



Beaver Valley Artists

Official Newsletter of the Beaver Valley Artists

March 2016

Next Meeting

Thursday, March 10th, 7pm

Courtney Laughlin Gallery in Beaver PA

Program

DIY Framing

Members do not need to bring snacks!

Upcoming Programs

Thursday, April 21th

Show critique with Juror Gail Beem

Thursday May 12

Karen Larson – Acrylic Painting Demo

39th Annual Beaver Valley Artists Juried Exhibition

The Merrick Art Gallery

1100 5th Avenue

New Brighton, PA 15066

(724) 846-1130

Opening Reception: April 3rd, 1 - 4 pm

The public is invited to attend.

Drop of date:

Saturday March 19th, 10 am – 12 pm

Juror's Critique:

Thursday, April 7th, 7pm

March Newsletter news from Kathy Bischak:

Our March meeting will be held at the Courtney Laughlin Gallery at 531 3rd Street Beaver, PA 15009. Kathy Courtney and Jamie Laughlin will give a tour of the frame shop with lots of hints for do it yourself framer, and why they do what they do. We are meeting at 7:00 p.m. and there will be No Business meeting. And yes, this will count as one of your two meetings.

Our April meeting will be on the 21 of April instead of the 14 so that we can have an extra week for our show. Our juror Gail Beem will give a critique of our work that night.

We will also be starting our Plein Air painting schedule in May. If you are new to the BVA or have recently gotten interested in Plein Air painting, make sure you give your email to me to add to my Plein Air list. I send out a reminder and directions each week as to where we are going to paint.

Drop off for the juried show is on March 19 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm. Please be prompt and have your three index cards filled out. If you are able to come to the gallery around 1:30 or 2:00 on Saturday, we will be hanging the show. Also, please sign up to pour the wine (tough job!:-)) for the refreshment table for our April 3 opening.

Also, if anyone is interested in being president of BVA please let me know. I have been doing this for 3 years, and do not want to “hog” the office.

Quotes for the month:

“Trust yourself, we are all born to be great at small things, it just takes a little courage and creative thinking. – Sally Emslie

Member News:

Welcome to new BVA members **Frank Bisceglia, Patricia Hill, Laurie Graves & Denise Paguta!**

Mary Jane Hadley received an Honorable Mention at North Hills Winter Show for her painting, *Pears*.

I received a lovely note about recently deceased BVA member Cicily Tarapchak from Eleanor R. Paine at RiverBridge Art. I wanted to include it in the newsletter. - Jocelyn Guidry

It was Summer, 2015 when a gray-haired, eclectically elegant lady pulled her car to a stop beside me as I worked in my yard, rolled down her window.

“Is it okay for me to take a few pictures?”

“Sure. C’mon over.” Since I live on a high Monaca bluff overlooking the Beaver-Ohio River confluence beneath the historic P&LE Railroad Bridge, I’m always getting train buffs or sightseers with cameras. Only, she didn’t have a camera. She had an I-Pad. And those usually weren’t associated with gray hair.

After intro chatter and the delightful discovery that we were both artists, I invited her into my home where she shared her art - photos of magnificent beadwork. I was impressed by its uniqueness and delicate detail. And her ideas about design. She wanted to see MY work, a series of carefully photo-shopped pictures of the local area, transferred to large canvases covering my walls.

Her eagerness to embrace any new art forms amazed me. She wanted to learn Photoshop! So we sat at my computer and talked about composites and digital correction, and I felt almost guilty that she was so enthused about learning new things and being artistically involved not for money, but for the sheer joy of expressing any new kind of beauty.

Later that summer, we met a few times to see each other’s work, share new ideas. I offered to post photos of her endeavors on my website for free just so people might see her incredible work. She pushed me to do more with my own work, but I didn’t have her confidence or openness, or immunity to any sense of failure as an artist. Never had I met someone so gifted and talented.

In later months, she called me a few times and invited me to shows or meetings. I declined because I couldn’t drive in the dark. Or maybe because I didn’t have enough faith in my ability. Somehow I think she knew, and really pushed me to just get out there. It suddenly dawned on me that Cece was more than just another elder fighting the pain of irrelevance. She truly lived and breathed Art to its highest definition. I told her “Maybe this Spring, when it gets lighter longer.” I reminded her again about emailing photos of her work. But they never came.

I could say that when I recently found out she had passed on, I was full of regret that I’d missed my chance at internal “greatness” because I’d missed opportunities to inhale her presence in the few short times she’d given me those chances.

But I’d rather say that, besides being such a gifted artist, she was especially magnificent as a Force for all that is great about artistry. Creating beauty, inspiring others to create, always promoting art in any form, in anyone. I’m so proud to have known Cicily Ann Tarapchak, and I wanted to share my experience so that her legacy can include her personal “specialness” alongside her tactile achievements because more than anyone I know, Cece was truly a master of artistry on every level.

Eleanor R. Paine
Owner/designer
RiverBridge Art

Membership Dues: Individual: \$25 Family: \$30

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Art Expressions Show at the Beaver Valley Mall - April 14 – 16. Art must be delivered by Tuesday April 12th, 7 pm. Reserve your space by April 8th. 724-774-5654

Bridgewater Arts Festival – Contact Tabatha Knox from Vibrant Images (724-774-1731) if you would like a vendor area at this festival. Cost for a 10x10 space is \$40. Individuals or a group can rent. The festival will take place on May 1, 2016 from 9AM-5PM.

For BVA news visit The Beaver Valley Artists at beavervalleyartists.org or on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Beaver-Valley-Artists/175072079247112>

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