



Beaver Valley Artists

Official Newsletter of the Beaver Valley Artists

February 2016

Next Meeting

Thursday, February 11th, 7pm
Merrick Art Gallery

Program

Sue Giles Ireton – Creating a Digital Image
&
BVA Members' Artwork Critique –
Members may bring 1 piece for friendly
peer review

Upcoming Programs

Thursday, March 10th
Courtney Laughlin Gallery in Beaver
DIY Framing

Thursday, April 7th
Juror's Critique

39th Annual Beaver Valley Artists Juried Exhibition

The Merrick Art Gallery
1100 5th Avenue
New Brighton, PA 15066
(724) 846-1130
April 22nd to March 21st, 2016

Opening Reception: April 3rd, 1 - 4 pm
The public is invited to attend.

Drop of date:
Saturday March 19th, 10pm – 12 pm

Juror's Critique:
Thursday, Aprilth, 7pm

Susan Giles Ireton is a 1982 cum laude graduate of Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin and a member of Alpha Lambda Delta, honors society. She holds a Bachelors Degree in Art and Education. Upon graduation she entered the commercial art field, and was employed at Charles A. Stevens, Chicago, Illinois; Snitz Manufacturing, East Troy, Wisconsin; and lastly supervising the in-house Communication Center of YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee.

Prior to and while in college, Susan won awards at the South Milwaukee Art Fair and the annual Racine Art Guild Show. She has had commissioned work for paintings and her pottery. Besides art in private collections in the United States, Susan has art in three private collections in Japan and several family collections in Germany.

Having spent many years in the commercial art field, Susan retired to concentrate on her love of fine art. She served for two years as President of the Beaver Valley Artists and actively participates in that group, winning several awards at their Annual Spring Art Show. She also actively participates in the Christ Lutheran Evangelical Annual Art Show and has won several awards there.

Susan has taught children's art and pottery from 2000 until 2012 at Merrick Art Gallery, New Brighton, and presently teaches pottery there. She also has taught pottery from 2006 until the present at the Center For Creative Arts Expression in Beaver Falls.

Her art can be seen at the Sawmill Art Center, Cook Forest, Pennsylvania, and several gift shops in the area as well as East Liverpool, Ohio.

Member News:

We have some sad news of the deaths of two of our members. **Bruce Shakely** passed away on January 18th. Bruce was 92, a longtime member of the BVA and was an inspiration to all of our members that knew him. **Cicily Tarapchak**, died very unexpectedly January 19th from a stroke. **Cece**, as she liked to be called, joined the BVA more recently. She was an amazing jewelry artist, but also tried lots of other media (most recently painting). She was amazingly creative and was always working on something new! Her personality & humor will certainly be missed as well. We are fortunate to have known them both and to share their artwork and lives! I have some info on Bruce:

“I began painting watercolors in the early 1960's when several other engineers, who were interested in art and painting, hired an instructor and organized an "art group". We met weekly and painted whatever we chose. The instructor, with great patience, guided us individually. Most people would not associate art with life in a steel mill, but that where it began for me. Now I enjoy painting the peaceful rural landscapes, the hills and the busy river scenes of Western Pennsylvania. There seems to be no end to interesting subjects just waiting to be captured with brush and paint.”



More BVA News:

Welcome to new BVA members **Vicki Schilling and Nadia Lapets!**

Carol Volz Begley, PSA's award winning pastel landscape from the Pastel Society of America's annual exhibition in New York City has traveled to the Butler Institute of American Art and is included in the PSA's exhibition at the Butler. this exhibition will run through February 21st.

Betty Douglas News: “**TROLL**, my found wood sculptural assemblage, exhibited in the Pittsburgh Society of Sculptors 80th anniversary show at the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts, which closed 17 Jan after a 2 month run, was purchased by a prominent Pittsburgh collector. **RECAPS**, my found object wall-hung assemblage of box tops and bottle caps is currently on view in "Poetic Logic," an exhibition of assemblage and collage at the Sweetwater Center for the Arts, Sewickley, PA. I am one of the 3 jurors contracted to select and judge the entries for the Juried Exhibition of the 2016 Three Rivers Arts Festival. My jazz ensemble, Betty Douglas & Co., will be presented in the 12 Feb concert of the annual Clearview Sweet Jazz series at Sweetwater Center for the Arts, Sewickley.”

President's News:

All members can bring addresses of those they would like to invite to the BVA show to the February meeting and we will address postcards for the annual to be mailed out in bulk from the gallery.

Joan Malone 724-846-4059 has a lot of used frames if anyone is interested, they can call her. Her husband came to the show we had at CCAE in December, and offered them up .

Thanks to all of the members who participated in the Holiday Show and Sale at CCAE Dec, 5 and 6. We had a good time, and Gerry McCoor was very gracious and welcoming to us.

Membership Dues: Individual: \$25 Family: \$30
The Membership year will now start in April after the BVA Annual Show.

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Snowy Weather? -- In the event of possible snow, please visit beavervalleyartists.org for meeting cancellations. Also, if you know someone who may not be on the e-mail list, please notify them by phone of cancellations.

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