



# The Palette

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The Newsletter of  
The Williamsville Art Society

**\*\*\*IMPORTANT NOTICE\*\*\***

The auction has been cancelled by the Senior Center, so please bring 5x7s, ACEOs (Art Cards, Editions and Originals), or notecards to the March or April meeting or the drop-off. See details in Letter from Interim President and Exhibition Chair Report below.

## **Letter from Interim President, Cathy Eckman**

I'm Back!! I have agreed to assume the role as President of the art Society until such time as a member steps up to fill the position; or a member steps up to fill the Vice President position. A Vice President would be expected to work side by side with me until they feel comfortable enough to move into the office of President. For those who do not know me, I have served many terms as President. I will assist in the transition in any way I can. I will show you and teach you everything I know about the office of President and the Society. I will be your go-to as long as you need. I do not want to see this organization crumble due to the fact that we do not have officers to lead the group. The Williamsville Art Society has been like a family to me for many, many years. I am now asking my family for help. Please consider my plea and contact me with any questions.

We know that time doesn't stand still until we get our house in order...so let's get down to business.

First and foremost is our Spring Show. The opening reception and award ceremony is scheduled to happen on Sunday, May 17 from 2-4PM. By now you have received the prospectus and entry form. Read the pages carefully and when filling out the entry form, write clearly. All rules are on the forms. **THERE WILL BE NO BASKET RAFFLE AT THIS SHOW!!** The Town of Amherst has set forth new rules which state that any form of gambling/ games of chance, will no longer be allowed in any of the town buildings. No exceptions. A small group of us have been kibitzing to find new ways to supplement our finances to help us fund our shows. This spring show we will host an art sale. I need every one of you to donate 1-3 pieces of artwork, size 5" x 7", unframed, un-matted. If you have some work at home, take a good look at it. Can it be cut into a few 5x7 pieces and appeal to a buyer? Can you create a 5x7 piece? We need your help. These should be brought to the March or April meeting or to the drop off.

Many of you create note cards from your artwork. If you would be willing to donate a few...we will add them to our art sale table. Deb Meier also discusses ACEOs (Art Cards, Editions and Originals). See her article for more info. We will accept donations of any and all of the above

mentioned works to sell at our Spring Show. Would like to collect at least one item from every member.

The Niagara Art Trail is having their spring "Arts, Crafts and Vendor" show on Saturday May 2 from 10AM-5PM and Sunday May 3 from 10AM-3PM, at the Niagara County fairgrounds (Cornell Cooperative Extension), 4487 Lake Avenue in Lockport. They still have spaces available at a nominal fee for the two day event. The Williamsville Art Society will have a booth there to share information about the Society and host a membership drive. If you are interested in renting your own booth for the two day event, call Jay Krull 716-609-0433.

Our first exhibitor has hung a few paintings at the Amherst Chamber of Commerce. We hope to give any artist that's interested in displaying a few pieces of their work the opportunity by changing the display every two months. If you are interested in displaying a few pieces of artwork, let me or Beverly know.

It was brought to my attention that there were empty wine bottles found in the trash after the holiday show. No alcohol is allowed in the building. If it was an artist or family or friend....please let them know this will not be tolerated. Anyone found with alcohol will be escorted out of the building.

We have a new website, it is [williamsvilleartsociety.org](http://williamsvilleartsociety.org).. please check it out!

We are all adapting to the many changes upon us. Watch your emails for any new information. Make an attempt to attend the meetings. Talk to your friends. Increasing our membership will help soothe the burn of the new rules!

*"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success"* Henry Ford

~Cathy Eckman

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## Exhibition Chair Report

The prospectus went out over a week ago, and I am pleased to hear that a couple of you are already filling them out, getting them ready to mail in.

I want everyone to know that the Reception will look a little different this time around. The Town of Amherst has announced that no gambling activities are allowed to take place on the Center for Senior Services grounds. This means that we will not be allowed to hold our Basket Raffle. This is a huge blow to our organization, as it was the generosity of people via the ticket sales that helped offset the cost of our exhibition and awards twice a year.

I would like to propose us trying a Mini Buy It Now Art exhibit. Art Donations from our membership could be in two sizes. If you are donating a 5x7, it can be on any substrate. Sign your work; do not mat or frame your work. We would sell these the night of the Reception, \$20 each or three for \$50.

The other size would be for ACEO's, Art Card Editions and Originals. These would be 2.5 x 3.5, hand-drawn/painted, signed on front or back, also unmat and unframed. The ACEOs may also be on any substrate. These could be sold for \$10 each.

Selling these originals is not considered gambling as you would be purchasing these miniatures outright.

Come to the March meeting with ideas...and artwork. We may have more answers to your questions at that time.

~Deb Meier

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## March Meeting



The next WAS meeting will be at 6:30pm, Friday, March 13 at the Audubon Public Library. Seth Brauchler will demonstrate plein air watercolor. Seth is a watercolor painter and book binder exploring our relationships with abandoned and liminal spaces. He takes breaks from lurking under bridges with his paint tin to make jewelry, journals, patches and prints.



## New Webmaster

Gerry Genson is our new Webmaster. Many thanks to Beverly Amborski for serving as our Webmaster for more than three years. Beverly will continue to serve our organization as Treasurer and Membership Chair.

## Newsletter

All members are invited to contribute articles to the newsletter. Send items to Diane Lorenzi, [dianelorenzi@gmail.com](mailto:dianelorenzi@gmail.com) by the 25th of the month to be included in the newsletter the following month.