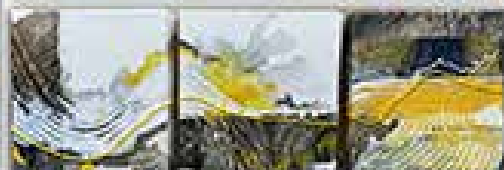
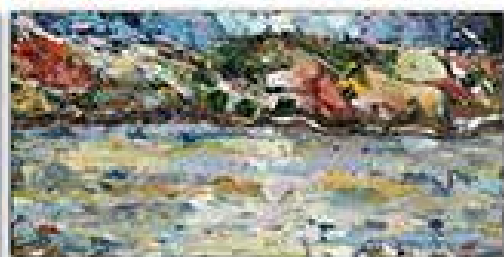


**Southwestern Pennsylvania
Council for the Arts**

**28th ANNUAL
REGIONAL
JURIED
ART EXHIBITION**



Nov 17, 2023 - Feb 4, 2024

**Hosted by The Southern Alleghenies
Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley**

Welcome

Welcome to the 28th Annual Regional Juried Art Exhibition. This year, the Southwestern Pennsylvania Council for the Arts is pleased to present the works of 71 new and established artists living and working in the eligible nineteen southwestern counties of Pennsylvania. We would like to thank all the participating artists, those accepted as well as those not accepted, without whose support we could not host an exhibition year after year. To the general public, thank you for supporting the council's annual art exhibition with your presence and patronage.

The Council thanks our sponsors and contributors (listed below and on page 23) whose generosity and assistance allows the council to fulfill its mission to enhance and encourage the cultural education of the public. Also in its remit, the council develops interactive educational programs and workshops for students of all ages and the community at large.

Thanks also to the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier for providing this venue and additional thanks to our juror, Elham Bayati.

Congratulations to the exhibiting artists! Please enjoy the exhibit.

Susan Kiren
President, Board of Directors
Southwestern Pennsylvania Council for the Arts

Past & Present Partners and Supporters: The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley; West Overton Museums, Scottdale; Westmoreland Museum of American Art, Greensburg; St Vincent College, Latrobe; Seton Hill University, Greensburg; Westmoreland County Historical Society, Greensburg; Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana; West Overton Museums, Scottdale, the Centennial Celebration in the halls of the Westmoreland County Court House (2007) and the Rowe Gallery, Greensburg Art Center. The council hopes to continue the Annual Exhibitions and the History Through Art Exhibitions well into the future. Other sponsor and supporters: Pennsylvania Partners for the Arts; Laurel Valley Tourism Association; Laurel Valley Visitors Bureau; Westmoreland County Community Foundation; Robertshaw Foundation, Donald & Sylvia Robinson Family Foundation, and Standard Bank PaSB; Westmoreland County Community College.



EXECUTIVE

PRESIDENT	Susan Kiren
VICE PRESIDENT	Sally Loughran
SECRETARY	Tom Niggel
TREASURER	Kathy Longacre

BOARD MEMBERS

Mary Campfield	Arlene Kendra
Ronald Nigro	Nancy Rusbosin
Doris Wood	
Bonnie M. Hoffman*	
John Mickinak*	

ADVISORY BOARD

Janet Bucciarelli,	Terence L. Graft,
Barbara H. Nakles	

** Adjunct Members*



A special thank you to the **Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley** for hosting the Southwestern Pennsylvania Council for the Arts' Annual Regional Juried Art Exhibitions for twenty one years

Front Images: *Evovement* by Susan Pollins; *Montain* by Nancy Rusbosin; Detail: *Galileo* by William Pfahl

**The Board of the Southwestern
Pennsylvania Council for the
Arts dedicates this catalogue
and the 28th Annual Regional
Juried Art Exhibition**

**In Memory of
Mary R. Weidlein**



Mary (Wicker) Weidlein was a kind, gentle and generous person. She selflessly gave of her time, gifts and support for the arts in the southwestern Pennsylvania region. A staunch supporter of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art, she served in many and various offices in the auxiliary of the museum in Ligonier as well as serving as a trustee of that institution for many years. Wicker loved nature and was an accomplished horticulturalist. She attended the Pennsylvania School of Horticulture for Women (now part of Temple University) and in years since has won many awards, most recently from The Garden Club of America for 35 years of service to the Garden Club of Allegheny County. Service was a part of her life. While living in the New York City area from 1960 until the early 1980's, she served as trustee of the YWCA of New York, The Cleveland H. Dodge Foundation, The Herb Society of America and on the Vestry of St. Matthews Church in Bedford, N.Y. After returning to Rector with her husband in 1983, she served on the Vestry of St. Michael's Church, the Fort Ligonier Association and the Ligonier Valley Endowment. Mary will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her. She chose to see the best in every person she encountered throughout her life.

JUROR STATEMENT:

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the SPCARTS community for extending the invitation to serve as a juror for this event. It has been a rewarding experience, albeit one filled with challenges due to the sheer abundance of exceptional artworks with diverse styles and an array of remarkable talents.

In the absence of accompanying artist statements, my evaluation was primarily centered on the visual aspects of each submission. The adjudication process unfolded in two distinct phases: the initial review of all art pieces, followed by the meticulous selection of works for the exhibition.

Throughout the selection process, I found myself contemplating the underlying motivations that drove each artist's creative journey. Did they draw inspiration from nature or human emotions? Were they driven by an exploration of materials, or was their artistic impetus born from a desire to convey notions of beauty, or perhaps, concerns?

My selection criteria were multifaceted, with an emphasis on originality and creativity in addressing subjectivity, a profound mastery of technique, a sound understanding of visual composition, and, most importantly, the extent to which artists were able to imbue their creations with a distinctive personal voice.

As I deliberated, I was continually impressed by the depth of creativity on display, and I was profoundly moved by several of the works. It brought me immense joy to bear witness to the sheer beauty conveyed in some of the pieces.

I sincerely hope that the audience will derive as much enjoyment from viewing the exhibition as I did from the meticulous process of assessing and selecting the artworks. This event is a testament to the wealth of artistic talent that resides within this community, and I am truly honored to have played a role in recognizing and celebrating these exceptional contributions.

Warm regards, Elham Baya

About the Juror: Elham Bayati lives in Columbus-Ohio (Born-Tehran Iran), received her BFA and MA from Tehran-Iran and MFA from Columbus College of Art and Design. She is Permanent Member of Society of Iranian Painters (SIP) and, Core member of Phoenix Rising printmaking, Columbus-Ohio. She is mixed media artist and floral fabrics are the main source of inspiration in her pieces. Different layers in her pieces reflect multicultural and different places that she experienced. Floral patterns for her are a root of feminine world that reminds her grandmother's scarf, and her mother's dress-making fabrics. These patterns signify the beauty of a peaceful point in the middle of the dark life of contemporary Iran. Ms. Bayati has been awarded first place from Ohio art-league in the fall juried exhibition in 2018. She participated in a lot of group painting exhibitions in different countries. She was one of the artists of the exhibition in Akron Museum of Art (More is More), which introduced contemporary artists in 2021. She is faculty member of Columbus College of Art and Design. See her work at elhambayati.com.

28th ANNUAL REGIONAL JURIED ART EXHIBITION



Skip Allen
Ligonier
Stable, NM
Black and White Silver
Gelatin Photo from Film
16 x 20
\$395

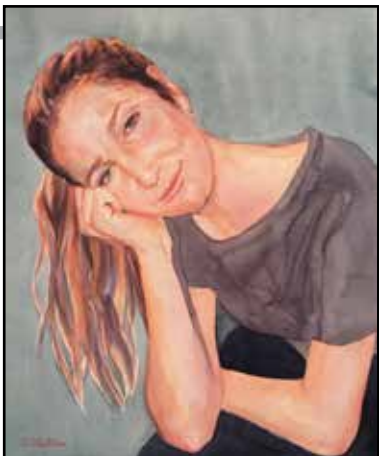
Margaret Black
Boswell
All About Color
Fiber
42 x 39.5
\$1670



Deborah Byham
Greensburg
Room With a View
Mixed media
15 x 21
NFS

Robert Chlosta
Mars
Badlands
Photography, Hanhemuel
archival stock
16 x 20
\$290





Connie Clutter
Washington
Under The Radar
Watercolor
17 x 14
NFS

Pamela Cooper
Greensburg
Emergence
Mixed-medium/Acrylic,
paper, pencil
and gold leaf
36 x 36
\$3000



Doreen Currie
Latrobe
Ligonier Cottage
Oil on canvas
24 x 24
\$895

Anthony DeFurio
Indiana

Winter Eve

Oil
20 x 16
\$700.00



Robert DeJesus
Greensburg

**Old Fashion
Horsepower**

B&W photo on glossy
paper
18 x 22
\$150

Tamara DiBartola
Greensburg
Recovering Hope
Digital Art
10 x 13
NFS



Patricia Dickun
Apollo
**The Indian Camp
at Bushy Run**

Oil
24 x 36
\$1000



Alexis Dillon
Greensburg
Diaspora
Infrared Photograph
on Canvas
20 x 30
\$230

Ron Donoughe
Pittsburgh
Cabinet Way Awnings
oil on canvas
24 x 30
\$3500



Joy Fairbanks
Blairsville
Water
Photography (inkjet)
36 x 26
\$375

David Greene
Rockwood
Sadness of War
Spalted Maple Wood, acrylic
paint, shell.
28 x 6
\$1995



Diane Grguras
Glenshaw
November

Pastel
17 x 20
\$700



Lynn Hocker
Bedford
Rumspringa
Acrylic on Board
24 x 36
\$6000

Billie Hollen
Altoona
Boxed Memories
Oil on canvas
30 x 24
\$800



Nancy Howarth
Pittsburgh
Buyers Remorse
Oil on wood
24 x 30
\$300



Sarah Hunter
Greenburg
. . . She Loves You Not. . .
Acrylic and aerosol on canvas
48 x 36
\$1200

Sandra Jackson
Ligonier
Peoples Road
Textile
15 x 24
\$200



Clare Kaczmarek
Latrobe
Wormhole
Photography
giclee print on canvas
24 x 16
\$350

Maura Keeney
Latrobe
Ephemeral Grand Final
Oil on Stretched Canvas
48 x 36
NFS



Renee Keil
Pittsburgh

**Living Beneath the
Shadow of the Giants**

Mixed Media: Pastel, Paper,
print with some watercolor

36 x 49
\$2400



Debbie King
Greensburg
In The Chop

Watercolor
25 x 30
\$450



Eileen Kopelman
New Kensington

**Wyoming PA Massacre
1778 Invasion Preparations**

Mixed: collage of oil on canvas
with 22k gold leaf

20 x 20
NFS



Marcia Koynok
Greensburg

Wear a Mask

Oil on canvas
24 x 20
\$450

Tami Krusper
Jeannette
Calling Me Home
Watercolor
12 x 16
\$175



Candace Kubinec
Greensburg
Her Work Shirt
Photography Continuous
Tone Print
16 x 13
\$135

Yelena Kukhareno
Pittsburgh
Still Life with Tangerines
Oil on canvas
12 x 9
\$800



Alan Lichtenfels
Johnstown
Bird in a cage
Metal
12.5 x 12.5 x 6.5
NFS





Barbara Lynne
 New Florence
Hymn of Promise
Tryptych
 Fiber
 12 x 37
 \$900



Lydia Mack
 New Florence
On the Trail, Santa Catalina Foothills
 Oil on Cradled Board
 8 x 10
 \$425



Patricia Majcher
 Jeannette
Spilled Apples
 Watercolor
 22 x 28
 \$225

Larry Mallory
 Glen Campbell
Dawn on 8th Avenue
 Watercolor on Paper
 31 x 39
 \$2800





Natalia Maynard
Jeannette
Jellyfish Garden
Tapestry
29 X 41
\$10,000



Bryan McCormick
Munhall
Is that a desert Fox I see
Oil on panel
10 x 8
\$100



Richard McWherter
Derry
Lasting Hours
Archival pigment inkjet
photograph on archival
cotton fiber paper.
25.5 x 31
\$1199

Dai Morgan
Pittsburgh
Ascent to Nowhere
Acrylic Painting
on Canvas
16 x 20
\$975



Mary Kay Neff
Greensburg
Roaring Spring Station

Cyanotype Print with water-
color on rag paper
(Fabriano Artistico)
14 x 11
\$400

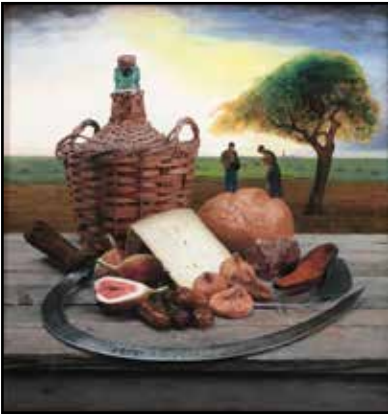


Ronald Nigro
Trafford
Lilith
Mixed Media
16 x 23
\$650

Dan O'Donnell
Glenshaw
I Am lost
Acrylic on canvas
11 x 14
\$650



Peg Panasiti
Latrobe
Spring Party
Watercolor
20 x 27
\$400



Frank Panichelle
Crabtree
The Angelus
Gouache
15.38 x 14.25
NFS

Kurt Pfaff
Pittsburgh
1101 Bingham Street
Oil on canvas
36 x 36
\$4800



William Daniel Pfahl
Pittsburgh
Galileo
Oil on canvas
27 x 33
\$1800

Susan Pollins
Greensburg
Evovement
Acrylic on canvas
3 piece triptych,
total 8 x 24
\$500 set
\$175 each



Jack Puglisi
Pittsburgh
Ensamble
Pen & ink
21 x 25
\$1300



Stacey Pydynkowski
Mount Pleasant
Looking Ahead
Acrylic, Pressed Flowers
36 x 36
\$700

George Radeschi
Bedford
#167
Wood-maple, goncalo alves
23 x 19
\$1400



Mary Ellen Raneri
Latrobe
**Mom's Geraniums in
the Yellow Brick Planter**
Felted wool, habotai silk
and clay bumblebee
10.5 x 13.5 x 1.5
\$475

Kimberly Rentler
Jeannette
On the Road to Extinction
Printmaking - Monotype
16 x 20
\$200



Alexis Rodefer
Rector
**“That’s a Really
Sexy Bracelet”**
Watercolor on
Arches Cold Press
22 x 30
\$4000

Elizabeth Roseborough
Pittsburgh
Rails to Trails
Oil on Canvas
22 x 26 x 2
\$1400



Nancy Rusbosin
Greensburg
Montaine
Oil
12 x 24
\$475



Joseph Ryznar
Lower Burrell
Out of Skippy
Acrylic on canvas
53.5 x 34
\$1200



Marian Sallade
Pittsburgh
Lake House
Oil
9 x 12
\$500



Joseph Schildkamp
Greensburg
Configured Coordinates
Acrylic
20 x 20
\$1400

Susan Schwarz
Sarver
Street Market
Acrylic
16 x 16
\$225



Brian Sesack
Pittsburgh
**Reflection at
Old Man's Cave**
Archival Black and White
Photographic Inkjet Print
16 x 12
\$350



William Simon
Mercer
Ohio Spiderwort
Pastel
30 x 46
\$2500

Martha Hopkins Skarlinski
Cranberry Township
Water Lilies
Photography - Digital Inkjet
Print on Paper
21 x 17
\$300



Eileen Stoner
Latrobe
Late Fall Hydrangia
Coffee on Yupo
6 x 7
\$300

Richard A. Stoner
Latrobe, PA, USA
Backwater
Gelatin Silver Print
10 x 10
\$450



Eileen Sudzina
McKeesport, Pa
Smoke Shop
Watercolor on Yupo
20 x 26
\$1000

Douglas Thomas
Greensburg
Green Street
Reduction Linocut
15 x 29
\$650



Mark E. Weleski
Natrona Heights
Genie in a Bottle
Acrylic on stretched canvas
48 x 34
\$1800

Mike Whaley
Ligonier
Darlington Barn
Acrylic with
metal backing
20 x 30
\$400



Kim Williams
Johnstown
**Kintsugi: Healing in
the Broken Places**
Acrylic, Mixed Media
on Canvas
30 x 31
\$3625

Eileen Yeager
Murrysville
Ents, Shepherds of the Forest
Marbleized Paper Collage
22 x 22
\$425



Patricia Young
Pittsburgh
Bog River Falls
Pastel
18 x 24
\$1200

AWARDS

FIRST PRIZE Sponsored by William and Bonnie Hoffman \$500
In Memory of Mary "Wicker" Weidlein

SECOND PRIZE
Sponsored by Kepple Graft Funeral Home, Inc. \$400

THIRD PRIZE Sponsored by Barbara H. Nakles
In Memory of Ned J. Nakles, Sr. \$300

FOURTH PRIZE Sponsored by Jim and Kathy Longacre \$200

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE Realistic/Impressionistic Painting \$150
Sponsored by Janet and Gary Bucciarelli
In Memory of Elizabeth Shaw Gamble

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE
Sponsored by Sally Loughran \$150

AWARD OF MERIT
Sponsored by Ron Nigro \$100

AWARD OF MERIT
Sponsored by Doris Wood \$100
In Memory of Irma Latshaw

AWARD OF MERIT
Sponsored by Thomas Niggel \$100

AWARD OF MERIT \$100
Sponsored by Dr. Mark and Susie McCormick

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD \$300
To be announced at the conclusion of the 28th Annual Exhibition
in Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Knott

**Thanks also to our additional contributors for underwriting the
28th Annual Catalogue, Exhibition, Mini-Travel Grant for School
Districts and the Opening Reception.**

**Janet and Gary Bucciarelli Bill and Bonnie Hoffman
Jim and Kathy Longacre Sue and Bill Kiren
Arlene Kendra John Mickinak Nancy Rusbosin**

World-class
University
with a
hometown
feel.



University of
Pittsburgh
Greensburg

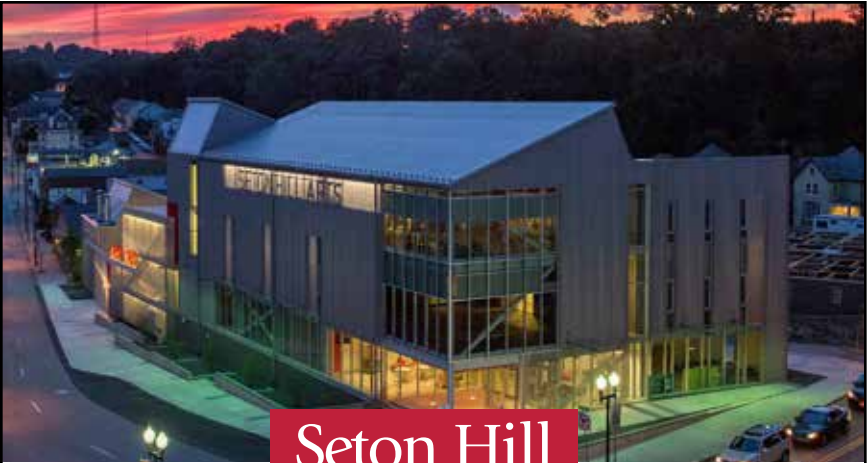
www.greensburg.pitt.edu

724-837-7040



Fox &
James Inc.

Truck Leasing and Rental



Seton Hill University
is proud to support the
**Southwestern Pennsylvania
Council for the Arts**
and its
**28th Anniversary
Regional Juried Art Exhibition.**

THE ARTS ARE ALIVE AT SETON HILL

Seton Hill University offers a wide variety of art exhibitions as well as theatre, music and dance performances that are open for the public to enjoy at its two downtown Greensburg facilities.

Visit www.setonhill.edu/arts for more information and a calendar of events.

People's Choice Award

28th ANNUAL REGIONAL JURIED ART EXHIBITION

Nov 17, 2023 ~ Feb 4, 2024

**Cast your ballot for
your favorite art work!**

**SPCARTS will award \$300 to
the work with the most votes
at the end of our
28th Annual Exhibition**

To be announced at www.spcarts.org
February 5, 2024

**In Memory of
Mr. & Mrs.
Joseph Knott**



SPCARTS Education Initiative 2023-2023 Mini-Travel Grant



The Southwestern Pennsylvania Council for the Arts will again offer up to four mini-grants (\$270 each) to cover travel expenses for four local high schools. Contact Information Inquiries: info@spcarts.org or find appropriate form under the **Education Initiative** tab at www.spcarts.org.



**Residential/Commercial
Interior Design
Home Staging**

Doris Wood
884 Dogwood Lane
Greensburg, PA 15601
724-244-9418
by appointment

TOGETHER, WE RISE.



A first-tier national liberal arts college, Saint Vincent College prepares students for successful careers and meaningful lives. Explore our more than 60 major programs of study and learn more about how this personalized education is an affordable option with 100% of freshmen receiving scholarship aid.



SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE

LATROBE, PENNSYLVANIA | www.stvincent.edu

Greensburg Art Center presents...
Arts, crafts, paintings!

Nov 4-Dec 20

The Art of GIFTing

Gifts as unique as snowflakes!

**Don't miss the "Art of Gifting"
Exhibition and Sale.
Your chance to get started
on your holiday shopping.**



**Opening Reception
November 4, 2-4 pm**

**Greensburg Art Center
230 Todd School Road, Greensburg, PA 15601**

**Call for membership information,
exhibition opportunities and class schedules.
724-837-6791**

**Go to www.greensburgartcenter.org
for information about the club, classes and
current exhibitions on view at the Rowe Gallery.**



Congratulations to
Shelly Poli
My Rusty Green Bike

27th Annual Exhibition
2022-23 People's Choice Award
In Memory of Joseph and Pauline Knott