

*BVA Meeting: Thursday Feb. 12th, 7 PM* at the Merrick Art Gallery, 5th Ave and 11th Street, New Brighton, PA. Refreshments. The public is welcome to attend.

*February 12th Program: Members' Critique.* Bring one to three pieces of your artwork, finished or unfinished, to our meeting for a friendly peer review. Also included will be a fundraising project. BVA members will be creating ACEO cards at the meeting. If interested, bring your own art supplies (any 2-dimensional medium) to the meeting along with a few blank, acid-free, heavy weight cards cut to the exact size of 2 1/2 inches by 3 1/2 inches. Tables will be available. Plans are being made to auction off these cards on ebay. Or complete your ACEO cards at home and just bring them to the meeting. Plans for a possible art sale will also be discussed.

*Upcoming BVA Program:* Thursday March 12th -- Bill Vrscak will be demonstrating his landscape painting watercolor technique. As many of you know, Bill juried and critiqued BVA's annual 2008 show.

*BVA Refreshments for February* -- courtesy of Margie Seamon, Geri Csonka and Stephanie Csonka. For information contact, Marge Gardner at 724-869-5351.

*BVA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:* Individual \$25. Family \$30. Make check payable to: Beaver Valley Artists. Mail to: Jane Cerilli, 1127 Indiana Ave, Monaca. PA 15061

*BVA's Annual Valley Artists Juried Exhibition Dates:* Show runs from March 29th through April 14th, 2009. Opening Reception: Sunday, March 29th, at the Merrick Gallery, 1 - 4 pm. Entry dates and delivery of artwork: March 20th and 21th, at Merrick Gallery. Details will be presented in the show prospectus to be mailed out in March. Reminder: To qualify for show awards exhibitors must attend two BVA meetings from September 2008 through March 2009. For information contact Margie Seamon at 724-869-3181.

*Congratulations!* -- BVA member David Bentley has had a print juried into the 13th Annual Show of the Southwestern PA Council for the Arts. The show is on display through February 14th at the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art in Ligonier, PA.

*BVA 2008 - 2009 Officers:* President: Jeanne Sirko 724-728-0839, Vice President: Sue Masley, Secretary: Kathy Bischak, Treasurer: David Bentley, Membership: Jane Cerilli 724-775-3234, Show Committee: Marge Seamon and Stephanie Csonka. Program: Joan Bobchak, Refreshments: Marge Gardner.

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*VISIT* [www.beavervalleyartists.org](http://www.beavervalleyartists.org). Let us know which are your favorite artists' resource websites, so that we might create a list of inspirational art related websites to share.

