

The Palette

November 2025

The Newsletter of
The Williamsville Art Society

President's Letter



Hello Everyone!

Hope you were able to attend our opening reception for our Holiday Show. The show is outstanding, full of terrific talent from our members. We had 234 guests and made \$775 on the raffle. Thank you so much to the members who stepped up to support their society and volunteered to help put on this amazing event.

We had a great time getting together at the Senior Center on November 6 to share our ideas about art, talk about our pieces and admire all the other great artwork. We will be doing this again for the 2026 Spring Show. Please put it on your calendar and plan to attend.

Friday November 21 at the Audubon Library from 6:30-8:30 pm meeting will be the last meeting of the year, as we do not meet in December. Nancy Mariani will be our demonstrator.

The "white stuff" is threatening to start. So please remember to check your email or Facebook for snow closings.

On November 22 & 23 the Niagara Art Trail is having their 2025 Holiday Artist, Craftsmen & Vendor Fair at the Niagara County Fair Grounds. Seven members will be exhibiting (including myself) and Beverly Amborski will be at our WAS Meet & Greet booth. Please come out to see us and buy your Holiday gifts from local artists.

Looking forward to seeing you at our November 21 meeting.

Always in Art,
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What do we live for, if it is not to make life less difficult for each other. ~George Eliot

November Demo



Nancy Clarke Mariani is our November demonstrator. Nancy's artwork is a juxtaposition from the inspiration through design. Through the use of geometric and organic shapes, she works to create a composition of balance, movement, emphasis and texture. After painting the composition, she strongly felt that the textures must be actual and not implied. Marrying and intertwining these elements also gives the artwork a sense of depth and continuity.

Nancy is an exhibiting member of the **Buffalo Society of Artists (BSA)** where she is currently on the Education committee. She is a Signature member of the **Pastel Society of America (PSA)**. Nancy has been in several International Exhibitions, in Gramercy Park Manhattan, NYC and Southeastern Pastel Society in Georgia. She has been in national exhibitions, Cape Cod, the Adirondacks, Canandaigua, Rochester and Buffalo. Nancy is the President of the **Fine Arts League of Buffalo (FAL)** and a member of Pastel Society of Western New York. (PSWNY) based in Rochester, NY. Nancy is also on the **Board of the Lancaster Opera House**, where she is the President of the board of directors.

Nancy was the recipient of the 2021, **ASI - Sparks Award** called "**Leading Where You Are**".

Nancy is a retired Art teacher from **Lancaster High School** and was the department art chairperson for twenty-two years K-12 for the Lancaster school district. Nancy taught fine arts and photography at the high school for over three decades. Nancy was the advisor of the Art Honor Society/ National Art Honor Society for over two decades. Nancy also teaches art classes at the Depew Community Center.



At the demo, Nancy will create a watercolor/ pastel painting on sanded paper, which gives an interesting effect. She'll also show how the darks work first with lighter color overlay.

WAS Artists in the Wild

Deb Meier has a one-person exhibit at the Levy and Daniel Families Art Gallery, located at the downtown JCC, 787 Delaware Avenue in Buffalo. It will be on display through the end of December.

Note from the Editor

Please send submissions for the Palette to dianelorenzi@gmail.com

2025 Holiday Show Winners



WATERCOLORS

1st Cathy Eckman "A Grumpy Old Sole"
2nd Jean MacDonald "Tidal Detritus Main 2"
3rd Beverly Amborski "Chelsey in Memoriam"
HM Patty Harmsen "Oriental Poppies"
HM Linda Regan "Waiting for Santa"



ACRYLICS

1st Kimberly Gryckiewicz
"Meekness Befits a King"
2nd Susan Hohl "AKG"
3rd Marie Prince "Anticipation"
HM Anthony Cilano "Woman with Poppies"
HM William McCullagh "Charlie"



OILS

1st Michael Taylor "Dolomite"
2nd Timothy Martlock "Grandpa Gets Surprised"
3rd Susan Bradley "Desert Enchantment"
HM Sandra Orlando Vanich "Laura Orlando Vanich"
HM Paul Kather "Circa 1939"



OTHER

1st Robert Walker "Living Tower"
2nd Jeannette Pikturka "Caffe Aroma - Elmwood Village"
3rd Nancy Thayer "Dancing Girls II"
HM Tim Gryckiewicz "M31 The Andromeda Galaxy"
HM John Arnold "Couplet #23"



JUDGE'S CHOICE
Joe Miranda "Sit Alone"



ROBERT PUFPAFF MEMORIAL
Michael Taylor "Jessica"



ENID EDELMAN
MEMORIAL
Joe Miranda "Sit Alone"



BEST IN SHOW
Paula Borkowski "Go! Left Tunnel Ahead"

