



Beaver Valley Artists

Official Newsletter of the Beaver Valley Artists

October, 2005

We're 'Up'

BVA's new Web site is only part of our future high-tech action

Our new web site is only part of the Internet bonus available to our membership now that we're on-line at www.beavervalleyartists.org.

Here's what's available to our members:

- Personalized e-mail addresses that associate you with Beaver Valley Artists. Give Sue a call at 724-773-8144 or e-mail her at

President's Letter

It's October! Time for ghosties and goblins!

The crisp smell of Fall is in the air and we all look forward to the explosion of color in the autumn leaves. To go along with nature, this month we are featuring a wood carver and watercolorist team who 'haunt' the Pittsburgh Aviary looking for subjects for their art. Come and listen to them share their unique perspective.

The website is up! It is and always will be a work in progress, so keep in mind that at the moment, it is just the basics. We will continue to add and expand the site to reflect our group. This is a major step towards 'getting out the word' about us.

The site has already been listed with: butlerweb.com, a local website dedicated to freely advertising events and groups; westpennart.com, a free local website listing art related groups, individuals and art sources. The site has also been listed with Google.com, a major search engine.

In addition to the pages we have created, a counter to track activity on the site has been added, located at the bottom of the home page. We have also added a guestbook, and we will be adding a bulletin board. That can be useful for asking questions and jotting down thoughts. We will watch how this develops.

Also for those of you who do not have a computer, you can still have an e-mail listing on the site. Here

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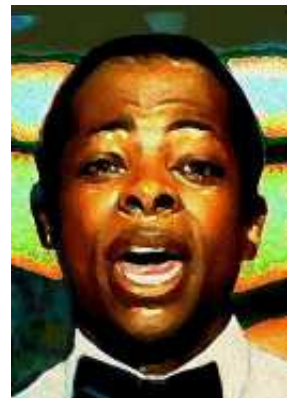
sgireton@beavervalleyartists.org, and she will fix you up. Call Sue or Gabe to help you set up your computer to use your new e-mail box. Even if you're not an Internet denizen, e-mail can be forwarded automatically to a friend who is.

- You can "hang" on the web site for the world to see — and even buy — your works! For a small fee, a page containing your digitized artwork will be placed on the web site along with relevant information about you and your hangings including pricing and ordering. If you already have your own web site, a link to your site will be placed for a reciprocal link.
- Starting this month, the BVA newsletter — in color — will be uploaded to members with e-mail

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BVA Member News

Betty Douglas' digital painting, "Lift in Song," has won a \$1000 cash award in the Appalachian Corridors Exhibition. Her entry was one of 78 pieces chosen for the show from 864 entries from 11 states in the Appalachian Region. "Lift in Song" received an honorable mention in the Beaver Valley Artists show at the Merrick Art Gallery last spring.



Lift in Song



October Meeting

Oct. 13, 2005 • 7:30 p.m.
Merrick Art Gallery



President's Letter - continued

is how it works. You will be given an e-mail address: e.g. sgireton@beavervalleyartists.org. If you have a friend or relative who would be willing to accept your e-mail and pass it on to you, we will then program the address to forward your e-mail to your friend or relative's e-mail address. As an example: the above address could forward my e-mail from the site to Gabe's e-mail which is bristolridge@earthlink.net. Forwarding, the guestbook, counter and bulletin board are all free "perks" that earthlink offers its clients. Forwarding will hopefully help those of you who want to take advantage of the site, but do not want to invest time and money for a computer.

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Bringing the wonder of art to our world

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Remember this site is helping the artist members of this group. If you know of an upcoming show, exhibition or art fair, please share that information with the group via the website Events page. Please include the event, dates contact information.

Please remember to fill out (and turn in) the forms that were sent to you. These are important for two reasons, your personal listing on the website and also the membership booklet we are putting together.

Keep in mind upcoming events...our Christmas Party, your thoughts on a grant proposal and the Spring Art Show. Your participation is needed as a member of the Beaver Valley Artists.

In closing I would like to share this poem with you:

*Those who work with their hands are laborers.
 Those who work with their hands and heads are artisans.
 But those who work with their hands, their head and their hearts are artists!*

See you at the meeting!

Sue
 Susan Giles Ireton

We're 'Up' - continued

addresses in Adobe Acrobat (pdf), a universal format. The same file will be placed on the web site. This month only, everyone will receive a black-and-white, printed copy as in previous years, but in successive months, only those without e-mail addresses will continue to receive the newsletter in the mail. With First Class postage going up to 39 cents on Jan. 1, this change will have a significant effect on club expenses.

For more information, see the President's Letter.

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