



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 1, 15, 22, & 29 (Monday nights)

Watercolor Workshops by Ludlow Thorston, 7pm

June 2 (Tuesday) Board Meeting, 7pm

June 2 & 3 (Tuesday and Wednesday)

Watercolor workshop by Tom Wilczewski, 9:30am-3 pm

June 3 & 4 (Wed and Thurs)

Pick up work from May shows and bring in work for June Members' Show, "Paws And Claws" and "Artists and Models," 1-4pm

June 5 (Friday)

Poets Meeting—Open Mike, 7pm

June 7 (Sunday)

Opening reception for solo artists Yvonne Yaar and Mark Kolessar and Members Shows "Paws & Claws" and "Artists and Models"

June 18 (Thursday)

Watercolor workshop by Bob Sakson, 10am—3pm

June 25 & 26 (Thursday and Friday)

Pick up work early from Members' Show to make room for receiving Juried Photography Show entries, 1-4pm

June 27 (Saturday)

Receiving for Juried Photography Show, 10am-3 pm

July 9 & 10 (Thursday and Friday)

Watercolor workshop by Beverly Golembeski, 9:30am-3 pm

July 12 (Sunday)

Opening reception for Juried Photography Show and Edith M. Grace Scholarship Show, 1-4 pm. Awards at 2pm

July 30 & 31 (Thursday and Friday)

Watercolor workshop by Steve Zazenski, 9:30am—3 pm

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President's Letter

Hello Members,

I hope all is well with each of you. Thank you to everyone that brought in items for the clothing drive. We had a sizable donation which should help many people!

Summer is coming. That means art shows and other opportunities to show and sell your art are not far behind. Don't forget to check out the bulletin board at the Guild. There are many opportunities posted that don't make it into the newsletter due to space limitations. Many are local and involve little to no cost.

Founders Day, Saturday June 6th, is fast approaching. I still need help with setting up, or taking down the canopy, and; sitting throughout the day.

Founders Day is held down Washington Street in Downtown Toms River. Call Diane at 732-270-3111 to volunteer. We need help with other things around the house. Painting, planting and filing to name a few.

Thanks to all 100+ of you who completed our email survey on classes, the many comments will be carefully considered.

I forget to mention how much enjoyment we all get admiring each other's art at the Members' Monthly Show. We have a remarkable variety of art practiced amongst Guild members, and it's fantastic to see it all together. Please keep it coming! Have a safe and happy month.

Sincerely,

*Tracy Danielak,
President*

Please Note

The Guild doors have been left open overnight on two occasions.

It is the responsibility of the instructors and event coordinators to ensure that the building is secured when they leave.



POETS' MEETING COFFEEHOUSE

Friday June 5th at 7 pm

Open Mike

Bring a friend

JURIED PHOTO SHOW

Submission date: June 27, 1-9pm

Show Opens: July 1st 1-4pm

Reception and Awards: July 12 1-4pm

EXTRA

Photography Talk by our Juror

Friday, July 10 at 7pm

At the Ocean County Artists' Guild

Free and Open to the Public

Song Circle at the Artists Guild

June 21 6-10pm

Come sit around a table and share your favorite songs (no sound system or drums)

Attention Members for the June Show

"Paws and Claws" is the theme originally scheduled. However, the June Members' Show has traditionally focused on figure drawing and painting and portraiture. Since many people look forward to this, there will be a combination of two themes this month—"Paws and Claws," which was announced earlier, and "Artists and Models."

Artists may choose either theme or enter both. The two collections of works will be hung on opposite sides of the room for unified viewing.

*Send us your Members' News
via email*

newsletter@ocartistsguild.org

or by mail

P.O. Box 1156, Island Heights, NJ 08732.

*Entries are due by the 9th day of each
month to be included in the following-
month's publications.*

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Monthly Free Demo June 24, 7pm

Please join us on Wednesday, June 24, at 7:00 PM to bask in the cool/warm breezes surrounding Seppo Siimes, as he creates a landscape similar to the ones he does en plein air in many scenic parts of New Jersey and beyond. Be it a local river view, mountainous terrain in the wilds of Utah, (Seppo received the Jurors' Select Award in an exhibit entitled "The Zion-a Century of Sanctuary" at the St. Georges Museum in that state) or a shore-related environment, Seppo treats it all with boundless enthusiasm and energy, which he shares with his audience. Many of his subjects are done in series; he will show a sampling of these in his generous handouts. His work is a fine example of modern American Impressionism.

Seppo has won numerous awards in local shows, notably the prestigious Somerset Art Association in Bedminster (Award of Excellence) and the Riverfront Renaissance Center in Millville (First Place). Seppo will further elaborate on his use of compositional themes, the exploration of shapes and diagonal movement found in nature, and how he is drawn to painting these over and over again. He will also touch on his use of abstraction and atmosphere in his work. He is bringing 10 paintings with him, and will do one for us that evening.

Check out his website:

Search Seppo Siimes

NEEDED

OCAG needs a digital projector for some of the Wednesday evening demos and for some classes. Do you have one to donate to the Guild or to lend occasionally? Please contact Ellen Scharfenberg at escharfenberg@hotmail.com.

The Guild needs a volunteer to schedule the artists and programs for our Wednesday evening demonstrations the 4th Wednesday of each month. Elsa Herrmann has been doing a great job for two years, but she would like a replacement. Call Elsa at 732-477-4204.

NEW MEMBERS



Chi Chao

Anne Durocich

Juliet Hsiao

Rose Sinatra

Teodulo Campos

Torres

In the Gallery This Month

Yvonne Yaar

"Playing With Fire" is the title for Yvonne's current solo show at the Ocean County Artists' Guild.]

Yvonne Yaar has always loved art since she was a young girl, and is especially interested in the medium of glass. She began her career as a full time glass artist in 2004. Her formal training started in 2003 when she joined the Glass Art Program at Salem Community College, Carney's Pt. NJ. She also studied at Urban Glass in Brooklyn, NY, but feels she is mostly self-taught.

Yvonne creates both glass jewelry and wall art/sculpture. Each work is made in front of a torch, with a kiln, or with various tools used to manipulate molten glass. She loves organic, asymmetrical shapes and sacred geometry. Yvonne feels her art reflects life and incorporates themes of motherhood, love of nature, humor, politics and addiction.

Yvonne exhibits and sells her art in multiple locations in the Tri State area [NJ, NY & PA] and frequently teaches at the LBI Foundation of the Arts & Sciences. She recently had a solo exhibit at The Monmouth Museum in Lincroft, NJ.

Mark Kolessar

Mark was born in Maspeth, New York and expressed an interest in art at an early age. He spent most of his free time as a child drawing and painting. He was exposed to the air brush in High School and was encouraged by his art teacher to experiment. He knew immediately, that this would be his medium of choice!

In 1980 he received an Associate of Arts Degree in Fine Arts from Brookdale Community College. In 1987 he opened Around the Corner, an art supply and framing shop in Freehold; and in 1990 he added an art school and began teaching drawing, painting, and sculpture to elementary and High School students

He draws inspiration from artists such as Chuck Close, James Rosenquist, Francis Bacon, John William Waterhouse, and Jean-Michael Basquiat. Mark's amazing use of the air brush is evident in his beautiful and realistic style in which he portrays women's clothes and shoes. The viewer is given a glimpse into the most intimate aspects of these women's lives. Who would wear these shoes and dresses, where would they wear them and where would they be going? Ultimately, it is up to the viewer to decide who these women are.

Mark has received honors from the Art Alliance in Red Bank, Habitat for Humanity, the Winter Paralympics, NJ Monthly, and was featured in Airbrush Digest. He has been accepted to many juried shows; among them was a 2nd place win at the Ocean County Artist's Guild in 2008 for his painting: Eyes Wide Shut!

NEW WORKSHOPS—SIGN UP

Ludlow Thorston

Watercolor

June 1st, 15th, 22nd, & 29nd, four Monday Nights, 6:30pm — 9pm

\$80 members/ \$90 non-members

Tom Wilczewski

Watercolor

June 2nd & 3rd, Tuesday & Wednesday, 9:30am– 3pm

\$40 members/ \$60 non-members

Bob Sakson

Watercolor

June 18th, Thursday, 10am– 3pm

\$60 members/ \$80 non-members

Beverly Golembeski

Watercolor

July 9th & 10th, Thursday & Friday, 9:30am– 3pm

\$80 members/ \$100 non-members

Steve Zazenski

Watercolor

July 30th & 31st, Tuesday & Friday, 9:30am—3pm

\$80 members/ \$100 non-members

Eli Rosenthal

Watercolor

August 5th, Wednesday 9:30am—3:30pm

\$75 members/\$100 non-members



Yes! Sign Me Up! Please fill out the entire form and *put the instructor's name on your check*. Thank you.

Name _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Amount Enlosed _____ Instructor _____

Class _____ Start Date _____

Make checks payable to: Ocean County Artists' Guild, P.O. Box 1156, Island Heights, NJ 08732.

Questions? Call Leona at 732-914-9941 or email her at Busby67 @Comcast.net

Member News

Ellen Scharfenberg received Second Prize, Professional Mixed, for her pastel painting, "Cheery Reds," at the Laurelton Art Society's Festival in Art.

Raymond Moran was awarded an Honorable Mention prize for his watercolor "Santorini Church" at the AAPL Show held at Middlesex County College.

Elsa Herrmann was awarded First Place in Professional Watercolors for her painting, "The Ingrid Ann", in the Laurelton Art Society's *Festival of the Arts*. In addition, her oil painting, "Trawler", was accepted by the *Belmar Arts Council* to hang in their 5th Annual Juried Art Show during the month of April.

Mary Jo Austin will have an exhibit of her oil paintings, *I Love Lavallette*, at the Upper Shores Branch of the Ocean County Library, 112 Jersey City Avenue, Lavallette, NJ, 08735 during the month of June. You are cordially invited to attend the artist's reception on Wednesday, June 10th at 6pm.

Lou Riccio has won 1st place Professional Portrait in Oils at the Laurelton Art Society juried show. Lou has also won the Pauline Wick Award at the AAPL Open State Show in Middlesex County College.

CALL FOR ENTRIES

6/10/09 - The Market House Craft Center announces a call to artists for the "17th Annual Strictly Functional Pottery National", held September 26-October 25, 2009 at the 560 S. Prince in downtown Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Cash Awards and Purchase Awards. Open to residents of the 50 United States. More information available at <http://www.strictlyfunctionalpottery.com/sfnap.html> Questions? Please contact Jean Lehman or Kevin Lehman at jlehman73@earthlink.net or call 717-560-8816 or 717-291-2154

6/18/09 - Senior Citizens Art Exhibit

Receiving at Ocean County College, 9am to noon. Open to artists over 60 and residents of Ocean County. Categories: acrylic, craft, computer imagery, drawing, mixed media, oil, pastel, photography, print, sculpture, watercolor. Entry fee \$10, only one entry per artist. Call Patti at 732.255.0400x2380 for more information.

6/12/09 - The [Hoyt Institute of Fine Arts](http://www.hoytcenter.org) in New Castle, Pennsylvania is seeking artists for the Mid Atlantic Juried Art Exhibition, September 15- October 23, 2009. \$1,500 in awards. Open to artists 21 and over living in the Mid Atlantic States working in 2D and 3D media. \$30/2 entries, \$5 each additional entry. Visit: http://www.hoytcenter.org/competitions_vie.asp?id=4 for prospectus, Questions? Contact the Exhibition Coordinator at hoytexhibits@hoytcenter.org or call 724-652-2882 ext.14.

6/22/09 - The Philadelphia Water Color Society announces a call to artists for the 109th Philadelphia Water Color Society Anniversary International Exhibition of Works on Paper, held October 3 - December 18, 2009 at the Philip and Muriel Berman Museum of Art at Ursinus College in Collegeville, Pennsylvania. Eligible media include: pastel, water media, drawings, original hand pulled prints. Download prospectus from www.PWCSociety.org or send SASE to PWCS, 916 Sage Road, West Chester, Pa 19382. 2 entries: \$15 members, \$45 non-members. Prizes over \$6,000.

6/27/09 - Open Juried Photo Show

Receiving at the Ocean County Artists' Guild from 10am to 3pm

More Member News

Rose Marie Licata receive a second place award in the Professional Watercolor Category at the Laurelton Art Society's recent Festival of the Arts Show on April 5th.

Lisa Budd was accepted into AWS 2009 and also received the Dagmar Tribble Award.



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Open Studio Workshops

For MEMBERS and GUESTS

Do Your Own Thing

Thursdays from 10:00—3:00 pm.

Come paint or sketch.
In the Studio

Life Drawing Studio

Saturdays 10:00—12:30

Model Fee \$10
In the Studio

Clothed Model Studio

Sundays, 3—5 pm

Portraits and figure

Model Fee \$5

In the Studio

Highlights of the OCAg May Minutes:

- Thanks to all the members who contributed to the Opening Reception on May 3rd; President Tracy Danielak stated that it has already made a difference in the food budget!
- Bob Coar has designed a fabulous mural with a parrot theme to be worked on at Founders Day, Saturday, June 6th.
- The Nominating Committee is hard at work selecting candidates for next year's roster of officers.
- An Open House to showcase EVERYTHING the Guild has to offer will be held on July 19th, rain or shine.
- There will be an Art/Music Show in Huddy Park on Saturday, May 16th from 12 to 5.
- Joanne Zezula is retiring, effective September first, after many years of expert grant writing, She will be missed! The Executive Board is seeking a new Grant Chairperson.

Free demos each month, check the Calendar of Events on page one; bring your friends!

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