

# Cranberry Artists Network

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2021

## 2021 Calendar of Events

12/2 General Membership Meeting 7-9pm

Join us for the General Membership meeting on Thursday, December 2nd.

This will be a hybrid meeting offering both in-person and Zoom options. The Zoom ID and password will be emailed.

The meeting will be held in Grange Hall the Senior Center Room with the business meeting beginning at 7pm followed by a sculpture demonstration by [Gadi Leshem](#).

12/7 First Tues figure drawing 10am-1pm

12/16 Ho-Ho-Holiday Show artwork pick-up 4-7pm

## MEMBERSHIP NOTICES

AS OF JANUARY 2022 THERE WILL BE NO MORE CHECKS TO PAY FOR ENTRANCE FEES AND ALL REGISTRATION WILL BE THROUGH PAPPAL

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP HANG AND TAKE DOWN SHOWS.

This is a fun opportunity to meet and connect with fellow artists, help the organization, and get a sneak peak of the beautiful art on display.

# Cranberry Artists Network Ho-Ho-Holiday Show 2021

Show Dates: November 11 - December 16, 2021

## Congratulations to the award winners!

First Place

[Diane Grguras](#), "One Room Schoolhouse"

Second Place

[Gadi Leshem](#), "Batik Amaryllis Fashion"

Third Place

[Jennie Johnstone](#), "Morning Light"

Honorable Mentions,

[Kathy Green](#), "Red Sky at Adam's"

[Mary Alice Carmodi-Diana](#), "Santa's Hat"

[Leslie Baldwin](#), "Holiday Happy Hours"

[Sally Tennant](#), "Carried Away".



# First Tuesday Figure Drawing

First Studio in November. The model was Katherine. Join us the first Tuesday in December 10am-1:00 pm. It's open to the public. \$10 model fee. We will be going out to lunch this month if anyone is interested.



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## DECEMBER FEATURED ARTIST

## LARRY BRANDSTETTER



Larry Brandstetter is a native of Pittsburgh and a 1972 graduate of Ivy School of Professional Art, which was located in Market Square, Downtown Pittsburgh.

A very active and prolific artist from 1971 to 1982, specializing in whimsical storybook style drawings and illustrations using pen and ink, colored pencil and graphite. He also created fun, colorful mixed media assemblage sculptures built with found objects and his waggish style.

At that time, he was an active member of the Pittsburgh Society of Artists and the North Hills Art Center. His first "One Man Show" was held at the Monroeville Library in 1971. He was accepted into the juried competition section of the Three Rivers Arts Festival, 1971 to 1982 selling all 33 accepted pieces over the eleven years. The many shows and sales ended when he started a small business in 1982 and placing all his creative art ability on hold – but just like Rip Van Winkle, he awoke (retired) 33 years later. Not skipping a beat, he purchased a pen, paper and started doodling again. Larry re-entered the artist community in mid-2016 and has been overwhelming welcomed back.

Brandstetter has entered many area shows and exhibits and has been honored with over 40 awards, including six "Best in Shows" (June 2016 to present). He is a current member of the North Hills Art Center, East Suburban Artist League, Pittsburgh Society of Artists, Cranberry Artist's Network and Latrobe Art Center.

Working with archival ink pens and/or colored pencils his fun illustrations are characterized by whimsical characters, lines, patterns and simple things. All of this creates a composition of a magical world. The drawings take your eyes on a fun, complex journey of hidden treasures and some pretty cool creatures.

Most recently he has introduced colorful mixed media Collages which are most fun and reflect the personality of his art style.



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## MEMBER NEWS



[Diane Grguras](#) will have a piece in the Southwest PA council for the arts “26th Annual Juried Exhibition” at SAMA Ligonier Valley, 11/12-1/29. It’s a plein air work called “Red Barn White Goats”.

[James Tobin](#) received a Bronze Award in the Camelback Gallery Autume 2021 Exhibition. Title of work: “Autumn Barn”, Medium: Digital Art. The show can be viewed online at <https://www.camelbackgallery.com/autumn2021exhibition>



[Larry Brandstetter’s](#) “Spike n’ Louis” mixed media collage was awarded a Merit Award at the Tuscarawas Art Guild Fall Art Exhibit. The show will run through December 16th.

Larry will also be a featured artist at The Mineral Point Gallery in Mineral Point Wisconsin. Visit the gallery online on their website [www.themineralpointgallery.com/artists](http://www.themineralpointgallery.com/artists)



[Rosetta Volpe-Dufalla’s](#) artwork will be for sale in the Holiday Mart for Sweetwater Center for the Arts in Sewickley. The Holiday Mart will run from December 3-12.

## CALL FOR ARTISTS



**June 30, July 1, 2, & 3, 2022**

You are invited to enter the Westmoreland Art Nationals Juried Fine Art & Photography Exhibition. Attached is an entry form. Please take note that the deadline is Friday, March 4, 2022. All entry forms must be postmarked or hand delivered on or before this date.

Since 1978, the Westmoreland Art Nationals has attracted submissions from not only local artists, but also regional, national, and international talents. The first exhibit will be held at the Westmoreland County Community College from Saturday, May 21 through Wednesday, June 8 with the second exhibit taking place Thursday, June 30 through Sunday, July 3 as part of the Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival. The opening reception for the Festival exhibit will take place on Saturday, June 25. You may enter as many pieces as you would like to be considered in both of our exhibits. Along with two physical on-site exhibits, we will again offer digital presentation for both live shows. Both shows provide excellent exposure for you and serve as wonderful networking opportunities to meet other distinguished artists in your field.

The 2022 Westmoreland Art Nationals entry form is available at

<https://artsandheritage.com/art-nationals/> as a PDF form.

We welcome and encourage you to invite others to apply.



## Collage Meet-Up by Contemporary Craft

Join us on the third Wednesday of the month for Collage Meet-up day in the Mixed Media Studio.

Meet-ups are a great way to get to know other artists working in a similar medium and enjoy the company of others while you craft. No formal instruction is offered during the meet-up, but everyone is encouraged to learn from each other.

Date: Dec 15

Time: 11am-1:30pm

Cost: Pay what you can. There is a suggested \$10 donation per session.

Materials: Bring your own materials (paper, glue sticks, etc.) and feel free to use Contemporary Craft's stash of old marketing postcards, etc. to create your collages. Contemporary Craft will provide scissors, cutting mats, and a large, bright Studio space to work in!

Lunch: You are welcome to bring a bag lunch to enjoy while you are here or you can order food from any of Pittsburgh's many meal delivery services.

Location: Contemporary Craft (5645 Butler St., Pittsburgh, PA 15201)

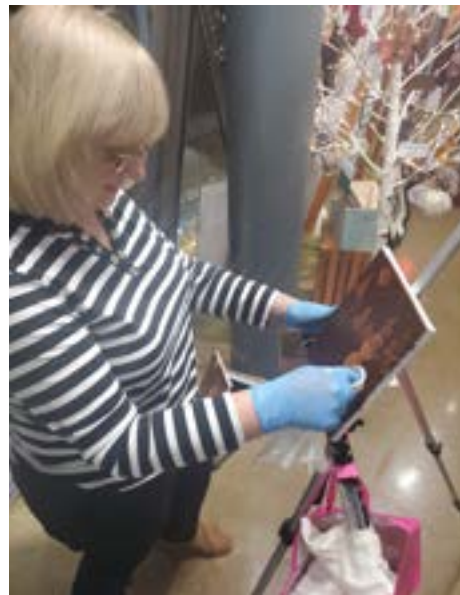
COVID-19: Masks are not required for vaccinated visitors

If you require accessibility accommodations, please let us know by calling 412.261.7003 and we are happy to assist you.

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**Linda Santeufemia** was at the Courtney-Laughlin Frame Studio & Gallery in Beaver, PA demonstrating two art techniques (glazing and wipe outs) after the Light Up Night parade on Friday and also at noon on Small Business Saturday. Some of her paintings will be displayed at the gallery through Christmas. Check out her FB page, "Original Oil Paintings by Linda" to view her journey at learning classical realism from start to present.



## CALL FOR ARTISTS



### WOMEN IN ART 2022: VISUAL VOICES

April 23 through June 4, 2022

Entries due midnight March 19, 2022

Open to artists identifying as female in southwest Pa and the Morgantown, WV area

This exhibition challenges women artists to make art that speaks to the power the visual arts can wield in our current cultural climate. *Visual Voices* aspires to expand the canon of art by being a platform to showcase a symphony of women's voices that sing loudly and passionately about the changes and challenges of our time.

Sexuality      Race      Sexual Identity  
Environment      Pandemic      Education  
Economic Justice  
Equality      Reproductive Rights      Political

You Are Here, with partner Maureen Kochanek, challenges artists to complete this sentence:  
My visual voice speaks to \_\_\_\_\_  
Above statement must accompany digital images and entry fee when submitting work.  
For application and details visit [yash406clay.org](http://yash406clay.org)

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ART NEWS

**Don't Miss This In-depth Discussion!**  
**Presented by**  
**The Westmoreland Museum of American Art**



Doris Lee (1905–1983), *At Home with Doris and Arnold*, 1947, Gouache on paper, 9 x 15 inches  
Collection: Diane Keene, MI, © Estate of Doris Lee, Courtesy D. Wigmore Fine Art, Inc.

## **Women in the Arts: An Examination & Celebration** **Wednesday, December 1, 7-8pm**

**Historically, the contribution and work of female artists, like Doris Lee, have been overlooked due to systems of misogyny, sexism, and inequality in American society.**

Don't miss this in-depth discussion between Pamela Cooper, Artist and Educator, Christiane Dolores, cross-disciplinary Artist and current Artist in Residence at the Museum, Amber McAlister, PhD, Assistant Professor of History of Art & Architecture, University of Pittsburgh, Greensburg, and Maureen Vissat, Assistant Professor of Art History, Seton Hill University examines the history and experiences of American women in the arts.

Please note Simple Pleasures: The Art of Doris Lee will be open this evening for special late viewing hours from 5-7pm, so attendees can experience the exhibition prior to the program. Additionally, the Museum Shop and Café Marchand will be open from 5-7pm.

**FREE**

[Register Here](#)



## **JOIN US!** **The West Hills Art League is Accepting** **New Members!**

Membership year is  
Sept 1 - Aug 31  
*Membership is open to all  
art enthusiasts who share  
our mission.*

Membership Cost:  
\$25 single and \$35 family  
Some membership  
benefits include:

- Guest speakers and demos
- Monthly Show and Share
  - Plein Air Days
- Annual art show and other league-sponsored events
  - Ongoing Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce Gallery
- Newsletters and Social Media
- Interaction with artists

For more info and sign up form please visit our Membership Page at <http://westhillsartleague.com>

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### 2022 International Achievement Awards in Oil Painting

All subject matter and styles allowed.

Up to two images per submission.

No nudity, profanity or political artwork.

Images must be professionally presented for jury.

Award include:

1st place through 10th place

(cash awards TBD based on # of entries)

Finalist Awards (based on # of entries)

Virtual Award Exhibition

Social Media Promotion & E-blast

Announcement

2022 International Achievement Award

Certificate

(This is competition. Only the jury selected artwork/artists will receive an award)

Deadline February 15, 2022

\$25 entry fee (non-refundable)

Awards Announced February 28, 2022

<https://www.camelbackgallery.com/internationalachievementawardsentry>

### 2022 International Achievement Awards in Acrylic Painting

All subject matter and styles allowed.

Up to two images per submission.

No nudity, profanity or political artwork.

Images must be professionally presented for jury.

Award include:

1st place through 10th place

(cash awards TBD based on # of entries)

Finalist awards (based on # of entries)

Virtual Award Exhibition

Social Media Promotion & E-blast

Announcement

2022 International Achievement Award

Certificate

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Deadline April 15, 2022

\$25 entry fee (non-refundable)

Awards Announced April 30, 2022

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# HOLIDAY

Art Show & Sale

December 4 - December 31

Opening Reception: 7-9

Gallery/Sale Hours:

Wed. thru Sat. 12-5

Give the  
gift of  
art!



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# 49<sup>th</sup> annual



# R E G I O N A L

Juried Competition

Deadline: February 21, 2022

[Find Out More](#)

# NHAC

NORTH HILLS ART CENTER

## Winter Art Show

Title/theme: **Pittsburgh Perspective**

February 5 - March 4

Open to all artists. Drop off is Jan 24-28.

### *Our Mission*

Cranberry Artists Network was organized by artists to promote an awareness about the value of the arts. Our mission is to build a vibrant appreciation for the arts by connecting artists and their skills with the community.

### *General Information*

#### Website

[www.CranberryArtistsNetwork.com](http://www.CranberryArtistsNetwork.com)

#### Facebook

[@CranberryArtistsNetwork](https://www.facebook.com/CranberryArtistsNetwork)

A members-only page is available at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CranberryArtistsMembers/>, or search for CAN Members

#### *Cranberry Artists Network Board*

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[Noele Reynolds](#) President

[James Tobin](#) Vice President

[Colleen Tittiger](#) Secretary

[Marcy Bogdanich](#) Treasurer

#### *CAN Chairs*

[Vickie Schilling](#) Exhibition

[Mary Mason](#) Programs

[Mary Jane Hadley](#) Membership

[Kathy Bischak](#) Publicity

[Debra Tobin](#) Newsletter

[Colin Richards](#) Website

[Duane Cacali](#) Founding Member Emeritus

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