

# Newsletter



June/July 2019

Hanover Area Arts Guild

## Dates to Note:

- Jun 1: Pick up miniatures, if desired
- Jun 4: Gallery committee meets, 9am
- Jun 4-29: *Solo Exhibit: Work by Warren Tracy Davis*
- Jun 8: Main Street Hanover's Sip & Stroll, 1-6pm, tickets required
- Jun 10: Board meeting, 7pm
- Jun 22: **Reception** for the *Solo Exhibit: Work by Warren Tracy Davis*, 1-4pm
- Jun 24: **All-Member Meeting**, 7pm – Please attend!
- Jun 28-29: Deliver work for \$99 & Under Show during regular gallery hours
- Jul 2: Gallery committee meets, 9am, to hang \$99 & Under Show
- Jul 4: Independence Day – Gallery closed
- Jul 8: Board meeting, 7pm
- Jul 27: Downtown Hanover's Dutch Days
- Aug 2-3: Pick up \$99 & Under work and drop off new work for display if desired

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*"Art washes from the soul the dust of everyday life."*  
- Picasso

## Gallery Hours:

Tue-Thu: 10am-5pm  
Fri: 10am-7pm  
Sat: 10am-3pm  
Closed Sun & Mon

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## Solo Exhibit by Warren Tracy Davis in June

Hanover native and award-winning artist Warren Tracy Davis will have a solo exhibit in the Bittinger gallery in June. The exhibit will feature portraits done in Tracy's own unique impressionistic style and will show the progression of his developing skills and techniques over time.

Currently, most of his paintings are in acrylic, though he has used oils in the past and expects to return to oils eventually. Painting a portrait everyday, he says, enables him to work through concepts and techniques. Portraiture allows the artist to capture character, which to Tracy is more important to express than beauty. He describes himself as an emotional painter, and he feels a driving force to create; he says, "When I pick up a brush, then sings my soul."

Tracy grew up in Hanover, and was a frequent visitor to the Arts Guild at its several locations over the years. He's been inspired by other local artists as well as those he has studied with. Older Arts Guild members may remember Flossie Wolfskill, who Tracy says rented space to him and enjoyed sharing her art with him. Although he no longer lives in town, he sustains a fondness for the Arts Guild and appreciates the opportunity of this solo exhibit.

Tracy has won three best of show awards in recent regional shows, and is co-creator of the Mural of Hope in downtown Frederick, Maryland. One of his paintings was included in the Journal of the Portrait Society of America in 2016.

An artist's reception is set for Saturday, June 22 from 1-4pm. The public is welcome.



## Summer Offers Opportunities and Interest

Summer is a busy time on almost everyone's schedule, and the Arts Guild is no exception. Following June's solo exhibit will be a return of the annual \$99 & Under Show. A word of explanation for our newer members: this show provides the opportunity for members to target gallery visitors looking for quality work at very reasonable prices. Many of our members use this show to offer pieces that haven't been shown for a while at a price lower than the original marked value. New work valued at \$99 or below is, of course, also very welcome. This show coincides with Hanover's Dutch Days event on July 27, when there are a lot of people downtown. Hope for a hot day when visitors come inside seeking air conditioning!

In August, member work will be shown throughout the gallery, either continuing with the \$99 & Under work, or highlighting new work members bring in. (As you decide what to show in the gallery this summer, keep in mind that it will not be eligible to be submitted for the annual Fall Show and Sale in November, which must be all new work.)

## Have You Started Your "New Art from Old Vinyl" Creation?

September will be here before you know it, and with it a repeat of last year's Trash to Treasure theme, plus a show featuring art created using old vinyl records. Bring in work for both themes. This will be a lot of fun if everyone gets the creative juices flowing. Let's make this a show to remember!

## New Members:

### Active/Adult:

Anne Cherry  
Trish Cosey  
Nathan DePue  
Mary Louise Hutchinson  
Diane Kinney  
Joseph Meerdter  
Steven Rager  
Clayt Wilcox  
Doris Yosick  
Linda Young

### Student:

Trinity Whitney  
Steven Yao

## 2018-2019 Board of Directors:

### Officers:

Margaret Bria – President  
Andrew Smith – Vice Pres.  
Carla Long – Treasurer  
Julie Miller – Secretary

### Members:

Teresa Aumen  
Sharon Benner  
Barbara Geesey  
John Jurasic  
Eric Miller  
Rebecca Yates Shorb  
Marie Smith  
Sue Stonesifer  
Justin Wantz  
Jane West

**Marie Betlyon Smith** has been appointed to the board to fill the unexpired term vacated by Jen Riggs.

**Sara Little** has resigned from the board, where she served since 2014. Sam dedicated her time on the board to growing and expanding the educational programming offered by the Arts Guild, becoming a popular instructor herself. We thank Sam for her service to the Arts Guild.

**Andy Smith** has been elected Vice President, filling the spot vacated by Sara Little.

## Congratulations Open Exhibit Winners!

Our 4<sup>th</sup> Open Exhibit sustained the high level of quality and diversity of entries that we've come to anticipate for this almost annual exhibit. Congratulations to these artists who won awards this year:

**Best of Show:** **Anne Cherry** "Heaven Scent" (photograph)

**Awards of Excellence:**

**Jeff Asper** (3D), **Kirby Heltebride** (oil & acrylic), **Eric Miller** (watercolor), **Rebecca Yates Shorb** (other media), **Doug West** (photography/digital)

**Awards of Merit:**

**Mary Ann Kelly** (watercolor), **Steven Rager** (3D), **Kent Roberts** (oil & acrylic), **Craig Sheely** (photography/digital), and **Bonnie Steel** (other media)

**Honorable Mentions:**

**Margaret Evans** (watercolor), **Barbara Geesey** (oil & acrylic), **Ellen Jenkins** (photography), **Eric Miller** (watercolor), and **Joh Ricci** (3D)

**Judge's Choice Awards:**

**Donna Berk Barlup** (watercolor), **Sharon Benner** (other media), **Carol Dale** (oil & acrylic), **Don James** (photography), **Jim Mackey** (3D), **Richard Ressel** (oil & acrylic)

## Give Local York Participation a Success

This was the first year that the Arts Guild was a part of the one-day online charitable giving event known as Give Local York. For the \$150 cost of participation plus volunteer hours, the Arts Guild brought in \$1405 in direct donations. As of this writing, we're awaiting notification of any additional contributions that may be distributed from various "pool" funds established during the event. We're delighted that the Arts Guild's participation in this event has brought in unexpected, but much needed, funds this year.

By applying what we learned in this first year of participation, we're confident that our 2020 experience will be even better.



## Members' Dinner - Save the Date!

So many members attended and enjoyed last year's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary members' dinner at Bay City that we've decided to do it again! Mark your calendars for Thursday evening, **September 19**. We expect this year's gathering to be similar, with dinner and a cash bar. We aren't planning a big program, and this is not a fundraiser, just an opportunity for members (and their guests) to meet, eat, and socialize with other members. Look for more details later about prices and exact time, but get September 19 on your calendar now.

## Are You Missing Arts Guild Emails?

Are you getting all of the Arts Guild's emails? Some members have indicated that they don't get the membership-wide emailings that are sent through a service called Mailchimp. If you know you're missing important information, please check the spam settings on your email account. Mass mailings are often treated as spam by some mail services as a default. In that case you need to go into your spam or promotional folder, depending on your email provider, find a message from the Arts Guild, and mark the sender address as "not spam" or whatever label is directed by your provider. Unfortunately, there is nothing we can do from the sender end to fix this, it has to be done in your email.

## Honor Friends or Loved Ones with a Memorial

Many families are now suggesting donations to favorite non-profits in lieu of flowers upon the death of a loved one. Making a memorial contribution to the Arts Guild is a lovely way to remember someone. Your gift will be put to good use, and notification that a donation was made will be sent to the family. Gifts are tax-deductible to the extent allowed.

## Artist of the Month: June

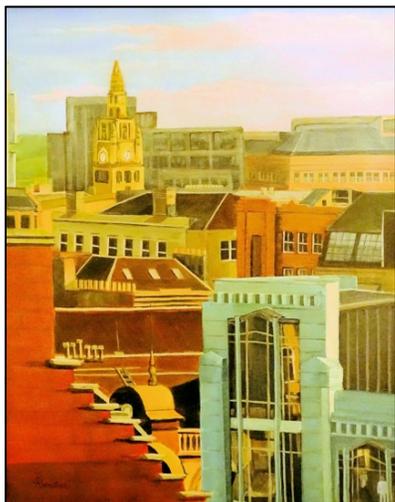


New work by **Kirby Heltebridle** will fill the Artist of the Month space in June. Kirby, an Arts Guild member since 1984, is a Hanover native who is largely self-taught. In addition to the Arts Guild, he is an exhibiting member of the Art Association of Harrisburg and the Carroll County Arts Council. His work has won scores of awards in a wide range of exhibits, including national juried shows.



His June exhibit at the gallery will feature paintings from his "Imagine" series. This series will ultimately comprise 100 numbered paintings, about 30 of which are already completed. Kirby describes the series as something completely different for him. The images in this series are simple, not too explanatory, and intentionally vague. His goal is to have the viewer's imagination fill in the details. All paintings in the series will be acrylic on canvas, with painted edges rather than a frame to keep with the simplicity of the images. Collectors will want to note that Kirby intends to keep the price points unusually low for the work in this series. More of the series will be on display in a Harrisburg group exhibit in July.

## Artist of the Month: July



Oil and acrylic painter **Robin Robertson** is the Artist of the Month for July. She's a relatively new member of our Arts Guild. Prior to moving to Gettysburg and becoming a member here, Robin was a member of the Fine Arts Society of the Southern Tier New York. At that time, she showed her work at the FASST Gallery in Johnson City, NY.

She developed her natural talents and skill through study with Robert Merwin and Glenda Blake and has taken classes with Joseph Daily, Richard Henry, Patrick McFee and Patti Molica. Robin selects a variety of subjects for her paintings, as you can see from the sampling here.

We're delighted to have Robin's work in the gallery!



## Out & About News and Opportunities

- ❖ **Sharon Benner** and **Jerry Gadd** demonstrated plein air painting to a great audience of interested residents at the Cross Keys Retirement Village on 16 May.
- ❖ The Dillsburg Library is once again hosting a group of Arts Guild members' work. Hanging through the months of May and June is work by **Barbara Hess, Carla Long, Gail Wine Mancha, Julie Miller** and **Andy Smith**.
- ❖ An exhibit of work by **Jim Mackey** titled "Singularity Tour" was on display at the SHAPE gallery in Shippensburg in April.
- ❖ Several Arts Guild members are also board members of the Pennsylvania Watercolor Society. An exhibit by PWS board members will hang from June 1 to July 6 at the Brainvessel gallery, 4704 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg, including work by **Eric Miller, John Walker** and **Linda Young**.
- ❖ Members interested in exhibiting their work at the new Wellspan facility on Baltimore Street in Hanover still have the opportunity to get on the exhibit schedule. Contact **Sharon Benner** at 717-586-3346.
- ❖ Looking for local destinations to see and learn about art? Try the **Demuth Museum**, 120 E. King Street in Lancaster, where through June 30 watercolor paintings of florals by Charles Demuth are on display. Or, check out "An Appreciation: What Inspires Collectors" at the **Lancaster Museum of Art**. Fine art, pottery, furniture and more are shown, along with what inspired the collectors to acquire them (135 N. Lime Street, Lancaster, through June 23).

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## Proxy Ballot for Board of Directors

Use ballot **ONLY** if you are unable to make the June 24, 2019 meeting!

New three-year term ending 2022

Board member candidate:

Doug West: Yes No

Renewing three-year terms ending 2022,

Board member candidates:

Carla Long: Yes No

Julie Miller: Yes No

Andrew Smith: Yes No

Jane West: Yes No

*If voting by proxy, complete ballot, detach & return (by mail or in person) no later than June 22 to Hanover Area Arts Guild, 32 Carlisle St., Hanover.*

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## All-Member Meeting June 24

Please plan to attend the all-member meeting at the gallery on June 24, starting at 7pm. This year's meeting will have a number of interesting features:

- You can cast your vote for the election of board members – if you can't attend, please use the proxy ballot, and return the ballot to the gallery no later than Saturday, June 22. Use the ballot **ONLY** if you will not be at the meeting.
- The 2019 scholarship award will be presented to South Western High School graduating senior **Keira Phillips** (right). Kiera will attend Pratt MWP College of Art and Design in Utica, NY in the fall studying fine arts - painting. She's also an Arts Guild member!
- We will review initial results of the membership survey. As of this writing, we've received more than 60 completed surveys from our members, which is approximately one-third of the active adult members. The feedback and comments/suggestions are very valuable and will help us set the way ahead over the coming years.
- You will learn about and have an opportunity to ask questions about some of the changes made at the Arts Guild over the past year.
- Following the business portion of the meeting, scholarship winner Keira Phillips will give a presentation. Her passion is to have her art reflect the issues associated with the environment and climate change; her presentation will reflect those themes. You may remember seeing Keira's project in January's SWHS Drawing and Painting 4 class exhibit in the gallery, where all of her pieces were sold.



The All-Member meeting is a great opportunity for you to meet and mingle with your fellow members, participate in the business of the Arts Guild, and stay current with what's happening in the organization. Refreshments will be served.

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### Summer Class Schedule Enclosed!

Because we generally mail the newsletter with the proxy ballot, this year we seized the opportunity to also include a hard copy of the summer class and workshop schedule. This schedule is usually available in hard copy at the gallery, and on line through our website. (Based on survey results, we're considering more hard copy mailings.) If it's been a while since you took a class or workshop, consider one this summer. Members always enjoy a discounted price.