



# Beaver Valley Artists

Official Newsletter of the Beaver Valley Artists

November 2011

### *Next Meeting*

Thursday, November 10, 2011

Merrick Art Gallery

*\*Program\**

Linda Wallen - Pastel Demo

BVA meetings begin promptly at 7 pm

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### *Upcoming Programs*

February 2012 - Program: TBA

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Refreshments for the November meeting  
compliments of

Chris Manjerovic, Sally Sheffler, Jennie  
Johnstone and Michael Burckure.

Born in South Bend, Indiana, Ms. Wallen received a degree in painting from Indiana University in Bloomington and did graduate work in drawing at the University of Iowa. After a 5-year stint as a street artist on Jackson Square in New Orleans, Ms. Wallen moved to New York and finally to Pittsburgh in 1981. She has been painting portraits for a living since 1972 and continues to do so in her studio on Spring Hill where she and her husband, actor Mark Thompson, are gently restoring two Victorian homes.

Ms. Wallen teaches currently at the Carnegie Museum of Art. She has taught at Carnegie Mellon University, various national and international workshops, and for 20 years at the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts. In 1989 she organized and founded the International Center for the Arts in Le Pouldu, France, and continues to take groups of painters and other folk to France and other countries.

Ms. Wallen's commissioned portrait work includes such clients as the Scaifes, the Hillmans, the Rooney family, J & L Steel, Mellon Bank, Shadyside Hospital, and the Pittsburgh Ballet Theater among others. Her work can be seen at the Gallery on 43rd Street in Pittsburgh, PA, the 3rd Street Gallery in Carnegie, PA, and Galerie Sépia in Pont Aven, France.

## *Member News:*

The following BVA members received awards in the Lutheran Annual Art Show: **Maya Peel** - Best of Show, **Ray Zielinski** - First Place, **Marge Gardner** - Second Place, **Irene Ackerman** - Judge's Award and **Jennie Johnstone** - Honorable Mention. Congratulations to all!

Welcome to new BVA member **Lynne Frankenbery!**

**The Beaver Valley Artists now have a Facebook page! Visit:**

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Beaver-Valley-Artists/175072079247112>

**Book Swap:** Bring art books you'd like to swap with other members to the BVA meetings.

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Call for Artists:

Merrick Civil War Exhibition, March 2012 -- contact  
Cynthia Kundar at 724-846-1130, for more information.

Merrick Masters 2012, May 2012 -- view prospectus at

[http://merrickartgallery.org/events/merrick\\_masters\\_2012](http://merrickartgallery.org/events/merrick_masters_2012)

Note: The prospectus will be mailed out in January.

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