

NEWSLETTER

December 2023/ January 2024

Dates To Note:

Thru Dec 30: Holiday gift shopping* plus Fall Show continues Dec 3: Jingle & Mingle, 2-4pm

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Dec 25: Merry Christmas!

Dec 29-30: Pick up holiday and older items; deliver fresh work

Jan 1: Happy New Year!

- Jan 2: Gallery committee, 9am Jan 2-Mar 2: Member work on display
- Jan 15: Board meeting, 7pm Jan 16 - Mar 2: Exhibit of work by Jodi Hoover

Jan 21: **Reception** for Jodi Hoover exhibit, 2-4pm

*The Guild is a great place to do your own holiday shopping: Support your fellow members by considering giving the gift of art from our own gallery!

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

Contact Us:

Phone: 717-632-2521 or Email: 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.

Congratulations Fall Show Winners!

The 55th Anniversary Fall Show & Sale brought a collection of high-quality art and handcrafts to the gallery. Our judge, **Bonnie Kern**, had quite a challenge selecting the winners. Here's the full list:

Best of Show

Ed Wargo – Jay Walkers (at right) Awards of Excellence Timothy Gasper – Nobody Lives There Anymore Barbara Hess - The Spring House Eric Plump – Bethlehem Steel Sherry Withers - Homestead Awards of Merit Julie Cavallio - Raven Mike Jordan – Fenway Franks Herb Kemme – Every Squirrel Gets His Nut Charlotte Yealey – Alia's Profile Honorable Mentions Ron Jenkins – Galapagos Hawk **Carol Mentell** – Holiday Date Night Susan Runkle – Grey of Winter John Walker – Sunset Farm



Judge's Choice Awards Julie Cavallio - Cobweb Rae Chapman - Gaze Barbara Hess – Andalusian Herb Kemme – Red Wing Blackbird jim mackey – Where's the Spam Vera Mackey – White Hat with Purple James Myers – A Night on the Potomac Craig Sheely – For Rob Sherry Withers – Taking it All In

Thanks go to **Julie Mosebrook** for her work to make the Fall Show reception happen!

Winter in the Gallery

The gallery committee did a great job setting up the displays for the holiday shopping season. The current display will remain in the gallery through the end of the year. Please plan to remove any holiday themed art on December 29 or 30, as well as any older work that's been in the gallery and the back storage area for more than a few months. Drop off fresh work for display through the end of February at the same time.

The January SWHS exhibit the Guild hosted the past few years won't be in the gallery in 2024 because of a change in the school's class schedule. It will return in 2025.

From mid-January through February in the west gallery an exhibit of art by **Jodi Hoover** will be featured. Jodi uses a variety of mixed media in her visually exciting pieces. Member art will fill the remainder of the gallery.

In preparation for the annual School Student Show in March, members are asked to remove all work that is not in showcases by the end of February. This clears the gallery for the school show and the Annual Spring Show that follows in April. In 2024, the gallery will close the last week of March for spring cleaning and general maintenance.

2023-2024 Board of Directors

Officers:

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

Members:

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

Jennifer Longo has resigned from the Board. We thank Jennifer for her service and look forward to continuing to work with her as a volunteer when she is able.

If you would like to be considered for a seat on the board, please contact Julie Miller by email at president@hanoverareaarts.com

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.

Celebrating 55 Years of the Guild

On November 15, 31 Guild members gathered at Bay City Restaurant to mark the 55th Anniversary of the Hanover Area Arts Guild. With a nice mix of longtime and newer members, this was a great opportunity for networking and making connections with fellow artists. Many thanks to **Barb Geesey** and **Sue Greenfield** and their helpers for making the evening happen.





Volunteer Photographers Needed

The Guild is fortunate to have a group of very talented photographers who show and sell their work at the gallery. If you are one of them, would you consider also volunteering your talent – and a bit of time – by taking photos at our various Guild functions? Good news about the Guild is spread better through images rather than words! We miss opportunities for publicity when we don't capture pictures at receptions, member gatherings, or special events such as the Snack Town Street Fair or Diversity Festival to post on social media, on the website or in the newsletter. Interested? Contact any board member, or use one of the email addresses on the back of this newsletter.



Meet Gilda!

If you haven't stopped in the gallery since early November, you haven't met **Gilda**, our new "silent partner." Gilda will keep gallery visitors company while shopping, though she's not much help answering questions. Her attire will change with the seasons and holidays. (Gilda used to model wedding and formal wear at Simone's, next door.) If you'd like to contribute to her wardrobe, or have ideas about how best to use Gilda to promote the gallery, please contact **Eric Miller**, Gilda's costume coordinator.

Vote for the Guild's Christmas Tree

The Christmas tree that Gilda appears to still be decorating is the Guild's 2023 entry in downtown Hanover's Christmas Tree Wars. Again this year, Main Street Hanover is promoting the downtown by conducting this good-natured competition to see which business gets the most votes for the best or favorite decorated tree. You can vote online or download a "passport" to all of the trees at this link: <u>https://mainstreethanover.org/treewars/</u>. Help bring the trophy back to the Guild by casting your vote before the end of December!

Artist of the Month: December





Craig Sheely, our Artist of the Month for December, is a fine art photographer who strives to create artistic images regardless of the subject. However, the subject of his exhibit is the human figure. He is an artist with a disability and being in a wheelchair means that he can only photograph subjects that are accessible. The nude is a challenging subject that he can photograph year-round in the privacy of his home. He feels that he has been fortunate to have worked with some talented models who have contributed greatly to the images displayed and he would be remiss if he failed to mention his wife whose assistance and patience are invaluable.

Craig graduated from Harrisburg Area Community College in 1995 with a Certificate of Proficiency in Photography and has been a member of the Guild since the mid 1990's. He resides in Littlestown, PA with his wife, **Carol**, and their two cats.

Craig says, "People who might be interested in modeling for me, privately or for my artistic endeavors can contact me at <u>craigsheely@yahoo.com</u>."





New Members

A hearty "welcome!" goes to our newest adult members:

Julie Cavallio Dominique Eurotas Madison Hurt Carolyn Mentzell Joseph Shugars

And to our newest student members:

Alex Breton Samantha Cuffley Colette Mendez Flores Hannah Jacoby Sophia Leppo Bella Poole Lillian Schmid Daniyelle Sentz Miriana Westfort

Correction: In the last issue, **David Sharp** was incorrectly identified as a new student member. David is an adult member. Interested in being an Artist of the Month? Email newsletter@hanoverareaarts.com.

Now Scheduling Late Winter/Spring Classes

The education committee is seeking instructors to offer one or more classes or workshops in February through May. Interested prospective instructors should submit an application to teach – by December 8 – by following this link: https://forms.office.com/r/w6ADwWKYWD?origin=lprLink. For questions, call the Guild or email info@hanoverareaarts.com.

Watch this newsletter, email, and social media for the details of the schedule once it is set.

Members Out & About

Sharon Benner, jim mackey, Eric Miller, Sherry Withers, and Charlotte Yealey have work juried into the 39th Annual Juried Exhibition of Miniature Art at the Chambersburg Council for the Arts, on display until December 23.

♦ jim mackey's run of acceptances continues, with work accepted in the Maryland Federation of Art's Small Wonders 2023 show through December 23 at the Circle Gallery in Annapolis, the Ryan Light Sang Bipolar Foundation's Insights IV show in Chicago, and the Sculpture Now show at Art League Rhode Island in Pawtucket.

Share your own good news about shows and acceptances beyond the Guild by sending the details in an email to <u>newsletter@hanoverareaarts.com</u> for inclusion in an upcoming issue.

Want to Influence Member Events and Activities?

Have you ever thought you wished the Guild did more? Do you have great ideas about what activities or programs would keep you more interested and active in the organization? You can be a part of making those things happen! Get in touch with Julie Miller (emailing her at <u>president@hanoverareaarts.com</u> is the easiest way) to get involved in planning and helping with membership activities and events!



Celebrate the upcoming holidays with friends and family at the Guild on Sunday, December 3, from 2-4pm.

Come and enjoy the company of fellow artists, surrounded by the beautiful art and handcrafts throughout the gallery. Wine and light refreshments will be served. (If you really want to bring a plate to share, please feel free!) There's no business meeting – this is just for fun and celebration!

Remember - parking in downtown Hanover is free on Sundays!

Contacting the Guild

Use these addresses when emailing the Guild:

info@hanoverareaarts.com for general questions and info.

president@hanoverareaarts.com for email directed to Guild leadership and the board.

<u>newsletter@hanoverareaarts.com</u> for questions or information for the newsletter.

treasurer@hanoverareaarts.com for email about finance-related business.

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Thoughts from the Guild President as 2023 Closes

December's debut each year happens in a rush – Thanksgiving just over, Christmas just around the corner, lots to do – can it really be almost the end of the year?? Well, the end of a year forces a bit of reflection. From my perspective, having 2023 in the rear-view mirror brings a real mix of emotions. We lost a lot of good people, dear friends from among the Guild family this year. We had a fire in the building that created a lot of disruption and extra work for those who had to deal with it. Our educational programming isn't back to pre-covid levels.

But there was a lot of good, too! We celebrated our 55th anniversary – quite an accomplishment for a small downtown non-profit. We had some well-attended member events, which included a level of interest and enthusiasm that bodes well for our future. We participated in several community activities to help spread the word about the Guild. We upgraded the classroom with new flooring and cabinetry, thanks to one grant, and expect to improve the front of the building with another. There is an uptick in the classes being offered.

The best thing, though, is the people. We're welcoming new members every month who are bringing new art, new ideas, new perspectives. Mark Miler took over the front desk and has been a wonderful addition to the gallery. There is an increase in the number of new and veteran members pitching in and helping out. And it feels good! I'm optimistic about 2024, and look forward to working with many more of you to make the Guild ever better! Merry Christmas to All!

Julie



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.





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