



The Palette

October 2018

Deb Meier - Editor



A Letter from the President

This is a busy month for the Williamsville Art Society. I hope by now you have sent in your membership dues to Paulette Crooke and your prospectus to Donna Hale. Some members are also participating in the SEA/WNY fundraiser art show. I hope you find the time to appreciate and paint or photograph this season's beautiful fall colors.

Our Holiday Show is fast approaching. Drop off day is Wednesday, October 31 from 3-6pm at the Amherst Senior Center. The Holiday Show is on Sunday, November 4, 2018 from 2-4pm. We still need volunteers to sign up and help out with the show. Posters and postcards will be available at the monthly meeting, Oct. 12 in order to advertise and invite friends and relatives.

Once again, be mindful of the proper way to frame your artwork. The D rings need to be screwed into the wood frames. Don't trust the fasteners on the back panel of the frames from certain big box chain stores. They will fail you. Your work is precious, we want it to hang securely. New members may want to bring their framed works to the October 12 meeting to have us check them.

At October's meeting we will also have 5x7 watercolor papers and heavier board for oil and acrylic. Partners in Art donated these to WAS so we could participate in the Carnegie Art Center's Fundraiser, "Art off the Wall". Thank you to them. We will also have the forms to submit with your painting. They are very grateful to us for our past participation. It's a fun event.

Linda Regan

Friday, September 12, 2018

Harlem Road Community Center, 7 pm

Nancy Clarke Mariani - Pastels

Nancy Clarke Mariani, Pastel Artist



“As an Art/ Photography Teacher and Artist, I have found it difficult to horn in on one media. As an Art Teacher I must learn many different techniques, styles, artists, materials and resources.

I chose to work in realism because I find it fascinating to focus on the tiniest of details and capturing as much of the persons image and character. My interests may have begun as early as elementary school. My classroom art projects had always been well reviewed

by my classmates and teachers.

I am most inspired by chalk pastels and oil paint, they are both so different and yet so similar. Both can give you extraordinary realism results.

What inspires me to create are the people I meet, know and imagine, whether it's in their facial expression, clothing, hair style or what they are doing.

I think the viewers are most interested in the way I capture the subjects through it's realism of lighting, contrast, and imagery. I challenge myself to move the viewer through the subject matter to be able to tell a story by using that dramatic lighting and imagery.” -Nancy Clarke Mariani



Future Demonstration Artists 2018-2019

October 12
November 9
January 11
February 8
March 8
April 12
May 10

Nancy Clarke Mariani
Nikki Milley
Kelsey Merkle
Jane Linkowski
Ylli Haruni
Jennifer Koury
TBA

Pastel Artist
Graphite/Charcoal
Mixed Media
Acrylic Artist
Oil Painting
Watercolor Artist
Critique

MEET OUR MEMBERS

Some of our membership spent several years using art as a tool within a local public-school classroom. Our new president, Linda Regan, is one of those number. Employed as a Buffalo first grade and kindergarten teacher for over 30 years, she used art to enhance the learning experience for young students. This went beyond the standard painting center and box of construction paper scraps, yarns, markers, magazine, and glue (yeah, mixed media!), although those were certainly present. She used watercolors for her visual displays and bulletin boards. Remember that children of this age were not always offered separate art classes, so classroom teachers were expected to provide a cohesive art curriculum.



Teachers spend many hours prepping for student education. What did Linda do with her precious free time? Quilting, needlepoint, crewel work, and porcelain dolls were her home-based creations.

Retirement offered Linda the time to pursue something that she had always wanted to do, that being formal watercolor classes. In 2011, Linda was introduced to Partners in Art and instructor, Ray Lockhart. Ray proved to be the perfect teacher for a novice watercolor artist. It was there that she met some new friends who told her about the Williamsville Art Society, those being Sue Dewey and Cathy Eckman. Linda attended her first meeting soon after, and she has been with us ever since. Over the years, she has taken classes from Ray, Dan Meyer, and Jody Ziehm, learning a lot from all three and perfecting her craft.

Linda has long been fascinated by the Naïve style of art, especially winter scenes, such as those by Grandma Moses. Her favorite memories of her childhood home include the Grandma Moses print drapes in the dining room. Grandma Moses inspired her to believe that it's never too late in life to create art or take up a new medium.





IMPORTANT FALL SHOW DATES

OCT 5 – PROSPECTUS DUE

OCT 31 – DROP OFF
ARTWORK (3:00-6:00)

NOV 4 – SHOW RECEPTION
(2:00-4:00)

DEC 26 – PICK UP ARTWORK
(3:00-6:00)

LOCAL EXHIBITS

KENAN CENTER

433 Locust St., Lockport

Niagara Frontier Watercolor National
Exhibit

Oct 11 through Nov. 10

ALBRIGHT KNOX

Elmwood Ave., Buffalo

Giant Steps: Artists and the 1960's
Now through Jan. 6

BURCHFIELD PENNEY

Elmwood Ave., Buffalo

Burchfield's Arboretum: A Celebration
of Trees

Now through Dec. 2

HALLWALLS

341 Delaware Ave., Buffalo

Playground

Oct. 12 through Oct. 14

Niagara Frontier Watercolor Society
monthly meeting

Thursday, September 18

Burchfield Penney

Linda Lucas, demonstrator

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Vice President Joe Petroci 434-0504

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Williamsville Art Society Artists “In the Wild”

Would you like to make an artist’s day, that is, their BIG Day, by attending their Opening Reception? Here are some current exhibits featuring WAS members that you will want to check out! Please consider yourself invited to these Opening Receptions, and if you can’t make it to the reception, check out the show on a later date.

“The Spirit Transcends”, now through October 31st

- At Unity Church of Buffalo, 1245 Delaware Ave., Buffalo
- Solo show by Judie Pufpaff
- If viewing outside of reception hours, call first, 882-0391. Unity is open M-Th, 10-4:30

“Spontaneous Combustion”

- At Expo 68, in the Eastern Hills Mall, near the JCPenney entrance
- **Opening Reception, October 6th, 6:00 until 9:00**
- Features the artwork of Enid Edelman and others

“Four Art’s Sake!” Oct. 13- Nov. 10

- At River Art Gallery, 83 Webster Street, North Tonawanda
- **Opening Reception, Saturday, October 13th, from 4:00-7:00**
- Features the artwork of WAS artist, Brien Berberich and three other artists.

Niagara Frontier Watercolor Society National Exhibit

- At Kenan Center, 433 Locust St., Lockport, NY, starting Oct. 10
- **Opening Reception, Sunday, October 21th, 2:00 – 5:00**
- Features the artwork of several WAS watercolor artists





One Last Note:

Williamsville Art Society now has a Facebook page. Yes, you do need to be on Facebook to see it, but it is not a requirement. We will still email the Palette to you, and send out email shout-outs. The reason that we have a Facebook page is so non-members know that we exist.

Hopefully we can inspire people to attend our Opening Receptions or join the group.

If you would like to see your artwork on Facebook, you can email one painting/drawing per month to me at pleinpaletteart@gmail.com.

This will also be a place where we can give our artists some additional publicity, so if you are having a solo or small group show, and want to draw some folks to your opening, we can help get the word out for you. Just email me the information, and I will be happy to post it for you. If you are on Facebook, and there already is an “official event” posted, we can share that, too!

- *Deb Meier*

