

POTTSTOWN AREA ARTISTS GUILD ~APRIL 2009

Sketchpad

our website at WWW.PAAG.INFO

The PAAG meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month except for December, July and August at the Hill School Center for the Arts at Beech and Sheridan Streets in Pottstown. The Board Meeting is at 6:30 p.m. The General Meeting is at 7:30 p.m. and is open to the public.

It's SHOWTIME!

The 2009 Pottstown Area Artists' Guild Members Show is only a few brush strokes away. Artwork drop-off is on Monday, May 18 at the Montgomery County Community College Art Gallery at High and Manatawny Sts. in Pottstown. Each **paid-up** member may submit up to two pieces. And if someone new wishes to join the PAAG for the purpose of entering the 09 Show they will be charged the regular membership fee for this year and will pay next year's dues in September. *(Please see the Show Prospectus that was included in the February and March Sketchpads for more details about the show).*

And...Let's give our heartiest thanks to Bob Hakun for (once again) doing a spectacular job in creating the cover and brochure for the show.

This year's cover features a painting of one of the oldest churches in Pottstown area by PAAG member Ray Clouser.

Membership info at: www.paag.info

More Show details on page 3!



And... It's crunch time PAAG Members! We really need to get Sponsors support for shows like this and for the life of our organization! So, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE approach anyone who you think might be willing to support the Arts in Pottstown by making a tax deductible donation by placing an ad in our Show brochure. The PAAG is counting on YOU!

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At the March Meeting...



Sharon Merkel talked about her passion for animals and her love of graphite as a medium to bring those animals to life. Being a dog trainer, Sharon has a discerning eye for the physical features of her subjects which enables her to capture the unique personality of every dog she draws.

Sharon also has been contracted to do a series of corporate calendars. One featuring pants and a current one featuring insects. She does the original drawings in graphite and applies color digitally. Ms. Merkel is also an accomplished photographer and exhibits that art form as well.

Some of Sharon's work...



Artwork © Sharon Merkel

Are the PAAG meetings *great*, or what?!



Sharon may be contacted at her studio by phone at 215-541-4353 or e-mail: skmerkel@skmerkel.com. And visit her website at skmerkel.com.

Next Month...**MAY**...

ROAD TRIP! We're planning a field trip to the Jeanne Petrosky Paper Sculpture Studio in Pottstown on Jefferson Avenue between Charlotte and Hanover Sts.

Visit Jeanne's website at: <http://www.jeannepetrosky.com/>

More info to come...



Paper sculpture ©Jeanne Petrosky

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April's Speaker is...Cari Myford.



In Cari's own words...My plan is to give a talk on Egypt - specifically highlights of my travels through the country - the history, temples, people, landscapes and photographic opportunities and challenges. I traveled with a group of photographers and two professional "mentors". One has worked for National Geographic for over 20 years, so I can talk about what I learned from them, for technique as well as surviving as professional photographers. I'll have a "slide show" to give on my laptop (like I did the last time I visited). I'll also bring some enlargements to pass around and talk about, as well as some samples of art on papyrus.



Photos of Egypt ©Cari Myford 2009

I think we're in for a **WOW!** evening on Tuesday, April 21 at 7:30 pm.

More Show...

As stated, this year's show will be at the MCCC Art gallery. In the **North Hall**, the former Vaughan Knitting Mill, Pottstown Brewery and Kiwi Shoe factory. This noble building has quite a history itself and may be well worth following up on by going to--

<http://www.mc3.edu/http://www.mc3.edu/>



Send your interesting links to:

paag-email@comcast.net

Check out these websites for shows and events!

<http://www.galleryonhigh.com/> Gallery on High, Pottstown

<http://www.gnal.org/> Greater Norristown Art League

<http://www.readingpublicmuseum.org/> Reading Public Museum

<http://www.philamuseum.org/> Philadelphia Museum of Art

<http://www.mc3.edu/> Montgomery County Community College

<http://www.michenermuseum.org> James A. Michener Museum

www.yellowsprings.org Historic Yellow Springs

What's Happening at Gallery on High?

610. 326.2506 [Galleryonhigh.com](http://www.galleryonhigh.com)

April 2009 Paper: The Third Dimension

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April 5 - May 16

Gallery Hours

Tuesday through Friday 10am to 4:30pm

Saturdays 10am to 3pm.

Closed Sunday and Monday.

Special extended hours!

Friday, April 24 from 10am-7pm

Saturday, May 2 from 10am-7pm First Saturday

Spring Student Faculty Show

May 23-June 13

Reception June 6.

Mark your calendars! The date for the 3rd Annual Schuylkill River Festival is set. Make plans to join us on Saturday, October 10, 2009 for day chock full of great entertainment, wonderful handcrafts, and tons of family fun!

We are now accepting applications for vendors for the fall 2009 festival. If you are interested, please email erika@galleryonhigh.com for more information.



Artists Quotes:

We get used to a certain kind of color of form or format, and it's acceptable. And to puncture that is sticking your neck out a bit. And then pretty soon, that's very acceptable.

LEE KRASNER



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