

# POTTSTOWN AREA ARTISTS GUILD ~January 2009



# Sketchpad

*our website at* [WWW.PAAG.INFO](http://WWW.PAAG.INFO)

The PAAG meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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## The PAAG welcomes Members and Friends to 2009!



And what a way to start the New Year. Our new Vice-President, **Suzanne Halstead** (who is Director of Education & Public Programs at [Historic Yellow Springs](#) In Chester Springs, PA during the day) will together with **Sandy Momyer** (who is an archivist at Yellow Springs) give a presentation that will include viewing a collection of photographs 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 Halstead*

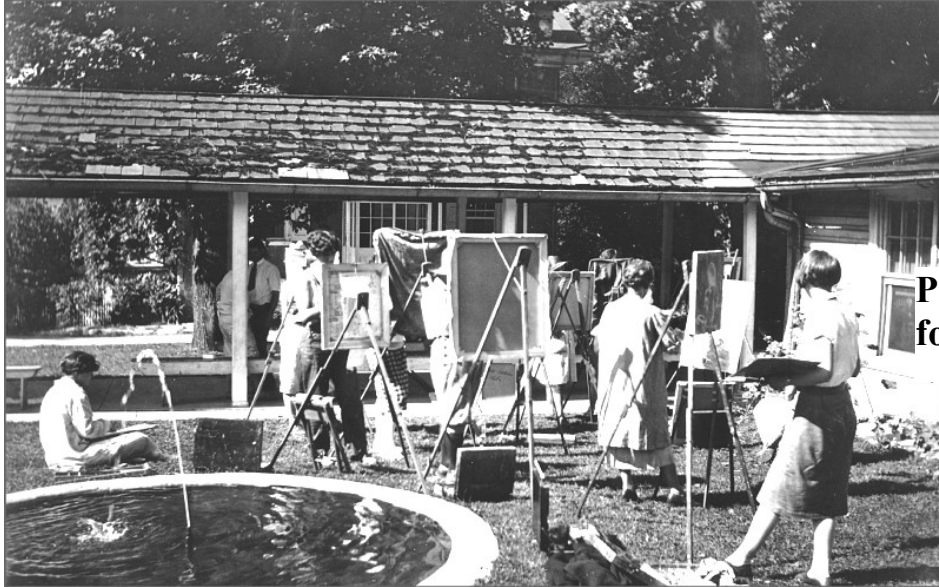
PENNSYLVANIA ACADEMY OF THE FINE ARTS COUNTRY SCHOOL AT CHESTER SPRINGS

*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.*

This 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. The pond, pool, and tennis courts provided recreation in the summer while the snow-covered hillside offered skiing and tobogganing when the school operated during the winter months. Learn about the fine music, plays, lectures, and of course, the art that allowed artists to pursue their work in a creative environment which they, themselves, described as “paradise.” *(Historic Photos on Page 2...)*

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

Some great old photos from Historic Yellow Springs.

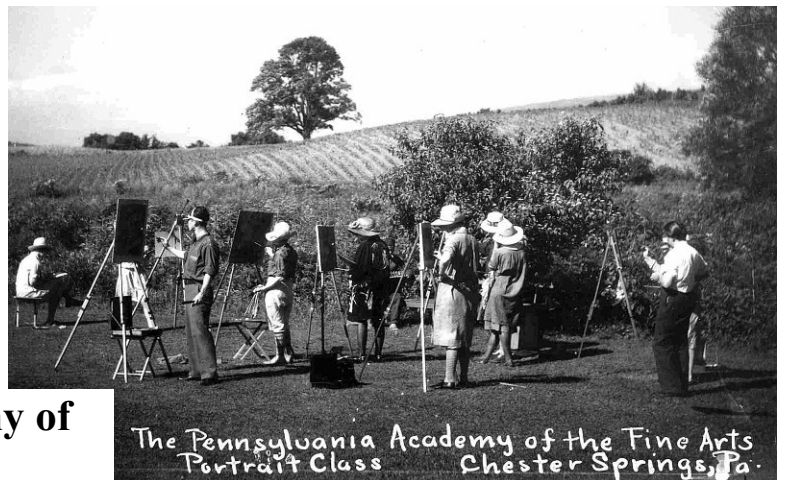


Painting Class next to fountain. *Around~1916.*



Students ice-skating. *Around~1933.*

The Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts Portrait Class.



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**Bob Williams, award winning local artist will be the PAAG's February guest. Bob will share his experiences when he served as one of only a few Combat Artists in the U.S. Marine Corps when he was 21 in Viet Nam. He will also reflect on his personal journey through his own photography taken at that time. Bob will give a slide presentation. Don't miss this one!**



**Some shots from the PAAG December Holiday Party!**



**We had a fabulous buffet provided by the members!**

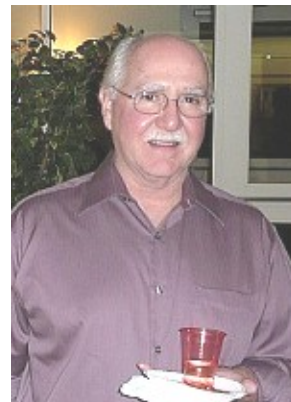
**Lots of chatting and Holiday Spirit!**



**Bev Nuzzo did an excellent job putting together the Raffle!**



**Walter Mensch and Larry Knoeller were the big winners!**



**And President, Terry Souder, finally got some Shrimp!**

Send your interesting links to:

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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](http://www.yellowsprings.org) Historic Yellow Springs

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## What's Happening at Gallery on High early this year?

### January 2009 Student Faculty Show

January 15-January 31

Opening Reception Saturday, January 17 from noon-3pm

### 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!

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## Artists Quotes...

“It is not necessary for the public to know whether I am joking or whether I am serious, just as it is not necessary for me to know it myself”

**Salvador Dali**

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