From the Director

The Arts Play a Central Role in Our Lives

November greetings to our members and friends of the Pocono Arts Council. I am looking forward to rounding out my first year as director with the launch of our Annual Fund and a brand new venue for our annual members’ meeting and PPA grant award ceremony. I recently spent a few days in beautiful Erie, PA at the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts’ fall meeting and was delighted to meet the new director Karl Blischke and several of the PCA staff members who are integral in helping us carry out our mission. I had the opportunity to meet grant coordinators and other directors from all over Pennsylvania. It was a joy to compare plans, goals, and programs with like-minded folks. And thanks to our hard-working grants coordinator Tassy Gilbert for indulging my wish to stroll the banks of beautiful Lake Erie on Presque Isle State Park.

Our very popular Holiday Store kicks off on November 23 with Member Appreciation day on Saturday, November 24 (which happens to be Small Business Saturday). All Arts Council members will enjoy a 20% discount in the holiday shop that day from noon to 5pm.

Watch your mail or visit poconoarts.org for information on our Annual Fund Campaign 2018 with the goal of generating $25,000 in operating funds by year-end. Your end-of-year gift to the Annual Fund places you among a special group of businesses and individuals who know what a central role the arts play in building our community, serving residents and tourists alike. We encourage everyone, individuals and businesses, to participate. No donation is too small. Please consider making a contribution, at a level comfortable to you.

Thank you for your support of the Arts!

Sue Randall
Executive Director
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Annual Meeting & PPA Grant Awards

Thursday, December 6, 2018, 5:30 - 7:00 pm

NEW VENUE: Pocono Cinema and Cultural Center in East Stroudsburg

Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts (PPA) Project Stream Grants Distributed

Mark your calendars now for Thursday, December 6, 5:30-7pm, as the Pocono Arts Council celebrates the success of its 2017-2018 fiscal year and distributes PA Partners in the Arts Project Stream Grants. This is an excellent time to discover all the programs and services of the arts council and introduce the organization to friends and family. We hope to see you there!

In the ARTSPACE Gallery

Contrasts: Dark & Light

Congratulations to the award winners of our October exhibition. Thank you to judge Robert R. Husty, coordinator for the Circle Centre for the Arts, home of the Wyoming Valley Art League, Wilkes-Barre, PA.

1st Place: Rena Hottinger, “Path Well Chosen,” photography (pictured)

2nd Place: Brooke Jana, “In the Land of Giants,” photography

3rd Place: Will Daskal, “Delaware Dawn,” oil


Upcoming Exhibition

The Art of Digital Technology, November 2-17
Drop-off: Tuesday, October 30, 1-6pm
Artists’ Reception & Awards: Saturday, November 3, 4-6pm
Fees are waived for high school and college students to encourage participation of our younger artists. Seeking sponsors at a $250 level to cover this new, non-traditional exhibition. http://poconoarts.org/support/become-a-sponsor/
Q&A with PPA Program Coordinator
Tassy Gilbert

Q: Tassy, how long have you been the PPA Program Coordinator for the Pocono Arts Council?
A: I was hired in April 2003 to coordinate the PA Partners in the Arts (PPA) program on behalf of the Pocono Arts Council. The PPA program works in partnership with the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts (PCA) and is a state regranting initiative. PoconoArts is one of 13 regional partners serving throughout the Commonwealth. PoconoArts serves NEPA and includes five counties: Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Pike, and Wayne.

Q: What is the history of the program, and why was it started?
A: Before the PPA program existed, the PCA recognized that state money was being infused into the metropolitan areas of Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and Harrisburg, supporting several really large cultural institutions. But the rural regions and their citizens were underserved. The partnership strategy to develop a regranting program involving regional, local decision-making gave rise to the PPA. In 1997, PCA invited the Pocono Arts Council as one of the four original regional partners to help pilot the regranting initiative. Since the 1997 pilot program, the PA Partner Program was expanded from four rural community partners to 13 cultural service organizations administering the PPA program throughout the state. Now, grants are made in all 67 counties via Project Stream and Program Stream grants.

Q: Can you tell me more about those grants?
A: Project Stream grants are small grants available to individual artists (18+) or not-for-profit organizations conducting projects and events that involve a community-art component. These groups do not need to have a 501(c)3 status. (Arts and human service agencies, schools, units of municipal government, clubs, and other non-profits are eligible.) Project Stream grants are available annually, with open applications taken online in June for future events that will take place between September 1 and August 31 of the following year. Program Stream grants are available to 501(c)3 groups, schools, and units of government who have been very successful in Project Stream and have a cultural program with a fiscal size under $200,000. Participation in Program Stream is by invitation. Program Stream participants are not eligible for Project Stream grants. Organizations of a fiscal size over $200,000 apply directly through the PCA to other funding programs.

Q: What is a favorite part of your job?
A: I enjoy learning more about the communities in NEPA and the people I meet along the way. I love working with individual artists and nonprofit organizations throughout our service area and being part of the process that creates access to community arts programming. I work with applicants and grantees who are developing events and programming that bring an array of cultural arts experiences into these rural counties. It's exciting to see what a well-run non-profit can do with a little bit of money.

Q: What are grant applications evaluated on?
A: Grant applications are evaluated on three established criteria: quality of the art, quality of access, and a management score. A convene panel review boards comprised of citizens in northeast PA who volunteer their time, understand their communities, and have a particular area of expertise. The reviewing panelists themselves reach a consensus to score the merits of the application, and the merit scores determine the funding levels. A funding formula uses those scores to determine equitable funding. The regional allocation to the area is based primarily on population figures, this year, that number is $46,867 (roughly a nickel a citizen.) But at the end of the day, the merit of the project and the application has to stand on its own.

Q: What personal satisfaction do you derive from your work?
A: I encounter wonderful volunteers at PoconoArts and in the community arts organizations that apply for grants. We all work to bring our communities together through a wide array of cultural experiences. Our mission is to improve access to the arts for artists and the community that will experience their art. Because of the PPA program, the Pocono Arts Council is able to reach a larger geographic region beyond Monroe County. We are here to be a community resource for artists and art lovers. We serve the mission statement and our members, community partners, citizens of NEPA, and all the many visitors who walk through our door. In the 15 years I have been the PPA Program Coordinator, I have had the opportunity to work with hundreds of organizations and artists. I also appreciate working alongside the 13 regional partners throughout the state that administer the PPA programs in their locales, as well as PCA staff.

Q: What else?
A: We can't talk about public support and funding for the arts without talking about advocacy. The money that funds these grants comes from the state legislature. This is state tax money coming back to the citizens. What we need to know is that the creative economy in PA is a huge economic driver. The nickel a citizen that is represented in these grant awards helps drive the local economy. People get out and connect in their towns or they explore NEPA. People hire a sitter, organizations buy supplies from a local business to support a project, they participate in their communities, they volunteer, they buy a meal out with friends, or shop nearby at a venue before an event. They get out and connect in their towns or they explore NEPA. People hire a sitter, organizations buy supplies from a local business to support a project, they participate in their communities, they volunteer, they buy a meal out with friends, or shop nearby at a venue before an event. The grant award helps to seed the community and get people in motion. It comes back to benefit the local citizens, and local businesses. The budget for the grants themselves comes through the general legislature and the NEA. These grants may be small in size, but they have a big impact. Thank your local state legislators for their ongoing support! Supporting Local Arts is not a partisan issue, it is a quality of life issue.

Q: Do you have any hobbies you’d like to share?
A: My hobbies include community theater, singing, and volunteering with a local hospice. Truth be told, I am currently obsessed with paper crafts . . . and buttercream, and I am coming into gingerbread season.
Congratulations to 2018-19 PPA Project Stream Grantees

The Pocono Arts Council is pleased to announce the 2018 PA Partners in the Arts (PPA) Grants. The PPA program is a partnership initiative between local arts organizations and the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts (PCA), a state agency. PPA is administered in the northeastern PA region by the Pocono Arts Council and is available to non-profit organizations and individual artists conducting arts programming in the counties of Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Pike, and Wayne. Since beginning the program in 1997, $2,106,332 has been granted in our five-county region.

This year, 44 PPA Project Stream applications will receive grants totaling $46,867. In addition, 21 PPA Program Stream grants will be awarded $60,428 in early 2019.

Lackawanna County PPA Grants
Project Stream
Anthracite Heritage Museum and Iron Furnaces Associates: Bonfire at the Furnaces 2018
City of Scranton Parks and Recreation
First Friday Scranton
Greater Carbondale YMCA
Hexagon Project
Ihor Shablovsky
Lexington Entertainment
Marnie Azzarelli
North Pocono Cultural Society
Scranton Fringe Festival
Scranton Shakespeare Festival
Kala School of Dance
The Pop-Up Studio
The Waverly Community House
United Neighborhood Centers of Northeastern Pennsylvania
Program Stream
Arcadia Chorale
Artists for Art Gallery
Arts at First Presbyterian Church of Clarks Summit
Catholic Choral Society of Scranton
Choral Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania
Lackawanna Historical Society
The Lyric Consort
Galleries at Marywood University
Mostly Opera
Scranton Civic Ballet Company
Scranton Jazz Festival
Scranton Music Association
Hope Horn Gallery at University of Scranton

Luzerne County PPA Grants
Project Stream
Diamond City Partnership
Hazleton Art League
Hazleton Integration Project, Inc.
KISS Family Theatre Workshop
King’s College English Department:
Poetry in Transit
Wilkes University: Sordoni Art Gallery
Program Stream
Greater Hazleton Concert Series
King’s College: Theater Department
Little Theatre of Wilkes-Barre

Monroe County PPA Grants
Project Stream
Art + Design Department:
East Stroudsburg University
Borough of Stroudsburg
Delaware Water Gap Celebration of the Arts
East Stroudsburg High School South Musical Theatre Program
First Presbyterian Church of Stroudsburg
Pocono Cinema & Cultural Center
Pocono Concert Chorale
Pocono Watercolor Associates
Pocono Youth Orchestra
Presbyterian Church of the Mountain
Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm
The Shawnee Institute (The Shawnee Playhouse)
Program Stream
Pocono Bluegrass & Folk Society

Pike County PPA Grants
Project Stream
Airsoft123.org: Milford Farmers’ Market
Delaware Dancers
Delaware Valley Choral Society
Kindred Spirits Arts Programs
Milford Music Festival
Tri-State Chorale
Milford Readers & Writers Festival
Pike County Historical Society
Program Stream
Black Bear Film Festival

Wayne County PPA Grants
Project Stream
Bethany Public Library
Lacawac Sanctuary Foundation
The Cooperage Project: Maple City Jazz Festival
Program Stream
Honesdale Roots & Rhythm Music & Arts Festival Inc.
Ritz Company Playhouse
Wayne County Arts Alliance

6th Annual Mac & Cheese Bake-Off

See you at the 6th Annual Mac & Cheese Bake-Off on Sunday, November 4, 2-5pm, Renegade Winery, 600 Main St., Stroudsburg. This event is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year, so come out and join the fun! Taste-test and vote for your favorite mac and cheese and enjoy Renegade Winery libations. Admission: $5 Adults; $4 Veterans; $2 Kids 2-12.

Professional and amateur chefs will showcase their favorite macaroni and cheese recipe to be judged by a panel of judges and the general public attending the event. The winning restaurant can claim itself, “The Best Mac and Cheese in the Poconos!”

The grand prize–winning restaurant will receive one free month of digital billboard advertising from Lamar Advertising ($1,500 value) and the second-place restaurant will receive a radio ad package from Pocono 96.7, Neversink Media Group ($500 value). The amateur first place winner will receive a $100 cash prize, and second- and third-place winners will receive gift certificates.

Wish List

Seeking donors for any items on our wish list. If you can help, please drop off at 18 N. 7th Street or email info@poconoarts.org with any questions.

1. Cordless stick vacuum
2. Wireless music speaker
3. Monthly cleaning service
4. Refrigerator
5. Tall blue recycling bin
6. Steel storage cabinets with doors
7. Waterhog front door mat
8. Purple cloth tablecloths
9. Volunteer painters to paint the gallery walls

Member Appreciation (20% Discount) & Shop Small Saturday

The Holiday Store will be open on Saturday, November 24 from 12-5pm in celebration of “Shop Small Saturday.” As a show of appreciation, members of the Pocono Arts Council will receive a 20% discount at the Holiday Store, featuring fine art and fine crafts handmade by member artists. #supportlocalartists

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Submit your Art by Nov. 9 for #ArtPopEasternPA

Adams Outdoor Eastern PA has combined the Poconos and the Lehigh Valley programs for ArtPop's 2019 billboard competition, encompassing an 11-county region. The competition is open to artists residing in Berks, Bucks, Lackawanna, Lehigh, Luzerne, Monroe, Montgomery, Northampton, Pike, and Wayne counties in PA, as well as Warren County in NJ.

The competition includes a $500 cash scholarship for the winner of the ArtPop high school competition. In addition, Kutztown University is offering a $2,500 scholarship, if the winning high school student enrolls in a Kutztown University degree program.

Artists are invited to submit works of art to be considered for one of 12 Adams billboards throughout the region. Eleven artists, including a high school competition winner, will be selected by the official ArtPop jurying committee. The 12th and final winner will be chosen by the public. From November 13–16, the public can vote online at www.bananafactory.org/artpop for its favorite work for the People's Choice Winner. Winning entries will be rotated on Adams Outdoor Advertising's billboards throughout the region for an entire year.

Artists who wish to enter the ArtPop competition should visit bananafactory.org/artpop to upload the artwork, keeping in mind the very strict adherence to the required billboard size. Two-dimensional art and photographs of three-dimensional art that fit these measurements are acceptable. Previous ArtPop winners must wait three years before submitting works for the ArtPop competition. 2015 winners are eligible to apply. All winners will then be announced December 13 at Stroudsmoor Country Inn, Stroudsburg.

This joint partnership includes Adams Outdoor Advertising Eastern PA, ArtPop, ArtsQuest, The Banana Factory, and the Pocono Arts Council.

Submission Deadline: November 9, 2018
Public Vote: November 13-16, 2018, www.bananafactory.org/artpop
ArtPop Winners Announced at Reception: Thursday, December 13, 5:30-8 pm, Stroudsmoor Country Inn, 257 Stroudsmoor Road, Stroudsburg

Holiday Store 2018

Member Artists: Showcase your fine art and fine crafts in our Holiday Store. Space is reserved on a first-come, first-served basis with payment. Fees for participation are $30 for artists who volunteer a minimum 4-hour shift (with 20% commission to PoconoArts) or $40 for artists who do not volunteer (25% commission to PoconoArts).

Application due: Friday, November 9.
Apply online: http://poconoarts.org/artspace-gallery/holiday/Delivery:
Tuesday, November 20 & Wednesday, November 21, 10am-3pm. Donate Craft Items (see wish list): Monday, November 12, 10am-4pm. Decorate Windows (volunteers welcome!): Saturday, November 17 & Sunday, November 18, 6-7:30pm. Holiday Store Opens: Black Friday, November 23. Shop Small Saturday/20% Member Discount: Saturday, November 24, 12-5pm. Ladies Night Out in downtown Stroudsburg: Thursday, December 6, 4-8pm. Holiday Store Open: November 23, 2018-January 4, 2019

Help Decorate Holiday Store Windows November 17-18, 6-7:30pm

Donate Craft Items (see wish list below)

Thank you to member Dawn Michelle who is volunteering her time and taking a turn to dress up the front window displays for the Holiday Store, open November 23, 2108-January 4, 2019, Dawn would love to involve other interested artists, help bring the community together, and promote the arts in downtown Stroudsburg. New faces are encouraged to contribute time and talent to help create a beautiful window display. Dawn's vision is to showcase the creativity of our local artists and create the most festive windows in town. She says, “It’s great that 7th Street is becoming so lively, so let’s keep the momentum going and support the local business community in Stroudsburg.” Any questions, email DawnMichniewicz@outlook.com

Volunteers Needed to: Help install the holiday window display (November 17-18, 6-7:30pm), Design a front door welcome sign, Decorate the tree, Create holiday-themed window displays, Help coordinate fundraiser for artist ornaments to be raffled off to benefit the Pocono Arts Council

Drop-off Donated Craft Items to 18 N. 7th Street by Monday, November 12:

- Tree branches (approx. 5-7 ft. long and ½-3 in. wide)
- White spray paint (2-3 cans)
- White Xmas lights (48 ft.)
- Old CDs (approx. 20 to cut up)
- White craft paper (35-50 ft. roll)
- White fabric (48 sq. ft.)
- White tulle (60 sq. ft.)
- Extension Cord (10 ft.)
- Three timers (for e.a. window and tree)
- Xmas tree (5-6 ft. tall and 3 ft. wide)
- Four white light sets (100 ct. ea. for tree)
- Brown craft paper for wrapping gifts (400 sq. ft.)
- Two small spotlights
- One set of two wireless speakers
- Unusual ribbon or fabric to decorate gifts under the tree

Holiday Store – Ladies Night Out in Downtown Stroudsburg

The Holiday Store will remain open after hours for “Ladies Night Out” on Thursday, December 6, 4-8pm. While you’re out and about, stop in to purchase one-of-a-kind, handmade gift items for family and friends. Volunteers interested in manning the store, please email tassy@poconoarts.org. #supportlocalartists

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Congratulations to member Carol Gingrich for receiving a Sampler Award for her original needlepoint entitled “LadyBird.” The award was presented to her by representatives at the American Needlepoint Guild National Seminar held in Washington, D.C. in August 2018.

Carol has been a member of the Pocono Arts Council for many years and a generous sponsor of our Mac & Cheese Bake-Off events. We thank Carol for her involvement and support and for sharing her story below.

“My life has always been about creating Art. In my teens, I enjoyed creating large crewel tapestries with fiber. After high school, I enrolled at Philadelphia Community College with the desire to improve my drawing abilities, but instead, I discovered clay. I loved the dimensional aspects of clay and enjoyed combining a painterly touch to the surface. I was fortunate to study under Meil Ling Horn and Frank Gaydos. Philadelphia College of the Arts (now the University of the Arts) was the next stop on my life’s journey. There I studied with Bill Daley, Liz Steward and Larry Donahue. All my teachers taught me to ask “What if?”, and I have used this in every aspect of my life.

“While raising children, I exhibited in the fine craft show circuit with my functional ceramic art, winning domestic and international awards, and having many pieces in both private and public collections. Alas, life had other plans, and due to illness, I had to close my ceramic business and never work in clay again.

“Life offers many paths if we choose to go down them. I taught myself about herbs and essential oils during my recovery. And that is how Carol’s Scents N’ Soaps was born. I traveled the same show circuit and built a thriving business. My husband, George, has joined me and now makes all the soaps (much better than I ever did).

“A few years ago, I rekindled my love for fiber by creating original works in needlepoint. I enjoy using the fiber to create texture while depicting my subject matter. My net goal is to add three-dimensional elements to my pieces, while strictly adhering to using only canvas and fiber. ‘Lady Bird,’ my award-winning piece, is a study that allows only the texture of the stitches to depict the subject matter and its’ details.

“I am looking forward to the journey down a new path that life has offered.”

Carol’s Scents N’ Soaps offers a wide variety of products, including homemade soaps, body washes, body butters, deodorants, lip balm, bug repellant, pretty puppy products, gift baskets, and more. Visit the store location at 8 N. 6th Street in Stroudsburg, shop online at www.scentsnssoaps.com, or call 570-421-1510 to speak with Carol or George.

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Welcome Intern Dana Scarlatos

The Pocono Arts Council welcomes Dana Scarlatos as a Fall semester intern. Dana is a senior at East Stroudsburg University on track to graduate in December 2018 with a B.F.A. in Studio Art. Dana likes to learn and appreciates having the opportunity to work at a non-profit arts organization and gain exposure to the local arts community. Her favorite art mediums are ceramic sculpture, photography, illustration, and oil painting. Dana is a Stroudsburg native, attended Pocono Mountain East High School, and hopes to gain employment in the art world.

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Pocono Mountains of Art Open Studio Tour

The application deadline is November 9, if you’d like to be a stop on the Pocono Mountains of Art Open Studio Tour, April 27-28, 2019. Monroe County artists open their studios and give visitors a first-hand glimpse of their creative process. Guests can purchase original artwork on the spot. Participation fee $50. Apply online at http://poconoarts.org/programs/annual-special-events/studio-tour/ or print and mail to the Pocono Arts Council, 18 N. 7th St., Stroudsburg, PA 18360.

Conditions of Entry: Applicant must be a member of Pocono Arts Council and live in Monroe County. All art mediums are eligible. Artists must be in attendance and be prepared to demonstrate, if possible, and discuss their work during the tour hours. Site artists must provide proof of adequate insurance coverage.

Selection Process: A selection committee will review applications on November 16, 2018. You will be required to provide a sample of your work for the selection process. Email photos of your work to director@poconoarts.org. We request a sample of your work to be on display at the check-in station at either the Heritage Center at Mountain View Park in Tannersville or the ARTSPACE Gallery in Stroudsburg.

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Member Spotlight

NOVEMBER 2018
November Calendar

1 Madelon Powers Gallery at ESU
Reception, Artist Pamela Howard O.B.E., ESU Fine & Performing Arts Center, 4-6PM. 570-422-3483, esarts@esu.edu

2 Gallery at Chant Realtors
Reception, “Cacophony in Color,” mixed media abstract art, featuring artist Jason Strapek. The Gallery at Chant Realtors, 611 Rt. 739, Lords Valley, 5-7PM. Contact: Joan Polshook, 570-775-6896, mamjoan@ptd.net

Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center

Sherman Theater
LANCO: Hallelujah Nights Tour, 524 Main St., Stroudsburg, 8PM. 570-420-2808, www.shermantheater.com

3 Monroe Farmers Market
Inside Renegade Winery, November-March, 600 Main Street, Stroudsburg, 9AM-12PM. 917-716-6489, www.monroefarmersmarket.com

Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center

Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm
Holiday Workshop & Luncheon, 347 Quiet Valley Farm Road, Stroudsburg, 10AM-2PM. 570-992-6161, www.kettlevalley.org

Kettle Creek Art Gallery

Madelon Powers Gallery at ESU
Costumes and Character Workshop with Pamela Howard O.B.E., free, registration required, ESU Fine & Performing Arts Center, 1-4PM. 570-422-3483, esarts@esu.edu

Pocono Youth Orchestra
Flute Masterclass conducted by Erica Peet, flute soloist and member of the Philadelphia Orchestra, Stroudsburg Junior High School Band Room, 1198 Chipperfield Dr., Stroudsburg, 3-5:30PM. Free admission, public invited to observe. music@poconoyouth-orchestra.org

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Kindred Spirits Arts (PPA Grantee)
Bees, Please! Englewinds Ensemble, Milford Theatre, 114 E. Catharine St., Milford 7-30PM. 570-409-1269, www.kindredspiritsarts.org

Northeastern PA Chamber Music Society
The Opulent Oboe with oboist, Rong-Huey Liu, St. Stephen’s Episcopal Pro-Cathedral, 35 S. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre. 8PM. 570-763-9323, www.nepacs.org/

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

Pocono Bluegrass & Folk Society (PPA Grantee)
Louie Setzer and the Appalachian Mountain Boys & Coal County Express, Pocono Plaza Inn, 1220 Main St., Stroudsburg, 12:30-5PM. 570-420-1200, www.poconobluegrass.org

Eastern Monroe Public Library
“Remembering Kristallnacht: From Captive to Liberator,” Words & Film Matinee at EMPL, 1002 N. 11th St., Stroudsburg, 7PM. 570-629-3061, www.mcconservation.org

Pocono Arts Council
Mac & Cheese Bake-Off, Fundraiser & Community Event, Renegade Winery, 600 Main St., Stroudsburg, 2PM. 570-476-4460, info@poconoarts.org, www.poconoarts.org

Pocono Youth Orchestra (PPA Grantee)
2018 Fall Concert, Pocono Youth Symphony Orchestra & Pocono Junior String Orchestra, Stroudsburg Junior High School, 1198 Chipperfield Dr., Stroudsburg. 7PM. Public concert for conductor Joseph Choi with special guest, Erica Peet, flute soloist and member of the Philadelphia Orchestra, free admission. music@poconoyouth-orchestra.org

Madelon Powers Gallery at ESU
“Crossing Over Scenography” talk with Pamela Howard O.B.E., free & open to the public, ESU Fine & Performing Arts Center, 2PM. 570-422-3483, esarts@esu.edu

Eastern Monroe Public Library
Hughes United Book Club, discussing Manhattan Beach by Jennifer Egan, 1002 N. 9th St., Stroudsburg, 6:30-8:30PM. 570-421-0800, www.monroel.org

Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort
Community Concert Series: Lonesome Found featuring Amy Kirkwood, Main Lobby, Shawnee Inn, Shawnee-on-Delaware, 7PM. 800-SHAWNEE, www.shawneerin.com

Sherman Theater
GWAR – The Gore, Core, Metal and More Tour 2018, 524 Main St., Stroudsburg, 8PM. 570-420-2808, www.shermantheater.com

Origins Gallery
“Pleasure & Spice,” 5x7 one-night exhibition, age 18+, 18 N. 7th St., Stroudsburg, 5-7PM. facebook.com/OriginsGalleryStroudsburg/

Pocono Heritage Center
Veterans’ Art Show, 104 Mountain View Park Lane, Tannersville, 5-8PM.

Sherman Theater
Jay Critch, 524 Main St., Stroudsburg. 8PM. 570-420-2808, www.shermantheater.com

Monroe Farmers Market
Inside Renegade Winery, November-March, 600 Main Street, Stroudsburg, 9AM-12PM. 917-716-6489, www.monroefarmersmarket.com

Hidden Treasures Studio Tour
24th Annual Hidden Treasures Studio Tour and Sale 2018, Lehigh Valley locations, 9AM-5PM. www.hiddeenstoresstour.com

Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center
Protect the Tap, 522 Cherry Lane Road, Tannersville, 10AM. 570-629-3061, www.mcconservation.org

West End Park & Open Space
Craft and Gift Fair, Chestnuthill Township Park, Route 715, Brodheadsville, 10am-3pm. 570-992-9733, bkozen@weposc.org, www.weposc.org

Pocono Cinema & Cultural Center
10th Annual Red Carpet Event, Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort, 100 Shawnee Inn Dr., Shawnee-on-Delaware, 6PM. www.shawnietheater.com

Tottsgap Community Art Center

Monroe Farmers Market

Lehigh Gap Nature Center

Fusion Dance Center
Move 4 A Cure, Sherman Theater, 524 Main St., Stroudsburg, 2-5PM. 570-421-7895, www.fusiaidance.com

Pocono Center for the Arts
Broadway Spotlight, Stroudsmoor Country Inn, 257 Stroudsmoor Rd., Stroudsburg, 4-6PM. 570-420-2808, www.poconocenterforthearts.org

Hidden Treasures Studio Tour

NCC Main Campus

Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center
Mystery Birding Field Trip, 8050 Running Valley Rd., Stroudsburg, 8:30AM-5:30PM. 570-629-3061, www.mcconservation.org

Greater Hazleton Concert Series (PPA Grantee)
The Company Men, Hazleton Area High School, 1601 W. 23rd St., Hazleton, 7:30PM. 570-436-6615, www.hazletonconcertseries.org

Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center

Waverly Community House (PPA Grantee)

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

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Upcoming December Events

1. **Monroe Farmers Market**
   - Inside Renegade Winery, November–March, 600 Main Street, Stroudsburg, 9AM–12PM.
   - 917-716-6489, monroefarmersmarket.com

2. **Stroodmoor Country Inn**
   - Tree Lighting Celebrations, 257 Stroodmoor Rd., Stroudsburg, 9am-6:30pm. 570-421-6432, info@stroodmoor.com, www.stroodmoor.com

3. **Grey Towers NHS**
   - Dramatic Production: Charles Dickens A Christmas Carol,122 Old Oweego Turnpike, Milford, 2PM. 570-296-9625, greytowers.org

4. **Arcadia Chorale (PPA Grantee)**

5. **Grey Towers NHS**
   - Dramatic Production: Charles Dickens A Christmas Carol,122 Old Oweego Turnpike, Milford, 2PM. 570-296-9625, greytowers.org

6. **Arcadia Chorale (PPA Grantee)**

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Cultural Center at the Masonic Temple, 420 N. Railroad Earth, 524 Main St., Stroudsburg, 8PM. 570-420-2808, www.shermantheater.com

Sherman Theater
- Tech Nine’s Independent Grind Tour 2018, 524 Main St., Stroudsburg, 8PM. 570-420-2808, www.shermantheater.com

**Pocono Arts Council**
- Ladies Night Out at the Holiday Store, ARTSPACE Gallery, 18 N. 7th St., Stroudsburg, 4-8PM. 570-476-4460, info@poconoarts.org, www.poconoarts.org

**Pocono Arts Council**
- PPA Grant Awards & Annual Meeting, Pocono Cinema & Cultural Center, 88 S. Courtland St., East Stroudsburg, 5:30-7PM. 570-476-4460, info@poconoarts.org, www.poconoarts.org

**Theater**

East Stroudsburg University
- “Working,” November 14-16, 7:30PM; November 17, 2PM & 7:30PM; November 18, 2PM, Smith-McFarland Theatre, ESU Fine & Performing Arts Center, 570-422-3483, www.esu.edu/arts/performingarts, esuarts.esu.edu/ShawneePlayhouse

Shawnee Playhouse


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Theater

Sherman Theater

An original play perfect for the whole family. A quarter comes to life and brings change to show your support. Music and dancing by 10, 6PM, Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort, East Stroudsburg. November 10, 6PM, Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort, Shawnee-on-Delaware. Wear a touch of red to show your support. Music and dancing by 17-piece big band Riverside Rhythm, cash bar cocktail hour, land and sea buffet, live and silent auctions, raffles. Award honorees: Eastern Monroe Public Library, Betsy Buzeelli-Clark, Goldner Family, Marty & Susan Wilson, and Riverside Rhythm. Tickets: www.pococinema.org

Cinema

Pocono Cinema & Cultural Center
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Pocono Cinema & Cultural Center
88 S. Courtland St., East Stroudsburg. Check movies and show times: 570-421-FILM, www.pococinema.org

10th Annual Red Carpet Event, November 10, 6PM, Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort, Shawnee-on-Delaware. Wear a touch of red to show your support. Music and dancing by 17-piece big band Riverside Rhythm, cash bar cocktail hour, land and sea buffet, live and silent auctions, raffles. Award honorees: Eastern Monroe Public Library, Betsy Buzeelli-Clark, Goldner Family, Marty & Susan Wilson, and Riverside Rhythm. Tickets: www.pococinema.org

Exhibitions

PoconoArts Public Galleries
October/November 2018 Exhibits
Public gallery space is available to member artists who want to exhibit their work. In keeping with the council’s mission to provide art to our community through public gallery spaces, the PoconoArts Gallery Committee maintains a file of active artists interested in exhibiting their work on a voluntary basis. For an application, email director@poconoarts.org.

Better Homes & Gardens – Wilkins & Associates
7164 Route 209, Stroudsburg
Ken McCoy

Eastern Monroe Public Library
1002 N. 9th St., Stroudsburg
Bev Abel

Mill Alley Gallery-Office of State Representative Maureen Madden
Mill Alley, Stroudsburg
Serena & Bob Cook

Monroe County Bar Association
913 Main St., Stroudsburg
Erin Defosse

Office of State Sen. Mario Scavello
2895 Rt. 611, Suite 103, Tannersville
Jose Santamaria

Pocono Eye Associates
300 Plaza Court, Suite A, E. Stroudsburg
Elaine Madere

Pocono Record
511 Lenox St., Stroudsburg
Doug Gilbert

Vinnie D’s Deli
Strawberry Fields, East Stroudsburg
Arielle Sekula

Local Galleries & Museums

PoconoArts Public Galleries

AFA Gallery (Artists for Art) (PPA Grantee)

Anita Shapolsky Art Gallery

Antoine Dutot Museum & Gallery
Closed after Columbus Day. Groups of 10 or more people who want to visit the museum can be accommodated. Fill out the “Contact Us” form on the website.

The Art Factory of White Mills

Auradell Gallery at Stroudsmoor
Retrospective of David L. Miller (“Dales”), October 1-November 30. Open by appointment, call 570-421-6431, ext. 420 to arrange a viewing.

The Castle Inn Art Gallery
20 Delaware Avenue, Delaware Water Gap. 570-213-7858, www.castleinnpa.com

Dunning Art Gallery, NCC Monroe Campus
“RESCUEdog” Fall Exhibition by artists from the Pocono Arts Council, Pocono Mountain Arts Council, Pocono Mountains Art Group, Pocono Painters, Pocono Photography Club, and Pocono Watercolor Associates, thru January 4, 2019. Gallery Hours: Mon-Thurs, 8AM-9PM, 201 Keystone Hall, 2411 Route 715, Tannersville. 570-369-1938, mconnell@northampton.edu

Gallery at Chant Realtors LV
“Capichon in Color” with featured artist Jason Strape, Reception, November 3, 5-7PM, (thru), 631 Route 739, Lords Valley. 570-775-7337, mamajoan@ptd.net

Gamut Gallery
Gallery Hours: Fri, 1-5PM; Sat-Sun, Noon-6PM or by appointment, 109-111 N. 8th St., Stroudsburg. 570-517-5021, www.gamutartgallery.com

Grey Towers National Historic Site
Guided Tours, Memorial Day-December, Thurs-Mon, 1PM & 3PM. 122 Old Owego Turnpike, Milford. 570-296-9630, www.greytowers.org

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

Kettle Creek Art Gallery
“Joy in Nature,” Don Baylor. Gallery Hours: Mon-Fri, 8AM-4:30PM; Sat, 9AM-1PM, 8050 Running Valley Road, Bartonsville. 570-629-3061, www.mconservation.org

Modelan Powers Gallery at ESU
Gallery Hours: Wed, Thurs, 11AM-7PM; Mon, Tues, Fri, 11AM-4PM. 570-422-3482x1, esarts@esu.edu

Marywood University (PPA Grantee)
Mahady Gallery: Hours: Mon, Thurs, Fri, 9AM-4PM; Tues-Wed 9AM-8PM; Sat-Sun, 1-4PM. 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, www.marywood.edu/galleries

Miller’s Fine Arts Gallery

Monroe County Historical Association
“Over There . . . America joins the fight: 100th Anniversary of WWI” (thru December 21). 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, www.monoehistorical.org

The Mountain Gallery at Pocono Mountain Public Library
5500 Municipal Dr., Rte. 611 Tobyhanna. 570-894-8860

Origins Gallery at PoconoArts
“Pleasure & Spice,” November 9, 5-7PM; “Women in Art,” November 17, 5-7PM; “Poetry & Prose,” November 29, 6-8PM. Gallery Hours: Monday-Friday, 10AM-4PM; Sat-Sun, Noon-4PM. 18 N. 7th St., Stroudsburg www.facebook.com/originsgallerystrodus

Pocono Arts Council – ARTSPACE Gallery

Pocono Mountains Art Group West End Community Rotational Art Gallery
ESSA, Rt. 209, Brodheadsville, Gary Embich; Homestead Veterinary Center, Julia Saeger; James & Rae Insurance, Darleen Hyde; Gen II Jewellery, Joan Sayer; Gilbert Podiatry Associates, Nancy Embich; Bangor Podiatry Associates, Charlene Taylor; Debbie Pettinari Insurance, Linda Bush; Blue Ridge Vineyard, Mary Ann Schwartz; 570-992-7007, brushwork36@yahoo.com

Welcome New Members

COTA Jazz Festival, Inc., Delaware Water Gap
Richard Feier, Budd Lake, NJ
Cole & Rachel Hastings Goldstein, Scranton
Robert Husty, Wilkes-Barre
Heather Marzigliano, Bangor
Nancy Power, Pocono Pines
Sharon Rawle, Stroudsburg
Debra Scozzola, Kunkletown
Richard Sentinel, Shohola
TOALC (The Older Adult Learning Center), East Stroudsburg
Kristina Valdez, Stroudsburg

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Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers Appreciated

The Pocono Arts Council depends upon its volunteers and appreciates your support throughout the year. Interested in volunteering? Email Tassy Gilbert, tassy@poconoarts.org.

ARTSPACE Gallery and the Gallery Shop: We welcome volunteers to cover the gallery on Saturdays and Sundays from 12-4PM. Speak with visitors surrounded by original works of art by local artists. Visit Tassy for a quick training session and review of retail procedures.

Internships: Students seeking community service projects are welcome to intern at the Pocono Arts Council to learn administrative and communication skills.

Newsletter Mailings: Volunteers help fold and label our monthly newsletter. Dates announced via social media.

Show Intake: Helping hands welcome on drop-off day for the Art of Digital Technology, Tuesday, October 30, 1-6pm.

Artists’ Receptions: Drinks, appetizers, desserts welcome for the shared table at the artists’ reception, The Art of Digital Technology, November 3, 4-6pm.

Holiday Window Displays: Craft item donations wanted (see wish list on page 4). Join Dawn Michelle to help decorate the front windows for the Holiday Store 2018, November 17-18, 5:30-7pm.

Thank You October Volunteers

Gallery Sitters: Doug Gilbert, Eric Goins, Eric Peters, Dana Scarlatos, Eileen Stairinski, Jody Singer

Newsletter Mailing: Rachel Keslosky, Rosemary Keslosky, Eileen Stairinski, Nancy Tully, Lin Werkheiser

POCONOARTS REGISTRATION & REFUND POLICIES

POCONOARTS Studio Classes
November-December 2018

Register online at poconoarts.org, call 570-476-4460 or email at info@poconoarts.org. Payment is required at the time of registration to ensure the class will run.

PoconoArts Studio Classes
November-December 2018

Oil Painting (Ongoing)

Thursdays 6:30-8:30pm

November 1, 8, 15, 22

December 6, 13, 20, 27

This ongoing workshop focuses on the individual, helping them to develop their own personal style and technique working with the oil medium. Learn how to develop your painting by understanding drawing and composition, light and shadow, color, preparation of materials and the application of paint. Working at your own pace, you pick the subject while the instructor guides you through the painting process.

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

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

Intermediate Watercolor (Ongoing)

Sundays 1-4pm

November 4, 11

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...

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

Drawing Workshop for Children (Ongoing)

Saturdays 1-3pm

November 3, 10, 17 (no class 11/24)

December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

In this ongoing workshop, students will explore easy drawing techniques to help them draw realistically and then move on to their own personal drawing interpretations of images. Explore color usage by learning about the color wheel and all of the variety of combinations that are available to them. Acrylics, watercolor, tempera paint and colored pencils are some of the supplies that will be used to express color choices. 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
Notara Dance Theatre
Presents the 35th Annual
Nutcracker 2018

A magical production for the entire family, featuring ballet artists from New York City and dancers from the Pocono Community

Saturday, November 24 at 2:30 and 7:30 PM
Sunday, November 25 at 2:30 PM
East Stroudsburg High School South
279 North Courtland Street, East Stroudsburg, PA

For more information: 570-421-1718, Notaranutcracker@gmail.com, www.notaranutcracker.weebly.com
Open seating tickets $20 available in advance or at the door. Cash or check only. No refunds or exchanges.
Notara Dance Theatre is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization.

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**Opportunities**

**Waverly Community House (PPA Grantee), Call for Entries**
Northeast Pennsylvania Film Festival, March 19-21, 2019, Waverly Community House, 115 North Abington Road, Waverly. 570-586-8191, www.flbaf.org. Categories include Narrative Short, Narrative Feature, Documentary Short, Documentary Feature, Female Directors/Screenwriters, Children’s Animation, Children’s Short, Student Film (Short and Features). Submission deadlines thru December 15. The Festival will provide access to new and independently produced films by a wide range of emerging and established filmmakers. This year’s theme is “ Renewal and Reimvention.” The NEPA Film Festival will screen at a variety of venues in Lackawanna County. Information: www.flbaf.org.

**Performing Arts**

The Kathy Kroll Dance & Paper Theater seeks 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. 570-424-5285, www.kathykrolldanceandacting.org. No previous experience needed. The Kathy Kroll Dance & Paper Theater is a 501(c)(3) corporation. Information: www.notara.net

**Artists’ Rental Space**, Pocono Arts Council member John Capanna is presenting an opportunity for artists to rent space and participate in events in an 8,000 sq. ft. building located on Route 115 between Brodheadsville and Blakeslee. Contact jcapanna@ptd.net

**Drivers Needed**, Meals on Wheels seeks drivers to deliver meals to seniors and shut-ins. This is a great community service that can truly make a difference in someone’s life. Volunteers can work as little as one day per month, 10AM-1PM, 570-424-8794

**Rental Space Available**, School of Visual & Performing Arts, 554 Main St Stroudsburg, rents studios for dance, theater and art by the hour for ongoing classes, master classes, workshops, and rehearsals. There is a box theater and gallery for shows. There are five studios, two w/ marble floors and w/pianos, three w/wood floors. Contact Kathy Kroll, 570-424-5285, www.schoolofvisualandperformingarts.org

**Success for Life Program Tutors Needed**, NCC-Monroe and Eastern Monroe Public Library with Alefiyah Vahanvaty seeks volunteer tutors to help adults in our community reach their potential. Success for Life will pair tutors and adults in flexible six-week cycles, 570-421-0800x317, gedmonong@gmail.com

**The Older Adult Meal**, St. Luke’s Monroe Campus, 7 days/week, 4-6PM. Adults 65 and over are offered a daily dinner meal, prepared fresh daily, $3.99 per meal, includes entrée, salad, side, vegetable, dessert, and 12 oz. drink. 100 St. Luke’s Lane, Stroudsburg, 866-785-8537, www.slhn.org/senior-health/services/older-adult-meal-program


**East Stroudsburg University - The Older Adult Learning Center**, 55 Smith Street, East Stroudsburg. 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, www.theoalc.org

**Eldred Township Community Center**, 516 Kunkletown Rd., Kunkletown. Beading Workshop with Jill Elizabeth of Liz Tech fame, November 3, 2-3:30PM. 610-895-4444, a.velopolcek@eldredtwp.org

**Notara School of Dance and Acting**, 695-4444, a.velopolcek@eldredtwp.org

**Northeast Pennsylvania Film Festival (PEEC)**, 538 Emory Road, Dingmans Ferry. Create Your Own Walking Stick, November 18, 1-4PM. Flying Needles: Fiber Arts UFOs, November 8-11. Join other crafters and Patti Shreiner while finishing your knitting, quilting, or other fiber art works-in-prog (WIPs). Other small projects include holiday cards and button earrings. Includes lodging and meals. Registration: 570-628-2319, www.peec.org

**Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm**, 347 Quiet Valley Farm Road, Stroudsburg. Holiday Workshop & Luncheon, Saturday, November 3, 10AM-2PM. Make two handmade crafts and enjoy a homemade lunch of soup, bread, and dessert. Choose a morning and afternoon workshop, no prior experience required. $30 Quiet Valley members; $35 non-members. 570-992-6161, www.quietvalley.org

**School of Visual and Performing Arts (SVA)**, 554 Main Street, Stroudsburg. New array of ongoing 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. 570-424-5285, www.schoolofvisualandperformingarts.org

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


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