focus seems to be to raise enough money to, once again, have an active playhouse in Barrett...possibly on the site of the now defunct/burned out old Pocono Playhouse.

They are also wanting to reach out a bit to offer some arts lessons in the area...space in the bookshop is limited so they can only offer drawing classes at this time....

If you are interested in teaching a small drawing class, please get in touch with Mary Ruvane via email @ littlegreenbookshop@gmail.com

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT ON THIS PAGE ABOUT AN UPCOMING SHOW, OR AN AWARD THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED, WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO PUBLICIZE IT FOR YOU. SEND US AN EMAIL.

2016 Homeschoolers' Art Show

Our annual homeschoolers' art show got underway on March 1st at the Pocono Mountain Library Emerging Artists Gallery. This show affords homeschooled students the experience of displaying their work in public while earning credits toward the completion of their course requirements.



This year, two dozen pieces by young artists ranging in age from Pre-K to 12th Grade will



be on display throughout the months of March and April. These talented students have covered the gallery's walls with works in watercolor, acrylics, oils, pencil, crayon, micropen and marker. Kindergartener Stephanie Walls has introduced construction paper cutting to our list of media. Trevor Cronin, one of our youngest exhibitors to date, opted for

acrylics for his *Meowing at the Moon*.

Graduating seniors Morgan Natiello and Victoria Maichin chose oils and acrylics respectively for their final entries in this show. Both are headed to college...and, we hope, to our annual holiday, members and Board of Directors shows. We congratulate these young women and their parents and we look forward to welcoming them as PoconoMAC student members.



A closing day reception and awards ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, April 30th from 12:00 to 1:00 PM. If you haven't had the chance to view this exhibit, join us. Meet the artists, sample some delicious treats (homeschool parents bring the best snacks) and who knows, maybe get a peek at the early work of one of tomorrow's great artists.

Submitted by: Donna J. Israel

May 2nd thru June 24th

**The Second Annual Member's Show
at Barrett Paradise Friendly Library
"Influences & Inspirations"**

The show includes: painting, photography, drawing, abstract, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, fiber/textile pieces and glasswork.

Reception for this show is on June 24th, from 6 to 9 pm



"THINK" is Here...

Bring your creation in by 6 pm on the 24th.

**Pocono Mountain Arts Council Presents
Art Under The Big Top ~ July 3, 2016
in Cooperation with Blue Ridge Winery**

We would like to invite you to attend our first Art Under the Big Top Show. This show as you may or may not know has replaced The Chateau Show and will be held on the grounds of the beautiful Blue Ridge Winery in Saylorsburg, Pa. The show will be held under large tents on the winery grounds. You may also bring your own tent if you prefer. This show will take place on July 3rd from 11 AM- 5PM. This is a rain or shine show and as you know weather can be a big concern so plan accordingly.

Booth Fee: members: \$50.00. Nonmembers: \$55.00

Spaces will be 10x10, under the big top or your own tent, (filled on a first come basis).

A 5% commission will be collected at the end of the show along with evaluations.

Set up will be on Sunday Morning from 8 am to 10 am.

Deadline for application is May 31, 2016

Acceptance letters will be mailed the first week of June, 2016.

Application can be found on the Pocono Mountain Website: Poconomac.com

(After the Important Stuff)

If you missed the Pocono Mountain Arts Council meeting in April, you missed the Fun.

After Donna Israel reviewed all the reports, and discussions were had about upcoming events, our leader, *pro-tem*, directed us to have fun.



Our guest artist, Jill Swerzie came prepared with all the goodies and we went to town. Jill set up a still life and we attempted to paint with acrylics. What is great about this is that we artists all have our own thing. Some of us paint, but maybe it's with oils or watercolors, not with acrylics. Others don't paint, but create jewelry and still others are photographers or writers or musicians. The great thing is we all have a place here and can come together and experience each others expertise.

THIS IS WHAT FUN LOOKS LIKE!.....



Artist Opportunities :

Show your work at the Galleries listed on pg. 2.

(Get on the waiting list if there are no immediate openings.)

If you have a website, send your information to the webmaster and a link will be made to your website. Send along a photo.

Our next exhibit at The Northampton Gallery is about to begin.

“Second Annual Pocono Art Collage”

Each Arts Council will be represented by 10 artists who exhibit one piece of artwork each. The size is limited to 36x36 for wall art and showcase exhibits that are able to fit into the showcase. Drop off date is June 6th & 7th from 9:30 to 3:00. Reception is June 23rd from 5 to 7. Pick up dates are September 6th & 7th, 9:30 to 3:00.

**Announcing
a New Venue**



September 24th, 2016

**Mt. Pocono Harvest Fest
Volunteer Fire Fairgrounds**

[More information coming soon.](#)

Officers

We are in need of a Council Secretary. The Secretary is expected to attend and write the minutes in a week or so, then email them to our Vice President of Publicity – Catherine Schratt.

Every year Pocono Mountain Arts Council holds nominations and elections in November and December. Every member is eligible to hold office and is encouraged to do so, as their time allows. Officers commit to attend two meetings most months, a planning meeting one week before our regular meeting and, of course, our regular monthly meeting.

We have many opportunities to get your feet wet. Our position of Vice President offers an opportunity to fulfill a small niche in our Council. Vice President Titles include: Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Programs, Literary Arts, Membership, Public Relations and Fund Raising.

If you have an interest of becoming more involved in the Council activities, please talk to any officer.

Who should you contact about PMAC and our Programs ?????

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Thanks to all who have contributed to this Artifacts. If you would like to submit information about shows, awards you have won, photos or articles for the

August 2016 issue, please forward them to marcol@epix.net by July 15th. Anytime prior to that is fine.

~Thank



*“An artist is not paid
for his labor
but for
his vision.”*

~James McNeill Whistler



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Member Meetings

Join us at the Pocono Mountain Public Library @ 7 pm,

May 9th ~ June 13th ~ July 12th

The library is located at 5570 Memorial Blvd., Tobyhanna, PA 18466