



January 2019

Deb Meier - Editor



A Letter from the President

Happy New Year, Everyone!

I know we are all looking forward to a new and exciting year of painting, drawing, photographing and showing our artwork. Williamsville Art Society's Holiday Show is over, leaving the Amherst Center for Senior Services looking so less colorful! We were asked to remedy that situation by having a small interim show. Cathy Eckman came up with the idea of "Presidents: Past, Present and Future". The show will feature artworks of WAS Presidents - former, current and future (since our VP moves up to Prez) who are current members. They are: Sue Dewey, Joanne Dugo, Cathy Eckman, Joe Petroci, Marie Prince, Judie Pufpaff, Teri Jo Ritz, Nancy Zielinski, and myself, Linda Regan. The show runs from Jan. 10 through February 26th. There will be an opening reception on Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2019 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. The presidents are funding this themselves and there is no auction nor music. There will be light snacks.

We hope you can stop by and support our efforts.

Cathy Eckman and I are taking a drawing class from Nikki Milley starting Jan. 12th. If you enjoyed her demonstration at our last meeting and don't mind driving to beautiful Wilson, NY, check out her website, www.nikkiM.art.

Our next meeting is Friday, January 11, 2019. Kelsey Merkle will be demonstrating in Mixed Media. Please remember to check your email for weather cancellations. We will decide if it's necessary to cancel by 4pm. You should be notified by email no later than 4:30 if the meeting is cancelled. Or call me at 716.245.0883. I'm sure the weather will be fine, so see you at 7:00pm for our Jan. meeting.

Linda Regan

Friday, January 11, 2019

Harlem Road Community Center, 7 pm

Kelsey Merkle – Mixed Media

Kelsey Merkle, Mixed Media Artist



Allentown 2018 Poster
20"x20" (original painting without text)
Colored Pencil, Acrylic on paper
Self portrait inspired by the everyday
working artist/art student.

Kelsey Merkle is an artist and illustrator born and raised in Clarence NY, where she currently lives and works. Merkle grew up admiring her grandmother, June Pearl, who was a talented artist in her own right. From an early age, Pearl saw an artistic spark in her granddaughter and enrolled her in private classes as soon as she was eligible at the age of seven. Merkle pursued the study of art at Sheridan College, one of the top art schools in North America. Merkle holds an Associates in Visual and Creative Arts and a Bachelors degree in Illustration, both of which she graduated from top of her class. She was also invited to study Italian Art and Culture in Italy during the summer of her junior year of Illustration. Since 2010 Merkle has been professionally displaying at various art galleries and events in the US and abroad.

Merkle is primarily a portrait painter, but she works in a wide variety of media, styles, and subject matter. She often blends multiple medias and techniques saying,

“How do you know what you like to do unless you try a bit of everything?”

In 2018 Merkle’s Rockwellian illustration was selected for the 61st annual Allentown Art Festival Poster. She will be demonstrating her process of creating such work with a variety of media that you may find surprising.

Artist on the Run

18"x24"
Colored Pencil, Acrylic, Oil on paper
Self-portrait done in response to the Allentown poster. This piece has more of myself in it in energy and items represented in the image. Artwork falling from the portfolio are studies I did while in college, I have a pair of winged shoes, That’s my easel; my hair always goes up in a sloppy bun when I’m working (when I had hair that is, I donated it all recently. Now I have nowhere to put my brushes!)



Future Demonstration Artists 2019

February 8
March 8
April 12
May 10

Jane Linkowski
Ylli Haruni
Jennifer Koury
TBA

Acrylic Artist
Oil Painting
Watercolor Artist
Critique

Williamsville Art Society Artists "In the Wild"

"Just Buffaloes", Jan. 19th through Feb. 16th

- At River Art Gallery and Gifts, 83 Webster St., Tonawanda, NY
- Open Show with works by Melinda Schneider, Rebecca Camhi, Deb Meier, as well as other WAS members (you know who you are!)
- **Opening Reception, January 19th, from 4:00-7:00**

....and a Learning Opportunity!

Portrait Class, Tuesday evenings, 2/5-3/19, 7-9:30 (no class on 2/19)

- At Williamsville South High School, Room 133
- Taught by Sue Michalak
- Cost is \$71; those 60 and over pay \$64.
- This class has a special focus on drawing exercises from the book, "Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain" by Betty Edwards.
- All levels are welcome!

Want to see your class or show featured here? Drop me an email at pleinpaletteart@gmail.com. Please indicate in the Topic line that it is for The Palette.

LOCAL EXHIBITS

KENAN CENTER

433 Locust St., Lockport
Storrs Retro
January 13th through February 17th

ALBRIGHT KNOX

Elmwood Ave., Buffalo
We the People
Now through June 30, 2019

BURCHFIELD PENNEY

Elmwood Ave., Buffalo
Salvaged: The Stitched Narratives of Jennifer Regan
Now through January 27th, 2019

HALLWALLS

341 Delaware Ave., Buffalo
Carl Lee & Rebecca Aloisio
January 11 through March 1, 2019

Niagara Frontier Watercolor Society monthly meeting
Thursday, January 17th
Burchfield Penney
Vicki O'Reily, demonstrator

Williamsville Art Society Officers and Committee Chairs

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....and now for a SPECIAL "Art in the Wild" sighting. It's a special show at the Amherst Center for Senior Services, featuring Williamsville Art Society's Presidents, Past, Present, & Future!

Williamsville Art Society

Presidents: Past, Present & Future

Reception
Wednesday, January 16, 2019
5:30-7:30 pm

Amherst Center for Senior Services
370 John James Audubon Pkwy.
Amherst, NY 14228

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"The Waxwing" by Cathy Eckman

Displaying Artists

Sue Dewey	Joseph Petroci	Linda Regan
Joanne Dugo	Marie Prince	Teri Jo Ritz
Cathy Eckman	Judie Pufpaff	Nancy Zielinski

www.williamsvilleartsociety.org Graphics by Sue Dewey

Serving as an officer of any organization takes a lot of time, patience and organizational skills. Often these sacrifices go unnoticed. Please join those who have served or are soon to serve as President of the Williamsville Art Society and have remained active members of the group, as they display examples of their work. Hope to see you there on January 16!

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