

MCMURRAY ART LINES

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The Cardsharps
Oil on Canvas 1595
Caravaggio

NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

February 11, 2021

7:00 PM

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Whew!! Coming up for air, 2020 is finally over. It's been such a crazy year, to say the least. I'm starting this year with a shred of hope: vaccinations for COVID for most of us in the next few months or so, less drama in the federal government, more daylight every day, and hopefully warmer weather coming soon, encouraging us to get out into our neighborhoods to get inspired creatively, connect with friends--and get some exercise.

At our last board meeting, members shared a bunch of great on-line art resources: classes through Dick Blick, Cheap Joe's, and YouTube workshops. We'd love to hear what sites you've found to keep your creative juices going—we can share some of these at the **General Meeting**.

I truly hope we can meet again in our wonderful studio soon, start scheduling classes, in-person **Open Studios**, and other events. I've really enjoyed the Zoom meetings, but it's definitely not the same as meeting in person.

I hope to see you at the next **Virtual General Meeting** on February 11 or at an upcoming "**Open Studio**". Even if we can't meet in person, it's so lovely to see your sweet faces and connect to share our passion for sharing our art with good friends.

Keeping the Arts alive,

ANNE TRIMBLE

MOSITES UPDATE

Mosites has not responded by email or snail mail to my response to their proposal that we pay them a yearly "triple-net fee". I'm guessing that because copies of the response were sent to the Mosites family still involved in the organization, that the new development/leasing initiative was nixed. No news is good news...

ANNE

MEETING DATES FOR 2021

Note: All meetings will be online via Zoom until further notice.

Here is the link to ALL MAL Zoom meetings (my personal Zoom ID):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3421716361> Meeting ID: 342 171 6361

Board Meetings 2:00 PM	General Meeting 7:00 PM (2nd Thursdays)
	February 11, 2021-Two videos by Dutch oil painter Ben Lustenhouwer followed by a discussion on oil painting portraits.
February 22, 2021	March 11, 2021- Pastel Demonstration with Christine Swann. Christine will be doing a one-hour portrait demonstration as part of our general meeting. Learn some quick tips and tricks regarding painting the portrait.
March 22, 2021	April 8, 2021
April 19, 2021	May 13, 2021
May 24, 2021	

COMING UP IN THE NEXT MEETING:



Dutch oil painter Ben Lustenhouwer

"I started working as an artist at a very young age and by trial and error I was able to survive as an artist. I want to share all the knowledge I have gained in this profession. I teach and make videos in which I give text and tutorials for what has become my great passion: portrait painting. From 2017 on I stopped accepting portrait assignments and now I give myself the freedom to paint whatever comes to mind, and besides this, I will continue teaching and sharing my knowledge."

BETTY ROSEBROUGH

UPCOMING CLASSES – 2021

We have a variety of virtual classes coming up. **Please sign up early so we can make sure these classes can run!**

Date	Teacher Class	Time	Virtual Class on Zoom
March 31, 2021	Portrait Zoom Workshops with Christine Swann PSA, IAPS-MC	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Finding Features and Understanding Light.
April 7, 2021	Portrait Zoom Workshops with Christine Swann PSA, IAPS-MC	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	The Power of Pastel Color and Control.

For information about a class contact:

Class Coordinator, Betty Roseborough, at classcoordinator@mcmurrayartleague.com.

To register for a class:

You may register on the **MAL Website** by viewing the class under the [Events](#) menu option and clicking Register (register for the series or for each day separately) **OR** you may notify the Class Registrar, Jean Kunz, via email at classregistrar@mcmurrayartleague.com or 412-831-9992 and ask to be placed on the class list for the classes and dates desired. After you register, you can pay on the **MAL Website** or mail a check made out to **McMurray Art League** for the cost of the classes to the registrar:

Jean Kunz; 1818 Kent Rd.; Pittsburgh, PA 15241

In the Memo section of your check, note which instructor classes and dates the check covers. You will receive an email confirmation of your registration.

BETTY ROSEBOROUGH

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

MARCH 31ST 9AM-12PM, FINDING FEATURES AND UNDERSTANDING LIGHT.

Learn the system of finding a likeness quickly with the "Thirds of the Head" methodology. NO more remembering the "math" dividing up the head. Learn about Light, The LAW, The Rules. Ever wonder if you have errors in your work from working from photos? Now you will absolutely know...This class will apply to any subject matter, but I will be teaching how light acts across the complex topography of the head. All levels welcome. Cost: \$75. A portion of each registration will be retained for the support of McMurray Art League.

APRIL 7TH 9AM -12PM THE POWER OF PASTEL COLOR AND CONTROL

This class is about understanding the pastel medium. Learn my philosophy of the "**Power of Pastel.**" Know when to use which brand. Know which pastels play nice with each other and which do not. This workshop is for the artist that is used to pastel and has many sticks already but needs to understand them better. I promise, you will never look at your sticks the same way again. And color? Oh yes, let's talk.....Must already possess a wide variety of pastels. No specific brands needed, just pencils and wide variety of pastels from different companies. (which most pastellists tend to collect!) Cost: \$75. A portion of each registration will be retained for the support of McMurray Art League



Christine Swann

Christine has always been obsessed with people and their stories. Teaching artists how to understand light and the medium of pastel has become a new passion. Southwest Art Magazine picked Christine as an "Artist To Watch" and her portraits have been included in the Pastel Journals' "Pastel 100" international exhibition eight times in the past 10 years as well as included in the ARC international Salon Competition. Her works have traveled to Italy, France and China. She is also published in the books, "100 Ways To Paint People and Figures", Editions of "Strokes of Genius" and the French book, "40 Masters of Pastel." She has had many feature articles in the Pastel Journal and in the French magazine, "Pratique des Arts." Christine is a Signature Member of the Pastel Society of America and Master Circle Member of IAPS where she won the "Prix des Pastel" Best of Show the first time she was a member in 2015 and again last year in 2020. She writes a blog each week on art, life and motherhood at <https://swannportraits.com/>

BETTY ROSEBOROUGH

ART SUPPLIES @ MAL STUDIO

We still have art supplies acquired by the **League** that we want to auction off as a fundraiser for **MAL**. Here's the link to the online sale/auction: <https://www.mcmurrayartleague.com/Art-Supply-Sales>. There are some nice items for sale. Please feel free to make an offer on any of them.

ANNE

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

The donors wish to remain anonymous for the following Memorial Donations:

- George Taibi (Father of member Gina Judy)
- Therese Henkle Courtney (Mother of member Jan Pini)
- Carmela Volpe (Mother of member Rosetta Volpe Dufalla)

MAL is appreciative for these donations and the Board of Directors thanks everyone who donated.

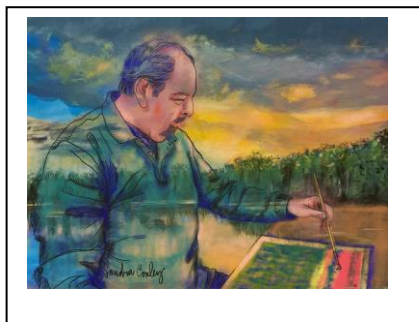
ROSETTA VOLPE-DUFALLA

MAL ARTISTS PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER

On the **MAL website** you are invited to continue to view the **MAL Artists Portrait Fundraiser** https://www.mcmurrayartleague.com/MAL_Portrait_Fundraiser_SC which features an exhibit of 25 portraits done by member Sandy Conley during the past year. **The exhibit is a fundraiser for McMurray Art League.**

Sandy conceived of a digital art project in which she made portraits of fellow **MAL** members that are unique in that she incorporates each artist's work into their portrait. Sandy uses Procreate, a powerful digital art program.

Buying a matted portrait print is a great way to support **McMurray Art League** at a time when members are unable to meet in person or take classes, which generates a significant part of our income. Initially Sandy and the art league agreed to split the proceeds. Sandy has since decided to donate all but her costs, allocating 90% of proceeds to be donated to **MAL**. **If you order a print, you will give the league a substantial donation**, and receive a matted 8 x 10 portrait print. So far, 7 prints have been sold. Please check out the exhibit, review the details and consider ordering a print!



SANDY CONLEY

MEMBERSHIP/DIRECTORY REPORT:

The **MAL Directory** is accessible on online. Please follow instructions on our website for your PC or Mac computer to print a copy if you desire one. A very limited number of directory copies have been printed (from a home computer) and mailed to members who had previously been receiving printed newsletters. Foregoing a printed **MAL Directory** for 2020-2021 has been a necessary cost saving measure for **your McMurray Art League** in these difficult times.

LESLIE BALDWIN

2020 ONLINE JURIED SHOW RECAP

Our first online juried show was an amazing success! We had 28 artists brave the challenges of submitting their 79 works online. Our juror, Jim Sulkowski, was able to navigate the web display and choose our award winners, listed below. Congratulations to all! Financially, we lost \$101.00 as vendors were less forthcoming with merchandise awards in these trying times so we had to make up the difference in cash. Thank you to the several award winners who chose to donate their winnings back to the **League**. Although most of the artwork was available for purchase online, we did not have any sales. By comparison, the 2019 **Spring Juried** show made \$201.12 as there were some sales and less had to be paid in cash for awards. Our generous artists did opt to donate to the new screen fund by paying a higher entry fee, so we raised \$175 for that cause.

We only had four **People's Choice** votes which had to be done via email this time so congratulations to the four winners who have to share bragging rights having gotten one vote each.

You can still view the show at <https://www.mcmurrayartleague.com/Juried-Show-2020>. If you click on the category links below, you can see the pieces in each category.

Awards	
Best of Show	Bill Ceriani "The Golden Hour"
Best of Category Abstract/Non-Objective	Linda Saksa "Awakening II"
Best of Category Animal/Wildlife	Diane Murray "Carolina Wren"
Best of Category Interior/Exterior/Architecture	Gina Judy "Deck at Fallingwater"
Best of Category Landscape/Seascape	Diane Murray "Renziehausen Rose Garden"
Best of Category Photography/Digital Art	Betty Roseborough "Celestial Stairway"
Best of Category Portrait/Figure	Renee Keil "1940s Harley Girl"
Best of Category Still Life/Floral	Nicole Grigor "Autumn Bokeh"
Best of Category 3D/Sculpture	Denise Rosi Graham "Hen House II"
Juror's Awards	Leslie Baldwin "Retro Mixology"
	Bill Ceriani "Sea Grottoes of Lagos Portugal"
	Bill Ceriani "The Church of Santa Maria de Belem, Lisbon, Portugal"
	Sandy Conley "Long Shadows"
	Gina Judy "Dad's 'Golden Years' Not so Golden"
	Renee Keil "The Road along the Way: Ligonier Countryside"
	Andrea LaNasa "Alexandra the Ballerina"
	Charles Morreale "Cedar Waxwing"
	Charles Morreale "Josie Crooks - Singer"
	Patty Shields "An Artichoke Flower"
People's Choice (tie)	Leslie Baldwin "Lemon Bay Dusk"
	Nancy Kenny "Three of a Kind"
	Jan Pini "Love at First Sight"
	Paul Rebholz "Rainy Day"

JAN PINI

PETERS TOWNSHIP LIBRARY EXHIBIT

TELLING A STORY show was hung at Peters Township Library on Wednesday, Oct. 28. Nicole Courtmanche, Arlene Popko, Betty Roseborough, Leslie Baldwin, Jan Pini and Sandy Conley have paintings hanging. The show will be on display until February 10, 2021. The library has a new director, Lacey Love, who made a point to introduce herself to us. If you get a chance to visit the library you will enjoy the “visual stories” as well as the book.

STUDIO WINDOW EXHIBIT

- Anne Davis will exhibit in February
- Nicole Grigor will exhibit in March
- Cindy Bercelli will exhibit in April
- Elizabeth Braugher will exhibit in May

The artists are all members of **MAL**. If any member would like to display their work, contact Darla Rae Duffy at 412-680-5772 or email to darla.duffy801@gmail.com. Thanks to all our artist participants.

DARLA RAE DUFFY

OPEN STUDIO

Because we're not actually working on art during these Zoom **MAL** get-togethers, we're looking for a new label for this bi-monthly meeting. **MAL Chats? Zoom Rooms?** We'd love your input on what to call this great get-together of **MAL** members sharing COVID stories, family updates, stories, jokes, and YES, artwork you've been working on.

We will continue to hold these meetings on second and fourth Fridays from 10:00 to 11:00 AM—via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3421716361>

The next gathering is Friday, February 12, the day after our **General Meeting**. It's so good to connect with everyone—even if not in person.

ANNE TRIMBLE

THE McMURRAY ART LEAGUE
Officers & Chairs – 2020 – 2021



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Oil On Canvas 1869
Jean-Leon Gerome

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