

The Palette

May 2026

The Newsletter of
The Williamsville Art Society

Williamsvilleartsociety.org

Letter from Interim President, Cathy Eckman

It was great to see our members working together last month, painting small pieces of artwork to be sold at our opening reception. We will continue to accept any 5"x7" or 2 1/2"x 3 1/2" up to the day of the show. Ideally, we would like delivery at the May meeting or at drop off. We are accepting donations of special occasion cards or note cards painted by our artists as well. Drop off is Tuesday, May 12 from 3-5:30 PM. Be sure to have your pieces properly labeled and frames properly wired.

We will hold elections at the May meeting. Nominations can be made prior to the election. After our business meeting we will have our critique night. Everyone is invited to bring ONE piece, completed or in progress, to be critiqued by a local artist.

I did post in April's palette and discussed at April's meeting the need for some "sub-committees". I urge you to contact me if you are

Help Needed

Publicity: this person would be responsible for seeking out and following through on advertising for our Spring and Holiday shows. Ex. Community news on local TV stations and radio, free publications, etc.

Community outreach: this person would reach out to schools, classes, art stores to inform and invite others into our group; sharing upcoming demonstrations, meeting place and dates of upcoming meetings.

Exhibits: this person would seek out places accepting artists to display their work such as town halls, hospitals, restaurants, medical offices, etc.. A list would be kept for each venue.

Projector: this person would set up and operate the projector at all meetings.

Board member: this person would serve on the executive board beside the four officers. 9 members total with staggering three year terms. Usually 1-2 meetings per year.

* If you are interested in any of the above mentioned opportunities or would like more info, please contact Cathy Eckman, 716-433-7825 or 716-510-0043.

"I'm a true believer in the strength of teamwork, in the power of dreams, and in the absolute necessity of a support structure" Julie Payette

able to fulfill any of the Help needed positions listed. We are an organization with about 80 members. Right now we are dealing with an unexpected change in leadership, unexpected banning of our basket raffle, and no decrease in the fee charged by the Senior Center to use the space. I need your input of any ideas to raise money to avoid raising dues and/or show entry fees. At this time the town of Amherst is banning any and all games of chance at all town buildings. I need 80 members to volunteer for a position, to share ideas, to participate. My goal is to make this organization grow to at least 100 members, and become financially stable once again. I need your help to make this happen.



There will be NO June meeting. This extra time will allow us to prepare for a successful 2026-2027 year. If you would like to be invited to any of the meetings the board will have over the summer, contact me and I will put you on the invite list.

Enjoy your summer! Expect a mailing for the September meeting, prospectus and entry. Keep an eye on our facebook page, web page and your email for any updates.

May Meeting



"You can't cross the sea merely by standing and staring at the water"
Rabindranath Tagore

~Cathy Eckman, Interim President

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This is our Share Your Art event, and the last official Friday meeting of Williamsville Art Society until September. Members, please bring ONE piece of artwork in for Paulette Krakowski, our critique artist, to evaluate. If you have a second one, leave it in your car; if there is time for a second round, you can get it while we are on break.

Our critique artist is Paulette Krakowski. She has been a local artist for over 45 years living in Western New York. Presently, she is a member of the West Seneca Art Society, a Juried member of the Arts & Craftsmen Guild on the Historic Roycroft Campus & Past Vice President, Niagara Frontier Watercolor Society, and the Central New York Watercolor Society.

The past several years she has concentrated on Colored Pencil work and Watercolor. She has worked in collage, clay, mixed media, weaving and encaustics.

She says of her work, "As an artist I am able to create such beauty and colored pencil allows me to paint a picture from extreme detail to simple impressions.

Multiple layers of colored pencils creates a painting - I enjoy working on a black illustration board or paper because it makes the work pop! Oftentimes I paint an 'underpainting' in french grays before applying color to the work. My art seeks to find joy in everyday items.

The one type of painting I have always enjoyed is the medium of Watercolor. The beauty of working in watercolor is the simplicity of working wet on wet, dry brush, negative painting or the layering of multiple colors!

Each artist works with their watercolors in a unique way, developing their own style. I continue to move from tight detail paintings to loose watercolors trying to find what I like best. I have taken workshops from different artists to help choose what techniques I may want to pursue in my artwork."

Spring Show



Our judge for the Spring Show is Russell Ram, an artist who has been a part of WNY Art for over 50 years. He specializes in the medium of collage. Ram is a former President of the Buffalo Society of Artists, as well as a Signature Member of the National Collage Society. His list of awards is extensive, and includes the Gold Medal Prize in the National Collage Society Annual Exhibition. Ram had a 50-Year Retrospective Exhibit at the Kenan Art Center in 2020. His collage mixed-media piece, entitled "Breakfast in Bed with friends" is pictured at the left.

Please remember that Drop Off is TUESDAY, May 12th, from 3pm until 5:30 at the Amherst Center for Senior Services. Check to make sure that your piece is properly framed and wired prior to drop-off, as we won't have time on that day to fix it for you.

Drop Off is also the last day to turn in any 5x7's, notecards, or ACEO's (Artist Card Editions and Originals) for us to sell for a donation during the reception. Remember that we are not having our

usual Basket Raffle, so if you bring something for that, you are taking it home with you.



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Shout out to Roger Malcolm of KDM Wealth Consultants, LLC, who is sponsoring our Spring Show. Roger graciously paid the \$750 facility fee for our use of the Amherst Center for Seniors. A big thanks to Roger Malcolm!

~Deb Meier, Spring Show Chair
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WAS in the Wild

Deb Meier had an abstract piece, "The Tempest" juried into the Modern Show at WNYAG, 1 Linwood Avenue in Buffalo. Jeanne Gugino also had a piece juried into the WNYAG show. Jeanne Gugino and Deb Meier both have pieces in the BNAA Spring Exhibition at the Brothers of Mercy Campus, off of Ransom Road, Clarence, NY. Deb Meier's "Owl and Firefly" won an Honorable Mention. Marie Prince is also in the BNAA show, and she took a Merit award for "Favorites".

Beverly Amborski was accepted to hang a series of her collages in the Main Street Arts Gallery in Clifton Springs in their Stairwell Gallery.

Upcoming Meetings

All meetings are at the "Honorable Shirley Chisholm Library" with a start time of 6:30 PM.

Friday, May 8, 2026

No meetings in June, July or August 2026

Friday, September 18, 2026 (not the second Friday due to library business)

Friday, October 9, 2026

Friday, November 20, 2026 (not the second Friday due to library business)

No meeting in December 2026

From the Editor

The Palette will be taking a break until September. If you have any important information that you would like to go out to the membership before then, please email it to me, and I will send out an email blast.

News items for the September issue of The Palette should be submitted to me by September 4.

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