



## Register Now for Spring I Classes

We have another excellent selection of art classes for your creative pursuits this Spring!

Classes run 6 weeks from March 9- April 17th. There are also a One-Day Collage and Mixed Media Workshops posted. Youth classes are also posted. Go to [aoyartcenter.org/Adult-Classes](http://aoyartcenter.org/Adult-Classes) to see the full list of course offerings. If you have any questions about classes, [education@aoyartcenter.org](mailto:education@aoyartcenter.org)

**BEFORE YOU REGISTER - BE SURE TO SIGN IN AT THE ORANGE GUY IN THE UPPER RIGHT to get member rates.**

We recognize that in any given 6 weeks period people have plans. If your plans take you on vacation, you can do a prorated tuition. You should register for the desired class and [email Jim Bongartz](mailto:email Jim Bongartz) to request we invoice you for the prorated amount.

Please help us get the word out by SHARING the AOY FACEBOOK posts about classes!



### **An Invitation to CRITIQUE NIGHT FEB 5 @ 7PM**

TALKING ABOUT OUR ARTWORK AND THE ARTWORK OF OTHERS IN A FRIENDLY, INFORMAL, UNTHREATENING ENVIRONMENT

As artists, we often need a second (or third) “set of eyes” on our work. We need to know how our artwork can be improved. Sometimes we can spot issues on our own, but most times we need input from others. This is where critique becomes an important part of our development as artists.

Critiques are open to AOY artist members only. Critiques are specific and constructive. All critiques will be led by a moderator. Embrace it for what it can do for you and your art. NO RSVP needed.

### **Pennsbury HS Art Majors Show**

Congratulations to all of the PHS Art Majors at the AOY Art Center Show! Such an amazing group of incredibly talented artists!

We are pleased to announce the Scholarship Award Winners:

First Place: Jessica Bednarcik, Painting.

Second Place: Kole Meinhart, Photography.

Third Place: Jason Turner, Sculpture.

Honorable Mention: Gweneth Child, Painting; Meg Girandola, Sculpture and Isabella Milano, Photography.

**You are invited to visit to see the entire collection on exhibition** (over 100 pieces) during gallery hours: Saturday and Sunday 12:00-5:00 through Feb 2. Hosted by the student artists!

Our thanks to the “group of enthusiastic donors” that made these scholarship awards possible in recognition of the outstanding arts programs at Pennsbury High School. We also want to thank Jerry's Artarama of Lawrenceville for their support of the Honorable Mention awards.

We got some great news coverage as well from [Bucks Local News](#) and Times Publishing. We were also on the local radio, [WBCB](#) 1490AM.

We hosted 86 visitors last Saturday and Sunday, a busy record!

On Sunday from 1:00-3:00 we have invited the 2019 Camp Families to attend and will be holding Guided Gallery Tours and have some hands on art activities for the kids.



## AOY Show News

The **9th Annual Juried Art Show** will be held April 3-26. We are pleased to announce that we have just secured Jennifer Hansen Rolli as the Juror. Jennifer is

a frequent illustrator for the cover of Bucks County Magazine covers, a children's author and artist. <https://www.jenniferhansenrolli.com/>

This is the only show that AOY opens to non-members. But members get first notifications. Here's the schedule:

- Open for Entries: Now until March 14 [CLICK HERE](#)
- \$25 for members/\$35 for non-members for up to 3 pieces
- Notification of Accepted Entries: March 21 by 10 PM
- Opening Reception Friday April 3, Show continues F/S/S through April 26

We are increasing our advertising budget for the show and hope to continue the trend of higher attendance.

## **SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION WILL BE POSTED THIS WEEKEND!**

Over 70 summer camps that make adults wish they were kids again! Registration will be opened over the weekend. Check the [aoyartcenter.org](http://aoyartcenter.org) website and be sure to share. Additionally, we need your VOTE! Please vote online for AOY Art Center Summer Art Camp!

One vote per email! [\\_VOTE HERE](#)



- **Key Contest Dates**
- Nominations Open 1/2/20
- Nominations Close 2/17/20
- Ballots go blind 2/17/20

- Voting Ends 2/28 at midnight



### **NEW WEBSITE TIPS:**

1. When you go to [www.aoyartcenter.org](http://www.aoyartcenter.org), be sure to SIGN IN at the little orange dude in the upper right. Then any registrations or signups that you do will be recognized as a member.
2. SIGN IN is also needed to access the MEMBERS pages where you will find fellow member's emails listed and their personal art websites (if they have one listed), recent emails and member notifications about the business and operations of AOY.

### **Open Studio News**

Open Studio continues on Mondays and Fridays 9:30-12:00. Open to all interested members. Bring your artwork and join the community.

### **From the Board**

- We ended the calendar in the black and are above where we were last year at this time
- A Safety Committee is being assembled to ensure everyone knows about safe procedures in the Center and is informed about the potential hazards of art

materials they may bring into the Center. If you are interested and especially if you have any expertise in this area, please [contact Alison](#).

- Welcome to Matt Wood, AOY new Webmaster!
- The Board gave OK to a 10-year Celebrate AOY event (Bette Sovinee) and to reprise Comedy Night (Maggy Robinson).

### **Inclement Weather and Winter Session Classes Notifications**

February can present some weather challenges. If weather forces us to cancel classes you will be notified by your instructor via email. Always use your best judgment in determining your comfort level to drive given the driving conditions. It is up to your instructor unless the Center itself needs to close due to loss of power etc.

### **Artist's Resources**

Montgomery County artist Michelle Byrne was featured in Plein Air Magazine with an eight-page feature article titled ["Adventures with a Palette Knife"](#). The article shows her work as well as a step-by-step demonstration.

#### **PleinAir Podcast 157: "[Copyright Law for Artists](#)"**

In this episode Eric interviews Sam P. Israel, art attorney and managing partner of Sam P. Israel P.C. on how to protect your rights as an artist, how to control how your work is used, make sure that others aren't commercially exploiting your work, and much more.

- Ways to prevent others from stealing your work and selling it
- Common and recent examples of infringement
- Basic things you can do up front to protect your art
- What to know about consignment agreements and your rights when you paint a commissioned piece
- Information on licensing agreements, dealer agreements, forgeries, using stock photos as reference photos for paintings
- The social media site you might want to steer from if you don't want your work misused

## Area Art Shows and Call for Artists

**Show Some Heart 125 Show** is Opening Friday Feb 7th

**Tyler Center for the Arts** is seeking artisans for Mother's Day Tea and Shopping Spree

**State of the State** entries still being accepted

**Plein Air Plus** by Lambertville Historical Society has a number of AOY artists participating in the silent auction. Cocktail Party is Saturday Feb 22.

[CLICK HERE TO SEE FULL LISTING with DETAILS & LINKS](#)

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