Origins Gallery Celebrates Four-Year Anniversary

Congratulations to Pocono Arts Board Member Jody Singer, Director of Origins Gallery, on celebrating a Four-Year Anniversary. Jody and the Origins crew have been a welcome addition to the Pocono Arts Council headquarters. We wish them many more years of creativity and success!

Art As Spirituality
March 2-24, 2018

Opportunity Associates of the Poconos is pleased to present ART AS SPIRITUALITY, a special exhibition in the ARTSPACE Gallery. 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. An artist’s reception will be held on Saturday, March 10, 2018 from 2-4 p.m. Regular gallery hours are Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The juror for this year’s show is Rev. Michael Barnett, M.Div., M.Ed., an ordained interfaith minister, educator, and spiritual artist/writer. He earned his Master of Divinity Magna Cum Laude at Moravian Theological Seminary in Bethlehem, PA and his Master of Education at Gwynedd Mercy University where he taught religious studies. Michael creates spiritual art, poetry, and essays which have been exhibited in “Muse: The Inspirations of Our Lives,” Studio B Art Gallery, Boyertown, PA; “To Be: Know Thyself, You Do You,” Studio B; “From the Soul: Word & Form from the Hearts of Moravian Theological Seminary,” Moravian College, Bethlehem, PA; “Agony & Ecstasy: Reflections Inspired by Our Lives,” Studio B; “In Response to Healing,” Traveling Exhibition: Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA; Gallery 908, Reading, PA; Pennsylvania State University, University Park, State College, PA; Ohio State University, Newark, OH; and University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR; and First AIDS Festival, Painted Bride Arts Center, Philadelphia, PA. With artist Claire Marcus, he facilitated poetry-writing, journaling, and story-writing as a teaching artist with middle-school students for the Urban/Suburban Afterschool Arts Program through the Lehigh Valley Arts Council. Michael teaches “Discover Your Intuitive Self” in Community Education in the Souderton Area School District. His spiritual writings and poetry have been published in American Spirit, The Universalist Herald, The Journal of Unitarian Universalist History, the exhibition books published by Studio B listed above, Spiritus, Church of the Holy Spirit, Harleysville, PA, red lights haiku journal, “In Response to Healing” exhibition catalog, Bahnson Banter, Moravian Theological Seminary, and Tarnhelm Literary Magazine, The Pennsylvania State University, Penn State Harrisburg, PA. For 30 years, Michael intuitively counsels and empowers people to realize their creative and spiritual gifts.
COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

Jean and Gordon Perry
Jean and Gordon are teaching the following classes at Northampton Community College, Bethlehem campus.
Scandalous Women Artists – Jean Perry, Breakfast & Learn lecture, March 6, 8:30-11:30AM.
Silk Industry of NJ and PA – Gordon Perry, Breakfast & Learn lecture; March 20, 8:30-11:30AM.
O’Keefe: The Flower – Jean Perry, Art Studio, April 14, 10AM-2PM.
Jean Perry is also teaching at Carbon County Environmental Education Center.
The Woodpecker, (watercolor), Wed. April 18, 10-Noon.
Nature Vignettes (sketching the center’s live animals and landscape)
Information: Carbon County Environmental Education Center (CCCEC), Jeanne Carol, 570-645-8597.

Country Home Learning & Art Center –
1784 Route 209, Brodheadsville (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

Notara 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.
9th Annual Free Summer Theater Workshop: Twelve Dancing Princesses, Once a year Theater Studio offers a 6-8 week free workshop with a Performance on the last day. These workshops are offered on alternate Sundays at SVPA. We recommend that children ages 7 and over participate. We also welcome teens and adults who wish to perform onstage or help backstage.
Auditions are on Sunday May 20th from 4-6pm at SVPA. Those interested in auditioning for a Princess role will be doing a dance audition as well; and should dress comfortably and bring soft soled dance shoes. No previous dance experience required, but suggested. 570-817-3453 or www.theaterstudiotbg.webs.com

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, and Acrylic Painting. Ongoing for adults or purchase a six-week session. 610-588-5817 or www.tottsgap.org

Warren County Arts
Encaustic Painting Lecture, Maria Filosa, April 12, 7-9PM.

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.theoalc.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.schoolofvisualandperformingarts.org

Members/Sponsors
Sponsors for monthly themed exhibitions in the ARTSPACE Gallery are greatly appreciated.
Individuals or businesses looking for an opportunity to support local artists and arts organizations, may sign-up online at poconoarts.org/support/become-a-sponsor/
The Pocono Arts Council ALWAYS welcomes new members. You may join online at poconoarts.org/support/
For further information, email info@poconoarts.org or call 570-476-4460

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Pocono Arts Council Participates in Downtown Stroudsburg Events

Winterfest happened!
Pocono Arts Council is always happy to support Visit Downtown Stroudsburg’s annual Winter Festival. Stroudsburg was alive with ice sculptures, games, musicians and winter-fun on Saturday, Feb. 24th. There was an opportunity to learn about a proposed pocket park to clean up a vacant space on 6th St. and Quaker Alley; great backdrops for photos, and local musicians livening up the streets. ARTSPACE Gallery featured the annual Student Art Exhibition.

Ladies Night Out Downtown Stroudsburg!
We’ve added a fun giveaway hunt through town, so you can relax in one of our wonderful wineries or restaurants, enjoy our vibrant arts community or explore our shoppes all while taking free chances on great prizes like gift cards and baskets at participating businesses!

ARTSPACE Gallery will be open for viewing the Art as Spirituality Exhibit and Origins Gallery will be holding a raffle for original artwork!
March Calendar

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

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

Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC)
Sugar Shack Scramble, 538 Emery Road, Dingmans Ferry, 9AM-Noon, 570-828-2319, www.peec.org

Kettle Creek Environmental Center
41st Public Maple Sugaring Day — tour of the Measing Sugarbush, Marshalls, 10AM-3PM. 570-629-3061 or www.mcoonervation.org.

Kettle Creek Environmental Center

Sherman Theater
Sherman Theater Kids’ Series: Regina Sayles, 524 Main St., Stroudsburg, 2PM. 570-420-2808 or www.shermantheater.com

Beacon Hill Concerts
Ringmasters Barbershop Quartet (International Quartet Champions 2012), 119 Barn Rd., Stroudsburg, 3PM. 570-476-1308 or dcravford1@unl.edu

Origins Gallery at PoconoArts
Artists' Receptions: Reflections and Memories, live music by BluJay, 18 N. 7th St., Stroudsburg, 4-6PM. www.facebook.com/originsgallerystroudsburg

Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC)
Sugar Shack Scramble, 538 Emery Road, Dingmans Ferry, 9AM-Noon, 570-828-2319, www.peec.org

Pocono Bluegrass & Folk Society
Shin-dig: Without a Paddle, Mason-Dixon Bandits, Quality Inn, 1220 W. Main St., Stroudsburg, 12-30PM. 570-994-7305 or www.poconobluegrass.org.

Eastern Monroe Public Library
Words & Film: Hidden Figures, based on book, Margot Lee Shetterly, Community Room, EMPL, 1002 North 9th St., Stroudsburg, 2PM. 570-421-0800 x312 or www.monroeppl.org

5 7th Annual Zoot Fest, Cecilia S. Cohen Recital Hall, Fine & Performing Arts Building, ESU, 7:30PM. 917-716-9245 or http://larchetconcertgroup.com

Sherman Theater & SLP Concerts
Steel Panther – Sunset Strip Live, 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, inside Renegade Winery, 600 Main St., Stroudsburg, 9AM-Noon. (917) 716-6489 or www.monofoarmersmarket.com

Kettle Creek Environmental Center
Artist’s Reception: Miharu Lane, “Great Trees,” 8050 Running Valley Road, Stroudsburg, 11AM-1PM. 570-629-3061 or www.mcoonervation.org

Origins Gallery at PoconoArts
Artists’ Reception: Artwork of Alison Gray & Krystal Walz, 18 N. 7th St., Stroudsburg, 8PM. 570-420-2808 or www.shermantheater.com

7 Sherman Theater
America’s Bandstand – Joey & the T-Birds, The 2nd Street Players 524 Main St., Stroudsburg, 8PM. 570-420-2808 or www.shermantheater.com

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

9 Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC)
Introduction to Orienteering, 538 Emery Road, Dingmans Ferry, 1-3PM. 570-828-2319, www.peec.org

Sherman Theater
America’s Bandstand – Joey & the T-Birds, The 2nd Street Players 524 Main St., Stroudsburg, 8PM. 570-420-2808 or www.shermantheater.com

8050 Running Valley Road, Stroudsburg, 9AM-Noon. (917) 716-6489 or www.monofoarmersmarket.com

Origins Gallery at PoconoArts
Artists’ Reception: Artwork of Daniel Ferron & Professor Michael Kessler, 18 N. 7th St., Stroudsburg, 5-7PM. www.facebook.com/originsgallerystroudsburg

Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC)
Woodcock Walk, 538 Emery Road, Dingmans Ferry, 6:30-8:30PM, 570-828-2319, www.peec.org

10 Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC)
DIY Birdfeeders, 538 Emery Road, Dingmans Ferry, 10AM-Noon, 570-828-2319, www.peec.org

11 Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC)
Visit Downtown Stroudsburg
Ladies Night Out, The Great Spring Giveaway, 8PM. www.facebook.com/events/1706536309392839/

12 Sherman Theater & SLP Concerts
Dropkick Murphys, Agnostic Front, Bim Skala Bim, 524 Main St., Stroudsburg, 7:30PM. 570-420-2808 or www.shermantheater.com

13 Sherman Theater
Golden Gate Wingmen, 524 Main St., Stroudsburg, 7PM. 570-420-2808 or www.shermantheater.com

14 Sherman Theater & SLP Concerts
Judah & the Lion — going to Mars Tour, Colony House, Tall Heights, 524 Main St., Stroudsburg, 8PM. 570-420-2808 or www.shermantheater.com

15 Sherman Theater & SLP Concerts
Poetry and Prose, 18 N. 7th St., Stroudsburg, 6-8PM. www.facebook.com/originsgallerystroudsburg

16 Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC)
DIY Birdfeeders, 538 Emery Road, Dingmans Ferry, 10AM-Noon, 570-828-2319, www.peec.org

17 Kettle Creek Environmental Center
Introduction to Fly Fishing, 8050 Running Valley Road, Stroudsburg, 9AM-Noon. 570-828-3061 or www.mcoonervation.org

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

Origins Gallery at PoconoArts
Artists’ Reception: Artwork of Daniel Ferron & Professor Michael Kessler, 18 N. 7th St., Stroudsburg, 5-7PM. www.facebook.com/originsgallerystroudsburg

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22 Origins Gallery at PoconoArts
5 x 7 Exhibition “Spring Into Action”, 18 N. 7th St., Stroudsburg, 5-7PM. www.facebook.com/originsgallerystroudsburg

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

Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC)
Salamanders, Frogs, and More!, 538 Emery Road, Dingmans Ferry, 1-3PM. 570-828-2319, www.peec.org

25 Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC)
Bridge the Gap: Edible & Medicinal Plant Salamanders, Frogs, and More!, 538 Emery Road, Dingmans Ferry, 1-3PM. 570-828-2319, www.peec.org

29 East Stroudsburg University
7th Annual ZooT fest, Cecilia S. Cohen Recital Hall, ESU Fine & Performing Arts Center, 7PM. www.esu.edu/jazzesu.
Theater

EAST STROUDSBURG UNIVERSITY, Smith-McFarland Theatre, ESU Fine & Performing Arts Center, 570-422-3483 or www.esu.edu/theatretickets, esuarts@esu.edu.
Godspell, March 1, 2, 3 at 7:30PM. March 3, Arts Center, 570-422-3483 or www.esu.edu/McFarlandTheatre, ESU Fine & Performing Arts Center.

Cinema

POCONO CINEMA & CULTURAL CENTER, 88 S. Courtland St., East Stroudsburg, 570-421-FILM or www.poconocommunitytheater.org

Upcoming April Events

1. Pocono Bluegrass & Folk Society
35th Annual Ron Nauman Fiddle Contest & Shin-dig; Last Small town, Heavy Traffic, Quality Inn, 1220 W. Main St. Stroudsburg, 12:30-5PM. 570-994-7305 or www.poconobluegrass.org.

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

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

4. Kettle Creek Environmental Center
Art’s Reception: Miharu Lane, “Great Trees,” 8050 Running Valley Road, Stroudsburg, 11AM-1PM. 570-629-3061 or www.mccconservation.org

5. Origins Gallery at PoconoArts
Artists’ Reception: Miharu Lane, “Great Trees,” 8050 Running Valley Road, Stroudsburg, 11AM-1PM. 570-629-3061 or www.mccconservation.org

6. Local Galleries & Museums

AFA Gallery (Artists for Art) (PPA Grantee)
Gallery Hours: Thurs-Sat noon-5PM, 514 Lackawanna Ave., Scranton. 570-969-1040 or www.artistsforart.org

Anita Shapolsky Art Gallery

ARTSPACE Gallery
Opportunity Associates of the Poconos presents: Art as Spirituality thru March 24, Gallery Hours: Tues-Fri, 10AM-4PM, Sat 11AM-6PM; Mon, Tues, Fri-Sun 1-4PM. Pocono Mountains Historical Association.

Auradell Gallery at Stroudsmoor
Stroudsmoor Country Inn, Stroudsmoor Rd., Stroudsburg, 570-421-6431 or www.stroudsomoor.com

Gamut Gallery
Hand-made Rio De Janeiro Butterfly Wing Art, Jewelry, Compacts, Trays, from 1920’s and work by local artists. Gallery Hours: Fri 1-5PM; Sat, Sun Noon-6PM or by appointment. 109-111 North Eighth St., Stroudsburg, 570-517-5092 or www.gamutartgallery.com

Hazelton Art League (PPA Grantee)
225 E. Broad St., Hazelton. Gallery hours: Sat-Sun, 11AM-5PM. 570-454-0092 or hazletonartleague@outlook.com

Kettle Creek Art Gallery
Nancy Hopping, “Living with Wildlife,” photography, 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 at ESU
Kulvinder Kaur Dhew: Recent Works. (thru March 9), Student Art Association All University Student Juried Art Exhibit, (March 22-April 13), Gallery Hours: Wed, Thurs 11AM-7PM; Mon, Tues, Fri 11AM-4PM. Fine & Performing Arts Center. 570-422-3482 x1 or esuarts@esu.edu

Marywood University (PPA Grantee)
Mahady Gallery: ‘Make Believe’- The Maslow Collection and the Moving Image (thru March 21) 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

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
“Over There…America joins the fight: 100th Anniversary of WWI” (thru Dec 21, 2018). Gallery Hours: Tues, Wed, Thurs 10AM-4PM, Fri, Sat 11AM-3PM, Mon, Tues, Fri, Sun 1-4PM. 340 Main St., Stroudsburg. 570-421-7703 or www.mchistory.org

Mountain Gallery at Pocono Mountain Public Library
5500 Municipal Dr., Rte. 111 Tobyhanna. 570-894-8860

Northampton Community College
Monroe Campus – Dunning Art Gallery.
American Identity Exhibition; (Jan 18-May 18.) Gallery Hours: Mon-Thurs 8AM-9PM. 201 Keystone Hall, 2411 Route 715, Tannersville. (570) 369-1938 or mconnell@northampton.edu

Origins Gallery at PoconoArts
Reflections and Memories, March 3, 4-6PM. Artworks of Daniel Ferron & Professor Michael Kessler, March 17, 5-7PM. Artworks of Alison Gray & Krystal Walz, April 7, 5-7PM. Gallery Hours: Monday-Fri, 10AM-4PM, Sat Noon-4PM, 18 N. 7th St., Stroudsburg. www.facebook.com/originsgallerystroudsburg

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

Sordoni 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/sordoni-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)
PUSH/PUSHBACK: The Guerrilla Girls on Tour! Gallery Hours: Sun-Fri, Noon-4PM. Wed, 8-8PM. Hyland Hall, 4th Floor, Linden St. at Jefferson Ave., Scranton. 570-941-2414 or http://www.scranton.edu/academics/hopehorn/gallery/index.shtml

Wayne County Arts Alliance (PPA Grantee)
Art-a-Pelago, one gallery: three locations, Paros Gallery at D.I. 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/
Save the Dates:

Pocono State Craft Festival
August 25-26, 2018
Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm
Stroudsburg, PA, Sat & Sun 10am-5pm
First Jury Date: March 12, 2018
The Pocono’s premier art and craft festival takes place every August at the Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm in Stroudsburg, PA. Details: www.poconocrafts.com/pocono/exhibit.htm

Festival of Wood
August 4-5, 2018
Grey Towers National Historic Site
Milford, PA, Sat 10am-5pm & Sun 10am-4pm
A celebration of our natural and cultural heritage of wood. Handmade crafts, arts, educational demonstrations, children’s activities, live music, food and refreshments, mansion tours ($5 for visitors 12yrs & up).
Educational exhibit application:
Food vendor application (due April 2, 2018):
The Festival of Wood is co-sponsored by the Pocono Arts Council and the Grey Towers Heritage Association. The event is supported, in part, by the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, a state agency funded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

Spring for the Arts
A Night at the Kentucky Derby
May 4, 2018
Stroudsmoor Country Inn
Stroudsburg, PA
5:30-9pm
Volunteers and Donations Wanted
The Spring for the Arts benefit is the Pocono Arts Council’s biggest fundraising event of the year. We are seeking donations to build a NEW ONLINE AUCTION to take place in May 2018, to complement the event on May 4th. We are seeking volunteers to join our Spring for the Arts Donation Team. Please join us each Monday at noon: 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, and 3/26. We will supply you with ideas and tools to help find donation items for our auction festivities. Donation ideas include entertainment, art and fine crafts, travel, electronics, sports, food and restaurants, services, memberships, classes, beauty and fitness, pets, outdoor adventures, merchandise, experiences. Auction questions? poconoarts@gmail.com

Thank you for your support!

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Members' Spotlight

Art in the community! The watercolor paintings of Elizabeth Hulswit-Green are on exhibition at Pocono Eye Associates in East Stroudsburg, PA through the month of March. Pictured is PoconoArts Executive Director, Sue Randall and Liz Green in one of the waiting rooms.

Long time PoconoArts member and former board member, Gina Bertucci, will receive the 2018 Buzz Bensinger Lifetime Achievement Award at the Rotary Club of the Stroudsburgs Not Just Another Auction at Shawnee Inn on March 22. To join Gina in the celebration, and get some great buys at the auction, visit the club’s website at http://www.stroudsburg rotary.org/.

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.

May is Members’ Exhibition! There are many opportunities to help:

DROP-OFF on Monday April 30, CATALOGING WORKS, CALLING WINNERS, RECEPTION on May 19, GALLERY SITTING. Volunteers get a discount on the entry fees. Early bird volunteers who sign-up prior to drop-off day get a double discount. Email tassy@poconoarts.org for details.

Spring for the Arts 2018 Annual Benefit will be on Friday, May 4th. Help is needed with event planning and fundraising. Email tassy@poconoarts.org.

Thank You to Last Month’s Volunteers

February Gallery Sitters: Tassy Gilbert, Linda Rief, Jody Singer
February Newsletter Mailing: Rachel Kezlosky, Ruth Randone, Jack Swersie, Jill Swersie, Nancy Tully

PoconoArts depends upon its volunteers and appreciates their support throughout the year! THANK YOU TO ALL!!
performer. Playing begins at 7 and runs at take a collection at each concert for the net. We do not pay our performers but do please email Sonya Cole at scole@ptd. Dansbury Depot. If you are interested, to perform during Music on Mondays at 4th year! The Dansbury Depot Committee Depot

The Historic Dansbury Depot. Music On Monday, now in it's 4th year! The Dansbury Depot Committee of the Eastburg Community Alliance is inviting musicians to display their talents at the depot during the months of May, June, July, August and September. We are looking for local artists to volunteer to perform during Music on Mondays at Dansbury Depot. If you are interested, please email Sonya Cole at scole@ptd.net. We do not pay our performers but do take a collection at each concert for the performer. Playing begins at 7 and runs at least an hour and 15 minutes. Please send 5 or 6 possible Monday dates for which you are available to perform. I will choose our calendar from the dates that are sent to me. You may bring your own sound system or use ours.

Pocono Arts Council Members’ Exhibition - All members of the Pocono Arts Council are invited to participate in the Pocono Arts Members’ Exhibition 2018. A special artist reception will be held on Saturday, May 19, 4-6pm, with award presentations at 5pm. Delivery date is Monday, April 30, 1-6pm. Awards include Best of Show (First, Second & Third Place in Each Category). Awards are at the sole discretion of the jurors and all the places may not be awarded in each category. Award Winners will be featured at the Eastern Monroe Public Library Gallery for the months of June & July. Categories: Acrylic, Oil, Mixed Media, Photography, Watercolor, Works on Paper, 3-D Works (Sculpture & non/functional) and Fine Crafts

Monroe County Children’s Roundtable Community Night Art Contest - Open to all Monroe County school students (4-12). The winning pieces will be prominently displayed at this year’s Community Night on May 8, 2018 at Northampton Community College, Monroe Campus, in the Monroe County Courthouse, and at Rep.’s office. The theme is “Serving The Community.” Allowed mediums: acrylic, charcoal, collage, oil, pen & ink, photography, sculpture, watercolor, colored pencil. Deadline for submission is Thursday, May 1, 2018. Teachers! Contact Pocono Arts Council for the application and art drop-off information. No fee to enter, prizes awarded.

Art Scholarship and Music Scholarship Available. The 2018 Suzanne Anderson Scholarship awards consist of two $500 cash awards and are available for high school seniors interested in continuing their education in the arts or music. Applications are available at the Pocono Arts Council Office. To be considered, the applicant must: be a senior; be active in the visual or musical arts; have plans to continue with an art school/music school after high school graduation; demonstrate a superior quality of art/musicanship; be involved in the community; especially in art/music. Applications are due on or before March 31, 2018 and the scholarships will be awarded at the Pocono Arts Council’s Spring for the Arts Gala on May 4th.

Origins Gallery

CALLS FOR ARTISTS/CRAFTSMEN/ VENDORS: 2018 Forks Area Art Society – All members of the Forks Area Art Society have been submitting work to the gallery for over 20 years. Our collective has been united in our support of the community and education in the arts. The group has donated work to both the Pocono Arts Council and the Monroe County Arts Council members and a $45 entry fee for non-members. Entry forms and membership information are available online. Information: 717-334-5006 or andersarts.org.

Forks Area Art Society Call for Artists: 15th Annual Juried Art Exhibition, Schmucker Art Gallery, Gettysburg College, May 31-June 22. Deadline for submissions – March 9. Any person over the age of 18 is eligible to submit work for consideration. Juror Richard Rinehart, Director, Samek Art Museum, Bucknell University. Awards total $2,750 with a $1000 Best of Show Prize. There is a $30 entry fee for Adams County Arts Council members and a $45 entry fee for non-members. Entry forms and membership information are available online. Information: 717-334-5006 or andersarts.org.

Forks Area Art Society Call for Artists: “Amp Up The Art” in the Park – 5th annual outdoor art show to promote a creative community gathering of artists. May 19, (Rain or Shine), 11AM-4PM (Set-up 8:30AM). Forks Township Community Center Amphitheater, 500 Zuckerville Road, Easton, PA 18040. Booth fees, $45 non-FAASmembers $12 x 12. (You are responsible for your own display). Submission deadline, May 1, Entry Form: http://forksareaartsociety.yolasite.com/resources/Application%20Form%20Art%202017.pdf. Information 610-746-3026 or forksartsociety@gmail.com

The Historic Dansbury Depot. Music On Monday, now it’s 4th year! The Dansbury Depot Committee of the Eastburg Community Alliance is inviting musicians to display their talents at the depot during the months of May, June, July, August and September. We are looking for local artists to volunteer to perform during Music on Mondays at Dansbury Depot. If you are interested, please email Sonya Cole at scole@ptd.net. We do not pay our performers but do take a collection at each concert for the performer. Playing begins at 7 and runs at least an hour and 15 minutes. Please send 5 or 6 possible Monday dates for which you are available to perform. I will choose our calendar from the dates that are sent to me. You may bring your own sound system or use ours.

Pocono Arts Council Members’ Exhibition - All members of the Pocono Arts Council are invited to participate in the Pocono Arts Members’ Exhibition 2018. A special artist reception will be held on Saturday, May 19, 4-6pm, with award presentations at 5pm. Delivery date is Monday, April 30, 1-6pm. Awards include Best of Show (First, Second & Third Place in Each Category). Awards are at the sole discretion of the jurors and all the places may not be awarded in each category. Award Winners will be featured at the Eastern Monroe Public Library Gallery for the months of June & July. Categories: Acrylic, Oil, Mixed Media, Photography, Watercolor, Works on Paper, 3-D Works (Sculpture & non/functional) and Fine Crafts

Monroe County Children’s Roundtable Community Night Art Contest - Open to all Monroe County school students (4-12). The winning pieces will be prominently displayed at this year’s Community Night on May 8, 2018 at Northampton Community College, Monroe Campus, in the Monroe County Courthouse, and at Rep. Madden’s office. The theme is “Serving The Community.” Allowed mediums: acrylic, charcoal, collage, oil, pen & ink, photography, sculpture, watercolor, colored pencil. Deadline for submission is Thursday, May 1, 2018. Teachers! Contact Pocono Arts Council for the application and art drop-off information. No fee to enter, prizes awarded.

Art Scholarship and Music Scholarship Available. The 2018 Suzanne Anderson Scholarship awards consist of two $500 cash awards and are available for high school seniors interested in continuing their education in the arts or music. Applications are available at the Pocono Arts Council Office. To be considered, the applicant must: be a senior; be active in the visual or musical arts; have plans to continue with an art school/music school after high school graduation; demonstrate a superior quality of art/musicanship; be involved in the community; especially in art/music. Applications are due on or before March 31, 2018 and the scholarships will be awarded at the Pocono Arts Council’s Spring for the Arts Gala on May 4th.

Visiting Artists

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

Theater Studio, A Confidence Theater Auditions for Twelve Dancing Princesses, May 20th 4-6PM at School of Visual and Performing Arts, 554 Main St., Stroudsburg. 570-817-3453 or www.theaterstudiosbgwebs.com

Shawnee Playhouse Auditions for Adults and Children 2018 Summer Season Auditions for ages 7 through adult will be held for the 2018 summer season at the Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort on Friday March 23 from 3pm – 7pm and Saturday March 24 from 3pm to 7pm. Please come prepared with a song, at least 16 bars, of your choice. We do not provide an accompanist, you can either sing a cappella or with a CD (we do provide a CD player). Please make sure the CD has music only – no vocals. You do not have to sing a song from the show that you are auditioning for! Please provide a head shot and resume if you have one. Children will be asked to audition without a parent present. Parents will be asked to wait in the holding room and will not be allowed to listen outside the audition room. Auditions are for the following: Honk Jr.; Disney’s The Lion King Experience Jr.; Willie Wonka Jr.; The Pirates of Penzance (Ages 14 and older); Footloose (Ages 14 and older). For audition forms, show dates and information please visit the website at www.TheShawneePlayhouse.com/auditions.

Welcome New Members

Leonard J. Bock, Kunkletown
Gabrielle Ferrara, Stroudsburg
Renée Dee Photography, Stroudsburg
Gail Fly, Stroudsburg
Bonnie Hardenstine, Stroudsburg
Donna Kalleser, East Stroudsburg
Matthew & Misty Stallard, Raw Urban Winery & Hard Cidery, Stroudsburg

Total Membership: 604

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**March/April 2018 Classes at PoconoArts**

## Ongoing Classes

### Oil Painting

**Thursdays 6:30-8:30pm**

March 8, 15, 22, 29

April 5, 12, 19, 26

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**

March 4, 11, 18, 25

April 8, 15, 22, 29 (no class April 1)

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.

**MATERIALS LIST**

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

### Ongoing Drawing Workshop for Children

**Saturdays 1-3pm**

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 (no class March 10)

April 7, 14, 21, 28

**Ages 9-13**

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

## March Classes

### Foundational Drawing

**4 weeks, March 8, 15, 22, 29, 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 (see bio under Foundational Drawing class in March)

**MATERIALS LIST**

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### Basic Acrylic Painting

**4 weeks, March 6, 13, 20, 27, 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 (see bio under Basic Acrylic Painting in March)

**MATERIALS LIST**

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### “Selfie” Portraits

**Ages 9-14**

**4 weeks, April 9, 16, 23, 30, Mondays 1-3pm**

In this class we will take a journey through art and explore self-portraits throughout history. We will take the time to learn about the basics of portraits, practice with drawing skills and then dive into creating our own self-portraits. No drawing skills needed. Different mediums will be used to create unique selfies.

**Instructor:** Sarah Scott is a self-taught artist who loves all things creative. She has an educational background in elementary education and art instruction and has taught students in New Jersey for the past eight years. She is an enthusiastic instructor who loves to encourage her students to explore their own creativity.

**Tuition:** $60

## April Classes

### Foundational Drawing

**4 weeks, April 5, 12, 19, 26, 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 or ink.

**Instructor:** Tricia Lippert (see bio under Foundational Drawing class in March)

**MATERIALS LIST**

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

### Drawing Workshop

**4 weeks, April 3, 10, 17, 24, Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30pm**

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 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

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