

Congratulations Fall Show Winners!

This year's Fall Show is another wonderful exhibit of excellent artwork by our members. Most of the work will remain in the Gallery through the end of the year. Don't miss it! Judge **Nancy Mendes** selected these entries as winners:

BEST OF SHOW:

Felicity Sidwell – oil & acrylic – “Tidal Marsh Evening” (at right)



Awards of Excellence:

Joanne Bast, other media; **Kirby Heltebridle**, oil & acrylic; **Ellen Jenkins**, photography; **Eric Miller**, watercolor; **Julie Mosebrook**, 3-D.

Awards of Merit:

Jerry Gadd, watercolor; **Joanne Hunter**, other media; **Steve Nevada**, oil & acrylic; **Jennifer Riggs**, 3-D; **Craig Sheely**, photography.

Honorable Mentions:

Jeff Asper, 3-D; **W. Tracy Davis** and **Sandra Desrosiers**, oil & acrylic; **Fran Drisgill**, watercolor; **Barbara Hess**, other media; **Martha Horman**, oil & acrylic; **Deborah Nell**, other media; **Ken Schwartzman**, photography; **John Walker**, watercolor.

Youth Awards:

Award of Excellence: **Sarah Lenker**, oil pastel
Award of Merit: **Trenton Murray**, pencil & marker

Sponsored Awards, Selected by the Sponsors:

Hanover Hall Award: **Mary Moores**, other media
Sandy Woods Award: **Gail Wine Mancha**, oil & acrylic
Ameriprise Financial Award: **Sharon Benner**, oil & acrylic
Eric Miller Youth Award: **Sarah Lenker**, photograph

In addition to the sponsored awards, we're very grateful to Davidson H&C Co., and Miller Hanover Insurance for their donations toward awards selected by the judge.

Gallery of Gifts is Open!

Many thanks to the Gallery Committee for taking time during Thanksgiving week to set up the Gallery of Gifts in time for the kickoff to the holiday shopping season. If you have not brought any art or handcrafts, or a tree ornament, for the Gallery of Gifts, you can still do so, but don't delay. The holiday buying rush is on – you won't sell it if it's not on display!

Bittinger Gallery Named

In a surprise presentation at the Fall Show reception, the front gallery room was officially designated “The Bittinger Gallery.” **Eric Miller** presented a plaque to **Nancy Bittinger**, which reads, “The Bittinger Gallery, named in recognition of Barry and Nancy Bittinger for their years of dedication and service to the Hanover Area Arts Guild, November 5, 2017.” Nancy's son **Andrew** and grandson **Shawn** were also on hand for the presentation.



Artist of the Month

To December Artist of the Month **Steven Nevada**, “all life is art.” From his early childhood, Steve showed a talent for drawing. A practiced routine of copying works by Monet, Renoir, Morisot, Cézanne and Pissarro became an effective method of self-training.



Over the years, he has developed his own style and subject matter. Using oversized brushes that are loaded with acrylic paint, Steve produces dreamy, romantic landscapes, magnificent florals, and garden scenes reminiscent of the French Impressionists' works. He designed and built his studio and gallery near New Chester. When not in his studio or gardens, he can be found in

his kitchen cooking, baking bread and concocting unique tasty dishes for his family to test.

50th Anniversary Kicks Off in January

It's nearly here – the celebration of 50 years of the Hanover Area Arts Guild. All throughout 2018, special exhibits and events will mark this milestone year. See next page for January and February exhibit information.

Join us for a **Demonstration Day on January 13**, either as a demonstrator or an observer. If you want to demonstrate, please let Teresa at the front desk know to reserve a space. Bring your friends and family. Homemade soups and breads will be available to all artists and visitors. Don't miss it!

January Will Feature Two Exhibits

The first exhibit of the month will be the return of South Western High School's Drawing and Painting 4 final exam exhibit. Students will plan and hang their work, which will be on display January 3-6 in both gallery rooms. A reception is planned for Friday, January 5, from 7-9pm. On January 9, the first of the 50th Anniversary exhibit events begins with work that reflects "50 Years in Hanover." Members should create works that use "50" or "Hanover" – or both! – as a theme. Drop off work on January 5 and 6 during regular Gallery hours.

February is For the Love of Artists

Celebrating a half-century of our Arts Guild of course brings to mind the members of years past. In February, we will gather together the art of once very active and prolific members who have passed away, in the front gallery. The art of many of these former members was highly sought after, and now is in collections throughout the area. Stop in during February and you'll understand how the Arts Guild has been able to thrive for 50 years.

Guild People

We're delighted to welcome six new active members this month. Look for work by **Sue Greenfield, Sandra Laratonda, Gail Wine Mancha, Nancy Mendes, Thomas Sneeringer, and Gloria Zavala.** Welcome also to new supporting members **Estelle King and Marlin Stoner.**

Out and About

Last month this column noted two members with work in the Chambersburg Council for the Arts 33rd Annual Miniatures Exhibition. Five other members also have work juried into that show! Congratulations to **Sandra Desrosiers, Kirby Heltebridle, Jim Mackey, Joli Miller, and Charlotte Yealy.** The exhibition is on display through January 5 at the Council's gallery on Main Street, Chambersburg. Call 717-264-6883 for hours. Let us know if we missed anyone else.

Classes and Workshops

The winter schedule is underway, with many sessions still available for enrollment. Consider giving the gift of a class or workshop this holiday season.

2017: The Year in Review

To paraphrase Dickens, it was the best of years, it was the worst of years. One thing for sure, it's been a very busy year. There were certainly challenges: May's Open Exhibit had to be cancelled over concerns for a leaking roof, and a flooded basement in October left us without water or heat until repairs could be made. We also lost several very active members who are sorely missed.

It was also a year with many positives. The exhibit of Dr. Nelly Toll's "hidden child" paintings in April, made possible through a cooperative initiative with Hanover High School and Ohio's Massillon Museum, brought many new visitors to the Gallery. Several other "firsts" in the exhibit schedule provided new display opportunities, including for students of Arts Guild classes in July, and the first Trash to Treasure exhibit in September.

We replaced the roof (at last!), partially with the help of a capital campaign. Repairs to the basement flood were handled quickly, and thanks to our insurance policy, without devastating costs.

The Arts Guild continued to be an active member of the community, participating in Main Street Hanover's Sip and Stroll events in both spring and fall, and hosting a Chamber of Commerce mixer in April. Ongoing relationships with local school districts brought school student art to the Gallery again in March, with an additional special exhibit from South Western High School in January for the first time.

Sales in the Gallery are improving, after a long slump as the economy struggled to get well. Class enrollment has been down, which is a focus area. A \$20,000 disbursement from an estate bequest came in September, bringing some fiscal breathing room, and opening unexpected opportunities.

We enter our 50th Anniversary year delighted to indulge in a nostalgic look back, while eagerly anticipating a strong start to our second half-century.

Get involved – be a part of your Arts Guild!

Oil Paintings Cleaned and Restored.

Over 25 years experience. Studio of Stephen Stroup
Phone 717-637-6506 or email sstroup@pa.net

Dates to Note...

Thru Dec 30: Gallery of Gifts in both gallery rooms

Dec 11: Board meeting, 7pm

Dec 25: Merry Christmas!

Jan 2: Gallery Committee meets 9am to clear galleries

Jan 3-6: South Western High School Drawing & Painting 4 Show

Jan 5: SWHS Show Reception, 7-9pm

*A Very Merry Christmas to
You and Your Family from the
Hanover Area Arts Guild!*



Hanover Area Arts Guild
32 Carlisle Street
Hanover, PA 17331
717-632-2521

Newsletter