

# ESAL NEWS *East Suburban Artist League*

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**MEETING TIME AND PLACE** The normal meeting date and times will be the first Thursday of each month at the Christ's Lutheran Church, Rt. 286, Logan Ferry Road, Murrysville. Social time will start at 7:00pm, followed by a business meeting at 7:30pm, with the program at approximately 8:00pm. **THE MARCH MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 5, 2015.**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

***Inspiration exists, but it must find you working. Pablo Picasso***

Unfortunately, I wasn't painting when I read that, but it hit me between the eyes. We think we need to be inspired first, then work. But full-blown inspiration needs space and freedom to grow, new ideas and avenues to explore, one idea building on the other. It's exciting to see beautiful things and wonder how I'd draw or paint them, but until I am working, they can't take form. Last week the greens of Florida, today those gorgeous snow-stacked trees. I'd better get working!

**Linda Galati**

**TREASURER'S REPORT** As reported by Lane Neff, the account balance is \$ 3,653.95

## PROGRAM

The next scheduled program will be in March 2015. **For February 2015**, meeting will be held weather permitting. For the February meeting bring some of your work for "Show and Tell". In addition, there is planned a discussion of your work, suggestions for additional subjects, and other ideas by members.

**MARCH** meeting program is **Bob Weaver** (bobweaverartattack.com). Bob is an art grad from Edinboro Univ., artist & retired art teacher, varsity wrestling & track & field coach (Yough School District). His medium is pen, watercolor & acrylic.

## PERMANENT EXHIBIT OPPORTUNITIES

**Barbara Jewell and the Murrysville Library** New members, especially, are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity to exhibit, and perhaps to sell some of your work. In order to keep this display space available to us, we need to provide regular monthly exhibits, so please consider planning a show in the coming year!

Below is the schedule for the Murrysville Library exhibits for the first half of 2015. If you are listed here, please keep this list on hand, and remember to call the person whose exhibit is BEFORE yours to coordinate the change-over. If you have questions, please call or email me. Thanks to all who have signed up for this coming year! Let's all try to get over to see as many of these exhibits as possible and support our members with our positive feedback. **Barbara Jewell**

**January:** Gordon Sarti..... 412-795-2154 **February:** Lane Neff..... 724-309-8428

**March:** Joyce and Steve Frost.....724-327-2029 **April:** Bob McAfoos.....412-731-8637

**May:** Jan Fiorina.....724-516-9262 **June:** Karen Ferrick.....412-780-3158

**Let's support each other's efforts by trying to visit the monthly shows and leave comments for those who have provided books for that purpose!!**

## Redstone Highlands

**Members exhibiting:** January – Lane Neff, February – Gordon Sarti

**Members can sign up for 1 or 2 months in a row. Call or email Lane Neff to reserve a month for 2015. 724-309-8428 or email [lbneff@aol.com](mailto:lbneff@aol.com). Each person assigned a month must notify the Newsletter Editor to have it published in the Newsletter.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GALLERY SPACE** will be hosting an exhibition of artistic, hand-made books created by members of the Pittsburgh Book Arts Collective. This exhibit will run from February 7-28, 2015 and is free and open to the public during library hours. Some pieces of artwork will be for sale and a portion of all sales will help to support the Library. **[www.monrovillelibrary.org](http://www.monrovillelibrary.org)**

**EXHIBIT AT THE BOULEVARD GALLERY** featuring **Kim Freithaler (oils)** and **Pat Whitaker (watercolor)**  
**February 7-27, 2015** Opening Reception, Saturday, February 7, 2015 • 6:00 – 9:00 PM.

Located at 736 Allegheny River Blvd., Verona, PA 412-828-1031 Regular Gallery Hours: Fridays & Saturdays • 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. *The Different Strokes Gallery* is featuring **Karen Ferrick** (Oil & Pastels) & **Kelly Stouffer** (Japanese brush painting-acrylics) Go to Boulevard Gallery's website at [www.BoulevardGallery.com](http://www.BoulevardGallery.com) for additional information.

**CALL FOR ART ENTRIES - Scripture & the Arts Exhibition: Personal Inspirations.** Specific details are in the attachment to the accompanied email.

**LATROBE ARTS CENTER** will host ESAL for the month of April, 2015. Barbara Jewell is acting as ESAL's representative. She encourages all interested members to print off the attached specifics for the show. This ESAL member show is a wonderful opportunity to expand ESAL's importance to the world of art. Entry form and related information will be available soon.

**LARRY AND DAVE** will announce the winner for the Penn State Show at the February 2015 meeting.

#### **WORKSHOPS:**

**MONROEVILLE ARTS COUNCIL OFFERS FREE ART DEMO AND WORKSHOP** - Nationally recognized artist and ESAL member, Karen Ferrick, will present a pastel demonstration and free workshop in the Program Room of Monroeville Public Library. This educational outreach opportunity will be held on March 7, 2015 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. Program is free, and open to the public, although space is limited. Interested persons, ages 15 and up, may attend; no prior experience is necessary. All materials will be provided.

The artist will create a pastel drawing and then guide the participants in recreating the drawing on their own. Techniques such as blending and glazing will be demonstrated. Call 412-373-0711 or speak with Nancy Dalverny for further information about this exciting opportunity.

**SAVE THE DATE: COLLAGE work shop on Sat. March 21st, 9am-3pm with Kathy Sickels & sponsored by ESAL at Christ Lutheran Church**

**COLLAGE** - "an artistic composition of materials & objects pasted over a surface, often with unifying lines & color"

It can be simple or as complicated as you like. Anyone can do it using magazines, newspapers, photos, wallpaper or fabric & appeals to artists searching for creativity. No other medium gives such a variety of exciting alternatives. **More info when finalized.**

**MEMBER'S WEB SITES:** An email to the Editor ([glsarti@comcast.net](mailto:glsarti@comcast.net)) indicating your web site address will have it listed in future Newsletters for the enjoyment of ESAL members.

**Gordon Sarti** - [wonders-of-nature.artistwebsites.com](http://wonders-of-nature.artistwebsites.com) or [wonders-of-nature.fineartamerica.com](http://wonders-of-nature.fineartamerica.com)

**Bob Patterson** - [Pattersonimages.net](http://Pattersonimages.net) **Barbara Jewell** - [barbara-jewell.fineartamerica.com](http://barbara-jewell.fineartamerica.com)

**Marci Mason** - [www.marciart.net](http://www.marciart.net) **ESAL** - [esal.wikispaces.com](http://esal.wikispaces.com) **Eileen Kopelman** - [www.rockinggrannyfineart.com](http://www.rockinggrannyfineart.com)

**Arlene Holtz** - [www.arleneholtz.com](http://www.arleneholtz.com)

#### **Membership Dues**

##### **Membership Dues for 2014-2015 Year**

ESALites can forward their membership dues for the 2014/2015 year along with any updates to their contact information to: Peter Cehily, 112 Cehily, Road, New Kensington, PA 15068. Dues are \$25 for one member and \$30 for a couple.

#### **EDITOR'S CORNER:**

Remember everyone, to receive the monthly Newsletter you must have an accurate and up to date email address. Right now there are 13 exceptions. These are members who don't have a computer. They receive the Newsletter via the USPS. Send any email changes to [glsarti@comcast.net](mailto:glsarti@comcast.net) and it will be forwarded to the Membership Chair to keep the official record updated. All submissions should be a Veranda font size 8 or 9.

**A reminder: All paid members will receive the official membership list from the Membership Chairperson via email. The personal contact information of each member is considered confidential and is not to be shared with non-paid members.**