February’s emerging artist profile features Morgan Weissbach. The twenty-one year old is a lifelong resident of Saylorsburg. She is currently attending East Stroudsburg University and is studying Studio Art/Graphic Design. She has been drawing for as long as she can remember.

Morgan works mostly with pen and ink, but also dabbles in graphite, colored pencils, oil, and watercolor and digital painting. She also produces some fine photographs.

Morgan’s favorite subject is fantasy or surreal images. Her bright and whimsical artwork often features animals, from the real, like eagles and deer – and her dog - to the fantastic, like dragons and other mythical beasts. She also does portraits, both real and fantasy. She does not draw inspiration from any one artist, but instead draws what springs from her highly imaginative and creative mind.

You may have seen some of Morgan’s work as you travelled Monroe County. She recently exhibited in the windows at East Stroudsburg Hardware, created a wall mural at Split Rock’s water park and participated in decorating windows for ESU’s Homecoming. Morgan was also one of the artists who represented the Pocono Arts Council in the recent “Flying Free, Birds & The Human Experience” exhibition in the Dunning Gallery at Northampton Community College, Monroe Campus.

Morgan is working hard to get her drawings into galleries and looks forward to turning her passion into a career for life. Considering the awards she is collecting from the art shows she has entered, there is no doubt that she will go from Emerging to Established artist in a very short time.

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.statemuseum.pa.org. Entry Deadline: February 28, 2017. “Art of the State” will be open to the public from June 11-September 10, 2017. Information: Jamie Jastrowbikski, Program Director, Jump Street, 21 South Third St., Suite 200, Harrisburg, PA 17101. 717-238-1887 or jamie@jumpstreet.org.

Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC) 538 Emery Road, Dingmans Ferry, PA 18328
Attention All Artists! PEEC is looking for nature photographers, photographers, artists, and local businesses who are interested in selling their wares at our festivals. Our Earth Day (April 29, 10AM-4PM) & Fall Family Fun Day (October 7, 10AM-4PM) festivals are an opportunity to show off your skills and sell your products at a large event. Information: 570-828-2319, www.peec.org. ppec@peec.org Pre-registration is requested until otherwise noted.

The Sussex County Arts and Heritage Council invites entries for its 30th Annual Skylands Regional Juried Art Exhibition. The exhibit is open to all artists eighteen years of age or older. Entries in all fine arts media, including photography, sculpture, and digital art, are accepted. Cash Prizes will be awarded. Exhibit Dates: May 6 - June 10, 2017 Entry Deadline: Thursday, March 2, 2017. For more information, please visit www.sclac.org/events/ and click on the listing for 30th Annual Skylands Exhibit - Call For Artists, or call the Council at 973-383-0027.

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.

Pocono Community Orchestra- Rehearsals on Wednesdays, 7-9PM, Stroudsburg High School. All string, wind, brass and percussion players wanted. Intermediate level & above. Information: Betsy Buzzeili-Clarke, betsyb32@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

COMMUNITY

Grey Towers Historic Site
Applications are being accepted for summer internships at Grey Towers National Historic Site, Milford, PA. College students who are interested in parks and recreation, history, gardening and landscape architecture and forestry are encouraged to apply. Students can earn from $85 per week subsistence allowance to $2,500 for the 12-week season, depending on which internship they qualify for. Housing on the historic estate and uniforms may be provided.

Education/Interpretation/Visitor Services: Multiple 12-week internships are available for students to deliver interpretive mansion tours and education programs and hone their visitor services skills. Deadline to apply is March 1 for May - August internship. Gardening/Horticulture: Two opportunities are available for May - August; each provides a valuable, practical experience for a motivated undergraduate college student who wants a hands-on experience to challenge and broaden the student’s knowledge of practical applications of horticultural theory learned in the classroom. Deadline to apply is March 31, 2017. For the Elizabeth S. Mortimer gardening internship, send a resume and cover letter that indicates your field of study and expected graduation date to: Elizabeth Hawke, Horticulturist, Grey Towers National Historic Site, PO Box 188, Milford, PA 18337, or fax to 570-296-9675 or email to ehawke@fs.fed.us. A second horticulture position is available through the Student Conservation Association. To apply go to www.thescaw.org and search Position ID 00722488. Information: www.fs.usda.gov/greytowers; greytowers@fs.fed.us; or 570-296-9630

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February Calendar

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)**
   Artists’ 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. **Mozart and Friends**
   January 31st, 6-8PM. 570-420-2808 or www.shermantheater.com

5. **Eastern Monroe Public Library**
   Words & Film at EMPL: 13th, 1002 N. 9th St., Stroudsburg, 2PM. 570-421-0800 x 317 or www.monoepl.org.

6. **Shawnee Community Concerts**
   Mike Cabot – Comedian/Impressionist, Fireside Lobby, Shawnee Inn, River Road, Shawnee-on-Delaware, 7PM. 570-424-4000 or www.shawneeinstitute.org

7. **Dunning Gallery**
   Artists’ Reception, Emerging Artists of Monroe County, Keystone Hall, Northampton Community College-Mono Community Campus, Tannersville. (570) 369-1938 or mconnell@northampton.edu

8. **Smithfields Library**
   Omnivorous Readers Book Club, RGB Plaza Building, 507 Seven Not Bridges, but Bridge, Road, East Stroudsburg, 7PM. 570-223-1881 or cyong@monoep.org

9. **Kettle Creek Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center**
   Eagle Watch, 8050 Running Valley Rd., Stroudsburg, 8AM-Noon. 570-420-2808 or www.shermantheater.com

10. **Kettle Creek Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center**
    Jan 28th, 1PM. 570-420-2808 or www.shermantheater.com

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

12. **Sherman Theater**
    The Showdown ft. Big Daddy Kane & Kool G Rap, 524 Main St., Stroudsburg, 8PM. 570-420-2808 or www.shermantheater.com

13. **Monroe Farmers Market**
    Produce, Baked Goods, Dairy & More, Stroudsburg United Methodist Church, 547 Main St., Stroudsburg, 8AM-Noon. (917) 716-6489 or www.monoefarmersmarket.com

14. **Winterfest in Downtown Stroudsburg**
    Winter Wonderland, Ice Sculptures & Carvings, Winter Themed Food & Beverages, 11AM-5PM.

15. **Origins Gallery “On the Go!”**
    Open Art Exhibition at Juic’d, 20 Works by 10 Artists, Juic’d Smoothie & Juice Bar, 564 Main Street, Stroudsburg, 5:30-7:30PM. facebook.com/originsgallerystroudsburg

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Shawnee Community Concerts
Bill Frye, Guitar, Fireside Lobby, Shawnee Inn, River Road, Shawnee-on-Delaware, 7PM. 570-424-4000 or www.shawneeinstitute.org

Greater Hazleton Concert Series (PPA Grantee)
The Peking Acrobats, Hazleton Area HS, 1601 W. 23rd St., Hazleton, 7:30PM. 570-786-4864 or hazzletoonortheastconcertseries.org

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Sherman Theater
Art of Koolin Presents: A Boogie Wit da Hoodie & Rich The Kid, 524 Main St., Stroudsburg, 8PM. 570-420-2808 or www.shermantheater.com

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1964 the Tribute (Beatles Tribute), 524 Main St., Stroudsburg, 8PM. 570-420-2808 or www.shermantheater.com

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Monroe Farmers Market
Produce, Plants, Baked Goods, Dairy & More, Stroudsburg United Methodist Church, 547 Main St., Stroudsburg, 8AM-Noon. (913) 716-6489 or www.monoconfarmersmarket.com

Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center

Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC)
Animal Tracking, 538 Emery Rd., Dingmans Ferry, 9AM & 9:30AM. 570-828-2319 or www.peec.org

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

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Produce, Plants, Baked Goods, Dairy & More, Stroudsburg United Methodist Church, 547 Main St., Stroudsburg, 8AM-Noon. (913) 716-6489 or www.monoconfarmersmarket.com

Kettle Creek Educational Center
40th Public Maple Sugaring Day, Meescum Sugarbush, Marshall’s Creek, 10AM-3PM. 570-629-3060 or www.mcco.org

Kettle Creek Gallery
Artist’s Reception: Penny Ross, Watercolors, Kettle Creek Gallery, 538 Emery Rd., Dingmans Ferry, 9AM & 9:30AM. 570-828-2319 or www.peec.org

Pocono Folk & Bluegrass Society (PPA Grantee)
Monthly Shindig, Quality Inn, 1-3PM. 570-828-2319 or www.peec.org

Eastern Monroe Public Library
Word & Film at EMPL: Queen of Katwe, 1002 N. 9th St., Stroudsburg, 1PM. 570-828-2319 or www.peec.org

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Better Homes & Gardens – Wilkins & Associates
Jack Swersie, Photography
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Jill Swersie, Oils
North Ninth St., Stroudsburg
ESU Admissions Office
TBD
Reibman Bldg, Prospect St., East Stroudsburg
Monroe County Bar Association
Alice Prall, Works on Paper
913 Main St., Stroudsburg
Office of State Sen. Mario Scavello
Courtney Torres, Photography
31 Pocono Blvd., Mt. Pocono
Pocono Inne Towne, Penn Stroud Room
Arlene Conklin, Watercolor & Oils
700 Main St., Stroudsburg
Pocono Eye Associates
Laurinda Faye Rubin, Photography
300 Plaza Court. Suite A, E. Stroudsburg
Pocono Record
Clavertis Miller, Photography
511 Lenox St., Stroudsburg
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Upcoming March Events

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

Cinema
POCONO CINEMA & CULTURAL CENTER, 88 S. Courtland St., East Stroudsburg, 570-421-FILM or www.poconocommunitytheater.org
When Harry Met Sally (1989), February 12, 7PM & 10PM.

Centenary Stage Company, 715 Grand Ave., Hackettstown, NJ. 908-979-0900 or www.centenarystageco.org
The Surrogate, Stiltz Theatre, Feb 17, 19, 22, 26, Mar 1, 2 at 2PM. Feb 17, 18, 24, 25, Mar 3, 4 at 8PM. Feb 23, Mar 2 at 7:30PM.

East Stroudsburg University, Fine & Performing Arts Building, Normal St., East Stroudsburg, 570-422-3483 or esuarts@esu.edu.
Tickets: http://esu.edu/theatertickets
The 39 Steps, adapted by Barlow, from Buchan novel, Hitchcock film, Dale-Snow Theatre. Feb 28, Mar 1, 2, 3, 4 at 7:30PM.
March 4, 5 at 7:30PM.
Shawnee Playhouse, River Rd., Shawnee-on-Delaware. Reservations: 570-421-5093 or www.theshawneeplayhouse.com

Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC)
Sugar Shack Scramble, 538 Emery Rd., Dingmans Ferry, 9AM & 9:30AM. 570-828-2319 or www.peec.org

Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC)
Ecozone Discovery Room, 538 Emery Rd., Dingmans Ferry, 1-4PM. 570-828-2319 or www.peec.org

Origins Gallery at PoconoArts
“Open Studios” 3rd Anniversary Arts Exhibition. Studio Gallery, Pocono Arts Council 18 North 7th St., Stroudsburg, 6-8PM. facebook.com/originsgallerystroodsburg

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Pocono Folk & Bluegrass Society (PPA Grantee)
Monthly Shindig, Quality Inn, 1220 W. Main St., Stroudsburg, 12:30 – 5PM. 570-994-7305 or www.poconoblugrass.org

Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC)
Active Adventures: Healthy Hikes, 538 Emery Rd., Dingmans Ferry, 1-3PM. 570-828-2319 or www.peec.org

Eastern Monroe Public Library
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Local Galleries & Museums

AFA Gallery (Artists for Art) (PPA Grantee)
“Affinity” – Marissa Gable, Thomas Murray, Rainy Pritchett, Michael Swanson, (Feb 2-24), 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

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.poconoshoarts.org

Auradell Gallery at Stroudsmoor

Findings Jewelry & Art Gallery
Gold, Silver, & Gemstone Creations of Jewelier & Owner Daniel Varjapaa. Gallery Hours: Mon-Fri, 10:30AM-5PM, Sat, 11:30AM-3:30PM, 39 N. Seventh St., Courtthouse 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
Darryl Speicher, “Life in the Poconos”, (Feb), Penny Ross, Watercolors, (Mar) Gallery Hours: Mon-Fri 8AM-4:30PM, Sat 9AM-1PM, 8050 Running Valley Road, Bartonsville. 570-629-3061 or www.mcco.org

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

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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 cmillersfineart@photoreflect.com

Misericordia University (PPA Grantee)
Deadly Medicine: Creating the Master Race, A Traveling Exhibition from the US Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington DC. (thru-Mar 12). Pauly Friedman Art Gallery, Gallery Hours: Tues-Thurs 10AM – 8PM; Fri 10AM-8PM; Sat & Sun 1-5PM. 301 Lake St., Dallas. 570-674-6250 doposato@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. Emerging Artists of Monroe County. Gallery Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8AM-9PM. 201 Keystone Hall, 2411 Route 715, Tannersville. (570) 369-1938 or mconnell@northampton.edu

Origins Gallery at PoconoArts & Origins Gallery “On the Go!”
Little Night II Housewarming & Fundraising Event, February 10, 6-8PM, 18 N. Seventh St., 6-8PM. Open Art Exhibition at Juic’d, 20 works by 10 artists. Saturday, February 18, 5:30-7:30PM, Juic’d Smoothie & Juice Bar, 564 Main Street, Stroudsburg. facebook.com/originsgallerystroudsburg

Pocono Mountains Art Group West End Community Rotational Art Gallery
(thru January)
ESSA, Rt. 209, Brodheads, Charlene Taylor; ESSA, Gilbert Weiss Market, Gary Embich; Homestead Veterinary Center, Ruth Flechsig; James & Rae Insurance, Nancy Embich; Brodheads Veterinary Clinic, (closed for remodel); Gilbert Podiatry Associates, MaryAnn Schwartz; Bangor Podiatry, Linda Kreckel; Lucy Finn Insurance, Barbara Daskal; Blue Ridge Vineyard, Darleen Hyde. 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 (thru – Mar 3). Gallery Hours: Tuesday-Sunday: Noon - 4:30PM; Closed/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

“Life in the Poconos” – artwork by Darryl Speicher - on exhibit at the Kettle Creek Art Gallery in Bartonsville during February. Opening reception February 4, from 11am-1pm.
Welcome New Members

Thomas Ando, Hawthorne, NJ
Michael Healey, Bear Creek Twp
Vickie Kovar, Bartonsville
Paz Lanzo, Canadensis
Jane MacHale, East Stroudsburg
Susan Pekala, Kunkletown
Barbara Royle, Henryville
Nancy Tully, East Stroudsburg
Total Members – 571

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.

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.

March Newsletter Mailing – Tuesday, February 28 at 10AM, PoconoArts Cultural Center.
Email tassy@poconoarts.org

Thank You to Last Month’s Volunteers

January Gallery Sitters & Artists’ Reception: Sondria Miller and volunteers from Opportunity Associates of the Poconos
January Newsletter: Evelyn Barrone, Betsy Buzzelli-Clarke, Michele Buzzelli, Brittany Coleman, Eileen Holder, Mark Lichty, Jody Singer, Jack & Jill Swersie
Pocono Arts Website: Richard Spezzano

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

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

ARTSPACE Gallery
Art as Spirituality, Jan 14-February 18
Emerging Artists Showcase, March 3 – 25, Reception March 18, 4-6pm
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
Spring for the Arts - Celebrating the Next Generation, 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
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 $25 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.


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 Angelene Wolfe. Classes in fine and performing arts for children and adults; Ballet, Tap, Jazz, & Modern Dance; Ceramics, Figure Drawing, Oil, Watercolor, Acrylic painting. Ongoing for adults, or purchase a 6-week session. Winter/ Spring Events:

January 23: Winter Session Begins
March 6: New adult art class session begins
March 12: Soup Bowl Luncheon
April 22: Make a rustic planter
April 30: Annual Arts Fair; Music and Dance Concert
May 8: New adult art class session begins
For more information: 610-588-5817 or www. tottgap.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 using 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

East Stroudsburg University, Department of Arts & Design (PPA Grantee)
conFLux Cabin Fever! - 3D Design and Printing Two Day Workshop
February 18 – 19, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. G3D 3D Printing Lab at East Stroudsburg University of PA
Too cold to go out and play? Huddled up near the heater? Getting tired of Netflix and games? Head on over to G3D Lab at ESU for a two-day workshop in creating and printing your own 3D objects. Learn how to 3D print, use basic 3D design software and much more. This exclusive workshop will be taught by the following 3D printing specialists:
Chuck Stewart of ComputerTechies, will introduce you to the world of 3D printers, associated technologies and how you can build your own 3D printer. Chuck has lead workshops for Philadelphia school teachers in building 3D printers using open source plans and 3D printed parts.

Darlene Farris LaBar, professor of art and internationally renowned 3D print artist and multimedia sculptor will inspire and instruct you to create your own design using 3D design software.
Space is limited so sign up today! Fee: ESU students FREE, Junior high & high school students: $20; Adults: $40
*Teachers can receive Act-48 credit by attending the workshop
Information: conFLuxevents@gmail.com

Winter Classes with Jean Perry
“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, 877-543-0988

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 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

Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center, 8050 Running Valley Rd., Stroudsburg.
Eagle Watch - February 10th – Meet at the EE Center at 8:30am and return 5:30pm. Join Environmental Educators, Brian Hardiman and Darryl Speicher, on this field trip 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 February 7. Seating is limited. Refunds will be given only if notification is made at least one week in advance.

Middle Creek Binding 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

Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC)
538 Emory Road, Dingmans Ferry, PA 18328
“Winter Wonderland” Family Nature Getaway Weekend - Presidents’ Day Weekend: February 17-20. Bring your friends and family to experience PEEC in the wintertime. Cross country skiing, animal tracking, nature hikes, snow tubing, campfire and more! Price includes three nights of lodging and meals from Friday dinner and return 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.

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February/March 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.

OnGoing Adult Classes

Oil Painting

Thursdays 6:30-8:30pm
February 2, 9, 16, 23
March 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
February 5, 12, 19, 26
March 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, shapes 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: Irainna 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. Irainna is listed in the Who’s Who of American Women.
Tuition: Member $100/Non-Member $110:
Senior Member $90/Non-Member $100
Materials List

February Classes

Acrylics 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 B.D of Arts and Humanities with the concentration on oils. Her love for her culture and traditions has been her primary source of inspiration.
Tuition: Member $75/Non-Member $85:
Senior Member $65/Non-Member $75
Materials List

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

March Classes

Acrylic Workshop

4 weeks, March 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 the use 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.
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Tuition: Member $75/Non-Member $85:
Senior Member $65/Non-Member $75

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)
Tuition: Member $25/Non-Members $30
Materials List

Painting Workshops

One Evening, March 8, Wednesday, 6:30-8:30pm
This workshop is open to any media, acrylic, watercolor and water based oils. The choice is yours! Colors of Wyeth is the focus of this evening.
Tuition: $10.00
One Evening, March 15, Wednesday, 6:30-8:30pm
This workshop is open to any media, acrylic, watercolor and water based oils. The choice is yours! Spring Blooms is the focus of this evening.
Tuition: $10.00
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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 Pocono Arts 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.

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**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 3 x 5 ($50 non-member), 1/4 page (3.75”x5”) 300 ($360 non-member), 1/2 page (7.5”x5”) 595 ($510 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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