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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Happy 2016!!!

Change is constant. Like it or not, each new year brings change, forcing us to live our lives differently. Sometimes change makes our lives easier, other times it poses challenges.

Our Society has undergone many changes over the past few years, the main one being the change in venue for our art shows. We have now had three shows at the Amherst Center for Senior Services. As I waited for artists to pick up winning paintings last week, I was reminded of the panic I felt learning we were asked to leave 5500 Main Street. I had no idea what a "gift" that was. I ran into the Director, Pam Krawczyk, and she reiterated what a "win-win" relationship we have developed with the Center. We look forward to many years of this partnership.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the support of the members of the Williamsville Art Society. The amount of quality artwork displayed is truly remarkable. So many of you volunteer your time to make our shows successful. Our reception is a celebration, a gala, a time for friends and family to share the artists' accomplishments. It is the finest reception in the area!

I wish you the BEST of everything in the year 2016. Create your artwork, attend our monthly demonstrations, participate in the shows. Enjoy the Society...and the changes we face together.

Sue Dewey

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**Next meeting: Friday, January 8 7 PM**

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

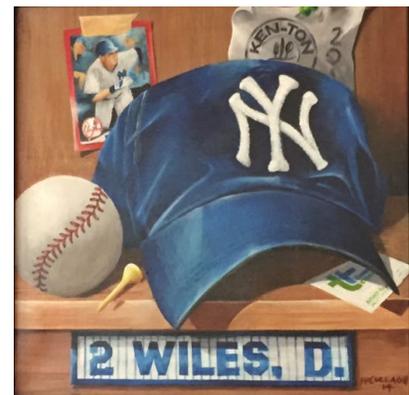
**Bill McCullagh – Artist**

It's a treat to harness one of our own to be a demonstrator at our monthly meeting. Bill McCullagh has agreed to share his talents with us next Friday.

Bill has talents in many mediums. He paints realistic acrylics and abstract works. He works with pen and ink, charcoal and pastels. He is also a photographer. He has recently worked on a series of unique, individual still-life's of community members and friends.

Bill became an art teacher at Franklin Middle School after a long career working in the Town of Tonawanda. He is a member of the Buffalo Society of Arts, the Kenmore Art Society as well as the Williamsville Art Society. Bill is a Featured Artist on our Website and has his own site at [www.mccullagh8.wix.com](http://www.mccullagh8.wix.com)

Please join us on Friday to ENJOY!



# January 2016



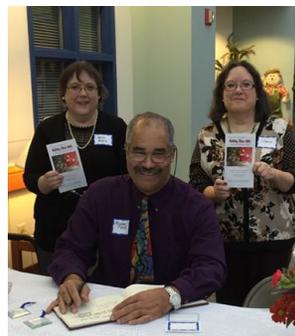
In Bill's words:

As far back as I can remember I have been "doing" art. It has always seemed to come to me without much effort, which was both a blessing and a problem. The blessing is the fact that I can create, I do not really understand where the ability comes from but it is there pretty much when I need it, but as we all know, some days it is hard to find.

I think art is all around us if we decide to look for it. It can be the sunset, the new fallen snow, a flower in a garden, the usual stuff. Everything is art. No matter how complex something is, it starts out as a simple drawing. Art is an idea from ones imagination put on paper and shared with others.



## Some Holiday Show Memories



*"If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude." Maya Angelou*