

AFA GALLERY NEWSLETTER

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A Note From The President

Dear Members,

Happy New Year!

We are looking forward to an exciting year.

Keep creating!

With all my appreciation,
Conor O'Brien

Goings on at AFA & more!

Affinity

February 2—24

AFA Gallery's first exhibition of 2017 is *Affinity* featuring works by Marissa Gable, Thomas Murray, Rainy Pritchett and Michael Swanson. Gable's home interior photographs, Murray's abstract sculptures, Pritchett's figurative oil paintings and Swanson's glass pieces and figurative photographs will come together harmoniously to create a one of a kind exhibit.

These artists will give an Artist Talk on Saturday, February 11 beginning at 1 pm as part of AFA's Second Saturday.

Affinity will be on display in the First Floor Gallery of AFA from February 2 through 24. There will be an opening reception on First Friday, February 3 from 6 to 9 pm. These events are free and open to the public.

TRIVIA NIGHT AFA FUNDRAISER

February 16, 6 pm

Leadership Lackawanna will host a Trivia Fund Raiser to support AFA on Thursday, February 16th starting at 6:00 PM at Ale Mary's 126 Franklin Ave. Scranton, PA. \$10 per person to enter the Trivia Contest – prizes including Ski Passes and Water Park passes to Montage Mountain. All are welcome to enter.

For more information please visit AFA's Facebook page or call the gallery.

SAVE THE DATE—Mardi Gras Fundraiser

February 25

AFA will be hosting a Mardi Gras fundraiser at The Keys in downtown Scranton on Saturday, February 25. There will be dancing, raffles and fun! This will be a 21+ event. More details to be announced soon!

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Current Exhibition:

First Floor:

2016 December

Members' Exhibition

AFA Life Drawing Sessions

The Third Tuesday of every month!

7-9 PM

AFA's Second Floor Gallery

\$2 - Students

\$5 - Members

\$7 - General Admission

With live models and guest hosts.

For more information:

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Email your events to: artistsforartgallery@gmail.com

News due by 21st of the month

(Ex. For February Newsletter, news is due January 21)

More news and opportunities!



WVAL—*The Return of the Fracture Society*

Sunday, January 29, 4 pm

The Wyoming Valley Art League/SUNDAY at the CIRCLE present *THE RETURN OF THE FRACTURE SOCIETY* with pianists WAYNE SMITH and RON STABINSKY, thereminist JASON SMELTZER at the CIRCLE CENTRE FOR THE ARTS in W-B's Downtown Arts District: three brilliant musicians celebrating the music they love: jazz, classical, old, new, improvised and not—plus an original Smeltzer composition, *The Book of the Snow*.

When: Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 4pm.

Where: Wyoming Valley Art League, 130 S. Franklin St. (rear), Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701

Contact: Bob Husty, WVAL Coordinator: 570-288-1020
wyomingvalleyartleague@gmail.com

Robert Anderson, Sunday at the Circle: 570-974-5953
librogumbolimbo@earthlink.net

Website: www.wyomingvalleyartleague.org

~ Free admission (donations accepted) ~ Beverages and snacks provided ~ Free parking ~

Kadampa Meditation Classes at AFA

Thursdays, 7-8:30pm

How to Transform Your Life Through Meditation with Buddhist Monk Kelsang Samatha.

Through learning to meditate, we can transform our life from a state of misery into one of pure and lasting happiness. This is because meditation is a scientific method to improve our human nature. Everyone needs to be good-natured with a good heart, because in this way we can solve our own problems as well as those of others, and we can make our human life meaningful.

Through attending these weekly classes, you will come to practically experience the profound meaning of Buddha's wisdom advice, empowering you to overcome your problems and find real meaning in your life.

Open to everyone – Drop-ins are welcome. Cost per class is \$10. Classes include guided meditation, practical advice on integrating meditation into your life, and discussion with like-minded people. For more information on weekly classes and to become part of our online community visit <http://kadampanewyork.org/>.

Art of the State – Call for Entries 2017

Deadline: February 28

Celebrating its 50th year, *Art of the State* is the annual, juried exhibition held at The State Museum of Pennsylvania. With an established tradition of exhibiting highly creative art chosen by a distinguished panel of jurors. *Art of the State* is open to Pennsylvania artists and craftspeople. Cash prizes are awarded for selected entries in the categories of: Painting, Craft, Work on Paper, Photography and Sculpture. Enter at: statemuseumpa.org. For more information call 717-238-1887.

Lackawanna River Conservation Association's ShiverFest 2017

January 14

On Saturday, January 14, 2017, only the toughest of the toughest will paddle the river and revelers will fill the banks of the Lackawanna River. A day of exercise and fun, ShiverFest draws the community outdoors during the cold winter to celebrate the valley and the river that runs through it. The LRCA wants to keep the river running all year long and the best way to do it is by braving the cold and conquering the icy water!

This "Extreme Kayak & Canoe Race" will travel approximately 2.7 miles of the Lackawanna River in Scranton from Parker Street Landing to Sweeney's Beach. Paddlers who are willing to brave the winter on the River should have their own vessel and wet-suit (strongly recommended). Launch is High Noon. Entry fee is \$30pp & includes the "Thaw Party".

The Race will be followed by a "Thaw Party" at the Backyard Ale House from 2pm to 5pm. The paddlers, revelers and the general public are invited to join in!!! Entry to the "Thaw Party" is \$20pp & includes food, beverages, music, education & comradery. Contact 570-347-6311, lrca@lrca.org, www.lrca.org for more information.



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“I support AFA because art is the backbone of community, and without community a city doesn’t thrive. AFA supports local artists who I believe make the Scranton area vibrant and generally a better place to live.”

Sierra Simko

AFA SECRETARY, PROJECT MANAGER AT PRIVATE COMPANY