



Sketchpad

POTTSTOWN AREA ARTISTS GUILD ~ September TO November 2011

Letter From the PAAG President

Dear PAAG Members, Patrons, Neighbors and Friends,

Thank you all for contributing, in so many ways, to our wonderful show in June, "Art On The Hill - The Pottstown Art Show". You are what made it an event to remember!

Hopefully your summer was full of activities, rest, and the creative spirit was flowing through you in a multitude of mediums!

Fall is a great time to get in gear with programs, workshops and classes in the arts. We have a wonderful line-up of presenters for you to enjoy. Please read this Sketchpad for all the details! And remember - PAAG membership for the year is due in September – still only \$25! Also, plan ahead to contribute small affordable original art works for show/sale during the Schuylkill River Festival in our PAAG booth on Saturday October 8 down at the Pottstown waterfront park. Get out and capture the glorious fall scenery in your favorite media. See you in September!

Suzanne Halstead, Board President

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Meetings:

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.

PAAG Newsletter

Reminder: There will be a newsletter for every 3 months. Please retain your copy for meeting information. Issues will be released: (Sept., Dec., March, and June)

PAAG Website

www.paag.info

First Meeting

September 20, 2011

PAAG Field Trip Meeting - Taylor Backes

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Presentations

All meetings held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 P.M.

September 20, 2011

Barbara Persing
Sewing and Quilting Artist



I have been sewing and quilting for over 25 years. In 2000, I started my own business providing Longarm Machine Quilting services.

My business grew quickly and I soon recognized that my customers appreciated my ability to provide guidance in choosing the quilting designs. Having the opportunity to work for quilters who have a wide variety of interests and styles has helped to stretch my imagination. I enjoy the challenge to be creative for each quilt regardless of the

style or pattern. This was the beginning of my quilting approach "I work for the quilt". The most important part of my job is to marry the quilting to the personality of the quilt.

I am thankful to my clients for they have given me so much inspiration as a quilter. Each quilt I work on teaches me something new. I have learned more about myself and enhanced my abilities when I am pushed to work outside my own comfort zone.



"Peony" Copyright 2011 Barbara Persing

In 2006 I again undertook a new business. In addition to my Longarm Quilting business, my sister Mary Hoover and I have started a pattern company called 4th & 6th Designs. Mary

lives in NY and owns a quilt shop but we collaborate daily on designs and ideas. Please see www.4and6designs.com.

In my free time when I am not enjoying my 2 teenage sons and husband, I work on my own quilts which you can view in the gallery.

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October 18, 2011

Taylor Backes, Inc.
Hand Blown Glass
On-Site Field Trip



Plan on meeting us in the lobby of Taylor Backes, Inc. (shown left) between 7:15 and 7:30 so that we can start our tour promptly.



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In 1981 Will Dexter and Karla Trinkley co-founded Taylor Backes glass studio. Their objective was to collaborate in the design of traditional and contemporary art glass.

Dexter and Trinkley both received BFA degrees from Tyler School of Art, Elkins Park, PA and MFA degrees from Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI.

Their work has been exhibited throughout the world and is in the permanent collections of museums, including the Philadelphia Museum of Art, The American Craft Museum and The Corning Museum of Glass. They have lectured and taught at Pilchuck Glass School, Seattle, WA, Penland School of Craft, Penland, NC, and the Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI

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November 15, 2011

Peter Schnore
Artist and Art Critic



Photo Gallery



“Allentown” Copyright 2011 Peter D. Schnore

Peter D. Schnore, a Latvian born artist and art critic came to America in 1949 at the age of ten.

Since the 1960s, when he was a pioneering modernist, his area of concentration has been innovative traditional realism. Studies at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, where he received the prestigious Cresson European three months travel and study prize, helped prepare him for becoming the much praised painter of landscapes, still lifes, and portraits that he is today.

His 2011 awards include The First Prize for Painting at The State of the Art 44th Annual Exhibition of Pennsylvania artists at the State Museum in Harrisburg. At the Salmagundi Club in New York, he received the Judy and Elias Newman memorial award from the National Society of Painters in casein and acrylic. At America’s oldest ongoing juried exhibition, The Philadelphia Sketch Club’s Small Oils show, where in the past Schnore has received three Henry Tait best of show medals, he was awarded another First Prize.

In 1990, at the sadly now defunct annual juried exhibition of The National Academy of Design, Schnore was awarded what can be considered the very highest landscape painting award in the nation, The First Benjamin Altman Prize for Landscape. And just two years ago at the prestigious Allied Artists of America 2009 juried exhibition he was again awarded the top landscape prize, The Alden Bryan memorial medal for traditional landscape.

If there is a secret to his work it is that as the artists of old, he “paints lovingly” from “aesthetically exhilarating” subjects.

Peter D. Schnore
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The Pottstown Art Show- Art On The Hill 2011



Above: Beverly Nuzzo with our PAAG sign.



Above: Before Show Time!



Above: Enjoying the refreshments! Beverly Nuzzo and Stanley Boyer.



Above: Nick LiCalzi (left) and daughter, Ro Turtle, with Terry Souders.

Please send your interesting links to: paag-email@comcast.net

Check out these websites often for local show and event information!

<http://www.paag.info/> Pottstown Area Artists Guild

[http://www.galleryonhigh.com./](http://www.galleryonhigh.com/) Gallery on High, Pottstown

<http://www.studiobb.org> Studio B, Boyertown

<http://www.yellowsprings.org/> Historic Yellow Springs/Chester Springs Studio

<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

<http://www.phoenixvillageartcenter.org/> Phoenix Village Art Center

September 20th Meeting - Time to Pay Dues!

\$25.00. Look for Membership person: Paula Ziegler

Does anyone need a ride to the October Meeting Field Trip to Taylor-Backes?

Call Dave at 610-326-5415.

Schuylkill River Festival Saturday

October 8 from 11am-4pm. Schuylkill River Park, Pottstown. Please let anyone on the PAAG Board of Directors know if you would like to help out for this event!

Please e-mail paulas_studio@comcast.net to add your event!



**The Pottstown Art Show- Art On The Hill
2011 Awards Ceremony**

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PAAG Art Screens Available to rent!

Contact:
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Screens are \$2.00 each