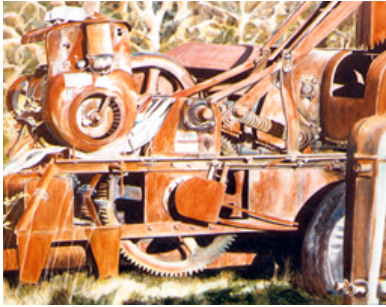




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"Whimsical Baler of the Mills"

Brenda L Bechtel's oil "Whimsical Baler of the Mills" has been included in the 12th annual "RED, more than a color; metaphor, feeling, idea or hue". This major exhibition at University Place Gallery, Harvard Square and Kathryn Schultz Gallery at Cambridge Art Association will honor and celebrate 25 years of retiring Director, Norma Jean Calderwood, and welcome Jim McDonald. The exhibit continues at both galleries through January 11. Provincetown Art Museum and Association's Charles W. Hawthorne Gallery will feature Brenda's acrylic on canvas, "Dunescape Daydream" in the "Fall Members Exhibition of Small Works" through January 8, 2012. "Deck the Walls" juried exhibition at Lyme Art Association includes "St Andrews Sunset Glow". This exhibit continues through January 7. For additional information, please visit Brenda's website: www.angelfire.com/art2/brookside.

Ben Cohen was awarded FIRST PLACE in the annual member show, which is on view until July 22, 2012 at the Medford Art Center, Medford, NJ. He was also he has been invited to jury the "best of Burlington County College student showcase" show.

Joan Feiss will be teaching a multi-media plein air class for Bucks County Community College (Upper campus - Perkasio) from June 5 until July 10. Each beautiful location will lend itself to a different technique and lesson. Demonstrations and ongoing critiques will be part of each painting session. The light and atmosphere will be captured as the students work in the medium of their choice. The Golden Mean composition will be used as the students paint like the Masters.

Cynthia Groya was in "Spheres & Foundations" at the Silva Gallery in Pennington, NJ in December. The new work hanging in the show can be seen on her website at www.cynthiagroya.com.



Diane Hark participated in the Art in City Hall exhibition "Fancy Folks... Art & Mummery." It kicked off with a bang on December 19 in the Mayors Reception Room with all local dignitaries present. There were 100 artists and many children's paintings from the local schools there to celebrate their achievements but the biggest bang came from the "mummers on new years day" acrylic panels that she painted and had as a backdrop for all the photographers. All had fun and there was even a string band to perform.

Two paintings by **Susan Leshnoff** will be included in the 16th Invitational Show at the Pleiades Gallery in NYC (525 West 25th Street). The exhibit, which runs from December 29-January 21, 2012, will hold its reception on January 7 from 3-6 PM.

Nancy Lloyd will be having a solo show at the Bucks County Visitor Center in Bensalem, January 15 through February 24 with an opening on January 22 from 2 to 4. She has also assumed the position as

Chair of our Publicity Committee. In this position Nancy will pursue increasing the Club's recognition with the artistic community and public. With Nancy on the Publicity committee are past Publicity Committee Chair Bill (William H.) Patterson, Club President Bill (William C.) Patterson and Executive Director Richard Fink.

Karen McDonnell and her collaborator Anthony Cortosi have a new YouTube channel that can be accessed at www.youtube.com/anthony51112. Enjoy and thanks for looking,

Sherry McVickar (www.barnlady.net) is having a show opening champagne reception on February 2, 2012 from 4-8 PM at the Boutique Wearhouse (5001 West Chester Pike, Newtown Square, PA).

Ross L. Mitchell, Executive Director of The Violette de Mazia Foundation continues his work and has announced their Spring classes. They will be offering a six-week introductory course entitled "**Learning to See.**" This course will show students what to look for when they view a painting and teach the viewer what attributes actually make a painting a work-of-art.
<http://demazia.org/education/courses/art-adults-2/learning-see-introduction>

Pete Quarracino was invited to participate in the Immaculata University Art show 2012 - Invitational Art Show to be held on Wednesday, February 1 through Sunday, February 5. Gallery hours are Wednesday - Saturday, 11 AM - 8 PM and Sunday, 11 AM - 4 PM. Volunteers who helped to create and sustain the Immaculata University Art Show for 25+ years will run the first Malvern Retreat House art show. Immaculata ended its art show because of scheduling conflicts. More than 80 local and regional artists, chosen from the most successful at the university's last show, represent the best in painting, sculpture, photography, pottery and glass, and other media. Malvern Retreat House (315 South Warren Avenue, Malvern, PA 19355; (610) 644-0400)

Materese Roche and Ken Weiner have assumed the positions as Co-Chairs of our Exhibitions Committee. In these positions they will provide leadership and direction in the Club's exhibition efforts. Please provide Materese and Ken with your support and help in carrying forward and improving the Club's very important exhibitions program. Recognizing his past contributions to exhibitions, **Stephen Iwanczuk** had been given the title of Exhibitions Chair Emeritus and will no longer be involved in the administrative effort for exhibitions but will provide help as a key volunteer when his situation permits.

Leslie Hollenbaugh Ross is currently showing in the Small Works show at the PAFA Alumni Gallery.

Tim Shickley has a solo exhibit at The Gold Standard Cafe in west Philadelphia for the month of January. An opening reception is scheduled for the evening of January 3rd. Details at The GoldStandardCafe.com. He will have a solo exhibit in the Stewart Room of the Philadelphia Sketch Club in February.



Jurors for the 2012 Works on Paper show, Joe Sweeney and Ron Wyffels.

Joseph Sweeney has three small winter paintings in the Winter Solstice Invitational at Cerulean Arts, 1355 Ridge Ave. Philadelphia, PA; www.ceruleanarts.com. At the Gross McCleaf Gallery he has a piece in "The Romantic Impulse: Currents in Contemporary Art, Part I" from January 4-28, 2012. The opening reception is Friday January 6, 5-7 pm.

Pat Wilson-Schmid recently had work displayed at the "Art at the Avenue of the States" Gallery in Chester. Other recent showings were with the North Penn Art Alliance in Lansdale, the Plastic Club

and Da Vinci Art Alliance in Philadelphia. Gallery showings are with the Tyme Gallery in Havertown, 610-853-1215 and with the Off-The-Wall Gallery in Skippack, 610-222-2289. For more information about Pat's work go to www.fineartbypatwilson-schmid.com.

Idaherma Williams is in the show "A Discovery of Woodblock Prints in Color" at Villanova University Art Gallery (800 Lancaster Avenue, Villanova PA 19085) from January 10-February 16. The reception to meet the artist will be on Friday, January 20 from 5-7 PM.