PoconoArt Celebrates 2017 As the Year of the Emerging Artist!

For its first Emerging Artist bio, Jack Swersie, PoconoArts Board Member, interviewed Jason Williamson. The following article introduces Jason to the PoconoArts Community:

Winning Second Place in the Landscape Exhibition, Third in both the Abstraction and Look to the Sky Exhibition and First in the Local Landmark Exhibition takes incredible talent! And it was accomplished in a little over a year by Pocono Arts Council member Jason Williamson. Adding to these successes, Jason is now one of five winners of the 2017 ArtPop billboard competition. That is why we have named him as our first “Emerging Artist of 2017”.

Born into an artistic family 31 years ago, Jason moved here from N.J. when he was two years old. His love of art began at a very young age. His artistic skills became further refined through education and several mentors, including renowned local artist John James. He graduated from Pocono Mountain High School, attended Northampton Community College and studied Fine Art at Kutztown University.

Working predominantly in oils, Jason favors a loose impressionistic style and has also mastered the art of abstraction. Both his impressionistic and abstract paintings are equally compelling and both have been prize-winners for this talented young man.

When there is an exhibition at the Pocono Arts Council, you are sure to see one or two pieces of Jason’s artwork. Prints of his work are available online at fineartamerica.com. And be sure to visit Jason on Facebook at “Jason Williamson Fine Art”.

The Earth Speaks III
A Juried Exhibition on the Environmental Crisis

Don’t wait to participate in this great annual show. Entry deadline is January 31, 2017. Visit www.poconoarts.org for further information and a prospectus.

Entry Fees: Student: $15; Adult: $20 for PoconoArts Members & $25 for Non-Members (two images)
Awards: $250 Juror’s Choice Award; $250 Kay & Girard Lichty Climate Crisis Award $100 3-D Award; $100 Photography Award; $100 Printmaking Award and $100 ARTSPACE Student Award.

Information: 570-476-4460 or laura@poconoarts.org.
Pocono Bluegrass and Folk Society Presents Winterfest 2017

Are you ready for a weekend oasis of music and fun in the middle of the winter? It’s time, once again, for Winterfest 17 presented by the Pocono Bluegrass and Folk Society. On January 27, 28, and 29, the Quality Inn in Stroudsburg will open its doors for the 17th annual Winterfest featuring 16 bands, 2 stages, workshops, a Jam Band contest, vendors, and plenty of room for jamming!

The festival started in 2000 as an alternative to the summertime campout music festivals that are held all over the country. There is no outdoor camping at Winterfest, but there is plenty of relaxing and jamming by the pool/atrium/Tiki Bar. And there are stage shows on two stages from Friday through Sunday. The hotel will be filled with bluegrass lovers and many local and regional musicians who use the festival weekend as a chance to hang out and play together in impromptu sessions all over the hotel.

There are other activities included in the weekend: a community concert on Friday evening, 6:30 PM, at the ARTSPACE Gallery featuring the Lost Ramblers; a kids program with Uncle Pete Taney on Saturday at 1PM at the PoconoArts Cultural Center; a variety of instrumental workshops; and a jam band contest on Saturday night. Master luthier Frank Finocchio will have an instrument repair clinic on Saturday and there will be a variety of merchandise vendors throughout the weekend.

Tickets are $45 for the weekend the $15 for Friday $25 for Saturday and $15 for Sunday. Families are welcome. Information & schedules: www.poconobluegrass.org or call 570 994 7305.

PoconoArts Volunteer Opportunities

ARTSPACE Gallery
ART as Spirituality, Jan 14-February 18,
Artists’ Reception: January 21, 2-4PM
Emerging Artists Showcase, March 3 – 25
The Earth Speaks III: A Juried Exhibition on the Environmental Crisis
April 1 – 29, 2017, Artists’ Reception: April 22, 5-7PM
PoconoArts Annual Members’ Exhibition
Monthly Themed Exhibitions – Summer 2017

Special Events & Fundraisers
Burgers & Beers with Artists of the Millennium, May 5, 2017, Stroudsmoor Country Inn
Festival of Wood, Grey Towers National Historic Site, August 5 & 6, 2017
Pocono State Craft Festival, Quiet Valley, August 26 & 27, 2017
PA Partners in the Arts - Watch for Grant Deadlines
Studio Classes - Ongoing at PoconoArts Cultural Center

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Class Instructors - PoconoArts is always seeking qualified instructors to teach in its studio program. If you are interested in teaching, or know of someone who is, please contact our Studio Coordinator, Carolyn Hetherington at 570-476-4460 or e-mail carolyn@poconoarts.org. The Council is interested in providing instruction in a variety of disciplines, levels and age groups. PoconoArts is also seeking individuals who are interested in modeling for figure/portrait drawing & painting classes. Interested parties should call PoconoArts, 570-476-4460, or e-mail carolyn@poconoarts.org

Books and Art Supply Donations

Kim and Jim Hanneman donated art technique books which have been added to the Book Sale shelves. Please come and browse.

VISUAL ARTS

Jump Street & The State Museum of Pennsylvania - Call for Entries 2017. Art of the State: 50th annual, juried exhibition. Celebrating its 50th year, “Art of the State” is an annual juried exhibition held at The State Museum of Pennsylvania in Harrisburg. With an established tradition of exhibiting highly creative art chosen by a distinguished panel of jurors, “Art of the State” is open to all Pennsylvania artists and craftspeople. Cash prizes are awarded for selected entries in the categories of: Painting, Crafts, Work on Paper, Photography and Sculpture. “Art of the State” is presented by Jump Street and The State Museum of Pennsylvania to provide an opportunity for both established and emerging Pennsylvania artists to exhibit their work and receive statewide recognition. Application: www.statemuseum.org. Entry Deadline: February 28, 2017. “Art of the State” will be open to the public from June 11 – September 10, 2017. Information: Jamie Jastrzembski, Program Director, Jump Street, 21 South Third St., Suite 200, Harrisburg, PA 17101. 717-238-1887 or Jamie@jumpstreet.org.

The Adams County Arts Council invites submissions to its 14th Annual Juried Art Exhibition, June 1 - June 23, 2017, in the Schmucker Art Gallery, Gettysburg College. Any person over the age of 18 is eligible to submit work for consideration by juror Barbara McNulty, Director of the Suzanne H. Arnold Art Gallery, Lebanon Valley College in Annville, PA. Awards total $2,750 with a $1,000 Best of Show prize. There is a $30 entry fee for Adams County Arts Council members and a $45 entry fee for non-members. The exhibition is held in partnership with Schmucker Art Gallery. Entry forms and membership information are available online at www.adamsarts.org or by contacting the Arts Council at aa@adamsarts.org or (717) 334-5006. Deadline for submissions is March 10.

Sherman Theater - Winter Craftfest, Call for Craftsmen: January 29, 10AM-4PM. Available vendor spaces for 67 crafters on leveled auditorium floor. $30 a space. Sherman Theater, 524 Main Street, Stroudsburg, 570-421-2808 or www.shermantheater.com

Tannersville Cranberry Bog Gallery Show - Laurinda Faye Rubin is organizing an exhibition for the Kettle Creek Gallery on the Tannersville Cranberry Bog in all seasons. Interested artists of all mediums are invited to participate. Laurinda is willing and able to take artists on trips to the Bog in order to inspire them to create their artwork. Artists will have from now until Aug/Sep 2017 to create artwork depicting this unique natural land nestled in Monroe County. Specific information regarding submission and show details will be provided at a later date. This notice is to give the artists the opportunity and time to create their artwork. If interested, please contact Laurinda Faye Rubin at 570-236-4752 or laufaye@ptd.net.

The Copper Goose, a new store located in Sictota, is selling antiques, as well as arts and crafts. Anyone interested in selling their art, antiques, or crafts should phone: 570 230-2164 and leave a message. Your call will be returned shortly.

The Forwardian Arts Society invites artists and/or photographers to submit their work to be considered inclusion in its On Line Gallery. Submissions are accepted from the 1st to the 5th every month and will continue to be on display until the final day of each month. Please visit The Forwardian Arts Society at www.forwardianarts.org or call 570-269-3348 for more information.

MUSIC

Misericordia University - Mini Residency. As part of its ongoing support of music and arts in the community, Misericordia University (Dallas, PA) is sponsoring a “mini residency” for chamber musicians beginning the spring of 2017 semester. The proposed program entails two parts: 1) a lecture/recital geared toward general humanities students and 2) a chamber concert for the public. This is a paid residency and the university will also provide assistance with travel funds, advertising, and other logistics. The potential exists for ongoing programming beyond the spring semester. For more information: Contact Ryan Weber, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Musicology. 570-674-6182 or rweber@misericordia.edu.

Pocono Community Orchestra – Rehearsals on Wednesdays, 7-9PM, Stroudsburg High School. All string, wind, brass and percussion players wanted. Intermediate level & above. Information: Betsy Buzzelli-Clarke, betsyb328@gmail.com.

Trinity Centennial Band – Musicians interested in joining this community concert band are invited to come to rehearsals with your instrument and a music stand. Rehearsals are on Monday nights, 2 or 3 times a month, in the Community Room, Stroud Township Building, North 5th St, Stroudsburg, 7PM. Email tricentband@aol.com or martasgig@aol.com for the spring schedule.

DANCE

The Kathy Kroll Dance & Paper Theater is seeking new dancers, teens and adults, both male and female. This non-profit community dance company is open to all levels. The Junior Company is also seeking new dancers, boys and girls, 9-12 years old. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings.

Information: 570-424-5285 or www.kathykrolldanceandpapertheater.org

BUSKOPOLIS FESTIVAL OF CINEMATIC ODDBALLS – Now in its second year, the festival features a curated selection of invited films, as well as screenings of internationally submitted works. All genres (narrative, documentary, animation, experimental) are accepted - with an emphasis on oddball, underground, weird, handmade or otherwise cinematically unclassifiable bits of flotsam. Short films of about 20 minutes or less are preferred, but longer works will be considered if they are exceptional - use your judgement before submitting. All accepted filmmakers are strongly encouraged to attend the festival if possible. Q&A will be held after each screening. The festival takes place September 22 & 23 at the historic Clifton Theater in downtown Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, within walking distance of restaurants, the shopping district, and a short drive to Raystown Lake, the largest man-made lake in the state. Information: www.buskopolisfilms.com

Meals on Wheels is looking for drivers to deliver meals to seniors and shut-ins. Volunteers can work as little as one day per month, 10AM-1PM. For further information, call the Meals on Wheels office at 424-8794. This is a great community service that can truly make a difference in someone’s life.

School of Visual & Performing Arts – 554 Main St Stroudsburg, rents studios for dance, theater and art by the hour for ongoing classes, master classes, workshops and rehearsals. There is a box theater and gallery for shows. There are 5 studios, 2 w/wood floors and w/ pianos, 3 w/wood floors. Contact Kathy Kroll, 570-424-5285 or www.schoolsvisualandperformingarts.org

Pocono Medical Center Complementary & Alternative Medicine Program is looking for volunteer artists & musicians to aid in the healing environment. Hours are flexible and can be as little as one hour per month. Contact Jill Howell at 570-476-3443 or email jhowell@poconomedicalcenter.org.

Pocono Community Calendar – The Pocono Community Calendar is an online literary community service that allows non-profits to share, review and promote their events free of charge. For further information, visit www.poconocommunitycalendar.com.
January Calendar

1
Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC)

3
Shawnee Community Concerts
Jordan River Ramblers, Fireside Lobby, Shawnee Inn, River Road, Shawnee-on-Delaware, 7PM. 570-424-4000 or www.shawneeinstitute.org

4
Shawnee Community Concerts
Riverside Rhythm, Worthington Ballroom, Shawnee Inn, River Road, Shawnee-on-Delaware, 7PM. 570-424-4000 or www.shawneeinstitute.org

6
First Friday Scranton (PPA Grantee)
Artwalk, Downtown Scranton, 6-9PM. 570-565-9006 or www.firstfridayscranton.com

7
Monroe Farmers Market
Produce, Plants, Baked Goods, Dairy & More, Stroudsburg United Methodist Church, 547 Main St., Stroudsburg, 8AM-Noon. 917-716-6489 or www.monroefarmersmarket.com

8
Kettle Creek Gallery
KC “Disco” Hike, 8050 Running Valley Rd., Stroudsburg, 10AM. 570-629-3060 or www.mconservation.org

8
Centenary Stage Company,
The Hoofdoon Loungers, Sitnik Theatre, Lackland Center, 715 Grand Ave., Hackettstown, NJ, 8PM. 908-979-0900 or www.centenarystageco.org

10
Shawnee Community Concerts
The Lost Ramblers, Fireside Lobby, Shawnee Inn, River Road, Shawnee-on-Delaware, 7PM. 570-424-4000 or www.shawneeinstitute.org

11
Eastern Monroe Public Library
Words & Film at EMPL: The Long Walk Home, 1002 N. 9th St., Stroudsburg, 2PM. 570-421-0800 x 317 or www.mconservation.org.

13
Shawnee Community Concerts
Michael Marano, Songs of Eternal Love, Fireside Lobby, Shawnee Inn, River Road, Shawnee-on-Delaware, 7PM. 570-424-4000 or www.shawneeinstitute.org

14
Monroe Farmers Market
Produce, Plants, Baked Goods, Dairy & More, Stroudsburg United Methodist Church, 547 Main St., Stroudsburg, 8AM-Noon. 917-716-6489 or www.monroefarmersmarket.com

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Kettle Creek Gallery
Bridge the Gap: Intro to Snowshoeing, 538 Emery Rd., Dingmans Ferry, 1-4PM. 570-828-2319 or info@brodheadwatershed.org

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Shawnee Community Concerts
Len and the Sidekicks, Fireside Lobby, Shawnee Inn, River Road, Shawnee-on-Delaware, 7PM. 570-424-4000 or www.shawneeinstitute.org

17
Pocono Folk & Bluegrass Society
17th Annual Winterfest, Stage Shows, Quality Inn, West Main St, Stroudsburg, 6-15PM. 570-994-7305 or www.poconobluegrass.org

18
Monroe Farmers Market
Produce, Plants, Baked Goods, Dairy & More, Stroudsburg United Methodist Church, 547 Main St., Stroudsburg, 8AM-Noon. 917-716-6489 or www.monroefarmersmarket.com

19
Pocono Community Cultural Society (PPA Grantee)
Life in a Bubble: A Salute to 1002 N. 9th St., Stroudsburg, 1PM. 570-223-1881 or cyoung@monroepl.org

20
Pocono Mountains Magic Club
Monthly Meeting, 18 N. 7th St., Stroudsburg 7-10PM. 570-242-6821 or damagician@verizon.net.

21
Monroe Farmers Market
Produce, Plants, Baked Goods, Dairy & More, Stroudsburg United Methodist Church, 547 Main St., Stroudsburg, 8AM-Noon. 917-716-6489 or www.monroefarmersmarket.com

22
Pocono Arts Council & Opportunity Associates of the Poconos
Artists’ Reception: “Art as Spirituality,” 18 N. Seventh St., Stroudsburg, 2-4PM. 570-476-4460 or www.poconoarts.org

23
Pocono Youth Orchestra
Winter Concert, Cecilia S. Cohen Recital Hall, ESU, 7:30PM. 610-965-0268 or www.pocono-youth-orchestra.org

24
Centenary Stage Company,
The Lost Ramblers, Fireside Lobby, Shawnee Inn, 7PM. 570-420-2808 or www.shermantheater.com

25
Centenary Stage Company,
Louis Armstrong Tribute, Sitnik Theatre, Lackland Center, 715 Grand Ave., Hackettstown, NJ, 2PM. 908-979-0900 or www.centenarystageco.org

26
Pocono Youth Orchestra
Winter Concert, Cecilia S. Cohen Recital Hall, ESU, 3PM. 610-965-0268 or www.pocono-youth-orchestra.org

27
Pocono Folk & Bluegrass Society
17th Annual Winterfest, Stage Shows, Quality Inn, West Main St, Stroudsburg, 6-15PM. 570-994-7305 or www.poconobluegrass.org

28
Monroe Farmers Market
Produce, Plants, Baked Goods, Dairy & More, Stroudsburg United Methodist Church, 547 Main St., Stroudsburg, 8AM-Noon. 917-716-6489 or www.monroefarmersmarket.com

29
Pocono Folk & Bluegrass Society
17th annual Winterfest, Gospel Show (10:30AM) & Stage Shows. 570-994-7305 or www.poconobluegrass.org

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Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC)
Active Adventures: Winter Ecology Hike, 538 Emery Rd., Dingmans Ferry, 10AM-Noon. 570-828-2319 or www.peec.org

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Shawnee Community Concerts
Len and the Sidekicks, Fireside Lobby, Shawnee Inn, River Road, Shawnee-on-Delaware, 7PM. 570-424-4000 or www.shawneeinstitute.org
Theater
CENTENARY STAGE COMPANY, 715 Grand Ave., Hackettstown, NJ, 908-979-0900 or www.centenarystageco.org
The Surrogate, Sitnik Theatre, Feb 17, 19, 22, 26, Mar 1, 5 at 2PM, Feb 17, 18, 24, 25, Mar 3, 4 at 8PM. Feb 23, Mar 2 at 7:30PM.

Upcoming February Events

1
Shawnee Community Concerts
Riverside Rhythm, Worthington Ballroom, Shawnee Inn, River Road, Shawnee-on-Delaware, 7-9PM. 570-424-4000 or www.shawneeinstitute.org

2
Madelon Powers Gallery
Artists’ Reception, “X-Scapes-Deconstructing the Urban and Pastoral Landscapes,” Work of Susan and Stephen Washington, ESU Fine & Performing Arts Center, 6-8PM. 570-422-3483 x1 or esuarts@esu.edu

3
University of Scranton, The Hope Horn Gallery (PPA Grantee)
Artist’s Reception, “Raku Fiber Fusion: Sculptural Vessels by Ellen Silberlicht” Hyland Hall, 4th Floor, Linden St at Jefferson Ave., University of Scranton, Scranton, 6-8PM. 570-941-4214 or www.scranton.edu/academics/hope-horn-gallery/gallery-hours.shtml

4
Kettle Creek Gallery
Artist’s Reception: “Daryryl Seicher “Life in the Poconos””, POEC, 201 Keystone Hall, Stroudsburg. 570-992-7007 or dposatko@misericordia.edu

Local Galleries & Museums

PoconoArts Public Galleries
All exhibits run through February, 2017
Better Homes & Gardens – Wilkins & Associates
Jill Szwersky, Oils
7164 Route 209, Stroudsburg
Eastern Monroe Public Library
Tricia Lippert, Oils
North Ninth St., Stroudsburg
ESU Admissions Office
TBD
Reibman Bldg. Prospect St., E. Stroudsburg
Monroe County Bar Association
Peter Salmon, Works on Paper
913 Main St., Stroudsburg
Office of State Sen. Mario Scavello
Eric Goins, Photography
31 Pocono Blvd., Mt. Pocono
Pocono Inne Towne, Penn Stroud Room
James Emer, Photography
700 Main St., Stroudsburg
Pocono Eye Associates
Peter Salmon, Works on Paper
300 Plaza Court. Suite A, E. Stroudsburg
Pocono Record
Marie Ferrers, Mixed Media
511 Lenox St., Stroudsburg

Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC)
Little Eco Explorers: Eagles, 538 Emery Rd., Dingmans Ferry, 1-2:30PM. 570-828-2319 or www.peec.org

Centenary Stage Company,
Music of Baldwin & Haney, Sitnik Theatre, Lacklack Center, 715 Grand Ave., Hackettstown, NJ, 808-979-0900 or www.centenarystageco.org

PoconoArts Gallery
All exhibits run through February, 2017
Auratell Gallery at Stroudsmoor
Stroudsmoor Country Inn, Stroudsmoor Rd., Stroudsburg. 570-421-6431 or www.stroudsmoor.com
Findings Jewelry & Art Gallery
Gold, Silver, & Gemstone Creations of Jeweler & Owner Daniel Varipapa. Gallery Hours: Mon-Fri, 10:30AM-5PM; Sat, 11:30AM-3:30PM, 39 N. 7th St., Courthouse Square, Stroudsburg. 570-426-1888

Madelon Powers Gallery
“X-Scapes-Deconstructing the Urban and Pastoral Landscapes,” Recent Work by Susan Molina and Stephen Washington (Feb 1 – March 10) Gallery Hours: Weds & Thurs: 11AM-7PM. Mon., Tues. & Fri.: 11AM-4PM. Fine & Performing Arts Center. 570-422-3483 x1 or esuarts@esu.edu

Marywood University (PPA Grantee)
Maryland Art Gallery
Maryland Art Gallery – Hours: Mon, Thurs, Fri 9AM-4PM; Tues, Wed, 9AM-8PM; Sat, Sun, 1-4PM. Shields Center for Visual Arts, 2300 Adams Avenue, Scranton. 570-348-6278 or www.marywood.edu/galleries

Miller’s Fine Arts Gallery
Features Contemporary Stone Sculptures from East Africa and other African Artifacts. Gallery Hours: Saturdays 12-6PM and Sundays by appointment only. 402 Brushy Mountain Rd, East Stroudsburg. 612-573-6594 or 914-588-6843 or www.millersfineartphotorefect.com

Misericordia University (PPA Grantee)
Deadly Medicine: Creating the Master Race, A Traveling Exhibition from the US Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington DC. (Jan 18-Mar 12). Pauly Friedman Art Gallery. Gallery Hours: Tues-Thurs 10AM – 8PM; Fri 10AM-5PM; Sat & Sun 1-5PM. 301 Lake St., Dallas. 570-674-6250 dposatko@misericordia.edu or www.misericordia.edu

Monroe County Historical Association
Gallery Hours: Tues-Fri, 10AM-4PM. First & Third Saturdays, 10AM-4PM. One-hour Guided Tours: 11AM & 2PM daily, 900 Main St, Stroudsburg. 570-421-7703 or www.monroehistorical.org

Northampton Community College
Monroe Campus – Dunn Art Gallery.
“Flying Free – Birds & the Human Spirit,” (thru Jan 13, 2017) Gallery Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8AM-9PM.; 201 Keystone Hall, 2411 Route 715, Tannersville, 610-861-5062 or thistlea@northampton.edu

Pocono Mountains Art Group West End Community Rotational Art Gallery
(thru January)
ESSA, RT. 209, Brodheadsville, Nancy Embich, ESSA, Gilbert Weiss Market, MaryAnn Schwartz; Homestead Veterinary Center, Barbara Daskal; James & Rae Insurance, Charlene Taylor; Brodheads of Veterinary Clinic, (closed for remodel); Gilbert Podiatry Associates, Darlene Hyde; Bangor Podiatry. Royale Mills; Lucy Flynn Insurance, Linda Bush; Blue Ridge Vineyard, Ruth Flechsig. 570-992-7007 or brushwork36@yahoo.com

Sean Turrell Studies at the Framer
Exhibiting Local Artists plus framing, 10% discount to current PoconoArts members, 4 North Sixth Street, Stroudsburg. (570) 476-7666 or www.seanturrell.com

Sordoni Art Gallery at Wilkes University
Lydia Panas: After Sargent, Photography (Jan 20 – Mar 3). Gallery Hours: Tuesday-Sunday: Noon – 4:30PM; Closed Monday & University Holidays; 150 S. River St., Wilkes Barre. 570-408-3365 or http://www.wilkes.edu/arts/sordoni-art-gallery/

University of Scranton, The Hope Horn Gallery (PPA Grantee)
“Raku Fiber Fusion: Sculptural Vessels by Ellen Silberlicht” (Feb 3 – Mar 3). Gallery Hours: Sunday –Friday, Noon-7PM, Wednesdays, 6-8PM. Hyland Hall, 4th Floor, Linden St at Jefferson Ave., University of Scranton, Scranton, 570-941-4214 or http://www.scranton.edu/academics/hope-horn-gallery/index.shtml

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Congratulations to the Winners in the 2017 ArtPop Street Gallery

East Stroudsburg University Professor of Art + Design, Darlene-Farris LaBar received her MFA from the School of Art and Design at Purchase College, a BFA from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and an AAS in Digital Media Arts from the College of Technology in New York City. Darlene's work requires scholarly research through environmental interaction and the studying of a variety of eco-systems. It focuses on preserving various plant and flower species of the natural world through the use of 3D digital designing and printing. Most recently, Darlene was honored as one of the top 30 most influential woman in 3D printing from around the world. Her work has been represented in places such as New York City, Philadelphia, California, Brazil, Columbia, Sweden, Shanghai, Germany, London, Paris, and Dubai. Currently, Darlene continues to document and 3D-print flowers that are native and significant to the Swiss Alps, Kiribati and, more importantly to us, the Pocono Region. She will be also exhibiting her work in a solo show at both Stroudsmoor Country Inn and Millersville University this Spring.

Jill Gleeson-Doherty comes from a long-line of artistic women and it is they who have inspired her throughout her life. Predominantly self-taught, she participated in some small workshops in her twenties but didn’t start studying in earnest and with recognized artists until her forties. Working primarily in acrylics, charcoal and pastels, Jill has always been drawn to color and movement. Light against dark and soft against hard is what she constantly sees and strives to capture. “Even though I get lost in my natural surroundings”, says Jill, “my paintings take on their own form of color. I love to embellish the beauty I see around me. I can, and do, draw and paint realism, but I prefer a more ‘stylized’ colorful world. ” Her work has been collected by art-lovers in Canada, Great Britain and across the United States.

Since the 7th grade, Sarah Lanier has dabbled in the arts, but it was only a few years ago that she began to seriously explore her love of painting. It was at the urging of her husband and their two daughters that she began showing her work publically. Drawn to the contrasts in nature and life, Sarah works in acrylics to create paintings that reflect light and darkness, hope and pain. She strives to capture those moments we all experience in life…when you realize that life is short and precious. Rather than striving for realism, Sarah prefers to use broader strokes that heighten the raw emotion of the moment.

From her early youth, creating art has always been a passion of Judy Skidmore Moeller. She studied Commercial Art and Design at Antonelli Institute of Art and Photography in York, Pa. and continued her formal education over the years with many talented teachers both locally and nationally. Says Judy “Painting in oils is very rewarding to me. I appreciate the texture of the paint, the richness of the colors and how the paint performs when manipulated. Oils can be used thick and heavy or thinned down as much as watercolors. I am drawn to paint landscapes, wildlife and still life. In my work, I love to play with colors and to push contrasts and vibrancy to help bring subjects to life. I believe this helps to make a more interesting and eye catching subject.”

Jason Williamson – Please see bio on page one.
For January and February, the ARTSPACE Gallery will host **Art as Spirituality**, sponsored by Opportunity Associates of the Poconos. Don't miss this exciting show. An artists' reception is scheduled for Saturday, January 21, 2-4PM.

**X-Scapes - Deconstructing the Urban and Pastoral Landscapes**

Recent work by

Susan Molina Washington
Stephen Washington

February 1 - March 10, 2017

Madelon Powers Art Gallery
Fine and Performing Arts Center
East Stroudsburg University of PA

**WINTER HOURS FOR POCONOARTS**

For January, February, March and April, the Pocono Arts Council will be closed on Mondays. Hours for the remainder of the week are 10am – 4pm Tuesday - Thursday and noon-4pm on Saturday.

The council will resume its traditional 10am – 4pm, Monday - Friday, in May.
January/February 2017 Classes at PoconoArts

*Registration Policy:* Classes fill on a first come first serve basis. Placement in a course is secured when payment in full is received. *Cancellation Policy:* If PoconoArts must cancel a class due to low enrollment, students will be notified prior to the scheduled start date of the class and a full refund will be issued. *Refund Policy:* Tuition refunds will be honored only if received ten days prior to the beginning of the class/workshop. PoconoArts will not refund or reduce any class fees for missed classes or late enrollment. *Family Discount:* Families who register more than one member of a single residence in the same course or session receive a 15% discount on the less expensive course. PoconoArts reserves the right to use photographs taken during classes and other programs for the marketing and promotion of the arts council. Any parent or legal guardian who does not wish to have his or her child photographed is asked to notify PoconoArts upon registration.

Registration is available online at poconoarts.org, by calling 570-476-4460 or email at Carolyn@poconoarts.org. Payment is required at the time of registration to ensure the class will run.

**SAVE $10 ON EACH CLASS BY REGISTERING EARLY**
Register for February classes on or before January 15, 2017 and enjoy a $10 savings on each class! This discount does not apply to one day workshops.

**ONGOING ADULT CLASSES**

**Oil Painting**
Thursdays 6:30-8:30pm
January 5, 12, 19, 26
February 2, 9, 16, 23
This ongoing workshop focuses on the individual, helping them to develop their own personal style and technique working with the oil medium. Learn how to develop your painting by understanding drawing and composition, light and shadow, color, preparation of materials and the application of paint. Working at your own pace, you pick the subject while the instructor guides you through the painting process.

**Instructor:** John McAllister is a graduate of the Parsons School of Design in NYC. He also studied fine and graphic arts at Pratt Institute. She works in a number of mediums including mixed media, acrylics, watercolor, pen and ink and pastels. Iraina is listed in the Who’s Who of American Women.

**Tuition:** Members $30/Non-Members $35

**Materials List**

**Intermediate Watercolor**
Sundays 1-4pm
January 8, 15, 22, 29
February 5, 12, 19, 26
Come join us in this ongoing watercolor journey and discover the flexibility of this wonderful medium. We will cover composition, form, shape and definitively color!!! Students can work from photos that they have taken or utilize the still life that will be set up during each workshop. A very free approach will be explored where your creativity takes wing.

**Instructor:** Iraina Caramelli graduated from the Parsons School of Design in NYC. She also studied fine and graphic arts at Pratt Institute. She works in a number of mediums including mixed media, acrylics, watercolor, pen and ink and pastels. Iraina is listed in the Who’s Who of American Women.

**Tuition:** Members $90/Non-Members $100

**Materials List**

**January Classes At Pocono Arts**

**Glass Painting Workshops**
One Evening, January 24, Tuesday, 6-9pm
One Evening, January 31, Tuesday, 6-9pm
These workshops are for beginner to advanced artists. Glass painting is for all level of artists. This particular workshop will encompass a drawing phase, a composition phase and a painting phase. Bring along pictures you want to draw or use the patterns provided for you. You will complete a painted glass to take home. The subject matter is your choice!

**Instructor:** Julia Thomas earned a degree in Art Education from Kutztown University and a Masters Degree from ESU as a reading specialist. She currently teaches at local schools, studios and vineyards.

**ALL MATERIALS PROVIDED!**

**Tuition:** Each Workshop Member $30/Non-Member $40; Senior Member $20/Non-Member $30

**Acrylic Workshop**
4 weeks, February 7, 14, 21, 28, Tuesday 1-4pm
This workshop will focus on simple and basic techniques. Each student will experience the opportunity to develop their own style and technique with acrylic paint. Students will learn the importance of the use of drawing as guidance in artwork and also these of light and shadow with color. Each individual will work at their own pace and the instructor will guide them through the process and answer any questions they may have. Two themes will be presented to work from.

**Instructor:** Maria Ferreiris was born in Guanica, Puerto Rico. Her interest for the arts emerged from a very young age. She studied at the Pontificia Catholic University of Ponce, Puerto Rico and graduated with a BA of Arts and Humanities with the concentration on oils. Her love for her culture and traditions has been her primary source of inspiration.

**MATERIALS LIST**

**Tuition:** Member $100/Non-Member $110; Senior Member $90/Non-Member $100

**Drawing Workshop**
Tuesdays 6:30-8:30pm
February Classes 7, 14, 21, 28
Never taken a drawing class before? Feel rusty or simply lack confidence? This course is for you. Beginning with a simple contour, you will use line to discover a variety of shapes and forms from a still life to the human figure. The foundational and formal aspects of drawing will be demonstrated. Explore the steps in drawing from an idea to a sketch to a completed drawing.

**Instructor:** John McAllister is a graduate of York Academy of Arts and works as a freelance artist and videographer.

**MATERIALS LIST**

**Tuition:** Member $75/Non-Member $85; Senior Member $65/Non-Member $75

**February Classes At Pocono Arts**

**Acrylic Workshop**
*Building a Painting*
3 weeks, February 13, 20, 27, Mondays, 6:30-8:30pm
In this three week workshop the focus will be how to “build a painting”. Composition, design, color, highlight and shadow will be explained. The basics of painting will be discussed so that you will be able to create your own masterpiece.

**Instructor:** Linda Stockman earned her Associates Degree in Marketing Art and Design from Middlesex County College in NJ. She also studied at the “DuCret School of Art” in Plainfield, NJ under several famed artists including illustrator Peter Caras and muralist Brian Townsend.

**MATERIALS LIST**

**Tuition:** Member $60/Non-Members $70; Senior Member $50/Non-Member $60

**Animation Workshop**
One Day, February 18, Saturday, 1-4pm
In this workshop students will discuss and practice making subject matter, whether it be animals, people or even architecture more animated. Discover how making subtle changes in your drawing can take your subject to a whole new world.

**Instructor:** Linda Stockman (see bio under Building a Painting)

**MATERIALS LIST**

**Tuition:** Members $25/Non-Members $30

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COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

**Bloom Creative Studio** – 32 Broadway, Bangor, (610) 588-4775 or www.bloombangor.org
Paint nights - $15 per person; Limited online specials available; Kids' daytime paint events are $20 per person. Other classes available throughout the month. Visit the website for details.

**Burnt Toad Studios** - 580 Main St., lower level, Stroudsburg. Life Drawing Classes, Wednesdays, 6-9PM. Drawing with nude models at 1 minute, 5 minute, 10 and 20 minute poses. Class is $10, $5 for ESU students. For more information and current updates, check our Facebook page, Burnt Toad Studios.


**Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm** – 347 Quiet Valley Rd., Stroudsburg. Soaps Making Workshops in February. Lessons for adults and wear old clothes. The cost will be $15 if you wish to take the soap with you. $45 if you wish to take the soap with you. For more information and current updates, check our Facebook page, Burnt Toad Studios.

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**East Stroudsburg Area School District:**
- **eTEAM & Community Tech Outreach**
  The eTEAM is a group of technology-savvy high school students who host a series of hands-on workshops that are open and FREE to the adult population of Monroe County. In addition to providing workshops on common technologies such as Skype, Facebook, Email, tablets, the eTEAM also offers one-to-one sessions for individualized assistance. eTEAM members teach the basics of understanding these tools and help participants find a better understanding of the tools they are currently using. Sessions are held throughout the school year from 9:00-11:30am at the Carl T. Secor Administration Center, 50 Vine Street, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301. Participants are encouraged to bring their personal devices for individualized, specific instruction.
  2017 Community Tech Outreach Dates:
  - Programs TBD
  - February 6, 2017 (9-11:30AM) (Reg. ends Noon, February 1)
  - March 6, 2017 (9-11:30AM) (Reg. ends Noon, March 1)
  - April 3, 2017 (9-11:30AM) (Reg. ends Noon, March 29)

- **East Stroudsburg University** – The Older Adult Learning Center
  There is a single Semester Registration Fee for any and all courses: $45 per person/per semester. (Fall-Sept-Nov; Winter/Jan-Feb; Spring-Mar-Apr; Summer-May-June; July-Aug). Information and: 570-422-7810 or www.fourthact.org

- **Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center**
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**The School of Visual and Performing Arts (SVPA)** – 554 Main Street, Stroudsburg
SVPA offers an array of on-going classes in Ballet & Modern Dance; Social Dancing; Singing, Acting & Music; Theater; Fine Arts; and Martial Arts. Two dance companies, Kathy Iroll Dance & Paper Theater and Junior Company and the Northeast Ballet Ensemble are also in residence at the school. Instructors are independent contractors and should be contacted directly for information. Information: www.schoolofvisualandperformingarts.org or call 570-424-5285.

**Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC)**
538 Emery Road, Dingmans Ferry, PA 18323
- **Cross Country Skiing**
  - Sunday, January 15 – 1:00-3:00pm
  - Saturday, January 21 – 9:00am-12:00pm
  - Monday, January 23 – 1:00-3:00pm
  - Saturday, January 28 – 10:00am-12:00pm
  Cost: $20 adult / $10 child

- **Enjoy the winter woods with beginner ski lessons.**
  - Learn the basics of cross country skiing and practice on an old logging road loop. You decide how many loops to ski.
  - Poles & boots provided - register w/ show size to guarantee a spot.

  **Eagle Watch** - January 22, 9AM-3PM.
  - Visit the Mongan Reserve, the Delaware River, & the Delaware Highlands conservancy to look for winter residents and nesting pairs.
  - Bring a lunch, camera & warm clothes. Call to reserve a seat in the van – Maximum of 18 spaces.
  - Cost: $20. Information: 570-828-2319, www.peec.org; peec@peec.org Pre-registration is requested until otherwise noted.

**Welcome New Members**
- Marla Maichin, East Stroudsburg
- Erika Tohlinm, East Bangor

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