

Open Exhibit "Rained Out"

Concern over the potential for roof leaks in the middle gallery prompted the cancellation of this year's Open Exhibit. The great response to our call for entries in previous years meant that the Gallery would probably have been packed full once again, with no way to avoid placing work in spots prone to leaks, or potentially impacted by ongoing work on the roof. We regret any disappointment cancelling this year's exhibit may have caused, but felt that continuing with the exhibit in May would have been irresponsible.

The show committee has decided that the Open Exhibit will return next year in April, following the annual spring cleaning week when the Gallery is fresh and clean, and with a new roof overhead!

May is Now Members Only

With the cancellation of the Open Exhibit, in May the gallery will be available for display of members' work. Work will be displayed safely while the roof is being replaced. The gallery committee asks members to drop work off at the Gallery April 28-29 during regular gallery hours.

Sharon Benner to be Featured in June

"Light in the Landscape" is the theme of a special showing of paintings of long-time member **Sharon Benner** that will be featured in the front gallery in June. Anyone familiar with Sharon's work will recognize that light often figures prominently in her images. If you're not familiar with her work, this display will be an opportunity to see how she is able to incorporate light successfully in her paintings.

Member artwork will be on display throughout the remainder of the gallery space during the month.

Roof Update

The Arts Guild has secured a loan for the roof replacement, and has engaged Larry Chrimer of Chrimer Construction to do the installation. Work on the replacement will begin in May.

A few donations to the capital campaign have come in, even before the formal mailing requesting contributions have gone out. We look forward to a supportive and successful response to the capital campaign.

Artist of the Month

Artist of the Month **Dr. Maria Alexandrov** was born in Plovdiv, Bulgaria, the second oldest city in the world. In 1970, she and her family escaped from the oppressive Communist dictatorship, lived for six months in Italian refugee camps, and ultimately arrived in the US.

The entire family gained citizenship during the US Bicentennial in 1976. Chance brought the family to Hanover in 1974, where Maria and her late husband Stefan practiced medicine for the next 32 years.

Maria loved to draw and paint when she was young, but abandoned her passion for art while practicing medicine. After retirement she joined both the Arts Guild and the Adams County Arts Council, taking



lessons from a number of local instructors as well as online. Although Maria paints in oil and acrylics, her passion remains watercolors. She has combined her love of growing trees and flowers with the joy of painting them, as well as people, especially her grandchildren. As an amateur artist, Maria feels lucky to be part of the Arts Guild

with so many talented and formally educated artists. The Arts Guild feels lucky to have Maria as a member!

Guild People

We're delighted to introduce three new active members to the Arts Guild. A hearty welcome goes to **John Jursaic**, **Kristine Shunk**, and **Patricia Whitson**.

Help Spread the Word

We recently updated the rack cards advertising the Arts Guild, to include a fresh design, new text, and the new logo. If you frequent a business or other location where those cards could be displayed, please pick some up at the front desk and get them out there for prospective visitors to see!



Hold Those Thoughts!

The committee planning the Arts Guild's 50th anniversary celebration throughout 2018 is lining up a number of exciting events and activities to involve Arts Guild members and community members alike. Stay tuned to this newsletter for details as they are finalized.

Want to help? Contact **Barb Geesey** at 717-630-9422 or by email at ergeesey@gmail.com to volunteer your time or ideas.

All-Member Meeting in June

Members: mark your calendars now for the annual membership meeting, on June 26 at 7pm in the Gallery. A brief business meeting will include the election of board members and the presentation of the Arts Guild scholarship as well as a recap of Arts Guild business.

Following the business meeting, plan to stay for a demonstration by **Eric Miller** of selecting and using a limited palette to achieve harmonious, rich coloration in watercolor painting. Light refreshments will be served.

Volunteers Clean Up

The 2017 spring cleaning week was a success, thanks once again to the volunteers who provided the hours and elbow grease that made it happen.

A very sincere thank you goes to these volunteers (in alphabetical order) who came prepared to work:

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| Kim Asper | Julie Miller |
| Barbara Geesey | Ken Schwartzman |
| Martha Horman | Joan Schwartzman |
| Sara Little | Becky Shorb |
| Eric Miller | Donald Shores |

"A line is a dot that went for a walk."

- Paul Klee

Out and About

- Congratulations to **Joan and Ken Schwartzman** for their winning entries in the Lancaster Arts Association's "In the Garden" show in Strasburg. Joan took first prize for her floral portrait "Lisbon Wildflowers." Ken took second prize for his photograph "Strength."
- **Dorothea Barrick** will have an exhibit of paintings and prints at The Parrot in Gettysburg, from April 24 to August 27. A reception is set for Sunday, May 7, from 4-6pm.

Façade Work Complete

The next time you come to the gallery, take a look at the front of 34 Carlisle St., where Whirled Records is located. That's part of the Arts Guild property, and has recently been repainted. It looks great! We've applied for a matching grant from Main Street Hanover, and are hopeful that half of the cost will be covered by a grant.

Upcoming Art Bank Hours

The Art Bank will be available over the next few months as noted below. We suggest you check with the front desk if you plan to come in to confirm there are no changes.

May: Tues, May 9, 6-8pm; Sat, May 13, 1-3pm
June: Sat, Jun 3, 1-3pm; Tues, Jun 13, 6-8pm
July: Sat, Jul 15, 1-3pm; Tues, Jul 18, 6-8pm
Aug: Sat, Aug 12, 1-3pm; Tues, Aug 22, 6-8pm

All are welcome to stop in and use this time as open studio time, or an opportunity to just get together with other artists.

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Dates to Note...

Apr 28-29: Drop off work for display in May
May 2: Gallery Committee meets 9am
May 8: Board meeting, 7pm
May 9: Art Bank open 6-8pm
May 13: Art Bank open 1-3pm
May 14: Happy Mother's Day!

"Color is the keyboard, the eyes are the harmonies, the soul is the piano with many strings. The artist is the hand that plays, touching one key or another, to cause vibrations in the soul."

- Wassily Kandinsky



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