

### Dates To Note:

Aug 3-26: *Best of Show Award Winners* exhibit in west gallery

Aug 6: Reception, 2-4pm

Aug 21: Board meeting, 7pm

Aug 25-26: Drop off work for *Our Town – Hanover* show, pick up most *Best of Show* and *\$99 & Under* art.

Aug 29: Gallery committee, 9am

Aug 29-Sep 30: *Our Town – Hanover* exhibit

Sep 9: Second Saturday; Gallery open 10am-5pm; prizes for *Our Town* awarded; Demo Day

Sep 18: Board meeting, 7pm

Sep 20: Meet & Greet at AMP, 6:30-8pm

Sep 29-30: Drop off *Plein Air Painters Group* art, pick up some *Our Town* art

### Great Turnout at All-Member Meeting

People turned out for the annual meeting in June, with more than 30 members and guests attending. Election of four board members started the meeting, followed by several updates on what's been happening this year at the Guild, and the presentation of the scholarship. After a refreshment break came presentations on selling one's artwork online. Guest speakers **Reagan Bitner** (shown), **Kristin Kest**, and **Mary Moores** each discussed their experiences and preferences for online marketing of artwork.



### Scholarship Presented

The Guild is delighted to announce that the winner of the 2023 \$1000 guild scholarship is **Rachel (Rae) Chapman**. Rae is a 2023 graduate of Bermudian Springs High School. She will study art at the Pennsylvania College of Art and Design in Lancaster.

Rae accepted the check from scholarship chairperson **Eric Miller** during the June All-Member Meeting.

Congratulations Rae!

### Guild Information

Hanover Area Arts Guild  
32 Carlisle Street  
Hanover, PA 17331

#### Gallery Hours

Tuesday thru Saturday:  
noon to 5pm

Sunday & Monday: Closed

#### Website:

[www.hanoverareaarts.com](http://www.hanoverareaarts.com)

#### Contact Us:

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[info@hanoverareaarts.com](mailto:info@hanoverareaarts.com)

The Hanover Area Arts Guild is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

### Welcome Mark Miler to the Front Desk!

The next time you're in the gallery, you're likely to meet Mark Miler, our new front desk employee! Mark will be learning the ropes and getting up to speed on all the many tasks he'll be handling. Mark has had varied experience through his career, including working with the US Department of Energy, other energy conservation programs, and owning and running a retail gift shop. He is also a self-employed real estate agent, which allows him the time to fill the Guild's part-time front desk position.

When you encounter Mark in the gallery, be sure to introduce yourself as a member, and welcome him to the Guild family.



## 2023-2024 Board of Directors

### Officers:

Julie Miller - President  
Jane West - Vice Pres.  
John Jurasic - Treasurer  
Justin Wantz - Secretary

### Members:

Stanley Gilmore  
Jennifer Longo  
Gail Wine Mancha  
Robert Marchio  
Eric Miller  
Dori Rogers  
John Walker  
Doug West

The Board meets on the third Monday of each month, beginning at 7:00pm in the gallery. Any member can ask to have an issue brought to the Board for consideration. Contact any officer to raise such an issue, or send an email to the Guild.

## 2024 Gallery Schedule

The Show Committee has put together a schedule of exhibits for 2024 that looks a bit different from recent years.

You will find a card with the 2024 schedule in the membership renewal packet coming through the mail. Some of the changes you'll see are:

- The featured exhibit will be displayed in the west (middle) gallery so that people walk through "regular" displays first. There is also more space in the west gallery for receptions.
- More shows featuring solo artists or small groups of members.
- Shows with more general themes offering greater opportunity for interpretation and flexibility in all media.

## In Memoriam

2023 has been a time of loss within the Guild family. We want to acknowledge the impact these people have had on the Guild, and keep them in our hearts and memories.

In February, member and front desk volunteer **Anne Cherry** (below, left) succumbed to a series of illnesses. We will miss her cheerful, positive attitude and beautiful digital photography.

In May, long-time member and friend to many, **Rebecca "Becky" Yates Shorb** (center) passed away after lengthy illness. Becky had served on the board, was active in many Guild activities including the plein air group, and often served as a mentor or advisor to other artists. Becky's gorgeous pastels grace many private collections.

In June we lost **Robert "Rob" Campbell** (right) very suddenly. We miss his presence in the gallery, where he helped members and visitors with whatever they needed and always made everyone feel welcome. Rob was valued as a friend as well as a colleague; his passing was a true blow to the Guild.



## Board Membership and Officer Changes

The four members elected to three-year terms on the board of directors began their terms at the board's July reorganization meeting. **Bob Marchio** was re-elected; **Stan Gilmore, Gail Mancha, and Dori Rogers** are serving their first terms.

Also at the July meeting officers for the 2023-24 year were elected: President, **Julie Miller**; Vice President, **Jane West**; Treasurer, **John Jurasic**; and Secretary, **Justin Wantz**. The Guild's fiscal and membership year runs from September 1 through August 31. The budget for the new fiscal year will be voted on at the August meeting. Committees also are realigned at the beginning of the year. Please consider volunteering for a committee, or to help the Guild in whatever way you can offer.

## Book "Sale"

Over the years, the Guild has amassed an extensive collection of art-related books donated by members and friends. Unfortunately, with just about everything now available online, very few people use the Guild's library, which consumes a significant amount of space. The board has decided to eliminate the library. Hanover's Guthrie Library has agreed to help dispose of the books through their established channels. However, members will first get an opportunity to select any books they may want to have. Any member interested in picking up any of the books is welcome to do so; please drop a donation in the scholarship fund box at the gallery desk when you take the books. You can visit the gallery during regular business hours to browse and pick up books you'd like BEFORE the end of August.

## Thank You Snack Town Street Fair Volunteers

Lots of people came through the gallery on a hot July afternoon to cool off and see art being created in real time. We had pretty good sales, and many positive comments. Thanks go to the marketing committee, Bob Marchio (who managed the event through the day), and the volunteers and demonstrators who helped make the day in the gallery a success!

## August Celebrates Recent Best of Show Winners

The four members whose work was selected Best of Show in the past two Fall and Spring Shows will be featured in the gallery in August. **Mike Jordan, Gail Wine Mancha, Mary Moores** and **Ed Wargo** will each exhibit six to eight pieces.

On Sunday, August 6 from 2-4pm there will be reception for this exhibit. Note that August 6 is a change from the original schedule.

## Our Town – Hanover is September Theme

September focuses on Hanover and the many images or memories that the idea of Hanover as “our town” invokes. Members are encouraged to represent that idea in whatever way you choose. As a benefit of entering this exhibit, entries will be judged for cash awards, with **no entry fee**. On September 9, Main Street Hanover’s Second Saturday focus is on ART. In conjunction with that, the gallery will be open extended hours – 10am to 5pm. This is when judging results will be available, with a **\$50 award of excellence, two \$25 awards of merit, and a \$25 people’s choice award** (furnished by Main Street Hanover). The people’s choice will be determined by votes cast by gallery visitors from the show opening through September 9.

Because there will be a lot going on downtown that day, with the Guild playing a key role, members are asked to consider demonstrating in the gallery throughout the day. Interested? Please sign up by calling or stopping in the gallery, or send an email to [info@hanoverareaarts.com](mailto:info@hanoverareaarts.com).

### New Members

Welcome our newest Guild adult members:

**Mark Miler**  
**Tommy Minnoia**

and student member:

**Rae Chapman**

### Members Out & About

- **Becky Bequette** had a painting accepted in the LagunaART gallery in Mission Viejo, CA, which was exhibited in May and June.
- **Chris Fowler** and **jim mackey** had work shown in the Maryland Federation of Art’s Midsummer Madness show.
- **Carla Long** and **Andy Smith** have photography on display at the Old Post Office in Hanover.

- **jim mackey** is having quite a summer, winning a first place in sculpture at the International Juried Exhibition at the Art Association of Harrisburg, a piece accepted into the Ryan Licht Sang Bipolar Foundation’s permanent collection, work accepted into shows at Carlisle’s Penny Gallery” Prisms & Pride show, the Maryland Federation of Art’s Eye of the Beholder show, and an upcoming show at Creative York. His work received an award at the Franklin County Art Association’s member show in June, and is on exhibit at Shippensburg’s SHAPE Gallery through August. Congratulations jim!

- **Eric Miller** took a first place award for animal portraits in the Franklin County Art Association’s member show in June.

Do you have good news to share? Email it to [Newsletter@hanoverareaarts.com](mailto:Newsletter@hanoverareaarts.com).

## Hanover Against Hunger Silent Action Extended Through August

The abbreviated gallery hours in July limited the ability of visitors to see and bid on the art donated to the Hanover Against Hunger silent auction. In response, the auction has been extended through August. If you haven’t had an opportunity to check out the art offered for bid, make it a point to stop in the gallery before the end of August.

## Come See What’s in the Neighborhood!

The Academy for Media Production (AMP) in McSherrystown is a licensed, post-secondary school offering education in audio production and photography/videography. The Guild and AMP are exploring possible ways to partner for mutual benefit. Toward that end, Guild members are invited to a casual get-together at AMP on Wednesday, September 20, from 6:30-8pm. This is an opportunity for members to see the AMP facilities and learn about what the school has to offer. Photographers may have the greatest interest in this event, but all members are welcome to attend. AMP is located at 238 Main St., McSherrystown; park behind the building.

## Artist Social at Blue Bird Tattoo Studio

The Blue Bird Tattoo Studio at 10 Baltimore Street is hosting an Artist Social presented by Bound By Art, on August 13 at noon. The event will be led by comic illustrator Blake Showers, who will share several of his design and drawing techniques. Interested? You can get tickets at [BoundByArt.com](http://BoundByArt.com).



This issue’s chuckle is once again brought to us by Kirby Heltebridle.



## Use the Right Email for Guild Communication

To be sure your question or concern gets the attention it deserves, use these email addresses:

[info@hanoverareaarts.com](mailto:info@hanoverareaarts.com)

for general questions about the Guild, gallery, and activities.

[president@hanoverareaarts.com](mailto:president@hanoverareaarts.com)

for email directed to Guild leadership and the board.

[newsletter@hanoverareaarts.com](mailto:newsletter@hanoverareaarts.com)

for questions or information for the newsletter

[treasurer@hanoverareaarts.com](mailto:treasurer@hanoverareaarts.com)

for email about finance-related business.

## Recovering from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Fire

Demolition of the parts of our building affected by the June 11 fire is nearly complete.

Rebuild/restoration will follow soon thereafter. The gallery is not affected by this activity, though there may be more commotion in front of the building as the builders go about their work.

## Normal Hours are Back

With Mark Miller joining the Guild family as the primary front desk staff, the gallery is resuming normal hours each week. We are again open Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 5pm.

## Oil Paintings Cleaned and Restored.

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## It's Time to Renew Your Membership

Members have received or will soon receive their membership renewal packets in the mail. Membership fees have not increased at any level! Please promptly complete the membership renewal card and return it with your payment, or go online to renew immediately.

In the renewal packet you will find an updated version of the Artist's Consignment Agreement. *By renewing, you are agreeing to the language in that new version. There is no need to sign and return the new agreement.* Please note that there have not been any policy changes incorporated into the consignment agreement; the updated version clarifies and includes information that had caused confusion in the past. Be sure to read it!

## Classroom Upgrade Nearly Complete

What a difference! New flooring, new cabinets, new blinds, fresh paint, and no more ratty shelves mean that the classroom renovation is almost finished. The large screen TV has been moved into the classroom. Some electrical work still must be done, then the new cabinets need to be restocked, and some final tweaking will complete the job. Be sure to take a peek in the classroom the next time you're at the gallery. Nearly all of the renovations were funded by a Rice Family Foundation grant.

## A Message from the New President

At the July board meeting, I stepped into the president's role. In some ways it feels like the culmination of my many years of involvement with the Guild, and I'm hopeful I will be worthy of the opportunity to lead the organization. Given the upheavals of the past few years (pandemic, loss of friends, turnover on the board, etc.), I feel that what the Guild needs right now is a focus on some of the things that got us to our 55<sup>th</sup> year. Those include a concentration on members and member engagement, getting our educational programming and classes back on track, and making sure we're where we need to be with our technology - meaning our website, social media, and e-communications.

Sounds fairly straightforward, but it's going to take effort from more than just a handful of people. I know from talking with many of you over the years that you value the Guild. Well, speaking as your president, the Guild values you too - your ideas and suggestions, your participation in Guild exhibits and activities, and whatever time you may be willing to give to make the organization better and more worthwhile to us all. I look forward to working with all of you over this next year!

-- Julie Miller

## Our Mission Statement

*The Hanover Area Arts Guild provides an open and welcoming venue for artists and artisans who want to display their work and offer it for sale, and also extends opportunities and encouragement for everyone to explore art, learn about art, and develop one's creativity.*

