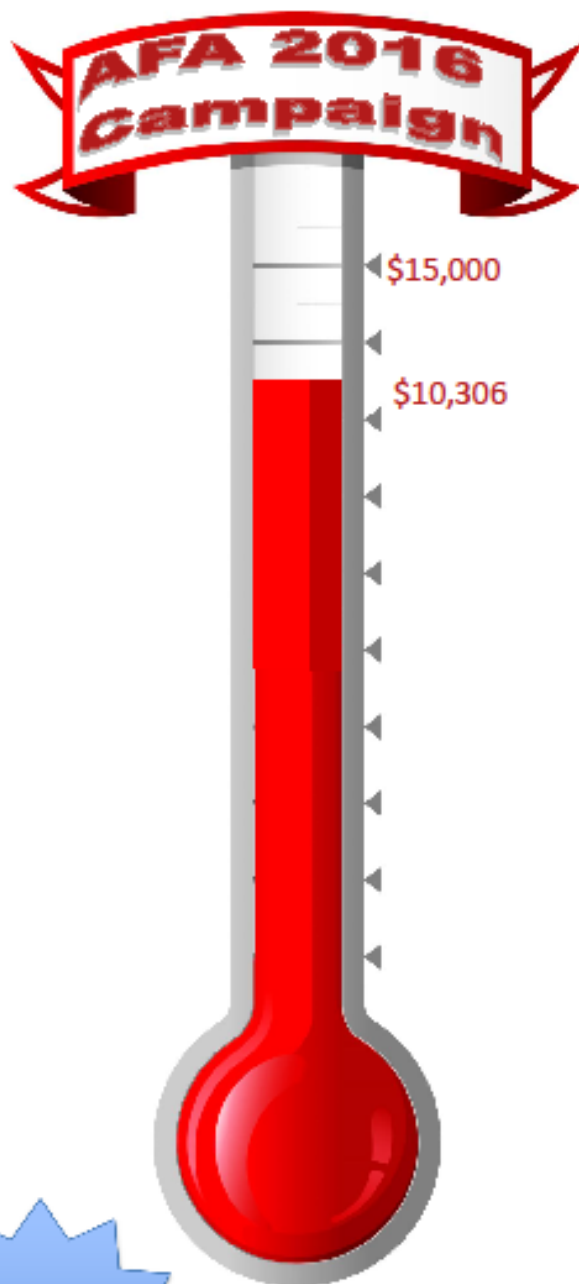


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A Note From The President

Dear Members,

I hope this finds you well. The gray mundane of February can often prove to be one of the most depressing months of the year. However, seeing the cultural renaissance of this region - and watching it grow week by week provides a colorful warmth to equal that of first thaw of Spring. I know I gush too often in these monthly messages but I truly cannot express my gratitude, respect and admiration for all those who strive to enhance the arts scene of this region. There will always be things to make us afraid, make us want to hide away from the cruel challenges of the world. I implore you to persist onward, regardless of the obstacles others may set in our collective way. I will leave you with a favorite quote of mine by T.S Eliot -

Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go.

With all due respect & thanks,

Conor O'Brien

P.S - AFA has two special events this month that I would love to see you at. Join us February 16th at Ale Mary's for a special night of trivia (hosted by Leadership Lackawanna) and on February 25th at The Keys for a Mardi Gras celebration (see info listed within this newsletter for more information).

Goings on at AFA & more!

Lisa Forman, Ramona Jan & Alex Tomlinson at AFA Gallery

March 2—24

AFA Gallery's first floor gallery will feature works by Lisa Forman, Ramona Jan & Alex Tomlinson during the month of March.

Forman's photographs document the vast interior space of the abandoned Scranton Lace Factory. Jan uses found objects to create practical but absurd works. Tomlinson's photographs explore the relationship between man-made light, nature, and modern society.

These works will be on display in the First Floor Gallery of AFA from March 2 through 24. There will be an opening reception on First Friday, March 3 from 6 to 9 pm. This event is free and open to the public. AFA Gallery will be closed on Saturday, March 11 for the Saint Patrick's Day Parade.

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.

SaturBae for AFA! — Mardi Gras Fundraiser

Saturday, February 25, 8 pm, \$5

AFA invites you to come dressed in you Mardi Gras best and shake it with the ladies of SaturBae!!

When? Sat. Feb. 25 Doors: 8 p.m.; Music: 9 p.m.

Where? The Keys, 244 Penn Ave., Downtown Scranton

\$5 at the door. All proceeds benefit AFA Gallery. This event will have a cash bar and food for sale. 21+. Valid IDs Only!

For more information: artistsforartgallery@gmail.com

AFA Second Saturday: *Junk Magic* with Ramona Jan

March 4, 2 pm

Please join us the day after First Friday for a hands-on workshop presented by Ramona Jan. Jan will give a brief talk about her work that is being exhibited during March at AFA and then she will guide participants through building their own found object collage. This workshop is \$35 per participant. For current AFA members, the workshop is \$30. For more information or to sign up please email artistsforartgallery@gmail.com.

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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 March Newsletter, news is due February 21)

More news and opportunities!



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.

Transcendence of Faith at STEAMworks

February 3-25

STEAMworks is pleased to announce its February exhibition, *Transcendence of Faith*, by Rodney Sharp.

Rodney Sharp's *Transcendence of Faith* is a collection of paintings and sculptures that embody his desire to bring his audience joy in their hearts by feeling closer to art through an experience with God. Specific works speak of the "steps of faith" in which people take in their everyday lives, moving closer to their destiny.

The show will open on Friday, February 3rd with an artist reception from 6 pm - 8:00pm and will run until February 25th, 2017.

STEAMworks is located on the first floor The Marketplace At Steamtown, 300 Lackawanna Ave. Scranton, PA. Hours are Tuesday and Thursday 11:30 am - 3 pm. For more information, please contact Lori Ryan. steamworksscranton@gmail.com, 570-507-4128

Virginia Sosik to Host Annual Student Art Exhibition and Reception at the AFA Gallery

April 1, 6 pm

Artist/Art Educator, Virginia P. Sosik will host her annual student art exhibition and reception at the AFA Gallery, Lackawanna Ave. Scranton, PA on Saturday, April 1, 2017 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

This exhibition will feature original works completed this past year by her private students and will include oil, watercolor, acrylic and pastel paintings, graphite and color pencil drawings, sculpture and mixed media.

All are welcomed. This event is free and opened to the public.

WVAL – Skip Sensbach Exhibition

February 14 – March 30

Please join us for an Opening reception with guest artist Skip Sensbach. February 17th from 5-8pm. This will be held in the Sandra Dyczewski Maffei Gallery.

The exhibition will focus on Skip's sculptural work which was created in response to witnessing a loved one's dementia and its impact on memory and how it affects perceptions of those afflicted with the disease, especially as it relates to language. The exhibition will include a series of works called "Glyphs" which resemble language but are indecipherable mimicking the way that dementia attacks the language and perception regions of the brain. In addition to these works there will also be a few large-scale installation works featured. Skip currently teaches Ceramics and is Artist in Residence at Misericordia University - Dallas, PA.

For more information call 570-288-1020 or visit www.wyomingvalleyartleague.com

AFA 2018 Exhibition Opportunity

AFA Gallery will be accepting artist proposals for the 2018 exhibition calendar. Please send 12-20 images of current work for exhibition on a CD, DVD or Flash Drive, corresponding list including Title, Medium, Size for each image, current resume or bio and artists statement to:

Artists for Art

Attention: Gallery Committee

514 Lackawanna Avenue

Scranton, PA 18503.

Name should be on all submission information. The exhibition committee reviews submissions on a monthly basis. The deadline for the 2018 exhibition year is August 31, 2017. The committee will contact you with a decision.



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