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Important Dates

June 7

Open Members Exhibition
Upload begins at midnight

June 14

Open Members Exhibition
Upload ends at midnight

June 23

Layers

Works by

Monica Angle and

Barbara Murak

C. Stuart and Jane H.

Hunt Gallery

Opening reception: 6-9 pm.

June 28

Open Members Exhibition
online at bsacalls.com
until July 31

July

Garden Walk Paint-Out
3 Locations, 2 Dates
Information on this page.

August 21

Picnic at the McKendrys
2 pm until ?
5545 Truscott Terrace,
Lakeview

October 7

Catalogue Exhibition 2022
BAM (Buffalo Art
Movement)
Juror: Laura Domencic,
Director, Erie Art Museum
View through November 6.

Our Mission

*Building on a legacy since
1891, we embrace visual
exploration as critical to the
voice of our time.*



by Frani Evedon

Please forgive me for using my position as President and as newsletter editor as a bully pulpit. I have pondered what to say about the horrible recent events caused by despicable young males with access to the type of guns which no one outside of the military should own. The almost daily shootings have affected all of us, even though we may not have known the victims. A Pew Research Center ([https://](https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2019/10/16/share-of-americans-who-favor-stricter-gun-laws-has-increased-since-2017/)

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www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2019/10/16/share-of-americans-who-favor-stricter-gun-laws-has-increased-since-2017/ survey) conducted in September found that 60% of Americans say gun laws should be tougher, up from 57% last year and 52% in 2017. And yet, no compromise has been reached. There have been 950 school shootings since Sandy Hook in 2012. No law has been passed. There are 8,000,000 AR-15s and their variations in circulation in the United States right now. Nothing has been done.

There is a bipartisan group of senators meeting to discuss gun regulations. But banning assault weapons is off the table, raising the age to buy guns from 18 to 21 is “controversial,” according to a few senators, and expanded background checks are doubtful. Could there be changes made? Possibly, but miniscule,

President's Message

incremental changes do little to stem the out of control mass gun violence. Ninety-eight percent of mass shooters are male and peak ages for firearms offenses are from 18-21. We can ask a larger question here as well. What has happened to our young men to cause them to act out this way? But that's a discussion for another time. Oh, and by the way, less than 1% of people have defended themselves with guns during violent crimes. (<https://www.npr.org/2022/05/27/1101774780/gun-control-debate-statistics> and <https://www.politico.com/news/2022/06/06/senators-weigh-enhanced-background-checks-gun-talks-00037426>)

There is another huge issue about to be decided by the Supreme Court. As you probably know, a decision that will overturn Roe v. Wade was leaked to the public not too long ago. No matter how you feel about the abortion issue, know that much of Justice Alito's decision seems to be based on 13th and 17th century misogynistic com-

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Garden Walk Paint Out Expanded

BSA is including more of our city in the annual paint out. We always need volunteers for this popular event. Please contact Nancy Mariani at marianinancy4@gmail.com or 716.870.8047.

Schedule

East Side Paint Out
Saturday July 23rd
The Foundry on Northampton
and
Pelion Garden at City Honors
10:00 to 2:00

Buffalo Garden Walk
Saturday and Sunday, July 30th & 31st
Vermont Triangle Gardens
Vermont and 17th St
10:00 to 4:00



Join us as we celebrate and support **Monica Angle** and **Barbara Murak**. Have some delicious food and fine wine at the Hunt Gallery on June 23rd from 6-9 pm.

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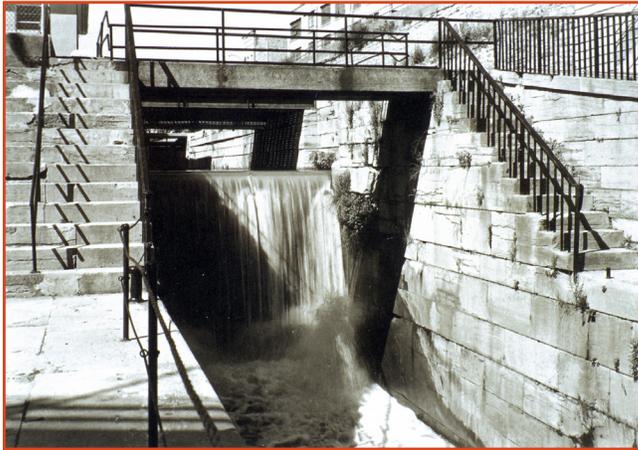
Clownin' Around, photograph

Join **Steve Seigel** at Betty's Restaurant for the opening reception of *Mardi Gras in NOLA - Street Photography* on July 19th from 5-7 pm.

Steve says, "Between 2015 and 2019, during the Mardi Gras season, I wandered the streets of New Orleans with my camera. My goal was not only to document the 20+ major parades - for this has been done many times before. My ambition was to capture the paradigm shift that impacts the entire City during the Mardi Gras season - where weird is looked upon as normal and people acting and dressing 'normally' become the outliers and may even appear self-conscious about it."

The exhibition continues through September 18th.

Betty's Restaurant: 370 Virginia St., Buffalo. Check restaurant for hours.



Old Lock 68, *Flight of Five* by Dennis Stierer

Gerald Mead was the Keynote Speaker at the Buffalo Museum of Science Camera Club's Annual Awards Banquet on May 18. His presentation, "A Survey of Notable WNY Photographers from the Gerald Mead Collection" included the work of BSA members Frani Evedon and Dennis Stierer. Mead also judged the 51st Annual American Craftsmen Artisan Fair at Lockport's Kenan Center and the West Seneca School District Annual Art Show at the Martha Burchfield Richter Atrium in the West Seneca Library and Community Center.



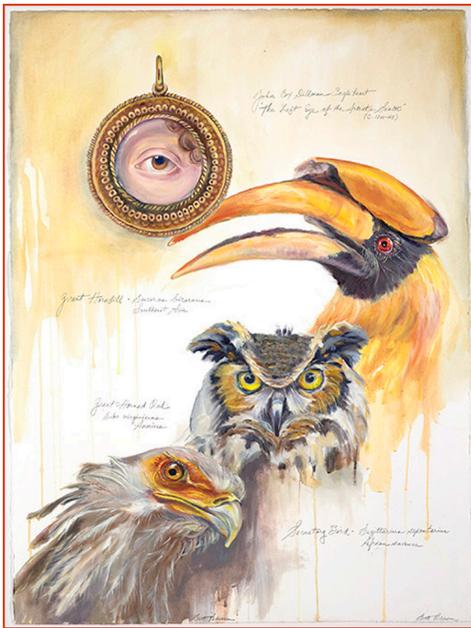
Cat Mask 2 (left), Ricardo (right)

Michael Morgulis' *Humor in a Time of Grief and Disease* opened at Carnegie Art Center on Saturday, June 4th. The reception was well attended and the food was delicious! The exhibition will be on view through June 30th.

Carnegie Art Center, 240 Goundry St., North Tonawanda. Check for hours.



Gary L. Wolfe's painting entitled, *01001011 01010011* (above) was selected by Juror Dr. Jessica Todd Smith from The Philadelphia Museum of Art to be part of the Long Beach Island Foundation of the Arts and Sciences' "Unmasked: Contemporary Portraiture" exhibition. The show will run this summer from July 16 to August 14 in Long Beach Island, New Jersey. If you are vacationing on the Jersey Shore this summer, drop by the gallery to see the show.



Five Eyes, oil on paper

Beth Pedersen's work is included in The Butler Institute of American Art during the 86th Midyear National Exhibition in Ohio. The exhibition was juried by William Eiland director of the Georgia Museum of Art and is on view from June 19th through August 14th.



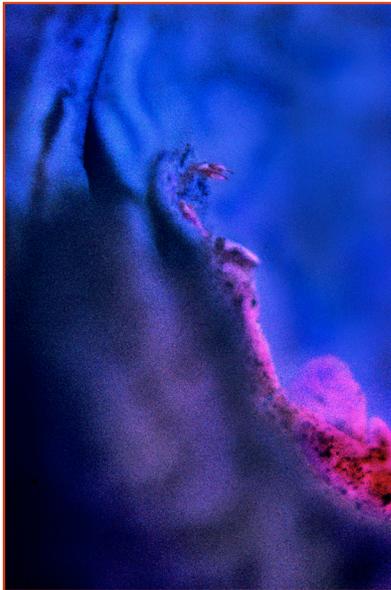
Untitled, alcohol ink on canvas

Associate member **Shawn Smith** had a private viewing of 20 new paintings at Smith + Co. Salon on Delaware Avenue on Saturday, June 4th. By 9 pm., all 20 were sold.



Fluttering, acrylic, silk cloth, modeling paste on canvas

Ginny O'Brien's solo exhibition, *Color Dreams*, opened on May 11th at the Levy and Daniel Families Gallery, JCC Holland Family Building, 787 Delaware Avenue. Her show runs through July 2022. Check the location for hours.



Symbiosis, infrared film, archival pigment print

Frani Evedon's photograph, *Symbiosis*, was accepted into "The Abstract Image" at Praxis Photo Arts Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Juried by Ross Anderson, the exhibition opens on June 18th and runs through July 2nd.

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mon law. (<https://www.salon.com/2022/05/11/samuel-alitos-use-of-ancient-misogynyscotus-rewinds-to-centuries-old-common-law-for-abortion-ban/>) And know that Justices Gorsuch, Kavanaugh and Coney all perjured themselves during their confirmation hearings when they assured us that Roe v. Wade was settled law. All of us – men and women of any age – need to be aware of the door this opens for everyone's rights to exist happily and peacefully on this planet.

What can we do to combat this constant horror? We go to the ballot box. Voting is our weapon. We need to understand that down ballot elections are just as important as Presidential elections – more so, in my opinion. State legislatures are passing laws

preventing honest voting, and they are passing laws that can make women murderers for taking a morning after pill. Ohio's Republican State House passed a bill that allows invasive genital inspection if a female sports participant is suspected of being transgender. (<https://www.reuters.com/world/us/ohio-lawmakers-advance-trans-sports-ban-with-genital-check-2022-06-03/>) How did this happen? Because low turnout causes bad actors to win.

I am publishing the dates and details for the New York State primaries – we have 2 – and the date for the general election. Make sure you are registered to vote and that you know where your polling place is.

June 28th: New York statewide state executive and state House primary
August 3rd: New York statewide congressional and state Senate primary
November 8th: New York statewide general election