POTTSTOWN AREA ARTISTS GUILD ~MARCH 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.

The PAAG welcomes artist/photographer, Sharon Merkel as this month's guest speaker.

Sharon Merkel has been a professional artist for over 20 years, gaining recognition for her graphite drawings and prints through private commissions and gallery representation.

Sharon's passion for animals and her love of graphite as an art medium have inspired her drawings. An avid dog trainer for both bench and obedience shows, Sharon has a discerning eye for the physical features and the unique personality of the dogs she draws.

What her college degree in fine arts taught her about drawing, her treasured canine friends, Jester, Travis, Nikki, and Styles, taught her about what's special about our dogs.

Although she draws animals of all kinds, including a series of endangered species for a corporate environmental report, she specializes in fine art drawings of dogs and horses.

Sharon, also an accomplished photographer and will share info about her work in Alternative Processing.

She 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.

Special Weather Note: If the Pottstown School District does not have school the day of our meeting (Tuesday, March 17) at the Hill School our meeting will be cancelled or rescheduled. Check WPAZ 1370 AM , or KYW radio or TV for school closings.
And if it's a nice day in the 50's as it's supposed to be-- ignore the notice above!

At February's PAAG meeting…

Bob Williams slide show presentation was a moving account of his tour of duty in Viet Nam as only one of a few Combat Artists in the U.S. Marine Corps when he was 21 (1969 thru 1970).

Bob Williams addressing the attending PAAG members.

Bob's captivating presentation included his own narrative, photos, a slideshow, his art work and audio tapes recoded at the time of his service in Viet Nam.

The photos were mostly those of the people of Viet Nam that Bob came in contact with while there. He developed a special closeness to the people as is well reflected in his touching portraits.

Some of the photos are graphic in nature dealing with the tragedy of war and his program is recommended for a mature audience.

Bob's Artwork, photos, news clippings and articles highlighted his fantastic 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, acondict@condictandco.com or visit www.studiobbb.org

Looking ahead to April…

Photographer, Cari Myford will be our guest. Cari will show photos of her recent trip to Egypt and will undoubtedly have some very interesting stories to tell. Cari has literally travelled the world capturing beautiful scenes of nature and animal life in their habitat.

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…

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-Plexiglas 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, 1to 3pm
- Official End of Show - Friday July 31
- Pick-up - Monday, August 3.

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?

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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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.

Famous artists Quotes…

Nature is not only all that is visible to the eye…
it also includes the inner pictures of the soul.

Edvard Munch