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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.

Happy May

Special Announcement...Starting in September the PAAG annual membership dues will be \$25. The increase will be used to meet our needs in the areas of insurance, shows, and to continue providing great guest artists and speakers at our monthly meetings. It's well worth it!

Cari Myford is the PAAG's May speaker...

Cari Myford is a photographer. A very adventurous and committed photographer. She travels to places on our earth that most of us only dream about. Capturing fleeting moments of nature and sharing them with the rest of the world is her special gift to us.

Cari will talk about her art and share some great photos she's taken with everyone attending this month's meeting.



Believe it or not PAAG fans, the time has come to start revving up for the PAAG 2007 Holiday Art Show at Gallery on High. We need to get a jump start on Sponsors contributions and ad sales for the show earlier to give all of the supporters of the Arts in Pottstown a fair chance to, well...support the Arts. So all PAAG members get ready to hit the pavements and airwaves (cell phones) and do what we can. More details to come...

at the April PAAG meeting...

Kurt Zwinkl, Executive Director of the Schuylkill River National & State Heritage Area gave a great talk to the PAAG at the Schuylkill River Heritage Center in Pottstown. Kurt addresses many of the challenges and joys that his job entailed and spoke very enthusiastically about the annual Schuylkill Sojourn, a seven day trip of canoeing, camping and all out adventure. He also said that the Schuylkill River Trail when complete will extend from Fairmount Park in Philadelphia to Pottsville.



a letter from the president...

Dear PAAG members:

Several proposals have been suggested for changes to our PAAG bylaws.

These will be voted on at our May meeting.

1. Change the length of term for board members from 2 years to unlimited number of years. (Many of our board members have already served more than 2 years, and we cannot find anyone willing to serve to replace them).
2. Add a new board position: "Past President", and change Vice President to "President Elect". Each would serve a one year term, rotating with the President. (This will give continuity to the leadership position and also eliminate concerns about the possibility of any one person getting stuck in the head leadership position for an extended number of years).
3. Stipulate that PAAG board meetings should be once a month, at a date and time agreed upon by the board. (But not necessarily immediately before the monthly general membership meetings. The time before the general meeting is often filled with a lot of other things that are going on and it can be very distracting).
4. Allow the board the opportunity to offer secret ballots and absentee ballots for general membership votes if they think it would be appropriate for the situation. (Many people are more comfortable voting by ballot, rather than show of hands. Also, some people may not be able to attend every meeting where there is a vote, but would still like the opportunity to vote on important issues).

Bob Hakun
PAAG President

"Be sure to come out to vote for the 2007-2008 candidates for the PAAG Board". Bob Hakun for President; Terry Souders for Vice President; Brian Artim for Treasurer; Mary Chisak for Secretary; Paula Stackonis for Membership; Martha Murphy and Beverly Nuzzo for Refreshments; "Programs" is open.

The 2007 Audubon Art Show

The 3rd annual Juried Art show was held at the refurbished barn at the John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove from 4-20 to 4-29, 2007. The Norristown Art league was a main contributor to the organization and set-up of the show.



Several PAAG members exhibited at the show: Katy Krieg, David Hughes, Cari Myford, and Bob Hakun. Katy won the Audubon Nature award for her watercolor "Birding Time", and Cari won second prize for her photograph "Talking



Heads - Antarctica" It was a lovely show at a lovely location, and one that all PAAG members should consider looking into next year. The Audubon Museum is a great place to visit, they have several birds that reside there permanently (see photo of owl), and a great collection of Audubon's work. It may be a good spot for a future PAAG field trip!

Paag member Sue Ploppert won the Joan Brogley Award from Hedwig House, Inc. for caring and compassion for her Tuesday Art Group and Friday addiction group. The award was for \$50 but Sue said her real reward was to see the disabled members of her groups get jobs and feel whole.

There's still time to get your **NEW PAAG LOGO** ideas in. The Board will review the ideas to date at the May meeting but will hold off on the final judging for a short time. So... Send your ideas (anything from a sketch to a finished look) to: **Dave Manak, 1193 Laurelwood Rd. Pottstown, PA 19465** Or...if you can scan it, email it to <mailto:paag-email@comcast.net>

A few pointers: A great logo should be simple, work in black and white or color and clearly represent your organization. (PAAG). It should work **BIG** and **small** for posters and stationary. You should be able to read it clearly at 1/2 inch size. Yes... one-fourth of an inch. **Your prize? Your great logo will represent an exciting new look for the Pottstown Area Artists Guild!**

The Show currently running ay Gallery on High...Nessa, Rigo and Khalil: a study in Abstract Cultures is well worth seeing if your a student of or just appreciate abstract art. Nessa Grainger's work draws you into her paintings with soft, subtle flows and areas of texture. Rigo Peralta has a gentle mood about it with figures and faces blending into one another in many of his pieces. Khalil Allaik has a more primitive style using vibrant color and intricate patterns. The show is running currently through May 19 , so you still have time to see some great art in downtown Pottstown.. For More information contact <http://www.galleryonhigh.com/> or call them at 610.326. 2506.

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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

Events around town...

Upcomong at Gallery on High...

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

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

The PAAG will have a booth at the Pottstown Historic Home Buyer's Fair at the Montgomery County Community College Saturday, June 16th 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.

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

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

Artists' Quotes

Susan Rothenberg, American expressionist painter. Sometimes the painting starts to relate very directly to either sights seen or experiences felt, other times it just goes off on a tangent that you really can't articulate.



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