

# The Palette

June 2025

The Newsletter of  
The Williamsville Art Society

## President's Letter



Hello everyone!

Hope all of you have had a chance to see our Spring Show. It's a terrific show not to be missed and truly showcases the talent we have in our society. We had over 200 in attendance. The raffle was also a great success, bringing in \$915. A BIG THANK YOU to all of the volunteers who make this show possible.

We also had our first Meet & Greet event on May 16 & 17 at the Artist, Craftsmen & Vender Fair in Lockport. A new member has joined us and we talked with many other artists who are interested in joining and took membership forms. We dispelled the myth that one has to live in the Williamsville area to be a member. With the statements from our members who attended the January meeting and answered the

question - "Why did I become a member" - a hand out card has been created. This is our new tool to get our name out there for new members. Look for a picture of the card and our booth in this issue of the Palette.



WILLIAMSVILLE  
ART SOCIETY

We are artists of all levels of expertise who enjoy getting together to inspire each other in our art. At our meetings, we have a demonstration by a Buffalo artist, presenting a variety of mediums. We hold two shows a year for our members at the Amherst Center for Senior Services. We believe in supporting artists to create, show and sell their art.

### ~ MEETINGS ~

Audubon Library  
350 John James Audubon Pkwy  
Buffalo, NY 14228  
on the second Friday 6:30-8:30pm  
of the following months:  
(September thru November,  
January, and March thru June)

*Everyone is welcome!*

*WilliamsvilleArtSociety.com*

On a sad note, Marilyn Drnevich has had to stepped down as Secretary. One of her responsibilities was to accept and input the artist entry form information to be sent to our printer for the show program. Please consider stepping up, supporting your society and taking on this responsibility by contacting me. We will need to fill this position before our Holiday Show.

Our last meeting until September will be on June 20, 6:30 at the Audubon Library. Natalie Brown, Development & Events Coordinator for the Burchfield Penney Art Center will critique our artwork. Yes, this can be scary, having your artwork critiqued, but it is an invaluable experience that I hope many of you will take advantage of. If you are uncomfortable having your art critiqued, please still come to the meeting and learn about the insights Nancy will present.

And so, on this note, I leave you to enjoy your summer. Get out and go to the many art shows and events, enjoy the outdoors and get inspired by the beauty of nature. And create! Never stop doing your art!  
See you in September.

There are only two days in the year that nothing can be done. One is called Yesterday and the other is called Tomorrow. Today is the right day to love, believe, do and mostly live.  
The Dalai Lama

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## **Sadly we have lost another member**

It is with a heavy heart that we share the passing of Donat Sadkowski. He was a longtime member who was an avid photographer and a creative painter. His work was also displayed at the River Gallery.

## **Important dates**

**June 20** meeting, 6:30pm at the Audubon Library

**June 24**, 3-5:30pm

Pick-up date for your artwork from the Spring Show at the Amherst Center for Senior Services

## **Winners of the 2025 Spring Show**

### **Watercolors**

1st Place Jean MacDonald, *Long Days End*

2nd Place Jean Jain, *Soaring Heights*

3rd Place Debra Meier, *Duality*

Honorable Mention Beverly Amborski, *Delicate Balance*

Honorable Mention Dieter Birkholz, *Euclidean Amalgam*

## Oils

1st Place Carol Pijacki, *Regensburg*  
2nd Place JoAnn Brem, *Tit Mouse in Apple Blossoms*  
3rd Place JoAnn Jarmusz, *The Irishman*  
Honorable Mention Timothy, Martlock, *Sungari*  
Honorable Mention Joanne Smith, *Seaside*

## Acrylics

1st Place Diane Menchetti, *Cloudscape*  
2nd Place William McCullagh, *Bailey*  
3rd Place Nancy Thayer, *Dancing Girls*  
Honorable Mention Barb Deron, *A Moment in Zion*  
Honorable Mention Marie Prince, *Portrait of Buffalo*

## Mixed Media and Other

1st Place Joe Miranda, *Aquatic Fish* (digital)  
2nd Place Jeanne Gugino, *Flying* (mono print)  
3rd Place Mary Mckee, *Nature's Pond* (stick art)  
Honorable Mention Eileen Raderman, *Sea Turtles* (colored pencil)  
Honorable Mention Becky Schaffer, *Spring Bloom* (pastel)

Judge's Choice Paula Borkowski, *orange peeking through*  
Best in Show Linda Regan, *Shaggy*  
Pufpaff Memorial Award Bill Tresp, *Beach Pathway*  
Edelman Memorial Award Joanne Smith, *Seaside*

## Artists in the Wild

Beverly Amborski had a painting accepted into the Art of Soar Valley III show at the Springville Center of Arts Gallery. The show dates are June 7th to August 23rd.

Bill McCullough has a new children's book out, *The Mouse in the Firehouse*. Congratulations, Bill! See attached flyer.

## Calls for Work

**The East Aurora Art Society** will be having their 70th Annual Outdoor Show at the Middle School Campus on June 28 and 29, 10am—5pm. Call Nancy Cerny at (716) 474-4205 or go to the website for an application at <http://eaartsociety.weebly.com>

**The Brothers of Mercy** Wellness Campus Foundation invites all Western New York artists 18 and older to submit original art inspired by the Erie Canal for a juried Erie Canal Bicentennial celebration exhibit to be held this Fall at The Art Gallery at Montabaur Heights! Prizes totaling \$1,000 will be awarded!

Submissions for one or two pieces of artwork will be accepted via online form with \$30 fee that will be open below from April 13 – June 29. The juried exhibit will be on display from September 8 – December 31.

**To submit**, please copy and paste this link - <https://brothersofmercy.org/artgallery/> - into your browser. Click and scroll to the button labeled “Submit your artwork.”

Please note that after submitting the online form, you will also need to print out your label(s) on page 3 of the Prospectus PDF found on the same website page. Attach labels to your artwork before drop-off date.

For any questions, please email [canalsallytr@gmail.com](mailto:canalsallytr@gmail.com).

The Erie Canal's Bicentennial is the theme for this exhibit. Artists are invited to create humorous, realistic, historical, contemporary - imaginary! - pieces in any media that can be framed and hung, (within size limits.) Please see prospectus for more information. **Prizes total \$1,000!**

The beautiful gallery, with superb lighting and hanging systems, at Brothers of Mercy in Clarence was launched in 2024. It hosts three to four shows each year. The Gallery is open 7 days a week, from 11 am to 3 pm.

## Main Street Arts Gallery

Two weeks out of surgery and I had things to catch up on before time ran out. Being a Bird Nerd I was hoping to squeeze in a visit to an art exhibit titled “Birds”. It was being held at Main Street Arts Gallery in Clifton Springs. A picturesque and historic village just an hour and twenty minutes out of Buffalo. A very easy drive. The exhibit did not disappoint. The exhibit had 2D and 3D art on display. Heather Olson is Main Street Arts Executive Director and Gallery Curator since January 2025. The gallery founder Marjorie Morris bought the building in early 2010 and thought it would be perfect for an art gallery. Main Street Arts opened its doors—initially as a

commercial gallery—on June 19, 2013. In 2018, it officially became a nonprofit arts organization and continued to expand programming.

The 3,600-square-foot space has two floors offering art exhibitions, a new Stairwell gallery and an art resource library, workshops, and youth programs. In addition to the rotating exhibitions, they also have a gallery shop featuring jewelry, ceramics, prints, and more by a variety of local and regional artists. With a beautiful summer ahead of us try to plan a day trip to historic Clifton Springs. Submitted by Beverly Amborski

