

Cranberry Artists Network

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2020

CALL FOR ARTISTS

Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts Images 2020 Juried Exhibition

Schlow Centre Region Library and the Kish Bank Expect More Store, State College.

Entry Deadline May 8

Artists Magazine Annual Art Competition

Artists Magazine wants to honor your most outstanding work - if your art is deserving of being celebrated in the pages of Artists Magazine, this competition is for you! \$24,000 in cash prizes plus publication in Artists Magazine.

Deadline: May 20

Oglebay Institute's Stifel Fine Arts Crosscurrents Exhibition

June 25- August 22, 2020
Prospectus and Registration
\$25 entry fee /three entries
Deadline May 31

CANCELLED:

The Butler Institute of American Art's 84th National Mid-year Show

Entry fees and entry CD's already submitted will be returned when they reopen

A Message from Noele

Hello Fellow Artists!

I hope this message finds you healthy and safe!

I wanted to send an update about what our organization has planned in the upcoming months and the unexpected changes that this pandemic has created for everyone.

I know there was a lot of confusion about our Spring 2020 show pick up. Our closing show art pick up was occurring just as rolling shut downs were beginning. As some of our members were in Allegheny County and they were the first to order a stay-at-home mandate, we pushed the pick up to a later date. I was in contact with the municipal building staff about a later pick up, but again, rolling closures made that more difficult. For everyone's safety, we put the pick up on hold and will update on when pick up can/will occur.

Our next event, the Annual General Membership Meeting, scheduled for May 7, has also been postponed, as large gatherings and meetings were cancelled in the municipal building. We are potentially rescheduling this for a date in June, and will continue to monitor this according to the Governor's health guidelines and those that the Township puts in place.

I have also been informed that CTCC is cancelling our annual "Martinis With Monet" Art Expo and Community Days in July. The big factor in their decision was that there is a massive amount of planning behind the scenes (and starts early) that would have already had to be in place—sponsors, vendors, advertising—as well as the manpower adjustment on the part of the township and essential services. They are looking forward to a big bash in July 2021!

Our Back Hall Gallery artist shows are another area that is still up in the air for scheduling. Vicki Schilling is the contact person for this exhibition space. She and I continue to speak with municipal building staff and we will look at the current artist schedule list and contact individuals about moving forward with a show, once we are able to hang shows.

The First Tuesday Open Drawing sessions and Plein Air drawing groups are also postponed for now. We will certainly update members if these events are able to resume during the summer months.

I know that firm answers are rare right now, and that decisions seem to be changing every day. We share in your frustration, fear and future about the "new normal" that we all will certainly be a part of. We will do our best to inform our membership about any updates and changes that affect what we all love to do-make art and show it off!

I hope you and your families are making the best of this difficult time and staying healthy!

Sincerely,
Noele Reynolds
President, Cranberry Artists Network



CRANBERRY ARTISTS NETWORK 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May	Plein Air Painting (Individual)
May 5	First Tuesday figure drawing CANCELLED
May 7	General Membership Meeting CANCELLED
Jun	Plein Air Painting (Individual)
Jun 2	First Tuesday figure drawing CANCELLED
Jul	Plein Air Painting (Individual)
Jul 7	First Tuesday figure drawing CANCELLED
Jul 8	Martinis with Monet Art Expo CANCELLED
Jul 9-11	Community Days CANCELLED
Aug	Plein Air Painting (Individual)
Aug 4	First Tuesday figure drawing 10am-1pm council chambers
Aug 20	Martini show ends and art pick up 4-7pm
Sep	Plein Air Painting (Individual)
Sep 1	First Tuesday figure drawing 10am-1pm council chambers
Oct 6	First Tuesday figure drawing 10am-1pm council chambers
Oct 19	New Member Screening 5-8pm
Nov 9	Holiday show art drop off 4-7pm
Nov 10	Holiday Show starts
Nov 10	First Tuesday figure drawing on second Tuesday because of Election Day
Nov 1	Opening reception for Holiday show 6-8pm
Dec 1	First Tuesday figure drawing 10am-1pm council chambers
Dec 3	General Membership Meeting 6:30-9pm
Dec 17	Holiday show ends, artwork pick up 4-7pm

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MAY FEATURED ARTIST & NEW CAN MEMBER

RODICA CONSTANTINE



Born near a rural monastery in Western Romania, as a child Rodica Constantine was constantly surrounded by beautiful color and texture. The peaceful and bucolic places were an inspiration that naturally drew her artistic inclinations toward painting and poetry. Her work strives to find and highlight beauty in all her subjects. Peaceful and quiet scenes are much enjoyed by Rodica who attempts to capture the magic of such times and places in her acrylic paintings. She feels blessed by the opportunities given to her within the group of local artists, and is grateful to those that came before her in organizing such meaningful and worthwhile activities.



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MEMBER NEWS

Plein Air Painting - May through September, Locations Vary

A message from Kathy, Mj, and Mary: Due to the Covid-19 virus precautions, we are not going to schedule any group Plein Air events this year. However, we would love to share on line any art that you make and maybe some selfies of your painting locations. Below is a list of the 2019 Public Places the group has painted if you would like to venture out. We recommend calling these places before you go to make sure they are open. Happy Painting!

- Jennings Nature Reserve, 2951 Prospect Road, Slippery Rock
- Rochester River Front Park 100 Water Street Rochester
- Frick Environmental Center 2005 Beechwood Blvd. Pittsburgh
- Big Rock Park First Avenue (8th St. Tunnel) New Brighton
- Cranberry Park 111 Ernie Mashuda Drive, Cranberry Township
- Frick Art and Historical Center 722 Reynold Street Pittsburgh 15208
- North Park Boathouse 10301 Pearce Mill Rd, North Park
- Moraine Park (Boat Launch)
- Strip District, Pittsburgh
- Brush Creek Park Rt 588 Beaver Falls

I am not comfortable asking people to let us on their properties and am not sure when restrooms will be available for us to use. So go outside in your yard, or to a park on your own and make some art when the weather is good. If you send a pic to kbischak@comcast.net we will post it on the CAN Facebook page, and send to our Website coordinator. Thanks for your understanding.

Larry Brandstetter sent us a couple of simple fun scribbles. He said the Martinis with Monet show came to mind when doing "Quarantini" and the other entitled "Strength" will be added to his 8x10 series, tries to send a positive message.



Cranberry Artists Network Back Hall Gallery and Glass Case Show Schedule

Our Back Hall Gallery artist shows are still up in the air for scheduling. Vicki Schilling is the contact person for this exhibition space. She will contact individuals about moving forward, once we are able to hang shows.

May 2020 (POSTPONED)

Monica Hietsch

Case: James & Debra Tobin

June 2020

C. Keith Jones

Case: Jody Neugebauer

July/August 2020

Figure Drawing Show

September 2020

Colin Richards

Case: Carol Scheftic

October 2020

Roc Prolongo

Case: **Linda McClausland**

November/December 2020

Annual Holiday Show

January 2021

New Member Show

February 2021

Abraham Darlington

March 2021

Bradley Page

April 2021

Marge Gardner

Please contact Vickie Schilling, exhibitions chair with any questions

Shows@cranarts.com

Back hall gallery artists please send Kathy Bischak your bios, headshot/photo, photos of artwork, website and contact info now so she can prepare press releases in advance.



MEMBER NEWS

The Merrick Masters Exhibit will take place later this summer, 2020. CAN will be well represented by many of our members including **Dianne Bauman, Sandra Beitsinger, Kathy Bischak, Dona Boots, Vicki Carson, Rodica Constantine, Marge Gardner, Diane Grguras, Mary Jane Hadley, Jennie Johnstone, Gadi Leshem, Lorrie Mini-cozzi, Gloria Pinchotti, Lynn Roberts, Linda Sant'Eufemia, Alicia Stankay, Colleen Tittiger, Debra Tobin and James Tobin.**

CAN is also represented in this year's Westmoreland Art Nationals Virtual Show by members **Larry Brandstetter, Duane Cacali, Patricia Hill, Gina Judy, and Karen Lovette.** <https://artsandheritage.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/WAN-Virtual-Exhibit-WCCC-RESTRICTED.pdf>

This year's virtual West Hills Art League Annual Mother's Day Show will include CAN members **Sandra Beitsinger, Cindy Gilberti, Gina Judy, Colleen Tittiger, Debra Tobin and James Tobin.** Email westhillsartists.com to receive the opening reception invitation link and password.

Pittsburgh Figure Drawing Meetup If you are looking for opportunities to draw the figure while we're all staying at home, you can check out the Pittsburgh Figure Drawing Meetup. They have been holding live online figure drawing sessions over Zoom. Their next Open Studio will be on Sunday, May 3rd from 2 to 4 p.m. They will put up an event page 5 days before the open studio, and you can register here: <https://www.meetup.com/Pittsburgh-Figure-Drawing/> The sessions are free with a "tip jar" for folks to make donations to help us cover web hosting and data costs. Questions? Contact Betsy Bangley betsybangley@gmail.com

10 Binge-Worthy Art Podcasts in the Age of Coronavirus Plugging into the art-world conversation while museums and galleries are closed. <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/20/arts/design/art-podcasts-coronavirus.html>
Recording Artists <https://www.getty.edu/recordingartists/>
Talk Art <https://play.acast.com/s/talkart>
AWAYE!! <https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/awaye/>
In Other Words <https://www.artagencypartners.com/podcast/>
Dr. Janina Ramirez — Art Detective <https://play.acast.com/s/artdetective>
What Artists Listen To <https://www.whatartistslistento.com/>
The Sculpture's Funeral <http://www.thesculptorsfuneral.com/episodes>
The Art Newspaper <https://www.theartnewspaper.com/podcast>
Momus: The Podcast <https://momus.ca/momus-the-podcast/>
The Lonely Palette <http://www.thelonelypalette.com/>

Our Mission

Cranberry Artists Network was organized by artists to promote an awareness about the value of the arts. Our mission is to build a vibrant appreciation for the arts by connecting artists and their skills with the community.

General Information

Website

www.CranberryArtistsNetwork.com

Facebook

[@CranberryArtistsNetwork](https://www.facebook.com/CranberryArtistsNetwork)

A members-only page is available at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CranberryArtistsMembers/>, or search for CAN Members

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