

POTTSTOWN AREA ARTISTS GUILD ~February 2009



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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.

Bob Williams will be February's PAAG guest speaker.



Bob Williams served as one of only a few Combat Artists in the U.S. Marine Corps in Viet Nam when he was 21 (1969 thru 1970). While his official work—paintings and drawings—are now part of a permanent collection of Combat Art at Headquarters, Marine Corps/Dept. of Navy, he will share and reflect on part of his personal journey, recorded in extraordinary photographs taken through the eyes of a young person—into the eyes and experiences of the Vietnamese people (and other young people serving in that “conflict”) almost forty years ago. Included are photos from the Imperial City of Hue one year after the Tet Offensive.

Bob will give a slide presentation.

Bob was awarded Best of Show at the 2008 Schuylkill River Heritage Art Show for his oil painting, “Hidden River”. Mr. Williams has an extensive fine art background and along with a full schedule of painting eastern Pennsylvania landscapes he’s taken time to share some of his knowledge by teaching at Studio B in Boyertown.

Studio B is located at 39A East Philadelphia Ave. Boyertown Pa. 19512 For info: Connect with Amanda for details: 610-845-8851, aconduct@conductandco.com or visit www.studiobbb.org

Special Weather Note: If the Pottstown School District does not have school the day of our meeting (Tues. Feb 17) at the Hill School our meeting will be cancelled or rescheduled. Check WPAZ 1370 AM, or [KYW radio](#) or TV for school closings.

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About the January Meeting...

Historic Yellow Springs was the subject and Suzanne Halstead (who is the Director of Education and Public Programs as well as the current PAAG Vice President) and Sandy Momyer (Archivist at HYS) gave a presentation that included a slide show of historic photographs of HYS and a 16 minute DVD with interviews of the art students that attended the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts Country School at Chester Springs.



Suzanne told us about Historic Yellow Springs Then and Now!

PENNSYLVANIA ACADEMY OF THE FINE ARTS COUNTRY SCHOOL AT CHESTER SPRINGS



The chief objective of the Academy in establishing a summer school in the country is to supplement the work done during the winter at its school in Philadelphia, by instruction in painting in the Open Air.

The Country School was established at Chester Springs (in the village of Yellow Springs) in 1917. Feeling the impact of French Impressionism, *en plein air* (in the open air) painting was the focus of the school. Here artists roamed the hills, woods, farmlands and village streets with palette and brush and enthusiasm capturing the perfect light and the perfection of landscape.

Sandy Momyer showed and talked about photos of the PAFA Country School that existed from 1916 to 1952.

Some photos of the artists at work.



(We should all be so lucky!)

You can find out much more about Historic Yellow Springs and the Chester Springs Studio (today the Studio offers year-round classes and exhibits) at www.yellowsprings.org

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Here's some information about The PAAG's Member Show at the Montgomery County Community College West Campus Art Gallery in Pottstown this coming June...

Here's the Show's Prospectus:

The Pottstown Area Arts Guild
Presents
The Historical Pottstown Area Art Show and Sale:
"Remembering our Past to Preserve our Future"

The Montgomery Community College's Gallery on High Street, Pottstown, PA

June 6 - July 31, 2009

SUBMISSION:

- FEE: \$15.00. Commission of 30% will be taken on all artwork sold.
- ALL PAAG Members may submit 2 pieces
- ELIGIBLE WORK: Work must be original. Artwork must reference the Historical Pottstown Area. The Pottstown Historic Area is defined as the area within a 10-mile radius of downtown Pottstown.
- ACCEPTED WORK must be in accordance with professional standards: framed/wired properly with no visible damages to frame, and clean glass-plexiglass without noticeable scratches.
- 3-D work is acceptable. Pedestals supplied by the artist.
- ALL Work must be for sale.
- ALL reasonable care will be taken in handling work; however, PAAG and MCCC do not assume responsibility for any work nor does it carry insurance for submitted work.

DATES:

- Delivery at MCCC Gallery on High Street - Monday, May 18
 - Official Opening Reception - Saturday, June 6, 1 to 3pm
 - Official End of Show - Friday July 31
 - Pick-up - Monday, August 3.
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ATTENTION! All members should bring any pieces of their artwork to this month's meeting representing the theme, "Remembering Our Past to Preserve Our Future" of the upcoming Members Show. The attending members will vote for one piece to appear on the cover of the Show brochure.

And... as usual we'll all have to do our part promoting and getting sponsors to support the Show. We'll get the ball rolling on that at this month's meeting!

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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 early this year?

February 2009 Winter Member Show

February 7 - March 28

Opening reception Saturday, February 7 from noon-3pm

March 2009 Winter Member Show

February 7 - March 28

Third Annual Fashion Plates fundraiser

Sunday, March 29 at Brookside Country Club

April 2009 Paper: The Third Dimension

Sculptural, Functional and Wearable

April 5 - May 16

Watch for "Fresh Pickins"

an open-air organic farmer's market

coming to downtown Pottstown Sundays this spring!

And Believe it or Not! *(for those of you who remember the tv show)* It's time to start thinking about ...

Marking 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's Quotes....

"Colour is fun, colour is just plain gorgeous, a gourmet meal for the eye, the window of the soul."

- Rachel Wolf.

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