**Susan Randall, New Executive Director at Pocono Arts Council**

Thank you to the board members at Pocono Arts Council for selecting me to replace the wonderful Laura Goss. I am so excited to continue the good work of Laura and the arts council promoting arts and culture in the Pocono region. I am an East Stroudsburg native who acquired a love of the arts at a very young age at the piano (my teacher was the amazing Wendy Mazer). I continued to play the piano and clarinet through school and began my college career studying music therapy at Elizabethtown College. I finished my undergraduate degree at Penn State University with a B.S. in Recreation with a concentration in Therapeutic Recreation and have continued to employ some aspect of the arts in every position I’ve held. For the past 5½ years, I worked for the Eastburg Community Alliance at the beautiful historic Dansbury Depot where my role was to be a voice for downtown revitalization. This allowed me to interact with a wide variety of community stakeholders and partners. One such partnership was with the arts council. elsewhere the PPA project stream grant, we brought art and music into downtown East Stroudsburg with the popular concert series on Monday evenings which allows local artists and musicians to showcase their work. I began to meet and interact with a very passionate Pocono arts community which cemented the idea that the arts are very much alive and well in our area. My parents instilled in me the value of serving and giving back to the community. My father, W. Jack Wallie, was an inspiration to many in our community and I am striving to continue his legacy.

At present, my community involvement includes board positions at the Pocono Cinema and Cultural Center, East Stroudsburg Little League, and membership in the Pocono Mountains Penn State Club, East Stroudsburg’s Shade Tree Commission and East Stroudsburg United Methodist Church.

Although I will now be working “across the bridge,” I live in East Stroudsburg borough with my husband, Steve, daughter Lindsay, and son Lucas. When I’m not out appreciating the arts or shopping local, I can be found with my nose in a book or cheering on the Nittany Lions. Thanks again for the opportunity, and I look forward to meeting many of you in the years to come.

**New ArtPop Billboards Coming to a Highway Near You!**

*By Jack Swersie*

In what proved to be a challenging exercise in decision-making, representatives from the Pocono Arts Council’s Board of Directors and Adams Outdoor Advertising selected five new billboard recipients for ArtPop 2018. With 84 top-notch artist submissions this was not an easy process! Thanks to all the artists and congratulations to winners Jillian DeLuca, Will Rothfuss, Laurinda Faye Rubin, Hal Sadler and Grace Spezzano.

Brooklyn born Jillian DeLuca who was selected as one of our “2017 Emerging Artists” draws her inspiration from nature. Her work has been featured in N.Y.C. and, of course, right here at home. Soon to be seen on a billboard near you, her ink & watercolor “Deep Roots” will leave you in awe of her immense artistic competence!

Multi-talented and prolific Will Rothfuss specializes in a variety of mediums and technique including geometric abstraction with fabric, collage and mixed-media, assemblage and installations, and hyper-realism in watercolor or oil. Coming soon will be a larger-than-life rendition of his striking abstract “Tree”, compiled from his collage of the same name and one of his assemblages called “Excavation”.

See “New ArtPop Billboards” on page 3.
**COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS**

**AFA Gallery (PPA Grantee),** 514 Lackawanna Ave., Scranton
Third Tuesday - Life Drawing Session provides a two-hour self-guided session with a nude model for artists of all experience levels. Improve observational drawing skills as well as gain a better understanding of the human form at a nominal cost. Artists bring your own materials. Tables, chairs and easels are provided. All are welcome, students under 18 require a parental permission slip. Cost: $2 for students, $5 for AFA members, $7 general admission (per session). January 16, February 20th at 7-9PM. Information: 570-969-1040, artistsforartgallery@gmail.com

**Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center, 8050 Running Valley Road, Stroudsburg**
Eagle Watches: Join Environmental Educator, Brian hardiman or field trips to upper Delaware River. Once a rare sight, many wintering and resident eagles now inhabit this region. Meet at the EE Center at 8:30AM and return at 5:30.
Fridays, January 19, February 9, February 16. Cost per trip: $32/non-member, $26 for EE Center members includes bus transportation. 570-629-3061 or www.mcconservation.org

**Pocono Bluegrass & Folk Society (PPA Grantee),**

**Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC), 538 Emery Road, Dingmans Ferry**
Cross Country Skiing — 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 with shoe size to guarantee a spot.
Sunday, January 14, 1-3PM
Sunday, January 21, 1-3PM
Saturday, January 27, 10AM-Noon
Sunday, January 28, 1-3PM

**Country Home Learning & Art Center — 1784 Route 209, Brodheadsburg (across from WaWa). Walk-in projects and group classes for adults and kids in a variety of mediums, focusing on seasonal and holiday themes. 610-895-4090 or www.country-homelearning.com**

**Notaro School of Dance and Acting**
Register Now for Winter Classes — Beginner through Professional, Ballet, Pointe, Tap, Jazz. All ages/all levels, male and female. 570-421-1718

**Theater Studio: A Confidence Theater, School of Visual and Performing Arts, 2nd Floor, 554 Main St., Stroudsburg 570-817-3453 or www.theaterstudiostrbg.webs.com**

**Totts Gap Arts Institute - 1494 Totts Gap Rd., Bangor**
Instructors: James Gloria and Angelina Wolfe. Classes in fine and performing arts for children and adults — Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Modern Dance; Ceramics; Figure Drawing, Oil, Watercolor, and Acrylic Painting. Ongoing for adults or purchase a six-week session.
610-588-5817 or www.tottsgap.org

**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). 570-422-7810 or www.theaolc.org

**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: 570-424-5285 or www.svpa.org

**ARTSPACE News**

**24TH Annual Student Juried Exhibition, February 1-17, 2018**
Monroe County students through Grade 12 are invited to participate in a Juried Student Art Show sponsored by the Pocono Arts Council. The exhibition will be held at the ARTSPACE Gallery at the PoconoArts Cultural Center in Stroudsburg and is open to students residing in the county or attending a Monroe County school district. Drop off is scheduled for Monday, January 22, 2018, 1-6PM. Information: 570-476-4460 or www.poconoarts.org

**2nd Annual Art as Spirituality Exhibition, March 2-29, 2018**
Artists of all ages are invited to use their art to explore, express and share their spirituality. Sponsored by Opportunity Associates, a local inter-faith based organization whose focus is to develop a more just and humane society. Increasing the appreciation of diversity and creating opportunity for all. Drop-off is Monday, February 26, 1-9pm. Open to artists in all mediums with $225 in prize money available. Information: 570-476-4460 or www.poconoarts.org

**Earth Speaks IV: A Juried Exhibition on the Climate Crisis, April 6-28, 2018**
The Earth has spoken loudly in 2017! Artists are provided a means to capture their concern regarding the climate crisis and how it affects our planet, and they have an opportunity to offer possible solutions. Through art and creative expression, this regional juried exhibit hopes to shine a light on:

**Winter hours for ARTSPACE Gallery:**
Tues–Fri 10 AM – 4 PM from January through March.

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PoconoArts Volunteer Opportunities

ARTSPACE Gallery needs Gallery Sitters on Saturdays.
GALLERY SITTERS NEEDED! PoconoArts needs your help on Saturdays, Noon to 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.

Next Newsletter Mailing – TBA, PoconoArts Cultural Center. Email tassy@poconoarts.org

Thank You to Last Month’s Volunteers

Exhibition Gallery Cards: Jack Swersie

December Newsletter Mailing: Ruth Randone, Jack Swersie, Nancy Tully

End of Year Appeal Mailing: Rachel Kozlosky, Ruth Randone, Jack Swersie, Jill Swersie, George Taylor, Nancy Tully

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

New ArtPop Billboards

Laurinda Faye Rubin, a passionate photographer who loves to share her vision of the world through the lens of her camera will have a chance to do just that with the thousands of people passing through the Poconos every day! Her colorful photo titled “Love”, featuring two affectionate parrots, will surely catch your eye!

Painter Hal Sadler is known for his bold colors and loose interpretations of nature and landscapes. Along with his burgeoning art career, this 1989 graduate of the School of Visual Design currently runs his own design studio. His masterful oil painting “Trout” is sure to translate into an eye-catching billboard.

Proud to join the ArtPop Class of 2018 is Brooklyn born self-taught Pocono artist Grace Spezzano. Grace has been painting since her teens and it’s her love of animals coupled with her desire to raise awareness for rescue adoption which inspired her beautiful acrylic painting, “3 Dogs”. Her own three dogs are pictured in this upcoming billboard and her love for them shines brightly through her work.

As you drive down Rt-33 or Rt. 209 you will no doubt catch a glimpse of one or more of these winning 2018 ArtPop creations. When you do, please know that these billboards show not only the individual artist’s expertise. They also represent the level of incredible talent we have right here in the Poconos. It makes all of us proud to be members of the Pocono Arts Council.
January Calendar

1
Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC)

2
Shawnee Community Concerts
Matt Flier, Shawnee Inn, Shawnee-on-Delaware, 7PM. 570-424-4000 or www.shawneeinstitute.org

3
First Friday Scranton (PPA Grantee)
Various Locations, Downtown Scranton, 5-9PM. www.FirstFridayScranton.com

4
Monroe Farmers Market
Produce, Plants, Baked Goods, Dairy & More, inside Renegade Winery, 600 Main St., Stroudsburg, 9AM-Noon. (917) 716-6489 or www.monroefarmersmarket.com

5
The Mountain Gallery at Pocono Mountain Public Library
Artist’s Reception: Liz Pemberton “Fabric Collage,” 550 Municipal Dr. & 611, Tobyhanna, 1-3PM, (Snow Date: 1/13). 570-894-8860

6
The Gallery at Chant Realtors LV
Opening Reception: Nancy Hopping, Wildlife Photography, 631 Rte. 739, Lords Valley, 5-7PM. 570-775-6896

7
Pocono Bluegrass & Folk Society (PPA Grantee)
Shin-dig, Last Whippoorwill, The Lost Ramblers, Quality Inn, 1220 W. Main St., Stroudsburg, 12:30-5PM. 570-994-7305 or www.poconobluegrass.org

8
Shawnee Community Concerts
Juggernaut String Band, Shawnee Inn, Shawnee-on-Delaware, 7PM. 570-424-4000 or www.shawneeinstitute.org

9
Smithfields Library
Omnivorous Readers Book Club, RGB Plaza Building, 507 Seven Bridge Road, East Stroudsburg, 7PM. 570-223-1881 or cyoung@monroepl.org

10
Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC)
Bridge the Gap: Intro to Snowshoeing, McDade Trail, 1-4PM. 570-828-2319, www.peec.org

11
Shawnee Community Concerts
Red Carpet Raconteur, Story-telling, Art Exhibition, Reception, The Hall at Castle Inn, Delaware Water Gap, 7:30PM. lisaellex@gmail.com

12
16th Annual Pocono Dulcimer Festival
East Stroudsburg United Methodist Church, 83 S. Courtland St., East Stroudsburg; www.poconodulcimerclub.org

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15
Shawnee Community Concerts
Holly Avila, Shawnee Inn, Shawnee-on-Delaware, 7PM. 570-424-4000 or www.shawneeinstitute.org

16
Pocono Mountains Magic Club
Monthly Meeting, Pocono Arts Council, 18 North Seventh St., Stroudsburg, 7PM. 570-422-6821 or damagician@verizon.net

17
Monroe Farmers Market
Produce, Plants, Baked Goods, Dairy & More, inside Renegade Winery, 600 Main St., Stroudsburg, 9AM-Noon, (917) 716-6489 or www.monroefarmersmarket.com

18
Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC)

19
Kettle Creek Environmental Center
Costa Rica Dreaming, Presentation: Birdwatching, 8050 Running Valley Road, Stroudsburg, 10AM. 570-629-3061 or www.mccconservation.org.

20
Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC)
PYO Winter Concert, Cecilia S. Cohen Recital Hall, ESU, 7:30PM. 610-965-0268 or www.pocono-youth-orchestra.org

21
Shawnee Community Concerts
The Lost Ramblers, Shawnee Inn, Shawnee-on-Delaware, 7PM. 570-424-4000 or www.shawneeinstitute.org

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23
Shawnee Community Concerts
The Lost Ramblers, Shawnee Inn, Shawnee-on-Delaware, 7PM. 570-424-4000 or www.shawneeinstitute.org

24
Shawnee Community Concerts
You Are the Wave, Benefit Dance Concert

25
Pocono Bluegrass & Folk Society (PPA Grantee)
18th Annual WinterFest, Quality Inn, 1220 W. Main St., Stroudsburg, 7PM. 570-994-7305 or www.poconobluegrass.org

26
Shawnee Community Concerts
Ramblers, Quality Inn, 1220 W. Main St., Stroudsburg, Noon. 570-420-2808 or www.shermantheater.com

27
Monroe Farmers Market
Produce, Plants, Baked Goods, Dairy & More, inside Renegade Winery, 600 Main St., Stroudsburg, 9AM-Noon. (917) 716-6489 or www.monroefarmersmarket.com

28
Pocono Bluegrass & Folk Society (PPA Grantee)
18th Annual WinterFest, Quality Inn, 1220 W. Main St., Stroudsburg, 11AM all day. 570-994-7305 or www.poconobluegrass.org

29
Shawnee Community Concerts
Tom Bartha, Shawnee Inn, Shawnee-on-Delaware, 7PM. 570-424-4000 or www.shawneeinstitute.org

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Pocono Bluegrass & Folk Society (PPA Grantee)
18th Annual WinterFest, Quality Inn, 1220 W. Main St., Stroudsburg, beginning at 5PM. 570-994-7305 or www.poconobluegrass.org

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Pocono Bluegrass & Folk Society (PPA Grantee)
Pocono Bluegrass & Folk Society Winterfest
Kick-off concert; 6 PM, Artspace Galley; 18 N. 7th St. Stroudsburg, PA 18360. www.poconobluegrass.org/winterfest.htm

Sherman Theater
Turkuaaz, 524 Main St., Stroudsburg, 9:30PM. 570-420-2808 or www.shermantheater.com

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Pocono Cinema & Cultural Center, 88 S. Courtland St., East Stroudsburg, 570-421-4450 or www.pococinema.org

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**Downtown Stroudsburg Winterfest**
Various Locations, Downtown Stroudsburg, 9 AM – 4 PM. www.visitdowntownstroudsburg.com/events

PoconoArts Public Galleries

All exhibits run thru January 2018

**Better Homes & Gardens – Wilkins & Associates**
7164 Route 209, Stroudsburg
Ray Roper, Photography

**Eastern Monroe Public Library**
1002 N. 9th St., Stroudsburg
Jill Swersie, Oils

**Monroe County Bar Association**
913 Main St., Stroudsburg
Jill Swersie, Oils

**Office of State Sen. Mario Scavello**
2989 Rt. 611, Suite 103, Tannersville
Will Daskal, Watercolor & Acrylics

**Pocono Eye Associates**
300 Plaza Court. Suite A, E. Stroudsburg
Jack Swersie, Photography

**Pocono Record**
511 Lenox St., Stroudsburg
Melodie Higgins, Acrylics

**Vinny D’s Deli**
Strawberry Fields, East Stroudsburg
Iraina Caramelli’s Students, Watercolor & Acrylics

**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 Ave., Scranton. 570-348-6278 or www.marywood.edu/galleries
Suraci 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: Sat 12-6PM and Sun by appointment only. 402 Brushy Mountain Rd, E. Stroudsburg. 612-573-6594 or 914-588-6843 or clavetis-miller.fineartamerica.com

**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

**The Mountain Gallery at Pocono Mountain Public Library**
Liz Pemberton: Fabric Collage (thru January), 5500 Municipal Dr., Rte. 611 Tobyhanna. 570-894-8860

**Northampton Community College**
**Monroe Campus – Dunning Art Gallery**
American Identity Show, January 19-May 18. Gallery Hours: Mon-Thurs 8AM-4PM, 201 Keystone Hall, 2411 Route 715, Tannersville. (570) 369-1938 or mconnell@northampton.edu

**Origins Gallery at PoconoArts**
Gallery Hours: Tues-Fri, 10AM-4PM, Sat Noon-4PM, 18 N. 7th St., Stroudsburg. www.facebook.com/originsgalleriesstroudsburg

**Pocono Mountains Art Group West End Community Rotational Art Gallery (thru December)**
ESSA, Rt. 209, Brodheadsville, Linda Bush; ESSA, Homestead Veterinary Center, MaryAnn Schwartz; James & Rae Insurance, Chafine Taylor; Gen Il Jewellery, Julia Saeger; Gilbert Podiatry Associates, Barbara Daskal; Bangor Podiatry Associates, Darleen Hyde; Debbie Pettinari Insurance, Linda Kreckel; Blue Ridge Vineyard, Joan Sayer; 570-992-7007 or brushwork36@yahoo.com

**Sordini Art Gallery at Wilkes University**
Gallery Hours: Tues-Sun Noon – 4:30PM; Closed Monday & University Holidays, 150 S. River St., Wilkes Barre. 570-408-3365 or http://www.wilkes.edu/arts/sordini-art/gallery/

**Turrell Art Studios**
Artists, Near and Far. Custom Framing & Art Gallery, 4 N. 6th Street, Stroudsburg. (570) 476-7666 or framing@turrellartstudios.com

Please check us on facebook for exhibition & updates.

**University of Scranton, The Hope Horn Gallery (PPA Grantee)**
Gallery Hours: Sun-Fri, Noon-4PM. Wed, 6-8PM. Hyland Hall, 4th Floor, Linden St. at Jefferson Ave., Scranton. 570-941-4214 or scranton.edu/academics/hope-horn-gallery/index.shtml

**Wayne County Arts Alliance (PPA Grantee)**
Art-a-Pelago, one gallery: three locations, Paros Gallery at D.J. Harvey Agency, 815 Main St., Honesdale, 8:30-4:30PM M-F; Thasos Gallery at Black & Brass Coffee, 520 Main St., Honesdale, 7AM-6PM, Daily; Lesvos Gallery at Loose Leaf Pages, 627 Main St., Honesdale, Noon-8PM, Thurs-Sun. All Galleries also open 2nd Saturdays, 6-9PM. http://waynecountyartsalliance.org/art-a-pelago/

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Board President Elizabeth Buzzelli-Clarke, Ed.D. with new Pocono Arts Council Executive Director, Susan Randall

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Opportunities

Opportunity Associates of the Poconos
Call for Artists: Art & Spirituality, special exhibition at ARTSPACE Gallery, 18 North Seventh Street, Stroudsburg
The mission of Opportunity Associates is to develop a more just and humane society, increasing the appreciation of diversity and creating opportunity for all. Art as Spirituality is an opportunity for artists to express their personal and/or Universal understanding of spirituality. The show is open to all media and artists — students, amateurs and professionals.
Delivery: Tuesday, February 26, 1-6 PM.
Exhibition: March 2 - 24. Reception: March 10, 2-4 PM. Pick-up: March 26, 10 AM-4 PM.

 Origins Gallery at PoconoArts
Contact: Jody Singer, mountainsidearts@hotmail.com, www.facebook.com/origins-gallerystroudsburg

Pennsylvania Council on the Arts
Applications Available for Teacher Artist Partnerships (TAP) and Long-Term Residencies (LTR). TAP and LTR projects support long-term, in-depth interaction between professional teaching artists, students, teachers and others through workshops and classes. Please note the 18-19 TAP and LTR applications will be done through a new online submission process developed in partnership with the PA Department of Community and Economic Development. Please visit arts.pa.gov for guidelines. The due date for the 2018-19 is January 12, 2018. Information: Jamie Dunlap, 717-525-5342 or www.arts.pa.gov.

Saint John’s Evangelical Lutheran church
200 S. Broad St., Nazareth, stjohnnaz.org
Submission: Up to 5 works per artist. A slide, photo, or digital image with a title and brief description of the piece should be sent to the Arts Festival Committee, St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church, 200 S. Broad St., Nazareth, PA 18064 no later than January 12, 2018. Entries may also be submitted by email to jbutz@rcn.com. A panel of jurors will make the final selections of work. Notification of selected pieces will be made by January 31, 2018.
Information: Janice Butz at the church office, 610-759-3020 or jbutz@rcn.com.

Sherman Theater
Information: email diana@shermantheater.com or 570-420-2808.

Landis House Creative Commons (Perry County Council on the Arts) – In Stitches is an exhibition of quilted wall hangings and additional items by currently creating quilters.
Open to traditional and contemporary art quilting styles. Entries due by January 26.
Information: Jasmine Colbert, Creative Programs Director, jasmine@perrycountycrafts.org, 717-567-3120.

NCC-Monroe and Eastern Monroe Public Library with Alefiyah Vahanvaty,
Success for Life program is seeking volunteer tutors to help adults in our community reach their potential. Success for Life will pair tutors and adults in flexible six-week cycles. 570-421-0800 ext 317 or gedmonrep@gmail.com

Welcome New Members
Robert Auer, East Stroudsburg
Frank DePalma & Julie Natale, East Stroudsburg
The Hazleton Art League, Hazleton
Amy Weissbach, Saylorsburg
Total Membership: 534

In Memoriam
The Pocono Arts Council extends its sympathies to the families and friends of Bob Wehe, long time arts council member and supporter; and Mary Cramer, local watercolor artist and arts council member.
On Going Classes

Oil Painting

Thursdays 6:30-8:30pm
January 4, 11, 18, 25
February 1, 8, 15, 22

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.

MATERIALS LIST
Tuition: Member $75/Non-Member $85: Senior Member $65/Non-Member $75

Intermediate Watercolor

Sundays 1-4pm
January 6, 13, 20 27
February 4, 11, 18, 25

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: 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 variety of mediums including mixed media, acrylics, watercolor, pen and ink and pastels. Iraina is listed in the Who’s Who of American Women.

MATERIALS LIST
Tuition: Member $100/Non-Member $110: Senior Member $90/Non-Member $100

Ongoing Drawing Workshop for Children

Saturdays 1-3pm
Ages 9-13

Beginning January 6th

This workshop will teach students simple, fun, easy, and proven drawing techniques that will help to see the shapes that create the form … from drawing the human body, animals, superheroes, landscapes or your own subject matter, students will become confident in how they see and draw. BRING YOUR OWN MATERIALS and join us to expand how you see the world!

Instructor: Suzanne Werfelman is a retired art teacher/artist who taught students in NYC, NJ and the Poconos for over 35 years. Suzanne graduated from Indiana University in Bloomington with a degree in Art Education.

Tuition: $10.00 per workshop

February Classes

Foundational Drawing

4 weeks, January 4, 11, 18, 25, Thursdays, 1-4pm

Drawing is the basis of creating all art whether representational or abstract. In this class we will explore the basic shapes and forms in relation to light. We will experiment with several mediums such as charcoal, pencil, watercolor and ink.

Instructor: Tricia Lippert has a B.A. in Oil Painting from Marlboro College in Vermont. She has also studied at the Lyme Academy of Art in Old Lyme, CT; New Jersey Center for the Arts; The Baum School in Allentown, PA. More recently she has taken workshops with Master Painter Peter Fiore and Brian Keeler. Tricia has shown her work in the Pocono Region for many years.

MATERIALS LIST
Tuition: Member $5100/Non-Member $510: Senior Member $90/Non-Member $100

Drawing Workshop

4 weeks, January 9, 16, 23, 30, Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30pm

Never taken a drawing class before? Feel rusty or simple 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 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.

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

Basic Acrylic Painting

4 weeks, January 9, 16, 23, 30, Tuesdays, 1-4pm

Join us to explore this very versatile medium. This workshop is for the beginner as well as those with more experience with acrylics. The techniques of this medium, incorporating composition, building a painting, color values and much more will be explored. Students should bring photographs that they have taken to be utilized as subject matter. Let’s get painting!

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 variety of mediums including mixed media, acrylics, watercolor, pen and ink and pastels. Iraina is listed in the Who’s Who of American Women.

MATERIALS LIST
Tuition: Member $100/Non-Member $110: Senior Member $90/Non-Member $100
The Pocono Arts Council is a registered non-profit organization. A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the PA Department of State by calling toll free, 1-800-732-0999.

PoconoArts Corporate, Individual & Municipal Donors

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- PA Council on the Arts

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