

POTTSTOWN AREA ARTISTS GUILD~NOVEMBER 2008



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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.

NOVEMBER'S GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE LOCAL POTTER, RAY LOPEZ.

Next time you visit a local craft show or arts event such as the Schuylkill River Festival or the Arts and Business Show at the Montgomery County Community College west in Pottstown and you see a man with very muddy hands it will no doubt be Mr. Lopez. Yes, that will be Ray sitting at his pottery wheel creating yet another beautiful piece, whether it is a bowl, mug or plate. Ray will give those attending the meeting an "everything you ever wanted to know about pottery" talk, so get your questions ready. Oh, yes, Ray Lopez also happens to be the Pottstown Borough Manager!



And yes, it's that time of year again...

Special Weather Note: If the Pottstown School District does not have 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.

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Look what was up at the October PAAG Meeting featuring guest speaker and member Walter Mensch. Walter, a lifelong Pottstonian is a machinist by trade but worked in engineering for thirty-six years as a designer. Walter joined the PAAG two years ago.



Walter shows off some of his handiwork at the October meeting. He explained how his art evolved from simple rectangular shapes to more elaborate ones of leaves, buildings and even animals. Walter passed around pieces of the thin metal sheets he uses and described the techniques he uses for cutting and polishing his work.

Three members: (l. to r.) Joe Hoover, Larry Knoeller, and PAAG President, Terry Souders get a close up look at one of Walter's metal sculptures that is made with a spiral theme. After explaining how he assembled the piece Walter also demonstrated how it could also be used as a handy letter holder!



And...December is Party time!

This year, instead of A PAAG Holiday Art Show—we're having a Holiday Party! (We're having our Member's Art Show next May at the MCCC West Art Gallery at High and Manatawny Sts. In Pottstown—more about that on the next page)

And here's a special request from our December Holiday Party raffle organizer, Beverly Nuzzo...Bev needs some idea of what members will be donating and bringing to the Party raffle in order to plan a set up. She needs a head count for this so call her as soon as possible! Beverly Nuzzo 610.323.6676

The date for the party is December 4th at the Hill School from 7:30p to 9:30p. PAAG members and guests are invited.

The 2009 PAAG Member Art Show will be held at the MCCC West Gallery in Pottstown and will run from May 10th to June 29th. The theme of the show will be “The Historic Pottstown Area” which will cover a ten mile radius from Pottstown.

A prospectus for the show is being drawn up and will be available soon.



We (all members) will immediately begin to seek sponsors to advertise in a Show Brochure that will be available during the show. These contributions will give sponsors the opportunity to support the PAAG and the arts in Pottstown and will allow the PAAG to advertise the show as heavily as possible.

All Members 2008-2009 Annual dues are due NOW! Please pay your dues! Send your \$25 to Membership Chairperson, Paula Stackonis 616 Highland St. Boyertown, PA 19512 Thank You.

Building a Better Boyertown — Arts & Activities Alliance Events:

Boyertown's Sixth Annual Holiday Open House Tour Invites Artists and Art Lovers to Hard Bean Cafe's Art Exhibit/Sale

Friday December 5, 2008 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Hard Bean Cafe, 128 East Philadelphia Avenue, the community will enjoy an art along the avenue at the community's coffee house as part of Boyertown's sixth annual Holiday Open House Tour. Familiar and popular area artists will display their work with some new faces from surrounding communities. Artists interested in participating should contact Paula Stackonis at 610-473-9221, paulas_studio@comcast.net for further information (to come) or to register their interest.

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

Don't forget to visit
[Gallery on High](#) 254 High St. (between Charlotte and Penn Sts.) in Downtown Pottstown this Holiday season for those special gifts of jewelry, art or pottery for the special people in our lives.



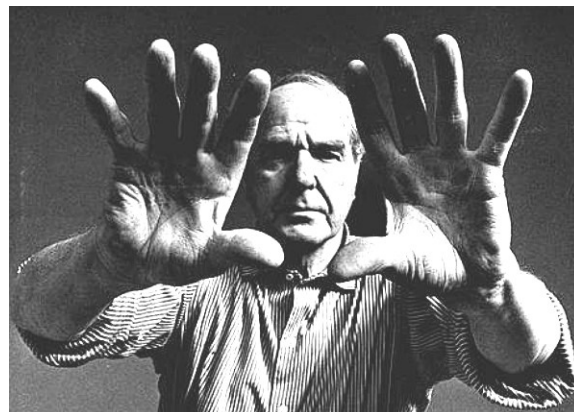
Or why not give the gift of a class at the Gallery School of Pottstown. It's the kind of gift that someone will remember for the rest of his or her life. What could be better than that?

I guess that's about it for this year... Let's give a special thanks to all of the members of the PAAG for volunteering to keep us going. For the members (who pay their dues on time). To Gallery on High, to Village Productions and to the borough of Pottstown for promoting and keeping the Arts alive and moving forward in Pottstown.

Artists Quotes:

To be an artist is to believe in life.

Henry Moore



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