

AFA GALLERY NEWSLETTER

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A Note From The President

Dear Members,

I write to you to offer my deepest thanks. There were two special fundraisers held within the month of February for the benefit of AFA, a trivia night at Ale Mary's (in conjunction with Leadership Lackawanna) and a Mardi Gras dance party at The Keys! These two events were incredibly successful and furthered our reach as an organization within the community.

As spring is nearly here, the renewing energy of change is ever present and with that comes a re-focusing of priorities. The two core matters that I personally will be striving to engage with AFA are:

1. Stronger and more diverse committees! There are several fantastic committees (development, marketing, etc) that any member can sit on and offer their insights and support to! The committees are where a great deal of the decision making occurs at AFA, and I invite you all to have your voice be heard.
2. Special outreach events! It was proven by our two recent fundraisers that the AFA community loves networking and experiencing all that our region has to offer, an exciting prospect that I promise you will see a lot more of in the months to come!

Change is not always easy and sometimes comes with challenges that push us to our creative, administrative and personal limits. I urge you to become an even greater ally of Artists For Art Gallery and help us face these challenges head on!

With all due respect & thanks,

Conor O'Brien

Goings on at AFA & more!

Coalescence, Keystone College Senior Exhibition

April 7 - 29

The AFA Gallery will present an exhibit of artwork by the graduating art students of Keystone College from April 7 through 29. Thirteen students, Carlie Amundson of Endicott, NY, Amy Cone of Tiverton, RI, Nicole Delevan of Forty Fort, Amy Denmon of Noxen, Deanna Feinstein of East Windsor, NJ, Cree Gregory of Clarks Summit, Mikayla Lewis of Vestal, NY, Raven Lydon of Simpson, Nick Magarelli of Manalapan, NJ, Karlee Patton of Duryea, Ryan Pisaneschi of Meshoppen, Loren Sykes of Dunmore, and Sephora VanOrden of Honesdale, will show multiple works in a variety of media to the public during their first exhibition.

Help them celebrate the beginning of their careers by attending the opening reception held in the gallery on April 7 from 6 to 9 PM. *An artist talk will take place at AFA Gallery on Saturday, April 8 at 1 pm.* Both events are free and open to the public. For more information: 570-969-1040.

Scranton Fringe Festival Applications Open

Deadline: March 25th

The Scranton Fringe Festival is returning to multiple venues in downtown Scranton Wednesday September 27th - Sunday October 1st 2017 for its third annual installment.

The Scranton Fringe is a performing arts festival dedicated to presenting uncensored, unique and engaging works to bold audiences. Theatre, dance, puppetry, magic, and much more will fill multiple venues across downtown Scranton. Entering its third year, with over 100 productions already performed, the Scranton Fringe Festival has proven itself to be a powerful force for culture, commerce and community. In 2017, an extra day will be added to help the thousands of audience members maximize the opportunities the festival presents. Applications to join the festival are open now through March 25th.

The 2017 Scranton Fringe Festival is seeking any/all of the following: new takes on old works; newly created pieces; quirky, unusual, vibrant and creative theater; cabaret; dance; puppetry; magic; musicals; immersive theater; solo shows; and children's programming. There are no application fees.

Those interested in applying / for more info visit <http://scrantonfringe.org/apply/>

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Current Exhibition:

First Floor:

*Lisa Forman, Ramona Jan &
Alex Tomlinson*

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 April Newsletter, news is due March 21)

More news and opportunities!



***Chiaroscuro* at STEAMworks**

March 3 – 31

STEAMworks is pleased to announce its upcoming art exhibition, *Chiaroscuro*, opening Friday, March 3rd. The show will run through March 31st.

Chiaroscuro - a word that describes the use of light and shade in a drawing or painting - is a group exhibition featuring over twenty artists using every art medium from cast iron, glass, and music, to leather, painting, and photography. The show's mission is to explore the themes of our better angels and worse demons, and the contrast not only found between them but found in everyday life.

STEAMworks is a Non-Profit organization dedicated to enriching the lives of all ages through education in Scranton and the surrounding region. It is located in the Marketplace at Steamtown. For more information, please contact Lori Ryan, 570-507-4128 or email steamworksscranton@gmail.com.

***Aegean Streets* by David Elliott at CameraWork Gallery**

March 3 - 31

The CameraWork Gallery is pleased to announce its March exhibition, *Aegean Streets* by David Elliott.

David Elliott began visiting a group of Greek islands in the Aegean Sea called the Cyclades in 2010. Since then, he has produced a collection of photographs depicting detailed views of street scenes. Drawn to the bleached white architecture, he focuses on light and shadow with a minimal amount of lines, both curved and straight, to create abstract images. David Elliott is a Professor Emeritus at Keystone College where he taught writing, literature, and the history of jazz and where he's studied digital photography.

The show will open on Friday, March 3rd and will run until March 31, 2017. The CameraWork Gallery is located in the lower level of Marquis Art and Frame at 515 Center St. Scranton, PA. Hours are Monday through Saturday 10 am - 6 pm. 570-344-3313. For more information: www.cameraworkgallery.org

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.

CALL FOR ENTRIES:

Bowery Gallery, 530 W 25th St., NYC 10001 (646) 230-6655 Seeks 2 dimensional media not to exceed 36" in any direction for 26th Annual Juried Competition, Aug 1 -19 2017 at the Bowery Gallery. Juror: Kyle Staver. Staver received her MFA in painting from Yale School of Art, and has exhibited throughout the United States. Entry Fee: \$35 for 3 images, \$6 for each additional image, up to 6 max. Download application and prospectus from website. Deadline April 20, 2017 midnight info@bowerygallery.org • www.bowerygallery.org

Prince Street Gallery, 530 West 25th Street NY, NY 10001. Seeks submissions of paintings, drawings, and prints for National Juried Exhibition, Jul 11-29. Juror: Stuart Shils Entry fee \$35. Prospectus available online. Deadline March 24 www.princestreetgallery.com.

National Association of Women Artists, 315 West 39th St. Suite 1210 (212) 675-1616. Seeks membership of professional women artists who desire exhibitions throughout the U.S. For details download from website. Deadline: Sep 15; March 15. www.thenawa.org

National Art League, 44-21 Douglaston Parkway, Douglaston, NY 11363, seeks entries in all media except photography, craft, film, video or installations for 87th Annual Juried Exhibition, May 1 – June 3, 2017. \$2,000 in awards (\$500 First Place). Juror and Judge: Lisa Chalif – curator at the Heckscher Museum of Art in NY. For prospectus, download from website: www.nationalartleague.org Deadline April 1, 2017.

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Scranton Area Foundation NEPA Match Day 2017

May 5

For the 3rd year in a row, the first Friday in May will be NEPA Match Day! The Scranton Area Community Foundation has assembled a fantastic group of 25 nonprofit agencies serving the people of Lackawanna County that have volunteered to be part of the 2017 NEPA Match Day collective.

In the months leading up to May 5, 2017, the collective will work together to spread the word about the critical work being done in our region by these nonprofits. Then, on May 5th, for every dollar you donate to one of the participating partners, the Scranton Area Community Foundation will match your donation...dollar-for-dollar, up to \$1,000 for EACH nonprofit. For one day, your \$25 gift becomes \$50, \$100 becomes \$200, and the support you give will stay in our region.

By working together for 24 hours, we have the ability to strengthen our community and the nonprofits that strive to make our community a better place to live by over \$50,000! For the past two years, NEPA Match Day exceeded the \$50,000 goal by more than \$30,000 but the success of NEPA Match Day depends entirely on the gifts you make to the NEPA Match Day collective on May 5th.

So, on Friday, May 5, 2017, please consider making a contribution directly to one of these terrific nonprofits: Abington Community Library, **AFA Gallery**, Alzheimer's Association, Boys & Girls Clubs of NEPA, Children's Advocacy Center of NEPA, Dress for Success Lackawanna, Greater Carbondale YMCA, Greater Scranton YMCA, Indraloka Animal Sanctuary, Jewish Family Service of NEPA, Lacawac Sanctuary Field Station and Environmental Education Center, Lackawanna Historical Society, Make-a-Wish Greater PA & WV, Marley's Mission, Maternal & Family Health Services, Meals on Wheels of NEPA, Northeast Regional Cancer Institute, Scranton Cultural Center, Scranton Fringe Festival, The Arc of Northeastern Pennsylvania, The Greenhouse Project, United Neighborhood Centers, Valley Community Library, West Scranton Hyde Park Neighborhood Watch, Women's Resource Center.

*Please give directly to the nonprofit of your choice. If you would like to support the entire NEPA Match Day collective, you can donate to the Scranton Area Community Foundation. Any NEPA Match Day gifts received by the Foundation will be divided equally between the above-listed nonprofits.

AFA Gallery is thrilled to be included in this wonderful event.

CALL FOR ARTISTS: LHVA Environmental Education Display in Scranton, PA

Submission Deadline: March 27

Nature-themed artwork requested for an environmental education display at the Nay Aug Avenue Natural Play Area in Scranton, PA. Artwork to be installed inside the "Fishing Shack" at the Natural Play Area in Scranton.

Artist Eligibility: All residents of Northeastern Pennsylvania; All ages and skill levels. Submission will be categorized as follows: Elementary (K-6th grade); Mid-High School (7-12th grade); Community (all other ages).

Artwork Theme: The Natural Play Area is a Beaver Pond Ecosystem, featuring plants and animals that live and benefit from the beaver pond habitat like a turtle, fish, a frog, a water snake and cattails. The play area also utilized recycled products, rescued-native plants, and natural wood materials more so than typical plastic play equipment and rain gardens to handle storm water. We are looking for artwork with a theme that is similarly creative, visually appealing and educational. Examples of artwork may include: sketches of animals, insects, plants or birds that inhabit the Lackawanna River and/or wetlands; a unique take on human/natural interactions; close-up sketches or landscapes; other creative expressions.

Download the Call for Entries Proposal at <http://www.lhva.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Call-for-Entries.pdf>

Wyoming Valley Art League Members' Exhibition through March 30th

Please join us Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from Noon-4 PM to view Wyoming Valley Art League Member's Exhibition in the Member's Gallery which is located in the Circle Centre for the Arts, 130 South Franklin Street Wilkes-Barre, PA. This exhibition features recent two-dimensional and three-dimensional artworks of WVVAL Members in a variety of mediums.

For more information: 570-288-1020,
www.wyomingvalleyartleague.com.

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CALL FOR ENTRY – *Night Watch* at Delaware Valley Arts Alliance

Deadline: May 1

Night Watch, curated by Alexis Siroc and Alan Wood, will feature nighttime images from the Upper Delaware River Valley in all media.

Nighttime landscapes are alluring- the limited light sources, subtle color palettes, and veiled textures draw us into a quiet, still world. We experience these works as secretive, private, sensual, isolating, haunting, soothing, ethereal, magical, mystical, and transcending.

Artists are invited to submit up to four (4) nighttime pieces of our beautiful river valley for consideration. We encourage you to explore this concept fully and hopefully be inspired to create new works specifically for the subject. Perhaps some will even take to the night and experience the other side of daytime plein air. What could possibly be more magical?

Submission Details

- We will be accepting submissions for consideration between Monday, April 3 and Monday, May 1
 - Email up to 4 high-res jpegs (at least 1200 pixels in one direction) with details for each (title, size, medium) to alexis.siroc@gmail.com. Be sure to use “Night Watch” in the subject line.
 - We will contact artists by Wednesday, May 17
- For more information email alexis.siroc@gmail.com or call 845-252-7576.

Brenda Fernandes CD Release Party

May 12, 6:00-8:30 pm

Please come celebrate with us on May 12th 2017 from 6:00-8:30 pm for the CD release party of *Brenda Fernandes* unveiling her new album titled, “*her mountains*”. There will be delightful spirits to drink and delicious food to eat. Brenda will be performing a short concert of selected songs at 7:00pm.

“Her music blends meditative beats, harmonium, piano and soothing vocal melodies with mantra and prayerful lyrics. Her audiences have remarked feeling peaceful, balanced and inspired from her performances.”

Upcoming Classes at STEAMworks

at The Mall at Steamtown beginning Tuesday, March 21st.

Introduction to Drawing and Acrylic Watercolor

Tuesdays, March 21 st through April 11th

Instructor: Renée Emanuel, NSPC&A, \$125.

Come and join us and learn new skills in drawing and acrylic watercolor that will help you express your own unique creative view of the world. The emphasis will be on basic and introductory skills in drawing and acrylic watercolor, although experienced painters in watercolor or acrylic are also welcome. Our goal will be to learn to pay attention to the world in a new way and we’ll focus on the process more than the final product. Renée will demonstrate and break down the painting process into manageable small bites. If you’ve always been interested, but were afraid to begin, this is a great start. For those with experience, Renee will be working with students individually and will help you improve your skills. Join us for an enjoyable challenge! Bring a spiral bound 9”x 12” sketchbook, a kneaded eraser, and a 2B & 6B pencil to the first class.

Art Night at STEAMworks!

Thursday, March 23rd, 6:30-8:30 PM

STEAMworks (at the Mall at Steamtown) will host a watercolor demonstration by Bill Teitsworth, AWS. Bill will demonstrate “The Wash Method,” one of the “watercolor essentials” which will be covered in his workshop series in April, also at STEAMworks. Bill is a signature member of the American Watercolor Society, and served as a director of the AWS from 2007-2012. He is the winner of the Greathouse Medal, the High Winds Medal, and the Silver Medal of Honor. \$10, benefits the STEAMworks educational mission.



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