



# Sketchpad

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 Pottstown Area Artists Guild is now global! [www.paag.info](http://www.paag.info) is our new website address. Now anyone worldwide can know who we are and how to become a member.** (hopefully, they all won't come at once...but with Paula Stackonis taking over membership duties from Mary Bellini, who's retiring after many years of service, we're in good hands!) Oh, yes, Stanley Boyer is also retiring after many years, as our Guild's Treasurer and Brian Artim will be handling that post. (More PAAG Board election results later.)

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**Our June guest will be Dan Parish who will speak to us about the age-old art of tattoo. Dan is a self-taught painter and illustrator but tattooing is his real passion. He likes to use vibrant colors creating dramatic contrast in his art. After traveling from coast to coast and living for a couple of years in Alaska, Dan is back home in PA working for his brother John at Everywear Ink Screen Printing and Design in Boyertown.**



A reminder...those PAAG members who volunteered to sit at the Pottstown Historic Homebuyer and Cultural Fair at the Montgomery County Community College in Pottstown, the event is this Saturday, June 16 from 10:00 to 3:30.

At our May meeting, **Cari Myford** gave a wonderful talk about photography and treated the attending PAAG members and friends to some of her spectacular nature photos. She said that great photos are sometimes the product of being at the right place at the right time and having your camera in your hand ready to shoot. Her breathtaking photos demonstrate that her camera is always ready to go in her travels across our beautiful planet.



**Jane Stahl** of BBB (Building a Better Boyertown) fame addressed those attending the May PAAG meeting about a new group connected with BBB. It's the AAA (Arts and Activities Alliance) home-based in Boyertown, also. To say Jane was enthusiastic in her presentation would be an understatement... anyway here's an upcoming AAA event. There's still time to get involved!

**Boyertown's Arts & Activities Alliance Summer Arts Series  
Invites you to please join us for an *al fresco* Art Show!**

**Saturday: June 23, 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. in Boyertown's Community Walkway  
with a wine & cheese reception (4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.)**

Community Walkway is between South Reading Avenue and inner core public parking lot. Please park in the public parking lot. Walkway is located near large mural on building. **In case of inclement weather, the artists and reception will be located in Odd Fellow's Hall on Main Street in Boyertown next to the Grill Shop- - same hours.**

**Set up: 12:00 p.m.**

Please bring whatever materials you need for the day (tables, easels, chairs). We will be there to direct you as to where to set up. We ask that artwork displayed is for sale. No entry fees. We will need you to sign an artist release.

**We will promote this art event** and any future events by providing time and space and press releases to about a dozen publications in the tri-county area. We ask that you, the artist, try some marketing/advertising too! Send out e-mails or mailers to your network of artists AND art lovers to help us all promote art. You can help make this event *what you would like it to be* to draw attention to your art.

**Please let us know by June 18 if you plan to join us for this event.**

**Contact:**

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**Also:**

**Artist & Art Related Workshops:** Please let us know if you might be interested in hosting or facilitating a workshop featuring your art and techniques in the upcoming Fall, Winter, or Spring. We may be able to provide you with a building in Boyertown to host this workshop. Or you might want a group to visit your studio one afternoon.

**PAAG Board election results:** Again, aside from Paula Stackonis taking over Membership and Brian Artim becoming the PAAG's Treasurer, all other board positions will remain the same for the upcoming year (which begins in September). A few positions are open that we need to fill, though...Programs (our monthly guests and Vice-President elect (who will step in as President when the current president's term is over).

**The Carousel Show at the MCCC Art Gallery at High and Manatawny Sts. will run until June 29. It's spectacular and worth seeing!**



Alan MacBain, Evan Brandt and Arlene Christ



**Here are a few photos from the show. Get on down there before it closes. You've got to see the fantastic work on these Carousel Animals.**

**Going to a First Friday (of the month) in Phoenixville is an evening of delight. Street musicians clutter, merchants bring their wares to the sidewalks and the restaurants fill the air with savory aromas. Try it- -you'll like it! The Phoenix Art Center at 207-209 Bridge St. has a wonderful gallery with studios on the floors above. Drop in and chat with the artists...have some wine and cheese...Enjoy some First Friday Art!**



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If anyone has any interesting websites or book titles they'd like to pass along to the readers just send them to <mailto: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

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### *Events around town...*

#### *Upcoming at Gallery on High...*

**Bon Appetite** a food theme art show will run from May 25<sup>th</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>. If you're hungry for some good art or just want something that you can sink your teeth into...this one's for you!

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### *and the area...*

#### **At the Reading Public Museum...**

Contemporary Latin American Folk Art from the San Antonio Museum of Art Collection  
4/14/07 - 7/15/07

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The PAAG will have a booth at the Pottstown Historic Home Buyer's Fair at the Montgomery County Community College Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 3pm . We need volunteers to sit at the PAAG booth for 2hr stints. It will be a great opportunity to promote the PAAG with a display.

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*also...*The PAAG will have a tent at this year's Riverfront Art Festival on Saturday, October 13, 2007. More info on that soon...

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The annual Boyertown Sidewalk Expo is scheduled for Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. Contact Grace Pirog of Gracefully Framed for more information on exhibiting your work. Her number is: 610.473.8826.

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**Artists' quotes:** The artist is a receptacle for emotions that come from all over the place... from the sky, from the earth, from a scrap of paper, from a passing shape, from a spider's web. **Pablo Picasso**

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