

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Spring Show Information!



This flyer was created from Donna Hale's beautiful oil painting. We are so fortunate to have artists of such high caliber in our Society. Flyers and postcards will be available at our meeting on April 8th. They are to be distributed throughout the community and to your friends. This is one of the ways we advertise our show and to invite the public to our reception. A digital copy of the postcard will accompany this newsletter. Forward it to your friends; it's the easiest way to invite many with little effort. It will be a separate attachment.

The SIGN UP SHEET for SHOW HELPERS is also attached to this newsletter as a reminder of what you signed up for. Many of our members volunteer for more than one job. Many volunteer for NONE. If you signed

up on your prospectus, we will call you if we don't get enough volunteers at the meeting. Thank you all for the work you do. We must all share the responsibilities of the show.

Let's remember the purpose of an art reception. It is to celebrate the achievements of the artists displaying their works. They are called artworks because it is "work" to envision, plan, draw, produce, frame, and put oneself on display for others to enjoy and critique. The reception is a chance to bring your family and friends to meet the artists, enjoy the music, the food, the auction and all the festivities. It's a pARTy! The art will hang for two months, giving everyone a chance to return and seriously evaluate the "works."

VERY INTERESTING INFORMATION: Refreshments are being catered! Asbury Pointe, a Retirement Community located in Getzville, has partnered with The Amherst Center for Senior Services to provide refreshments for all art openings at the Center. They have chefs that will prepare the snacks, and be on hand to present them. The best part is the cost, FREE! We have always taken pride in the food our members have volunteered for the reception, but this is a true gift. We will give it a try. So please, DO NOT bring food to the reception.



April Demonstrator Alison Kurek - Mixed Media



I'm a mixed media artist creating fun, upbeat artwork. Working primarily in acrylic paint and synthetic clay, I create bright, colorful images featuring animals, cocktails, an occasional human and of course, Silent Mylo.



"Mylo Spots"

If asked to describe my purpose in life I'd have to say it's to make people laugh. Life is challenging and, on the whole, we are too stressed out. We often forget to look at the lighter side of things. We NEED to laugh! A good dose of my artwork is sure to make you smile. Taken on a regular basis it may even lead to spontaneous fits of laughter.



"Steam Punk"

I'm a Buffalo native and a graduate of the State University College at Buffalo and the University of Buffalo. I've exhibited and sold my work through galleries, shops and art festivals for many years and am happy to say that my work is held in numerous collections throughout the United States, Canada, Western Europe, Asia and Australia. Visit Alison at www.alisonekurek.com

Vice-Presidents Report.....by Cathy Eckman



The Chinese auction is a very important part of our bi-annual art shows. Outside of membership dues and show entries, it is the sole source of income to our organization. The success of this auction is a direct reflection of the amount of support given by our members. A sufficient number of enticing prizes, an impressive set-up, a reasonable cost, and enough people working behind the scenes to provide a smooth operation are just part of making our auction a success.

We count on each of our members to make a donation to every auction. Personal artwork has always been a favorite, as well as art related items such as books and supplies. We must also consider that many of our attendees are not artists, perhaps not even really interested in art. Many just come to support family and friends. Thus we began accepting items not related to art; a gift card from your favorite shop or restaurant, a potted plant, a bottle of wine, jewelry. An alternative to purchase something for the auction would be to ask for a donation from a business you frequent. We will be happy to accept any donation when you drop off your painting, or on the day of the show.

We are still in need of volunteers for the auction table. With enough volunteers, we can work short shifts and all have an opportunity to also enjoy the show with family and friends. Please consider a donation and giving the auction committee a half hour of your time on show day!

Mark Your Calendars

Next meeting: Friday, April 8, 7 PM

Harlem Road Community Center, Room #2, 4255 Harlem Road, Amherst 14226

Spring Show Reception: Sunday, May 1, 2pm– 4 pm Amherst Center for Senior Services

Receiving paintings - Thursday, April 28, 3-6 pm

Rehanging paintings - Friday, April 29, 11:30 am

Show ends/Pick up paintings -Thursday, June 30, 2016 3-6pm

Noteworthy Tidbits

- The Name the Newspaper contest is still open for entries. Add your suggestions to your prospectus, submit it at a meeting, email Sue at Shadbloss@aol.com or call 716-688-5552. Win free entry to the Fall Show!
- All art will hang for 2 full months.
- Sherryl Perez is teaching watercolor. Her classes are on Wednesdays in her home in Wheatfield. Call Sherryl for more information (716-807-8227) or email her (sperez@roadrunner.com).
- Ray Lockhart incorporates watercolor and drawing essentials in all his classes. He teaches students of all levels, starting in mid April on Tuesday mornings and Saturday afternoons. Contact Ray for more information at 716-983-8552 or randjlockhart@gmail.com
- The Cheektowaga Art Guild is accepting entries for their 52nd annual outdoor arts and crafts show. Prizes will be awarded in categories of arts and crafts, separately. For more information, please go to www.cheektowagaartguild.com
- The Greater Buffalo Alumnae PanHellenic Committee will be hosting a “Buffalo River Cruise” on Sunday, May 15. This organization provides academic scholarships to young women. They are accepting donations for their auction table. To obtain tickets for the event, or to make a donation, please contact Susan Hohl at 689-2125.
- Remember an “Auction” item.
- **DO NOT BRING ANY FOOD to the SHOW!**

(The hard working) SHOW COMMITTEE 2014-2016

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"You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great." ~ Zig Ziglar