



# **UPDATE**

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## **Important Dates**

May 18

artchat What Does Your Art Say? Zoom: 7 - 8 pm.

June 1 - December 5

125th Catalogue
Exhibition
Castellani Art Museum

June 4 - July 9

Spring Exhibition

Artists Group Gallery

June 3 - June 30

Past Presidents

Exhibition

Carnegie Art Center

Sept. 17 - October 16

Thumb Box Exhibition
Meibohm Fine Arts

October 9
Jurying for Exhibiting
Designation

### **New Associate Members**

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# Nancy Mariani To Receive Spark Award

Nancy Clarke Mariani will be receiving the Spark Award "Leading Where You Are" from Arts Initiative Services (ASI) of Western New York. The awards presentation is on May 26th via zoom through their website.

Ms. Mariani, BSA exhibiting member, is a member and President of the Fine Arts League of Buffalo (FALB). She is also a signature member of the Pastel Society of America (PSA) since 2012 and was one of the founding members of the Pastel Society of Western New York (PSWNY). She has served on the board of the Lancaster Opera House since 2015 and have been its President since 2018.

Nancy teaches Art at Lancaster High School for the past 31 years and has been the Art Department K-12 Chair for the past 22 years. She is the advisor of the Art Honor Society/National Art Honor Society. The Art Honor Society has performed the Living Masterpieces in school and at the Albright Knox Art Gallery for "Art Alive" from 1996 to 2016 and, although it will be on a smaller scale, they will be doing a Drive-Up Living Masterpieces on Friday, May 21, 2021 after school.

Nancy's artwork has been



included in several International Exhibitions, NYC, National Exhibitions, Buffalo and Rochester exhibitions. She works with many mediums but found her "nitch" in chalk pastels, using realism techniques, painting human subject compositions.

Her pastel, *Unaware*, received the Rochester Art
Supply Store Award from the
Pastel Society of Western New
York, and can be seen in the
125th Catalogue Exhibition at
the Castellani Art Musem.

#### Correction

Mike Killelea is a mentor in the Sketchbooking for Young Artists Project. He was omitted in the March newsletter. Also, Steven Peet has joined the project as a visiting mentor.

## artchat Continues Stimulating Discussions

We had another successful artchat on Tuesday sharing and learning from each other's experiences.

We also discussed a variety of relevant books. They are The Great Reframing: How Technology Will -- and Won't -- Change the Gallery System Forever by Tim Schneider, Art & Fear: Observations On the Perils (and Rewards) of Artmaking by David Bayles and Ted Orkland, A Year in the Art World by Matthew Israel, and Keep Going: 10 Ways to Stay Creative in Good Times and Bad by Austin Kleon.

Our next artchat is on May 18th at 7pm. Our topic will be "What does my work say?" Participants are welcome to share an image of their work for discussion. Hope to see you there.

Look for an E-Flash with the Zoom coordinates as we get closer to May 18th.

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Solace (Keuka Lake), oil, Linda Ludwig

Linda B Ludwig will be a featured artist in the Color My World exhibition at the Arts Center of Yates County from April 6-May 7, 2021. 127 Main Street, Penn Yan, NY 14527: phone: 315-536-8226: www.artscenteryatescounty.org



Erie Canal near Lockport New York, 2001, Donna Jordan Dusel



Flight of the Five Locks, Lockport, NY, platinum/ Photograph, Lee Williams palladium contact print, Dennis Stierer

Donna Jordan Dusel had two photographs accepted into the area photographer's Lockport Erie Canal exhibit at the Kenan House Gallery. This exhibit runs concurrently with the Photographic Celebration of the Erie Canal, featuring works by FB Clench and curated by Dennis Stierer who will also be exhibiting ten original platinum and silver prints. Lee Williams will also be exhibiting at the Kenan House.

These exhibitions will be on view at the Kenan Center from April 25th - June 6th, with a 'virtual' opening on April 25th.

kenancenter.org/event/clench/





Uprise, acrylic, Jane Foley Ferraro

Jane Foley Ferraro was awarded "Outstanding Acrylic" by Judge Aaron Westerberg in the January BoldBrush Painting Competition for the ebb and flow and was awarded "Outstanding Acrylic" by Judge Terry Cooke Hall in the February BoldBrush Painting Competition for Uprise. Award Sponsor is Fine Art Studio Online (FASO).



Letchworth September, acrylic, Judy Hodge

Judy Hodge was selected by Artsy Shark as a featured artist with an article included. One of those works, Letchworth September, is sen here. Also, another work, Letchworth Early Fall, was juried into the Spring Exhibition at the Erie Musuem



Ryan, pastel, Andrea Tasevski

Andrea Tasevki's pastel painting of her son, titled Ryan won a juror award in the Pastel Society of Western New York's Spring online exhibition.



Quatro, oil on canvas, Dennis Bertram

*Faces, Figures and Narratives*, a solo show by **Dennis Bertram**, will open at River Gallery on April 24th with a reception from 1-3 pm. Masks are mandatory.

River Gallery: 83 Webster Street, N. Tonawanda

"Only a few of the paintings in the show have ever been exhibited in public or ever will be again." More info about Dennis: dennisbertram.com



Adirondack Terrain I Side A, mixed media, Audrey Kay Dowling

Audrey Kay Dowling and the Artists of the North Shore Arts Alliance in Chautauqua County invites members and friends of BSA to come down and enjoy our annual Art Trail Hub Crawl.

The event occurs on two different weekends this summer: Memorial Day weekend on Saturday and Sunday and Labor Day weekend on Saturday and Sunday, 10-5 each day.

Find a map, details and art at NSAAchautauqua. org



from Landings, Ektachrome, archival pigment print, Frani Evedon

Breathing Room, a solo exhibiton featuring photography by Frani Evedon, will open at Betty's Restaurant on May 17th. There will be no opening reception but there may be a celebration of sorts as the weather improves and we can congregate outside. Stay tuned for more information. Exhibit runs through July 18th. Betty's, 370 Virginia St., Buffalo www.bettysbuffalo.com or call 716.362.0633



The Mason, John Merlino

**John Merlino** has received Special Recognition in the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Figurative Competition for *The Mason* with the Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery. 801 entries were submitted.

**Gerald Mead** wrote texts for two recent books on the work of BSA artists. He wrote the introduction for *Russell Ram: 50 Years* published by Buffalo Arts Publishing, and the essay for *Coni Minneci: Mothers of Invention – Real Women Who Rock*, published by Meibohm Fine Arts. Both publications were produced to accompany solo exhibitions of the artists' work.