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Susannah Hart Thomer, Editor

November, 2011

2012 Photography Field-Trip Class

This new photography class will use a variety of locations as opportunities to learn how to make better photographs. The course, offered and led by John Benigno, will teach you to understand the differences between the ways the human eye sees and the way the camera lens sees. You will learn to control depth-of-field and to use dominance and subordination, mood and point-of-view as compositional tools. Students are responsible for their own transportation as well as the admission fees at field trip locations. Field trip locations under consideration include Woodlands Cemetery, Downtown Norristown, the Colonial Plantation and Morris Arboretum.

The class schedule is as follows:

May 15, 2012, Tuesday, orientation at GNAL, 7-9 pm

All Field Trips are on the following Saturdays from 11am-1pm (Locations determined at a later date):

May 19 and 26 and June 2 and 9, 2012

June 12, 2012, Tuesday at GNAL, work critique and Show & Tell, 7-9 pm.

Cost: \$130/members; \$150/non-members

For more information, please contact **John Benigno** at jabenigno@hotmail.com or call 610-642-5659.

WORKSHOP

November 12, Saturday, 10am-3pm

WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP with JIM McFARLANE

"Working with Gouache" - Exploring Opaque Watercolor. Gouache, the opaque watercolor, is not transparent, but offers many of the advantages of working with other opaque mediums such as pastel and acrylic: mainly the ability to work more slowly and revise areas without losing freshness. Bring 2 sheets of Yupo and 10-12 landscape photos. (No magazine photos).

Call Jim at 610-287-3252 with questions and to register.

ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW AND ART SALE SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2011 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

LIST OF EVENTS FOR SATURDAY include:

- art show and sale
- juried craft sale
- BBQ to benefit GNAL
- bake and plant sale to benefit GNAL
- CHIP program-child identification-free to all
- Demonstrations: Michael Adams-watercolor; Ann Shaver-mosaic; Nancy Goodspeed-lampwork glass beads made over an open flame.
- Used book sale to benefit the Cedars- Muscular Dystrophy Charity
- Community Music School- Jazz band, music groups all day on stage. They're celebrating their 20 year anniversary. Violin display-violins decorated by GNAL Members in cooperation with Community Music School- 20 violins will be on display.
- Art Trail table - Events for children in the front room, art projects -free. Face painting to benefit GNAL.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!

Nov 4 in the afternoon to help set up at Cedars

Nov 5 all day -- sell tickets, sit at the information table, greet people at the door, and help out with the art sale.

Nov 5th at 4:30pm to help break the show down and trash removal.

BAKE AND FLOWER SALE:

We really need some donations of baked goods!!

Baked goods can be dropped off at the Cedars Friday afternoon or Saturday morning.

Note: you don't have to bake it yourself-we accept store bought and it doesn't have to be a baked good, food items of all kinds can be sold, use your imagination!

To volunteer, please contact Mary Lozinak at mary@Lozinak.com (put GNAL in the subject line) or leave a message at 610-539-3393.

ARTISTS OPPORTUNITIES

Peter Becker Community in Harleysville is host to two Art Galleries on Campus. We believe that these Galleries develop and enhance appreciation for art among the residents of our community.

We are currently seeking artists who work two-dimensionally to exhibit their works. It is our hope that this bi-monthly exhibition will allow artists to display and sell their work, while offering our residents, staff and visitors the opportunity to recognize the importance of fine art and creativity in our society.

Please contact Carol Goldstein at 215-703-4030 or cgoldstein@peterbeckercommunity.com for additional information.

NEW YORK CITY TRIP *Springtime in Manhattan!* APRIL 21, 2012

Visit the Soho District for Lunch and Shopping; onto the Salmagundi Club for the American Watercolor Society Show and a trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Cost: \$45 for members and \$50 for non-members

Call Mary Ward at 267-932-8228 for reservations or more information.



WOW!

It's time to think about the
3rd Annual GNAL sponsored
ART TRAIL

Saturday, April, 28 & Sunday, April 29, 2012
10am-5pm

The deadline for entry is January 2, 2012

For more details
Contact: **Judy Battaglia** at 610-631-1302 or
email judysjazz1@verizon.net.



Building Fund

Currently, the **Building Fund** totals \$900. Many thanks to **Richard C. Smith, Donna J. McGough, Audrey Bolger, Donald Leong, Eileen McLaughlin, Audrey Tant** and **Rev. Kay Hollinger** for their recent donations.

Please consider making a donation when sending in your membership check to help cover our ever increasing fuel and office expenses.

- Jo Ann Cooksey Bono

Members in the News

Michael Adams, Jo Ann Cooksey Bono and **Lorraine Sierchio** served as jurors for the recent Norristown State Hospital's Annual Art Show.

Lauren Daddona won the Betty Sardinsky Award for Excellence in Watercolor at the PWCS 111th Anniversary International Exhibition held at The Community Arts Center in Wallingford until November 19th.

Teresa DeSeve won the PWCS Members' Award at the PWCS 111th Anniversary International Exhibition held at The Community Arts Center in Wallingford until November 19th.

Samantha McCurdy recently graduated from Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA) with a BFA in sculpture and painting. She has exhibited her work in Baltimore and SE PA and now resides in Dallas where she is working on a show for November.

Siv Spurgeon won the Richard Greenwood Memorial Award for Traditional Watercolor in the PWCS 111th Anniversary International Exhibition held at The Community Arts Center in Wallingford, now until November 19th.

Susannah Hart Thomer won the PWCS Board of Directors' Award in Memory of Shelly Picker at the PWCS 111th Anniversary International Exhibition. She also was awarded an Honorable Mention in Pennsylvania Watercolor Society's 32nd Annual Juried Show which ends November 12th.



PARIS, PROVENCE AND THE FRENCH RIVIERA APRIL 19-29, 2012



Well located hotels and professional local guide in Paris and Aix-en-Provence. Included sightseeing highlights: tour of Paris, tour of Aix-en-Provence including visit to Cezanne's studio, visit to St. Remy-de-Provence where Vincent van Gogh traveled to paint and scenic cruise round Cassis' coastal cliffs.

Optional excursions to Giverny, Versailles, evening in Paris (dinner and Seine River cruise), Provencal dinner and wine tasting, Roman Empire excursion to Nimes, Cap Ferrat, and Monaco by night (with dinner).

Call Fran Barone at 610-279-1627 or email: fabarone01@aol.com. *Sponsored by GNAL and coordinated through the travel provider used for 25 years.*

OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING with LISA HANOVER

Attendees at the October monthly meeting were treated to a presentation, "The Art of the Exhibition," by Lisa Hanover, Director of the Philip and Muriel Berman Museum at Ursinus College. The museum is home to a diverse collection of over 4,000 paintings, drawings, prints, and decorative objects, as well as over 50 pieces of outdoor sculpture throughout the Ursinus College campus. The Berman Museum recently added a new wing which provides storage and lecture space, along with galleries and a rooftop sculpture terrace. Lisa's slide presentation enlightened the audience about her role as Director of the Berman Museum. She noted that art exhibited at the museum is brought from a "myriad of genres where there is artistic integrity." Furthermore, Lisa thinks about how art is going to "talk to each other" when contemplating the layout of an installation.

The Berman Museum has collaborated with other art organizations for their exhibitions, including the John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove and the Wood Turning Center of Philadelphia. An art education website project, which includes paintings, prints, drawings, and sculpture from the Berman's permanent collection, will be available online to faculty, students, scholars, and the general public.

Lisa was personable, humorous, knowledgeable, and savvy about the inner-workings of running an art museum. She answered questions throughout her presentation and spoke with many attendees at the conclusion. Lisa encouraged members to visit the Berman Museum, which continues to provide a variety of exhibitions and educate the community as a cultural resource.

Our own "museum" walls were filled with a wonderful show with diverse artwork from the classes of Ann Brennan's Monday evening Watercolor class and Pat DeVirgilis' Tuesday morning Acrylic and Oil class. Thank you for the great display!

Thank you to **Martin Wigg** and **Jen Christian** for setting up the projector for the presentation; to **Tom Lebish** who single-handedly arranged the room for the meeting; to **Carol Salter** for providing food and drinks, and to **Aura Rose** for her food donation. Thank you to **Judy Battaglia** and **Nancy Moldofsky** who helped set up and clean up the refreshment table; and to **Judy Battaglia**, **Tom Lebish**, **Sue Lock**, **Nancy Moldofsky**, **Gail Mroz**, **Carol Salter**, and **Martin Wigg** for restoring the room to its classroom order.

- Carol Salter

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is the 15th of the month

Contact:
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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Membership: Non-renewing members will be deleted from the directory very soon, so if you need and want to renew, please do so now!!! Here's a link to the on-line membership form: http://www.gnal.org/membership_info.htm. Any questions about your status can be sent to: jcookseybono@comcast.net. Please get dues in as soon as possible to prevent being deleted from the membership list. Thanks!

We welcome new members: **Cheryl Coniglio** (Jamison), **Jacqueline C. Conrad** (Lafayette Hill), **Ben Ogunkua** (Plymouth Meeting), and **Madelyn Peca** (Norristown).

Welcome back to **Dorothy Bonenberger** (Norristown) and **Bernice Heron** (Fort Washington).

- Jo Ann Cooksey Bono

ARTIST OF THE MONTH MARY WARD

Mary Ward serves on the Board of Directors of Greater Norristown Art League and is the Trip Coordinator. Professionally, she is a Legal Assistant, but has always had an interest in art. She has studied under Kass Morin Freeman and also Jo Ann Cooksey Bono.



Mary has completed many commissioned house portraits and also enjoys painting fruit, vegetables, the shore and florals.

See more of Mary's work and for more information go to: www.gnal.org.

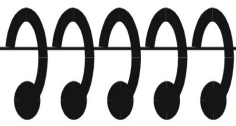
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

GNAL shows are in need of **sitters, food and typists** for all the annual shows including the Theme Show for Nov. 5-6 and also for the Non-Pro, Sculpture Show and the Presidents Birthday Show.

To volunteer to sit, please email: sitters@gnal.org or call Carol Salter at 610-275-9775;

To donate food, email Jen Christian at food@gnal.org;

To type for the shows, email newsletter editor at newsletter@gnal.org or leave a message at 610-539-3393. THANK YOU!!!



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