



# Beaver Valley Artists

Official Newsletter of the Beaver Valley Artists

April 2010



The award winners were as follows:

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:**

Carol Voltz Begley "Annie" - Oil  
Jocelyn Guidry "Apples & Eggs" - Oil  
Ray Zielinski "Winter Thaw" - Watercolor

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:**

Joan Bobchak "Peonies" - Watercolor  
Carol Butler "Give Us This Day Our Daily Wine"  
Colored Pencil & Bristol Board  
Stephanie G. Csonka - "Blush Tulips"-Photography  
Norma Nicely "One Red Pear" - Oil

**BVA Award:**

Linda Headland "Between the Pages" - Pastel

**People's Choice Award:** Marge Seamon "Roses"  
Mineral Paint Fired on Porcelain

## *The Beaver Valley Artists' 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Exhibit*

was a resounding success. Many thanks to **Marge Seamon, Geri Csonka** and **Stephanie Csonka** for their time and effort as coordinators for our show. They did another fabulous job. Thanks also to **Jean Sirko** and **David Bentley** for processing the art work and hanging the show and to **Marge Gardener** for refreshments. Their time and effort is a valuable gift to our group.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:**

Marge Gardener "Fruit On The Vine" - Oil  
Sue Ireton "Cobalt Blue & Amber Vase" -  
Wheel-Thrown Pottery  
Maya C. Peel "Sunset in February" - Oil

**Honorable Mention:**

Irene Ackerman "Grapes on Vine II" - Watercolor  
David Bentley "Shady Respite" - Inkjet Print  
Jane Cerilli "Dusk" - Mixed Media  
Margaret Bernard Farkas "Sunset at 1:18" - Photo  
Vickie Froelich "April 1965" - Pencil on Clayboard  
Lillian Gordon "Morning at McConnell's Mill" - Oil  
Sue Ann Masley "New York Traffic - Photography  
Marge Seamon "Roses" - Mineral Paint Fired on  
Porcelain  
Bruce Shakely "Geranium" - Watercolor  
Camille Stevenson "Water Taxi" - Photography

**Meeting Date:** **Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup>** , 7:00 pm  
Merrick Art Gallery

**Juror's Critique** with James Sulkowski will follow the monthly BVA Meeting. Elections will be held this meeting.

Refreshments for the March BVA meeting compliments of Jean Frey, Lorraine Shipp and Nora Vogel. Many thanks to all of you who provided snacks for our meetings through out the year!!!

### *Member News:*

**Rob Ivanisin** has two pieces that have been accepted to the Annual Hoyt Regional Juried Exhibition, one of which has received a Merit award. The exhibition opens April 27th. Congratulations!

There are no BVA meetings May through August.

**James M. Sulkowski** was born in Pittsburgh, PA in 1951. He studied for two years at the Pennsylvania Academy of fine Arts in Philadelphia, Carnegie Mellon University and most notably at The Art Students League of New York with master painter, Frank Mason. It was during his five years of study with Mr. Mason that Sulkowski learned the concepts and techniques of the great masters.

James Sulkowski's work combines a philosophy and science along with his art. His subject matter is nature. He attempts to reveal the universal and the beautiful elements found in the world around us. Sulkowski uses his know-ledge of science in preparing all of his own materials by hand. He grinds his own paints from powdered pigments in oils and varnishes which he painstakingly prepares. He also consults Renaissance formulas making his own gessoed panels and lead-ground canvases. This emphasis on the CRAFT of painting is essential to Sulkowski's art. Only in this way is the artist able to control the consistency and vitality of his medium. These methods of the Masters also contribute to a work of art with lasting value and permanence and one that is timeless.

In 1979, Mr. Sulkowski, in collaboration with his twin brother, Joseph, was commissioned by the Saudi Arabian government to paint two murals, five feet by twelve feet, commemorating and depicting two important historic highlights of Saudi history. One, the Scientific and Mathematical Achievements of the Saudi Arabians, and two, the Ikhwan Revolt of 1929. These large canvases were completed in 1980 and hang in the King Abdul Aziz Naval Museum in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

Sulkowski maintains his studio in Canonsburg, PA. (near Pittsburgh). He is a member of the National Arts Club, the National Society of Mural Painters and the American Artists Professional League among others. Sulkowski has won many awards in national exhibitions including the Helen DeCozen Award for best floral painting in the American Artists Professional League 64th Grand National. He is also included in THE BEST OF FLOWER PAINTING published by North Light Books

James has appeared in and written articles for several magazines such as American Artist Magazine, InformArt, US Art, American Art Review and America's Civil War. James was invited to exhibit at the prestigious ARTISTS OF AMERICA show and sale at the Colorado History Museum in Denver, Colorado in 1994 and 1995



Dates for the **2010 Midland Arts council Summer Gallery Juried Exhibition**

(Drop off 6/6 12-3p.m.) (opening 6/27-showing through 7/5)

visit: [www.midlandartscouncil.com](http://www.midlandartscouncil.com) for prospectus.

**The Village of Sewickley Spring Gallery Walk** Friday April 23 from 5pm – 9pm and Saturday April 24 from 10am – 3pm. Sewickley will be in bloom with Art, Music and Dining! Sponsored by the Sewickley Valley Chamber of Commerce and Sewickley Borough Council. Free, metered parking starts after 4 pm. More info can be found at: [www.westpennart.com/new\\_page\\_11.htm](http://www.westpennart.com/new_page_11.htm)

**Be sure to visit West Hills Art League exhibiting in the Nickelodeon Mall vestibule!**



**Three Rivers Art Festival**

Throughout the Cultural District

Friday, Jun 4 - Sunday, Jun 13, 2010

Tickets: Free and Open to the Public

**Western Pennsylvania's Free Web Site for Posting Information for Artists and Art Galleries**

[www.westpennart.com/west\\_penn\\_art.html](http://www.westpennart.com/west_penn_art.html)

**Gallery Crawl in the Cultural District**  
Friday, April 23rd 5:30-9pm



[www.pgharts.org/education/gallerycrawl.aspx](http://www.pgharts.org/education/gallerycrawl.aspx)

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