



The QUILL - Bald Eagle Art League's Monthly Newsletter



Here we are, another Summer break and even though I said there would be NO Quills for the Summer, I just couldn't help myself. So much has been going on and, Summer or not, we *have* been doing ART! Some of us have had workshops, some have done plein air, some have done lots of plein air. Portrait classes are still going on, Genetti exhibitions are still superb, Ways Garden was bigger and better this year, even with the threat of rain. (My radar app on my smart phone said it was going to miss us and it doesn't lie.) Many thanks to Steve Bower who created a grid of 10 X 10' spaces along ONE pathway so that all artists could be seen. There are way too many individual shows and exhibitions to mention, but now with around 80 paid members, trust me when I say we are moving in the right direction.

As you all should know, when I took this organization on as the President, my number one goal was to make us into a big art family. It is not what is best for a chosen few but for all the members. This being said, this summer Leslie James (and I) have been searching for a place big enough for all members to display their art, if they want to, yet cheap enough that we could afford it as well as keep our non-profit status. Leslie talked to Realtors about various rentals and we both hit the bricks, checking out existing shops and café's for possible space but it was always too expensive or too small. I'm hoping we will have a surprise for you this fall. Keep your fingers crossed.

The next couple of pages have important dates for your refrigerator door, so save it, Please!



The "1620" Genetti Gallery Show

(The following has been provided by Dave & Lynne Becker. I highlighted important dates in yellow for easier remembering. MM)

(all drop-offs and pickups of artwork take place at the Genetti Grille Gallery-adjacent to the Genetti Hotel and Suites on 4th St. Downtown Williamsport.)

The show opens with a Reception from 5-8 pm first Friday, September 4, 2015

The dates of the exhibit are September 4 through September 29

Drop off date is Wednesday September 2, 11:30 AM to 3 PM and 6 to 8 PM

Artwork must be picked up on Wednesday, September 30 between 10:30 AM and 3 PM or 6 to 8 PM.

The qualifications for the piece:

the outside dimensions 16 x 20 , any media that has wire to hang securely on a wall.

the piece can be in a 16x20 frame with a maximum frame moulding width of 1" making the outside dimensions no more than 18x22.

There is no juroring, in the case of too many pieces entered,

The subject can be anything

Any subject matter, only outer size must be restricted to 16x20 or 20x16 size

So The orientation could be horizontal or vertical.

BEAL members can bring one or two pieces and the final selection for the show will be based on the volume of pieces submitted,

The subject matter variety, and the appropriateness for a general family viewing standard.

We also just made up the following so we can get images for the poster: let me know if anything needs clarification or additions, corrections.

1620 POSTER ARTWORK NEEDED!

Submit an image of the piece you will be entering in the show!

If someone wishes one of their images to be on the poster for the month they need to be submitted as below:

- 1. Only one piece can be submitted per BEAL member for the poster.*
- 2. Send a hi-quality (9) JPEG of your work in a size at least 5 x 7" at 300 dpi.*
- 3. The images for the poster will be chosen from the first 10 suitable images submitted (quality and variety) or from those received before August 17 8pm which ever comes first.*
- 4. Send image to lynne@beckersphoto.com with the heading "1620 POSTER"*
So we will be accepting images for the poster only up until August 17.
- 5. The final number of images on the poster will be determined based on poster layout.*

When you see Dave and Lynne Becker, please tell them thanks for all they do. They have a full time business and still put in all this work for the Genetti. God Bless Them!!!

Other Important dates to remember:

September 3rd at the Taber Museum, 7 pm. Our first meeting of the new season:

Joann Landis - Painter

Joanne Landis works exclusively with the figure. She attempts to create an environment for each figure that matches its internal geography.

<https://www.facebook.com/JoanneLandisArtist>

September 21 Art in the PA Wilds, Opening Reception 6 – 9pm at the CCAC Station Gallery.

([check out the Station Gallery website for more information](#))

October 3, First Annual BEAL Bring your own meat PICNIC!

Time: noon - ? (we have also invited the CCAC!)

Place: John Ellmaker Boat Launch and Pavilion 3, Go across the green Montoursville bridge, make immediate right and go all the way to end. The pavilion is ours all day but picnic starts around noon. There are NO grills, so if some men can get together and conger up a grill, we would greatly appreciate it. There is a boat ramp and bathrooms. Bring the meat you want to grill as well as your beverage and a side dish to share. [More information on the BEAL website and Facebook \(event\)](#). I also emailed it to all BEAL members and at the bottom, is the message from the borough about what is and isn't allowed at the park, so please check it out. Since it is an annual event, we'd like to have at least one more, haha!

August 21, The Clinton County Arts Council is please to present the “Art in the PA Wilds” exhibit from August 21st to September 13th, Opening Reception from 6 – 9 pm.

([check out the Station Gallery website for more information](#))

September 13, Harvest Days, Pig Roast at the Station Gallery, Lock Haven, The event is slated for Sunday, Sept. 13, and plenty of family-friendly activities will be on-site at the Station Gallery. Local band performances, craft and jewelry vendors, an auto cruise, a magician and more are in store. You don't want to miss out. A \$10 ticket ensures you will receive a freshly made pulled-pork sandwich, coleslaw, beans and a drink. ([check out the Station Gallery website for more information](#))

Best of BEAL ([check out OUR website for more information](#))

November 2 and 3, drop off one or two pieces of art, between 4 to 6 pm only.

November 6 Best of BEAL reception 5 - 8pm

More to come, closer to the date.

November 13, CCAC Member's Holiday Show ([keep check on their website for further details](#))

Member's Page; I am trying to get more members to add to the Member's Page on the website. We have had a few queries from those post so far so when you can, ASAP, send me the following:

Your photo, at least 3 or more of your art pieces and a short paragraph of what inspires you:

Please try to include a few of the following:

Who would you consider an inspiration to you, who encouraged your talent?

Who are your favorite artists and why?

What is your favorite subject matter?

College taught or self taught?

I am trying to make these more personal, something different than your typical 'artist page. So, if you could just add a few sentences to more personalize it, please send it back to me. Check out the Member's Page on the website if you want more ideas.

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Meeting guests in near future:



September 3rd at the Taber, 7PM

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[Check her website, from our 2015-2016 Programs Page.](#)



October 1st at the Taber, 7pm

Brienne Brown – Watercolors

I have been sharing her watercolors all summer. Love her work. She was surprised and delighted to find great fulfillment in painting. In fact, it became a necessity.

[Check her website, from our 2015-2016 Programs Page.](#)



November 6th at the Taber, Best of BEAL art Exhibition Reception; 5 – 8pm.

[Check our website, for guidelines and photos of last years winners and more.](#)

New Challenge: *How about a Glimpse of Williamsport?*

We had such a great success with the Still Life paintings and the opening reception was wonderful so we have a new challenge for you. This time you don't have to think too hard. You probably already have one that fits the criteria but I'd like you to do one just for this show.

The subject is: **A Glimpse of Williamsport.**

Think about it; make a little view-finder with your hands or cut out a rectangle from a small piece of paper and look through it until you get a good composition. It could be street light, a part or whole of a building, a field of corn. Possibilities are endless!

Rules: any size, any medium, (providing we get the venue we are hoping for). Date due at a later time. Just wanted to give you a heads up.

Getting Inspired.....

A few of us have been hitting art shows this summer. We meet at my house and leave from there. (Just in case anyone would like to join us?) We have just accepted Dave Becker as an Art Posse member. (So it ain't just girls!) Just last weekend we saw the opening of Patricia Bellan-Gillen at the Station Gallery on Friday, and a pot-luck dinner at the Pajama Factory on Saturday night. What fun! If you want to get inspired, go see an art show. AND if you don't want to go alone, go with us!

Don't forget, I am trying to do a critique on all the art shows I attend. You can find them on the page 'Experiencing Art First Hand' on our website:

<http://thebaldeagleartleague.weebly.com/experiencing-art-first-hand-a-critique-by-mickey-mapstone.html>

We are still doing the Plein Air outings and the Portrait classes at Maggie's but the book study was called off due to an illness in the family. We even did a plein air get together at the Pine Street Courtyard, during First Friday, which was so much fun. People do not seem to be buying but that will change in time as well. Downtown is definitely on the ART up and up, so hang in there, people! That is OK, because so many are on vacations, so 'business' with pick up soon! Do not be discouraged! Besides, back in my 'hippie' days, being a starving artist was cool!

Very soon we plan to have workshops. We think we have a great place to have them, too. I would like to see a show of members who would like to give a workshop (on anything of interest). I was thinking of doing a canvas stretching workshop, one on creating Tessellations, and one on modern art for those who 'don't understand'. So, let me know if you could and would do a workshop for our members.

Remember to check out our website *often*. I add to it all the time, like now I started a BLOG and you can comment with me back and forth about various ideas. And don't forget to check us on the BEAL **FACEBOOK**. If you have any questions, comments, suggestions, or something you would like mentioned in the *Quill*, email Mickey at mick4542@msn.com

If you know anyone that would like to join BEAL, please email at: mick4542@msn.com

You might remind them that they do **not** have to be artistic. Many of our members just like art. It is a good, cheap night out!

We now have around 80 paid members! And in the last week we have had 122 hits on the website on 3 separate days. That's the first for 3 times in one week.

I bought the coolest T-shirt at the Converge Gallery that states: *Art Saved My Life*. How true. Loved it so much, went and bought another one.



I can't endorse businesses but I can endorse friends, and I just want you all to know what a good friend Don & Sandy Kline are to us artists, not in just the generous discounts he gives us and the advice in what sizes to pick and how many prints to start with, and his funny stories he tells, but he has given me such good advice about how to help me manage this wonderful family that we have created in the Bald Eagle Art League. At the risk of sounding 'mushy' I appreciate all you do Don and Sandy. We all do!

Can't wait to start this new season.
Out with the old and in with the
new. A new start with the best
artists and art lovers in
Williamsport.

