



Beaver Valley Artists

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BEST OF SHOW — BVA Member Chris Manjerovic (right) receives congratulations from President Sue Ireton for receiving “Best-of-Show” award in the BVA’s 30th Annual Spring Art Show that opened April 1. Chris received the award for submission of her oil painting, “Apples and Wine.” The show, judged by Slippery Rock University fine arts Prof. June Edwards, closed April 15. A complete story, including photographs of the opening day of the exhibit April 1, appears on Page 2 of this edition.

— Photo by David Bentley

President's Letter

It's the tail end of our year, and we've had a great year. We should all be proud of our growth and accomplishments.

We have a couple of things we need to take care of this month:

- Be prepared to elect a new set of officers for next year. And when called upon to participate on a committee, step forward and take your turn at helping keep our group healthy and happy.
- Get your calendars out and pick a Saturday for our *plein aire* picnic.

Last year we held the picnic at the end of May. Everyone had a great time filling their “art spirit” as well as their tummies. We can have it again at the end of May or early June if you want warmer weather and the ability to reserve the pavilion of our choice.

For new members, the club purchases the hamburgers, hot dogs, buns and fixings. Each member brings a

dish to pass. So pick a date and be prepared to bring your favorite media to work in.

There is also a “call for artists” from several art groups and organizations. See other articles in this newsletter for more information.

‘Til the meeting,

Sue

★ Next Meeting ★

Thursday, April 19, 2007, 7 p.m.
Merrick Art Gallery

• Program •

Prof. June Edwards, who judged our annual art show, will offer her critique of submissions

Refreshments for April — Marge Gardner, Gabe & Sue Ireton, Dave Bentley and Kathy Bischak

A touch of class at our 30th Annual Spring Art Show

It was a special gathering that marked the opening of the 30th annual Spring Art Show presented by Beaver Valley Artists at Merrick Art Gallery, New Brighton, on April 1.

What made it special were the high quality — and quantity — of artwork offered by members and the marking of a third decade of an organized art movement in Beaver County.

A total of 66 works were accepted into the show from well over 100 offered for jurying.

And there was no argument that the quality of the works compared at least as high with any offered in art shows presented by clubs in any major metropolitan area in the country.

“A group of artists assembling to explore their craft focus attention on one of the highest forms of activity

that humans are cable of,” said art Prof. June Edwards of Slippery Rock University who judged the show.

“The Beaver Valley Artists association is obviously a strong community of creative individuals . . .”

The show ran from April 1 through April 15.

Honors and Awards

Here is a listing of artwork that received recognition at the Beaver Valley Artists' 30th Annual Spring Art Show:

- **Best of Show** - “Apples and Wine,” oil by Christine Manjerovic.
- **First Place** - “Frozen Thorns & Stems,” photograph by Stephanie G. Csonka; “Valentine’s Day Snow,” oil by Kathleen Bischak;
- **Second Place** - “My Father’s House,” photograph by Margaret Bernardi Farkas; “Parrots,” mineral paints & oil, kiln fired, by Geri Csonka; “Somerset Barn,” oil by Ray Zielinski;
- **Third Place** - “Elements,” sculpture by Vickie Froelich; “Interceding/One of the Mourning Women,” acrylic/collage by Lorraine Shipp; “Letters with Roses,” pastel by Linda Headland; “Ruth’s Side Porch,” oil by Nora Vogel;
- **Honorable Mention** - “Cosmic Berries,” oil by Kathleen Bischak; “David’s Lake,” mixed media by Jane Cerilli; “Late Afternoon at Cambridge Springs,” pastel by Carol Volz Begley; “Morning Glory,” watercolor by Camille Stevenson; “Poppies,” mineral paints & oil, kiln fired, by Margie Seamon; “Rustin’ on the Allegheny,” watercolor by Joan Bobchak; “Sedonia Cactus,” mixed media by Jan Piciernicki; “Skating 1900 Laura,” wood sculpture and handmade clothing by Carol Butler; “Vibrant Seashell,” acrylic paint & oil pastel by Jeanne Sirko; “Untitled,” photograph by David Bentley.



Above: Best of Show - “Apples and Wine.”

Bottom left & right: Members and guests peruse the display while others rub shoulders over a culinary spread.



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Bringing the wonder of art to our world

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Upcoming Shows

MIDLAND
 Arts
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A Summer
 Gallery
 Art Exhibit

June 25 - July 6, 2007

Juror: BVA's Elizabeth Asche Douglas

Eligibility: Artists living within a 50-mile radius of Midland.

Registration: June 2, 9 or 10 - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Delivery Deadline: by hand to Midland Borough Building 936 Midland Ave., Saturdays June 3 or 9, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., or Sunday June 10, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Prospectus details available at The Merrick Art Gallery

Member Spotlight

Dorothy Shutka

It has been a productive two years for D. Zoe Shutka. Her works may be found in locations throughout Sewickley while she continues to teach in various locations in the West Hills.

Dorothy was selected to be the first artist to show in the new gallery space in the Sewickley Herald office in Sewickley. She has sold four of her pieces including a large canvas depicting different landmarks in Sewickley to Ralph Martin, chief executive officer of the Tribune Review newspaper.

Two pieces continue to hang at the "Celebrate Sewickley" show that continues through April at Sweetwater Center for the Arts.

Dorothy is now represented by the Sera Sera Gallery, a new venue on Beaver Street in Sewickley. From there, she recently sold an acrylic painting in abstract expressionism and a wall hanging in acrylic entitled, "Colorfall."

Other recent highlights of her career include:

- Membership in the Southwest Pastel Society and the Art League of Bonita Springs, both in Florida. She was also juried into two shows this year in the Bonita Springs Art Center.
- New employment with the Montessori School to run and teach a program in art enrichment. She continues to work as an art instructor at Sweetwater and an outreach instructor for Moon Area and surrounding school districts.

Threads

an all fiber arts exhibit!

presented by

**The Associated Artists
 of Butler County**

August 3-31, 2007

Opening Reception, public invited, 7-9 p.m.

The Art Center

344 S. Main St., Butler

Juror: Barbara Westman, international fiber artist & teacher at Slippery Rock University

**Registration deadline: July 20, 2007
 Prospectus available at the Merrick**

Wine Tasting

featuring Pennsylvania Wines

at

The Center for Creative Arts Expression

1217 7th Avenue, Beaver Falls

April 28, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

To benefit the Tenth
Annual Juried Art Show
at Christ Evangelical Lutheran
Church, Beaver Falls

Donation: \$20

For more information, call Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, 724-846-2899



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