



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 2-D 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.pocobluegrass.org or call 570 994 7305.

POCONO BLUEGRASS & FOLK SOCIETY
PRESENTS
WINTERFEST 17
A WEEKEND OF ACOUSTIC MUSIC AND FUN

JANUARY 27, 28 & 29

**QUALITY INN 1220 W. MAIN ST
STROUDSBURG, P 18360
570.420.1000**

HANG AT THE TIKI BAR!

16 BANDS & 2 STAGES
MAMA CORN
THE LOST RAMBLERS
DAN PAISLEY & SOUTHERN GRASS
LOUIE SETZER & THE APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN BOYS

TICKET PRICES
WEEKEND - \$45
FRIDAY - \$15
SATURDAY - \$25
SUNDAY - \$15
WEEKEND EARLY BIRD SPECIALS AVAILABLE

POCONOBLUEGRASS.ORG OR CALL 570.994.7305

Mark Your Calendars Now for PoconoArts 2017 *The Year of the Emerging Artist*

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

May 5-27, 2017, Artists' Reception, May 13, 2017

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

PoconoArts Volunteer Opportunities

ARTSPACE Gallery needs Gallery Sitters on Saturdays

WINTER HOURS - GALLERY SITTERS NEEDED! PoconoArts needs your help on Saturdays, Noon-4PM. Volunteers get to spend a few hours surrounded by works of art and original crafts by local artists. Tassy Gilbert will train you. Stop by and review the retail procedures for the Gallery Shop and ARTSPACE. Email admin@poconoarts.org for more information.

Book Sorting needed – Kim and Jim Hanneman have donated several cartons of art technique books to Pocono Arts Council. Volunteers are encouraged to browse and sort the shelves.

February Newsletter Mailing – Tuesday, January 31 at 10AM, PoconoArts Cultural Center. Email tassy@poconoarts.org

Thank You to Last Month's Volunteers

December Gallery Sitters & Artists' Reception: Mary Cramer, Nicole Harris, Claudia Hill, Terry Kloiber, Don Manza

December Newsletter: Jose Fernandez, Jr., Nicole Harris, George Taylor

End of Year Appeal: Jose Fernandez, Jr., Nicole Harris, Ruth Randone

Pocono Arts Website: Richard Spezzano

PoconoArts depends upon its volunteers and appreciates their support throughout the year! THANK YOU TO ALL!!

OPPORTUNITIES

PoconoArts/On Going

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 artist 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.statemuseumpa.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 focusing 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 Sciota, is selling antiques, as well as arts and crafts. Anyone interested in selling their art, antiques, or crafts should phone: 570 730-2164 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 tridentband@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

FILM

Buskopolis Festival Of

Cinematic Oddities- 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

COMMUNITY

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/marley floors and w/pianos, 3 w/wood floors. Contact Kathy Kroll, 570-424-5285 or www.schoolofvisualandperformingarts.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

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Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC)

National Audubon Society's 117th annual Christmas Bird Count, Begins 8AM. Preregistration required: 570-828-2319 or www.peec.org.

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Shawnee Community Concerts

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

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Shawnee Community Concerts

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

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First Friday Scranton (PPA Grantee)

Artwalk, Downtown Scranton, 6-9PM. 570-565-9006 or www.firstfridayscranton.com

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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

Kettle Creek Gallery

Winter Scavenger Hunt, 8050 Running Valley Rd., Stroudsburg, 10AM. 570-629-3060 or www.mcconservation.org

North Pocono Cultural Society (PPA Grantee)

Christmas in Moscow, Main St., Moscow, 4-9PM. Children's Activities, Moscow Borough Building, 4-5PM. 570-357-1627 or northpoconoculturalsociety.yolasite.com

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Shawnee Community Concerts

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

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Smithfields Library

Omnivorous Readers Book Club, RGB Plaza Building, 507 Seven Bridges Road, East Stroudsburg, 7PM. 570-223-1881 or cyoung@monroepl.org

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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

Kettle Creek Gallery

KC "Disco" Hike, 8050 Running Valley Rd., Stroudsburg, 10AM. 570-629-3060 or www.mcconservation.org

Centenary Stage Company,

The Hoodoo Loungers, Sitnik Theatre, Lackland Center, 715 Grand Ave., Hackettstown, NJ, 8PM. 908-979-0900 or www.centennarystageco.org

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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.monroepl.org.

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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

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Pocono Mountains Magic Club

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

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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

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

Pocono Youth Orchestra

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

Sherman Theater

An Evening At the Hop featuring Joey & The T-Birds, 524 Main St., Stroudsburg, 8PM. 570-420-2808 or www.shermantheater.com

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Centenary Stage Company,

Louis Armstrong Tribute, Sitnik Theatre, Lackland Center, 715 Grand Ave., Hackettstown, NJ, 2PM. 908-979-0900 or www.centennarystageco.org

Pocono Youth Orchestra

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

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Shawnee Community Concerts

Chris London, Fireside Lobby, Shawnee Inn, River Road, Shawnee-on-Delaware, 7PM. 570-424-4000 or www.shawneeinstitute.org

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Pocono Folk & Bluegrass Society

17th Annual Winterfest, Stage Shows, Quality Inn, West Main St, Stroudsburg, 6:15PM. 570-994-7305 or www.pocobluegrass.org

Pocono Folk & Bluegrass Society

17th Annual Winterfest, Free Community Concert, ARTSPACE Gallery, 18 N. Seventh St., Stroudsburg, 6:30PM. 570-994-7305 or www.pocobluegrass.org

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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

Pocono Folk & Bluegrass Society

17th Annual Winterfest, Stage Shows, Quality Inn, West Main St, Stroudsburg. 570-994-7305 or www.pocobluegrass.org

Pocono Folk & Bluegrass Society

17th Annual Winterfest, Children's Program, PoconoArts Cultural Center, 18 N. Seventh St., Stroudsburg, 1PM. . 570-994-7305 or www.pocobluegrass.org

Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC)

Animal Tracking, 538 Emery Rd., Dingmans Ferry, 1-3PM. 570-828-2319 or www.peec.org

Brodhead Watershed Association

Hike Event at the Thomas Darling Preserve, Meet at Trailhead, CPS Coordinators 41.115573, -75.590863, Blakeslee, 1PM. 570-839-1120 or info@brodheadwatershed.org

Sherman Theater

Pocono Winter Beerfest, 524 Main St., Stroudsburg, 1PM. 570-420-2808 or www.shermantheater.com

Centenary Stage Company,

Sweet Plantain Quartet, Sitnik Theatre, Lackland Center, 715 Grand Ave., Hackettstown, NJ, 8PM. 908-979-0900 or www.centennarystageco.org

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Pocono Folk & Bluegrass Society

17th annual Winterfest, Gospel Show (10:30AM) & Stage Shows. 570-994-7305 or www.pocobluegrass.org

Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC)

Active Adventures: Winter Ecology Hike, 538 Emery Rd., Dingmans Ferry, 10AM-Noon.. 570-828-2319 or www.peec.org

Sherman Theater

Winter CraftFest. Sherman Theater, 524 Main Street, Stroudsburg 10AM-4PM. 570-421-2808 or www.shermantheater.com

Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC)

Brige the Gap: Intro to Snowshoeing, 538 Emery Rd., Dingmans Ferry, 1-4PM. 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.centennarystageco.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

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

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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

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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

Deer Head Inn
 Vinny Bianchi and La Cucina Back at Deer Head Inn, Route 611, Delaware Water Gap, 7PM. www.deerheadinn.com

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Kettle Creek Gallery
 Artist's Reception: Daryyl Seicher "Life in the Poconos", 8050 Running Valley Rd., Stroudsburg, 11AM-1PM. 570-629-3060 or www.mcconservation.org

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, Lackland Center, 715 Grand Ave., Hackettstown, NJ, 8PM. 908-979-0900 or www.centennarystageco.org

PoconoArts Public Galleries

All exhibits run through February, 2017

Better Homes & Gardens – Wilkins & Associates

Jill Swersie, 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 Emert, Photography
 700 Main St., Stroudsburg

Pocono Eye Associates

Peter Salmon, Works on Paper
 300 Plaza Court. Suite A, E. Stroudsburg

Pocono Record

Maria Ferreris, Mixed Media
 511 Lenox St., Stroudsburg

Local Galleries & Museums

AFA Gallery (Artists for Art) (PPA Grantee)

First Floor Gallery: Members' Exhibition;
 Second Floor Gallery: Members' Exhibition.
 Gallery Hours, Thurs – Sat Noon-5PM,
 Artists' Receptions First Fridays, 6-9PM. 514 Lackawanna Ave., Scranton. 570-969-1040 or www.artistsforart.org

Anita Shapolsky Art Gallery

New York Exhibition Center: "Abstract 50's Masters (Where Were the Mistresses?)" (thru Feb 25, 2017) Gallery Hours: Tues - Fri 11AM-6PM and Sat by appointment, 152 E. 65th St., New York NY. 212-452-1094 or www.anitashapolskygallery.com Closed Dec 23 – Jan 2

ARTSPACE Gallery

Opportunity Associates of the Poconos present: Art as Spirituality (Jan 14 – Feb 18). Gallery Hours: Tues-Fri, 10-4, Sat Noon-4PM, 18 North 7th St., Stroudsburg. 570-476-4460 or www.poconoarts.org

Auradell 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

Gallery at Liztech

Gallery Hours: Tues-Sat 10AM-6PM, 95 Crystal St. East Stroudsburg. 570-424-3177 or www.Liztech.com

Hazleton Art League

225 E. Broad St., Hazleton. Gallery hours, Saturday and Sunday, 11AM-5PM. 570-817-1075 or hazletonartleague@outlook.com.

Kettle Creek Art Gallery

"Photo Contest Winners." Gallery Hours: Mon-Fri 8AM-4:30PM, Sat 9AM-1PM, 8050 Running Valley Road, Bartonsville. 570-629-3061 or www.mcconservation.org

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)

Mahady 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

Suraci Gallery –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.cmillersfineart.photorelect.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 –Dunning 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 tshillea@northampton.edu

Pocono Mountains Art Group West End Community Rotational Art Gallery

(thru January)

ESSA, Rt. 209, Brodheadsville, Nancy Embich; ESSA, Gilbert Weis Market, MaryAnn Schwartz; Homestead Veterinary Center, Barbara Daskal; James & Rae Insurance, Charlene Taylor; Brodheadsville Veterinary Clinic, (closed for remodel); Gilbert Podiatry Associates, Darleen Hyde; Bangor Podiatry, Royale Mills; Lucy Flinn Insurance, Linda Bush; Blue Ridge Vineyard, Ruth Flechsig. 570-992-7007 or brushwork36@yahoo.com

Sean Turrell Studios 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-4PM. 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>



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 publicly. 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.



Darlene-Farris LaBar



Jill Gleeson-Doherty



Sarah Lanier



Judy Skidmore Moeller



Jason Williamson



X-Scapes - Deconstructing the Urban and Pastoral Landscapes

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ARTSPACE January/February Show



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.



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

POCONOARTS REGISTRATION & REFUND POLICIES

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 York Academy of Arts and works as a freelance artist and videographer.

Tuition: Member \$75/Non-Member \$85:

Senior Member \$65/Non-Member \$75

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 definitely 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. JOIN THE JOURNEY!

Instructor: 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: Member \$100/Non-Member \$110:

Senior Member \$90/Non-Member \$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

FEBRUARY CLASSES AT POCONO ARTS

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 Ferreris 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 BD 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 sketching and 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

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

COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

Bloom Creative Studio – 32 Broadway, Bangor, (610) 588-4775 or www.bloombangor.org
Paint nights - \$35 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 from life 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.

Country Home Learning & Art Center – 1784 Route 209, Brodheads ville. (across from WaWa)
Walk-in Projects and Group Classes for adults & kids in a variety of mediums focusing on seasonal and holiday themes. Information & Registration: <http://www.countryhomelearning.com/REGISTER-for-a-CLASS.html>. Information: 1-610-895-4090 or www.countryhomelearning.com

Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm, 347 Quiet Valley Rd., Stroudsburg
Soap Making Workshops in February. Lessons are by appointment only, Monday - Friday during regular business hours. Participants must be at least 16 years old. Participants need to bring rubber gloves and eye protection, and wear old clothes. The cost will be \$15 if you do not want to take the soap with you, or \$45 if you wish to take the soap with you. Information and to schedule appointment. 570-992-6161 or www.quietvalley.org

Totts Gap Arts Institute - 1494 Totts Gap Rd., Bangor. Instructors: James Gloria and Angeline Wolfe. TGAi offers a wide array of classes and learning experiences in a variety of fine art disciplines, dance, theater and film for student and adult learners. For more information: 610-588-5817 or www.tottsgap.org

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 workshop 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 move participants forward to 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)
 Community Tech Night, May 3, 2017 (5-7:30PM) (Reg. ends Noon, April 26th)
 To Register or for more information: 570-424-8500 ext. 10616 or <http://esasd.net/Page/2385>

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/Spring-Jan-May; Summer-June-July). Information and: 570-422-7810 or www.theoalc.org

Winter Classes with Jean Perry

"Impressionist Winter Landscape," January 14, 10AM – 2PM, Northampton Community College, Bethlehem, 877-543-0998
 "Winter Landscape," January 20, 6:30-8:30PM, Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Gilbert, 610-681-6137
 "Snowy Owl in a Landscape," February 11, 10AM - Noon, Carbon County Environmental Ed Center, Summit Hill, 570-645-8597, (snow date: Feb 18)
 "The Pennsylvania Impressionists: the Bucks County Scene" Breakfast and Learn lecture, March 9, 8:30-11:30AM, Northampton Community College, Bethlehem, 877-543-0998

The School of Visual and Performing Arts (SVPA)

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 Kroll 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 18328
Cross Country Skiing
 Sunday, January 15 – 1:00-3:00pm
 Saturday, January 21 – 9:00am-12:00pm (McDade Trail)
 Sunday, January 22 – 1:00-3:00pm
 Saturday, January 28 – 10:00am-12:00pm
 \$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. Skis, poles & boots provided - register w/shoe size to guarantee a spot.
Eagle Watch - January 22, 9AM-3PM. Visit the Mongaup Reservoir, 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.pec.org, pec@pec.org Pre-registration is requested until otherwise noted.

Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center

8050 Running Valley Rd., Stroudsburg.
DIY Moss Terrarium Workshop - January 21 – Saturday 10AM – Terrariums are gaining in popularity due to their distinctive beauty and simplicity. A closed terrarium becomes its own biosphere where humidity is elevated, plants are self-watered, and the mini ecosystem functions independently with minimal intervention. Unleash your creativity and come to Kettle Creek to build your own moss terrarium! Please bring a clear glass container with a lid, preferably with a wide opening (big enough for your hand). Feel free to bring your own moss (we will also have several types on hand to choose from), natural objects, and a

miniature figurine if you'd like to add some unique character to your take-home terrarium. Supplies are limited so please pre-register by Wednesday, January 18th, 2017. Cost: \$15/ non-members, \$12 EE Center members. (Glass containers can be provided at an additional cost of \$8, please let us know if you'll need one.)

Eagle Watches - January 27th & February 10th - Meet at the EE Center at 8:30am and return 5:30pm. Join Environmental Educators, Brian Hardiman and Darryl Speicher, on these field trips to the upper Delaware River in search of our national symbol, the Bald Eagle. Once a rare sight, many wintering and resident eagles now inhabit this region and the probability for sightings is high. Cost: \$32/non-members, \$26/EE Center members and includes bus transportation. Participants should pack a lunch and binoculars and dress for the weather. Stops will be made for coffee and snacks. Pre-registration is required by Tuesday, January 24th for the January trip and February 7 for the February trip. Seating is limited. Refunds will be given only if notification is made at least one week in advance.

Middle Creek Birding Field Trip - March 7th – Tuesday – Meet at the EE Center at 8:30 am and return 6 pm. Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area is a major stop-over for tremendous numbers of Snow Geese—their huge flocks in flight sometimes create a "blizzard" of birds. Environmental Educator Brian Hardiman will lead this trip to observe this stunning spectacle of nature. In addition, a variety of waterfowl, raptors, and other birds should be seen. Cost: \$30/non-member, \$24/EE Center member, and includes bus transportation. Participants should pack a lunch and binoculars and dress for the weather. Pre-registration required by and payment is required by February 28th and limited. Refunds will be given only if notification is made at least one week prior to the trip. 570-629-3060 or www.mcconservation.org

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Culture Builds Community. The Mission of the Pocono Arts Council is to build our community artistically and culturally by providing leadership, service, and education.

Leadership: The Pocono Arts Council will be the leading advocacy organization offering inspiration, direction and coordination for arts and cultural activities in the Pocono region.

Service: The PoconoArts Council will foster communication, cooperation and collaboration between the arts community and the public through funding, information services and support.

Education: The Pocono Arts Council will provide art education opportunities and nurture growth in individuals and organizations offering instruction and participation in arts and cultural activities.

Submission Deadline

If you would like to have news of an arts related event published, details must be received in the PoconoArts office by the 8th of the previous month. (Due to space limitations, PoconoArts reserves the right to edit copy.) The newsletter reaches over 850 arts enthusiasts in the county.

Advertise your art event or business in the PoconoArts newsletter. Prices and sizes: standard business card \$45 (\$60 non-member), 1/4 page (3.75"x5") \$60 (\$75 non-member), 1/2 page (7.5"x5") \$95 (\$110 non-member). Special: pay for 5 months in advance and get the 6th month free. To reserve space call the Arts Council office at 476-4460.

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