Spring has almost sprung and the Pocono Arts Council is going full steam ahead. While some things remain the “gold standard” for our members such as the upcoming Earth Speaks IV Exhibition in April and the Member’s Exhibition in May, I am pleased to announce that we have added some new wrinkles for the annual Spring for the Arts 2018 gala. Instead of multiple items of art being auctioned on-site at Stroudsmoor, we will be launching a brand new “online” auction on May 1st which will stay live through midnight on May 25. There will be plenty of art to bid on along with items such as gift certificates and baskets. With limited space at the pavilion venue, we have retooled our evening with a fun theme, “A Night at the Kentucky Derby.” Raffle tickets will be available as in years’ past with three great prizes up for grabs. See the article in this newsletter for details. Invitations will be going out soon (tickets will also be available for purchase online).

I am also pleased to announce that we added two new public galleries to our collection to give our members even more exposure in the community. The Pocono Arts Council welcomes two new gallery spaces in Stroudsburg: NEPA Credit Union and the Office of State Rep. Maureen Madden. In January, we welcomed approximately 50 new student members and are looking for new ways to mentor them into our activities. To start with, we are planning a fun sketch crawl at the Monroe County Farmer’s Market in the late spring. Students also have an opportunity to enter an art contest/exhibition for the Monroe County Children’s Roundtable Community Night at NCCC, Monroe. We have noticed an increase in student involvement in our monthly exhibitions at the ARTSPACE Gallery as well.

My first three months have been a whirlwind of activity, and I look forward to continuing the good work of the arts council over the next year. If you have any questions or ideas, please feel free to reach out. We welcome and depend on member involvement and appreciate the volunteering spirit that exists at the Pocono Arts Council and the Origins Gallery.

Sue Randall, director@poconoarts.org

From the Director

Spring for the Arts

On May 4th, it’s time to “Spring for the Arts!” This year’s event will be held at Stroudsmoor Country Inn’s brand new pavilion and the theme of the evening will be “A Night at the Kentucky Derby,” so get your colorful outfits and hats ready! There will be a people’s choice award for the most creative attire! Food will include Kentucky’s famous burgoo along with southern style picnic fare. Each guest (21 and over) will receive one complimentary mint julep to add to the festive atmosphere. Dr. Sherwood Samet’s “The Last Picture Show” will be featured in the Auradell Gallery at Stroudsmoor with all proceeds benefiting the Pocono Arts Council. Also on exhibit that evening will be the work of James Gloria.

NEW this year, we will launch our new Online Auction featuring artwork, entertainment, experiences, and items available for your bidding pleasure from May 1-25. East Stroudsburg High School North Chorale and Eleve Dance Theater will provide live entertainment. Fun raffles and games will round out the evening.

As PoconoArts has in the past, there will be awards and scholarships during the course of the evening.

Local artist James Smeltz will receive the lifetime achievement award (posthumously), and there will be a live auction for one of Jim’s paintings. Other awards given that evening will include Emerging Artist Awards.

Finally, two graduating high school seniors will receive Suzanne Anderson Scholarships to pursue their visual art and music studies at the college level. This year’s Spring for the Arts promises to be “the ARTS event of the year!” Mark your calendars now – invitations will be in the mail shortly and online at www.poconoarts.org/SFTA.

Lauryn deLeeuw, 3rd Place “Embrace Your Culture,” See Art and Spirituality on page 3.
COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

Jean and Gordon Perry
Jean and Gordon are teaching the following classes at Northampton Community College, Bethlehem campus.

O’Keefe: The Flower – Jean Perry, Art Studio, April 14, 10AM-2PM.
For other art studios and lectures given by Jean and Gordon, 570-992-2398.
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 (CCEEC), 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

Northampton Community College – www.Northampton.edu/lifelearn
Will Daskal is teaching two upcoming classes. Classes meet in Keystone 237 “Painting with Watercolors” – Enrich your personal life through acquisition of concrete, useful and creative water-color painting techniques. Begin with an overview of materials, tools and paints and work towards producing beautiful artwork! Instructor demos with lots of hands on practice.
April 11-May 16 Wednesdays, Course: ART195, 6:30-8:30PM. Cost: $129. “Painting with Watercolors II” – Explore the creative use of color, form and design elements to create weekly sketches for use in a major finished painting. Individualized attention will be provided in addition to student-specific weekly homework exercises to further enhance each student’s technical growth and skills mastery.
April 9-May 14 Mondays, Course: ART195, 6:30-8:30PM. Cost: $129

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 on stage 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.theaterstudioatbg.webs.com

Shawnee Playhouse 2018 S.T.A.R.S. SUMMER CAMPS
The Shawnee Theatrical Arts Resource School (S.T.A.R.S.) offers a channel for a child’s natural gifts of imagination and role-playing. Through theatre arts children sharpen their creativity, improve their communication skills, gain self-confidence and learn the importance of teamwork. Above all, children enjoy becoming a part of the magic that they create on the stage.
The program offers children an introduction to many aspects of theatre through stage movement, dance, music, art, creative games, role-play and scene study. Camp size is limited, please register as soon as possible.
The summer camps reflect the shows produced during the summer season.
Young performers will learn about acting, theatre etiquette, terminology, costuming and make up. The campers will then join a staged production and be in a performance that coincides with the camp that they are in.
2018 Camps: Camp Honk – Ages 5-7 June 18 to June 22, performance 7pm June 22, Camp Pirates – Ages 8-14 June 25 to June 29, performance 7pm June 29, Camp Willy Wonka I – Ages 8-12 July 2 to July 6, performance 7pm July 6, Camp Willy Wonka II – Ages 5-7 July 16 to July 20, performance 7pm July 20, Camp Footloose – Ages 8-14 July 24 to July 27, performance 7pm July 27, Camp Lion King I – Ages 8-12 July 30 to August 3, performance 7pm August 3, Camp Lion King II – Ages 5-7 August 6 to August 10, performance 7pm August 3
All camps are $165 for the week. There is a $15 discount for additional camps purchased for either siblings or multiple camps. If purchasing multiple camps for one child, please call the box office to register to receive the $15 discount.
Please note: All cancelled camp reservations will be subject to a $25 cancellation fee once purchased.
TO REGISTER - PLEASE PURCHASE CAMP ON THE HOME PAGE www.theshawneeplayhouse.com

Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC) – 538 Emery Road, Dingmans Ferry
Nuno Felting & Knitting, - April 19-22 (PEC) – 538 Emery Road, Dingmans Ferry, 570-828-2319 or peec.org.
Encaustic Painting Lecture, Maria Filosa, April 12, 7-9PM. Oxford Municipal Building, 11 Green St., Oxford, NJ, 1-3PM. 908-581-5185 or www.wccarts.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.theoalc.org

Welcome New Members
Steve Brancata, Banter’s Hard Cider, Stroudsburg
Michael Barnett, Lederach
Lois Courtinier, Stroudsburg
Renee D. Photography, Stroudsburg
Heidi Hooper, Stroudsburg
Professor Michael Kessler, Stroudsburg
Brandon Martinho, Bangor

Total Membership: 613
A Recap of the Art As Spirituality Exhibition

Opportunity Associate’s 2018 Event “Art as Spirituality” was a gigantic success. There were 77 works of art entered, from artists ranging in age from five years old to seniors. The event received “overwhelming positive feedback” from guests (friends and family members of the artists), art connoisseurs, and many others who were visiting the gallery for the first time and voiced delight at the diversity. Artists talked enthusiastically about the theme and their creative artistic interpretations. The juror, Rev. Michael Barnett, discussed his rationale with delight. Art teachers expressed their excitement at seeing their students’ work on display. Invited guests, including Monroe County United, Mount Pocono Arts Council, The Forwardian Arts Society, LL Art Work “Evolve” and SayCheeze Photography were captivated by the turnout. Special appreciation is extended to Pocono Art Council’s Director, Staff, Board, and Members, for their excellent hosting of OA’s 2nd “Art as Spirituality” Event.

Joy and Peace,
Pastor Sondria Miller

Winners pictured on front page and to the right (photos: SayCheeze Photography)

The Earth Speaks IV - Special Guest on April 21

Delwin Fiddler Jr. is a member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe and a world-renowned Native American performance artist. The Pocono Arts Council is pleased that he will a special guest at the Artists’ Reception on April 21, 4-7 pm. Delwin will talk about what it meant to be a Water Protector at Standing Rock, North Dakota in 2016, praying and defending Mother Earth from the “Black Snake,” the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL). Delwin believes we are all protectors of Mother Earth and protectors of all her sacred resources. He enjoys sharing songs, dances and flute playing from the Lakota Native American nations. According to several Native American prophecies, the present time on this earth is considered a critical time in history for the wellbeing of our planet.
**April Calendar**

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

2. **Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort**  
   Community Concert Series: Chris London, Fireside, Main Lobby, Shawnee Inn, Shawnee-on-Delaware, 7PM. 570-800-SHAWNEE or www.shawneean.com

3. **First Friday Scranton (PPA Grantee)**  
   Various Locations, Downtown Scranton, 5-9PM. 570-455-8191 or www.firstfridayscranton.com

4. **Monroe Farmers Market**  
   Produce, Plants, Baked Goods, Dairy & More, inside Renegade Winery, 600 Main St., Stroudsburg, 9AM-Noon. (917) 716-6498 or www.monomonfermarket.com

5. **Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC)**  
   Salamanders, Frogs, and More!, 538 Emery Road, Dingmans Ferry, 10AM-Noon, 570-828-2319, www.poconoedcenter.com

6. **Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort**  
   Community Concert Series: Pete Mauro – Doo Wop, Fireside, Main Lobby, Shawnee Inn, Shawnee-on-Delaware, 7PM. 570-800-SHAWNEE or www.shawneean.com

7. **Northampton Community College, Monroe Campus**  
   Panel Discussion: “The American Identity” Dunning Art Gallery, Northampton Community College, Monroe Campus, 2411 Rte 715, Tannersville, 6:30-8PM. 610-861-5062 or tshiliea@northampton.edu.

8. **Mount Pocono Methodist Church**  
   Kids’ Day Out, Art Show & Concert, Mt. Pocono UMC, 12 Church Ave, Mt. Pocono, 6-8PM. 570-839-1646 or www.mtpecommunity.org.

9. **Smithfield’s Library**  
   Omnivore’s Reading Book Club, RGB Plaza Building, 507 Seven Bridge Road, East Stroudsburg, 7PM. 570-223-1881 or cyoung@monroep.org

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

11. **Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort**  
    Community Concert Series: Pete Mauro – Doo Wop, Fireside, Main Lobby, Shawnee Inn, Shawnee-on-Delaware, 7PM. 570-828-2319, www.poconoedcenter.com

12. **Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC)**  
    Bridge the Gap: Bike the McDade, 538 Emery Road, Dingmans Ferry, 1-4PM, 570-828-2319, www.poconoedcenter.com

13. **Warren County Arts**  

14. **Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort**  
    Community Concert Series: Katie Rubino, Fireside, Main Lobby, Shawnee Inn, Shawnee-on-Delaware, 7PM. 570-800-SHAWNEE or www.shawneean.com

15. **University of Scranton, The Hope Horn Gallery (PPA Grantee)**  
    Artists’ Reception: 2018 Student Exhibition, Hyland Hall, 4th Floor, Linden St. at Jefferson Ave., Scranton, 6-8PM. 570-941-4214 or http://www.scranton.edu/academics/hope-horn-gallery/index.shtml

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

17. **Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort**  
    Community Concert Series: Riverside Rhythm – Swing Band, Fireside, Main Lobby, Shawnee Inn, Shawnee-on-Delaware, 7PM. 570-800-SHAWNEE or www.shawneean.com

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20. **Sherman Theater**  
    Circa Survive – The Amulet Tour, 524 Main St., Stroudsburg, 8PM. 570-420-2808 or www.shermantheater.com

21. **Pocono Farmers Market**  
   Produce, Plants, Baked Goods, Dairy & More, inside Renegade Winery, 600 Main St., Stroudsburg, 9AM-Noon. (917) 716-6498 or www.monomonfermarket.com

22. **Mount Pocono Methodist Church**  
    Kids’ Day Out, Art Show & Concert, Mt. Pocono UMC, 12 Church Ave, Mt. Pocono, 6-8PM. 570-839-1646 or www.mtpecommunity.org.

23. **Sherman Theater**  
    The Earth Speaks IV, Artists’ Reception: Artwork of Alison Gray & Krystal Walz, Music by Matt VanScoten 18 N. 7th St., Stroudsburg, 11AM-1PM. 570-629-3061 or www.monomonfermarket.com

24. **Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC)**  
    Community Concert Series: Pete Mauro – Doo Wop, Fireside, Main Lobby, Shawnee Inn, Shawnee-on-Delaware, 7PM. 570-828-2319, www.poconoedcenter.com

25. **Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort**  
    Community Concert Series: Riverside Rhythm – Swing Band, Fireside, Main Lobby, Shawnee Inn, Shawnee-on-Delaware, 7PM. 800-SHAWNEE or www.shawneean.com

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Eastern Monroe Public Library
Words & Film: Fences (based on August Wilson’s play), Community Room, EMPL, 1002 North 9th St., Stroudsburg, 2PM. 570-421-0800 x312 or www.monorepl.org

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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

Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC)
24th Annual Earth Day Festival, 538 Emery Road, Dingmans Ferry, 11AM-4PM, 570-828-2319, www.peec.org

Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center
Full Moon Bog Hike, Cranberry Bog, 552 Cherry Lane Road, Tannersville, 6:30PM. 570-629-3061 or www.mccoervation.org

East Stroudsburg University
Musical Theatre Organization (MTO) Cabaret, Dale Snow Theatre, ESU Fine & Performing Arts Center, 2PM and 7:30PM. 570-422-3483 or esuarts@esu.edu.

Sherman Theater
Dreams, music of The Allman Brothers Band, Mountain Sky Orchestra, 524 Main St., Stroudsburg, 8PM. 570-420-2808 or www.shermantheater.com

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Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC)
Tweets and Sweets, 538 Emery Road, Dingmans Ferry, 9-11AM, 570-828-2319, www.peec.org

East Stroudsburg University
31st Annual Spring Band Concert, Cecilia S. Coen Recital Hall, ESU Fine & Performing Arts Center, 7:30PM. 570-422-3483 or esuarts@esu.edu.

Theater
EAST STRoudsburg UNIVERSITY, Smith-McFarland Theatre, ESU Fine & Performing Arts Center, 570-422-3483 or www.esu.edu/theatretickets, esuarts@esu.edu.

A Doll’s House, Henrik Ibsen, adapted by Frank McGuinness, April 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 at 7:30PM. April 22 at 2PM.

POcono MOUNTAINS THEATER COMPANY, www.pocnonmountainstheatercompany.org

SHAWNEE PLAYHOUSE, River Rd, Shawnee-on-Delaware. Reservations: 570-421-5093 or www.theshawneeplayhouse.com

C & K Dance Theater presents The Wizard of Oz Ballet, April 27, 28 at 7PM. April 28 at 11AM. April 29 at 2PM.

Pocono CINEMA & CULTURAL CENTER, 88 S. Courtland St., East Stroudsburg, 570-421-FILM or www.pocnoocomunitytheater.org
Carmen, The Royal Opera Presents Barrie Kosky’s new production of Bizet’s Carmen in cinemas. April 14 at 1PM. April 15 at 7PM.

EAST STRoudsburg UNIVERSITY, Abeoff Center for the Performing Arts, Dance Team Annual Showcase, April 14 at 7PM. April 15 at 1PM. esudanceateam@gmail.com. Contemporary Dancers, Spring Performance, April 19, 21 at 7PM. April 22 at 2PM. kesteves@live.esu.edu or aday2@lib.esu.edu.

Upcoming May Events
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Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort
Community Concert Series: Woodrow, Fireside, Main Lobby, Shawnee Inn, Shawnee-on-Delaware, 7PM. 800-SHAWNEE or www.shawneeinn.com

2
Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center
Birding at the Bog, Cranberry Bog, 552 Cherry Lane Road, Tannersville, 7AM. 570-629-3061 or www.mccoervation.org

Sherman Theater with SLP Concerts
Parkway Drive, Stick To Your Guns, Bad Omens, 524 Main St., Stroudsburg, 8PM. 570-420-2808 or www.shermantheater.com

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First Friday Scranton (PPA Grantee)
Various Locations, Downtown Scranton, 5-9PM. www.firstfridayscranton.org

Sherman Theater with SLP Concerts
The Used, 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

Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC)
Run, Hike, Crawl: PEEC 5K, 538 Emery Road, Dingmans Ferry, 10AM. Registration begins 8AM. 570-828-2319, www.peec.org

Brodhead Watershed Association

Kettle Creek Environmental Center
Artist’s Reception: Matthew Giambra, “The Photo Challenge,” 8050 Running Valley Road, Stroudsburg, 11AM-1PM. 570-629-3061 or www.mccoervation.org

Origins Gallery at PoconoArts

Sherman Theater with SLP Concerts
70’s Flashback – 2018 “Make A Wish of Greater Pennsylvania” benefit concert, 524 Main St., Stroudsburg, 8PM. 570-420-2808 or www.shermantheater.com

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Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC)
Bridge the Gap: Edible & Medicinal Plant Walk, 538 Emery Road, Dingmans Ferry, 10AM-Noon. 570-828-2319, www.peec.org

Sherman Theater with SLP Concerts
Stone Sour, Palaye Royale, ‘68, 524 Main St., Stroudsburg, 8PM. 570-420-2808 or www.shermantheater.com

PoconoArts Public Galleries
All exhibits run thru May 2018
We are proud to announce two brand new public galleries. Pocono Arts Council gives members an opportunity to exhibit their work for two months in several area galleries. We are pleased to announce the addition of NEPA Credit Union who will join our gallery rotation starting in May with an exhibition of student artwork that was featured in our Student Showcase held at the beginning of 2018. NEPA Credit Union was one of the sponsors of the student exhibition and is looking forward to supporting our rising stars.

Starting this month, “Mill Alley Gallery” located in State Representative Maureen Madden’s Stroudsburg office, will feature works by the following Pocono Arts Council members: Jack Swersie, Jill Swersie, Eric Peters, AnnaMaria Blackshire, Lauryn DeLeuuw, Tricia Gonzales, Jane Mayhew MacHale & Dora Peiren. The Mill Alley Gallery exhibit is co-sponsored by Origins Gallery, one of Pocono Arts Council’s partnering organizations.

Better Homes & Gardens – Wilkins & Associates
152 E. 65th St., New York NY. 212-452-1094
New York Exhibition Center. Gallery Hours: Tues-Fri 11AM-6PM and Sat by appointment, 109-111 North Eighth St., Scranton. 570-476-4460 or www.poconoaarts.org

AURadell Gallery at Stroudsmoor
“The Last Picture Show” Sherwood Samet, photography, Stroudsmoor Country Inn, Stroudsmoor Rd., Stroudsburg. 570-421-6431 or www.stroudsmoor.com

Banter’s Hard Cider
William D. Prystauk, photography, 35 N. 7th St., Stroudsburg. 570-399-1080 or www.bantershardcider.com

Gamut Gallery
New work by local artists: Marty Carr, Tricia Lowery Lippert, Melissa Benzinger McGlynn, Albert Shivers, Jill Swersie, Briggie Williams. Also, Hand-made Rio De Janeiro Butterfly Wing Art, Jewelry, Compacts, Trays, from 1920’s thru May. Gallery Hours: Fri 1-5PM; Sat, Sun Noon-6PM or by appointment. 109-111 North Eighth St., Stroudsburg. 570-517-5021 or www.gamutartgallery.com

Hazleton Art League (PPA Grantee)
225 E. Broad St., Hazleton. Gallery hours: Thurs-Sat Noon-5PM, 514 Lackawanna Ave., Scranton. 570-969-1040 or www.artistsforart.com

Anita Shapolsky Art Gallery
“Focus on Abstract Gems” Small Paintings, Sculptures, and Paper Pieces (thru April 7).

Local Galleries & Museums

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

The Earth Speaks IV (thru April 28), Gallery Hours: Tues-Fri 10AM-4PM, Sat Noon-4PM, 18 N. 7th St., Stroudsburg. 570-476-4460 or www.poconoaarts.org

“AURadell Gallery at Stroudsmoor” Sherwood Samet, photography, Stroudsmoor Country Inn, Stroudsmoor Rd., Stroudsburg. 570-421-6431 or www.stroudsmoor.com

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Local Galleries & Museums

Kettle Creek Art Gallery
Miharu Lane “Great Trees,” 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
Student Art Association All University Student Juried Art Exhibit, (thru 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: 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 www.clavertis-miller.fineartamerica.com

Monroe County Historical Association
“Oh Over There . . . America joins the fight: 100th Anniversary of WWI” (thru Dec 21, 2018). 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
5500 Municipal Dr., Rt. 611 Tobyhanna. 570-894-8860

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

Origins Gallery at PoconoArts
Artworks of Alison Gray & Krystal Walz, April 7, 5-7PM. Gifts of the Earth Open Exhibition, April 21, 5-7PM. Three Women in Art: Laura Gonzales, Jane Mayhew MacHale & Dora Peiren, May 5, 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
ESSA, Rt. 209, Brodheadsville, Linda Kreckel; Homestead Veterinary Center, Gary Embich; James & Rae Insurance, Joan Sayer; Gen II Jewelry, Darleen Hyde; Gilbert Podiatry Associates, Barbara Daskal; Bangor Podiatry Associates, Linda Bush; Debbie Pettenari Insurance, MaryAnn Schwartz; Blue Ridge Vineyard, Charlene Taylor; 570-992-7070 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 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. Check us on facebook for updates.

University of Scranton, The Hope Horn Gallery (PPA Grantee)

Warren County Arts

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, 6-8PM. http://waynecountyartsalignment.org/art-a-pelago/

PoconoArts Volunteer Opportunities

ARTSPACE Gallery needs Gallery Sitters on Saturdays. 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 - March Gallery Sitters: Linda Rief, Jody Singer and Opportunity Associates of the Poconos
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Members’ Spotlight

“Great Trees,” paintings by Miharu Lane will be on exhibit at Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center, 8050 Running Valley Rd., Stroudsburg, PA. The opening reception is Saturday, April 7, 2018 from 11am-1pm, with the exhibition running at the gallery April 2-30, Mon-Fri 8am-4:30pm. 570-629-3061.
Save the Dates:

Pocono State Craft Festival
August 25-26, 2018
Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm
Stroudsburg, PA, Sat & Sun 10am-5pm
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 The festival is co-sponsored by the Pocono Arts Council, the Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm, and the Pocono Chapter, Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen.

Members’ Exhibition, May 4-26, 2018
This celebration of members’ creativity is a Pocono Arts Council tradition. Delivery/drop-off, April 30, 2018. Artist’s Reception and Awards Presentation, May 19, 2018.

Spring for the Arts
A Night at the Kentucky Derby
May 4, 2018
Stroudsmoor Country Inn Pavillon
5:30-10pm
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Visit www.poconoarts.org/SFTA to purchase tickets, raffles, sponsorships and to upload your donation items online.
Auction questions? poconoarts@gmail.com

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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).
Woodcraft exhibit application (due May 1, 2018):
Educational exhibit application:
Food vendor application (due April 2, 2018):
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Class Instructors - PoconoArts is always seeking qualified instructors to teach in its studio program. If you are interested in teaching, or know of someone who is, please contact our Studio Coordinator, Carolyn Hetherington at 570-476-4460 or e-mail carolyn@poconoarts.org. The Council is interested in providing instruction in a variety of disciplines, levels and age groups.

**Forks Area Art Society**

2018 “Amp Up the Art!” Art in the Park – 5th outdoor art show to promote a creative community gathering of artists. May 19, (Rain or Shine), 11AM-4PM (Set-up by 8:30AM), Forks Township Community Amphitheater, 500 Zucksville Road, Easton, PA 18040. Booth Fees, $45 non-FAAS-members 12 x 12. (You are responsible for your own display). Submission deadline, May 1st. Entry Form: http://forksareaartsociety.yolasite.com/resources/Application%20-%20Amp%20Up%20the%20Art%20-%202017.pdf. Information 610-746-3026 or forksareaartsociety@gmail.com

The Historic Dansbury Depot-Music On

Monday, The Dansbury Depot Committee of the Eastburg Community Alliance is looking for artists to display their talents at Music on Mondays at the Dansbury Depot during the months of May, June, July, August and September. Do you know an artist, photographer or fine arts craftperson who may be interested in showing and selling at a community concert? Each Monday will feature an artist and fine art crafter, (jewelry, pottery, textile art). Dansbury Depot has a full hanging system. Art items must be able to hang. If there is rain, the event moves inside. Jewelry/Crafts would be on the other side of the depot, (tables and chairs are available). The depot is not charging for display space. You are expected to be there from 6-8:30. Music is from 7-8. For late August and September we move an hour earlier due to darkness. Please pass this on to any friends or family who might be interested. Information: scole@ptd.net.

**Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC), 24th Annual Earth Day Festival**

Vendors – Call for Nonprofit Organizations, Environmental businesses, Local Artists & Crafters working with handmade/upcycled goods. Saturday, April 28th 11AM-4PM, (Set up at 10AM). No cost to participate if providing your own tables and chairs. ($10 nonrefundable fee required at registration for PEEC to provide table and 2 chairs). 24th Annual Earth Day Festival, 538 Emery Road, Dingmans Ferry, 11AM-4PM, 570-828-2319, www.peec.org

**Pocono Heritage Center - Picturesque Art Show 2018**

Pocono Township, in association with the Pocono Arts Council, presents the Picturesque Art Show 2018, an exhibition celebrating the Poconos. The show on June 22-23 will be held at the newly renovated Pocono Heritage Center in Tannersville, PA. An opening reception will be held on Friday, June 22, 5-8 PM. Artists who are members of the Pocono Arts Council and live in Pocono Township may participate. The exhibition will feature the artwork of the beautiful Pocono Mountains created by local artists. 20% of any sales will benefit the Pocono Arts Council. Please contact Jack Swersier at jacksweir.ptd.net or on Facebook, if you’re interested in receiving the Prospectus with all pertinent information. Commitment from artists needed no later than May 1. All work MUST be related to life in the Poconos (outdoor, sports, specific and non-specific locations, nature, landmarks, local events, etc.). All work must be original; no offset lithos or mechanical reproductions of originals. There is NO ENTRY FEE for this show. Number of submitted pieces will depend on how many artists participate and will be determined at a later date. This is a free event.

**Pocono Arts Council Members’ Exhibition, May 4-26**

As a member of the Pocono Arts Council, you are invited to participate in the PoconoArts Members’ Exhibition 2018. A special artist reception will be held on Saturday, May 19, 4-6PM, with award presentations at 5PM. Schedule: Delivery: Monday, April 30, 1-6PM, Judging: Wednesday, May 2, Hanging: Friday, May 4, Reception: Saturday, May 19, 4-6PM, Awards Presentation: Saturday, May 19, 5PM, Exhibition Hours: May 4 – May 26, Monday-Saturday, 10AM - 4PM, Pick-Up Works: Tuesday May 29, 1-6PM. Awards include Best of Show and 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); Fine Crafts. Questions: 570-476-4460 or info@poconoarts.org

**Monroe County Children’s Roundtable Community Night - Art Contest**

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, no prizes awarded.

**1st Annual “Stroudsburg Arts Festival”,**

will be held on Saturday, July 7th from 2PM until 7PM on 7th Street and throughout Courthouse Square. Booths with handcrafted items or original art are accepted for this festival—no distributor or production manufactured items will be accepted. Booth Space is limited, once full, no other applications will be accepted. APPLICATION FEE: $15, plus 4 photos of your work that you display for sale. Application Fee is non-refundable. Application is available online or at the arts council office.

**Origins Gallery**

Gifts of the Earth Open Exhibition, Artists’ Reception: April 21, 4-6PM. Art Intake, Wednesday & Thursday, April 18, 19, 2-6PM. Contact: Jody Singer, mountainsidearts@hotmail.com, www.facebook.com/originsgallerystroudsburg

Open Studio Exhibition, Artists’ Reception: May 19, 5-7PM. Art Intake, Wednesday & Thursday, May 16, 17, 2-6PM. Contact: Jody Singer, mountainsidearts@hotmail.com, www.facebook.com/originsgallerystroudsburg

**63rd Fine Arts Fiesta**

www.fineartsfiesta.org. Sandra Dycewski Maffei Adult Juried Exhibition, May 17-20. Public Square, Wilkes-Barre. Drop off: Saturday, April 21, 11AM - 5PM at Fiesta Center, Midtown Village, 41 S. Main St., Wilkes-Barre. All Adult Artists living within a radius of 100 miles are eligible to submit up to 5 original works. $1,700 in total prizes, $200 Best of Show. Prospectus and entry forms: http://fineartsfiesta.org/applications-forms/

**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.kathykrolldance-dapapertheater.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.theaterstudioskbg.org

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

**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 gedmonroo-ep@pl@gmail.com

**School of Visual & Performing Arts**

- 554 Main St Stroudsburg. rents studios for dance, theater and art by the hour for ongoing classes, master classes, workshops, and rehearsal spaces. There is a box theater and gallery for shows. There are five studios, two w/marley floors and w/pianos, three w/wood floors. Contact Kathy Kroll, 570-424-5285 or www.schoolofvisualandperformingarts.org

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OnGoing Classes

Ongoing Drawing Workshop for Children

Saturdays 1-3pm
April 7, 14, 21, 28
May 5, 12, 19, 26
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

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

Foundational Drawing

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

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

Basic Acrylic Painting

Basic Acrylic Painting
4 weeks, April 3, 10, 17, 24, 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 studies 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.

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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

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