

From the President's Pen



My new website to view my paintings:

pameladulaffartworld.yolasite.com



Hello Creative Friends!!

JUNE PROGRAM on June 13th, 7-9pm will be a presentation by nature photographer David Blinder on macro photography. Dave will present close-up images of dragonflies, butterflies, wild reptiles and amphibians.

The public is welcome and refreshments will be served. There is a \$4 fee for non-members.

WCARTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MTGS - are open to the membership! Come join us! We'd welcome your input! This month we'll be meeting at 7pm on 6/3 in the Municipal building.

SILENT AUCTION: June 9th: We need donations of items, gift cards, artwork, art supplies, hand-made items, etc to include in the Silent Auction on JUNE 9th during the Open Show Reception. Please contact Pam regarding what you would like to donate to help raise \$\$ to support Warren County ARTS. 25% commission will be taken on the sale of donated artwork, unless the artist wishes to donate 100% of purchase price received.

There is SO MUCH going on this month that my calendar is packed full!

Warren County ARTS will have booths this weekend at Well Sweep Herb Farm in Port Murray NJ. Members are invited to bring 3-5 pieces of artwork to our booth at Well Sweep Herb Farm Saturday June 1 & 2, and/or to the upper level of the barn at Bread Lock Park on June 8th. See page 3 for more info. NO FEE for members to participate!!

Your Prez - Pam. Phone: 908-581-5185, email: pjeden@yahoo.com, mail: c/o Warren County ARTS, PO Box 420, Washington, NJ 07882



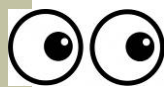
Daily Fare

The meeting this month is on **Thursday June 13th, 7-9pm** at the Oxford Municipal Building, 11 Green St., Oxford, NJ.

The 2019 membership fee structure: \$30/yr for single membership, \$55/yr for family memberships, \$25/yr for Seniors 75+, \$20/yr for students 18+ with school ID.

Donations or Sponsorships are easily accepted via our website (www.wcarts.org). Payments for annual memberships or sponsorship can be made electronically via PayPal or by check made payable to WCARTS and sent to Warren County ARTS, PO Box 420, Washington, NJ 07882.

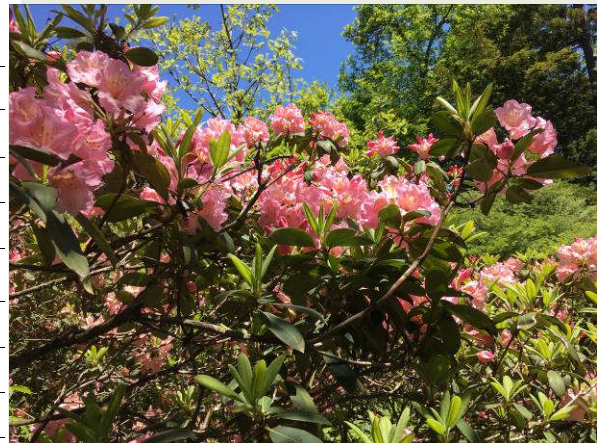
If you have information to share with the membership, please contact Pam at 908-581-5185 or via email pjeden@yahoo.com.



REMINDER! THE RECEPTION FOR THE SPRING OPEN SHOW IS SUNDAY JUNE 9TH, NOT THE 2ND!!!

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~ The Artist's Palette ~

Events - Monthly Program Schedule 2019

Warren County ARTS Corporation- 2019 Monthly Program Schedule				
Month / Date	Topic	Speaker	web	Participant fee
1/12/2019 (Sat, 1-3pm)	Show & Tell / Vote / Painting project	Pamela Dulaff		N/A
2/9/2019 (Sat, 1-3pm)	Golden Artist Colors Lecture/Demo	Roy Kinzer	http://roykinzer.com	Member - Free, Non-member - \$10
3/9/2019 (Sat, 1-3pm)	Watercolor & Drawing Lecture/Workshop	William Martin	www.wdmdesigns.com	Member - Free, Non-member - \$10
4/13/2019 (Sat, 1-3pm)	Chinese Painting -History & Styles	Huangxin (Derek) Wang	http://guanghuaart.org	Free
5/9/2019 (Thu, 7-9pm)	Watercolor Plein Air Experiences	Richard Polinski		Free
6/13/2019 (Thu, 7-9pm)	Photography lecture (landscapes)	Dave Blinder	www.daveblinder.com	Free
7/13/2019	Picnic			N/A
Aug	Summer Break			N/A
9/12/2019 (Thu, 7-9pm)	History of Woodstock: art lecture leading up to the concert + colored pencil project on "Flower Power Mandelas"	Jean Perry		Member - Free, Non-member - \$10
10/12/2019 (Sat, 1-3pm)	Pastel	Olya Powzaniuk		Free
11/9/2019 (Sat, 1-3pm)	Painting on Silk- Demo & Hands-on workshop	Claire Rohloff		Member - \$5, Non-member - \$10
12/14/2019 (Sat, 1-3pm)	Holiday Lunch/Dinner			Members & Family only



Treasurer's Report

June 2019 ending balance: \$3,035.01

2019 Warren County ARTS Exhibition Schedule

Start	End	Exhibitor	Reception	Title/Theme	Entry Fee
1-Dec-18	26-Jan-19	Open	1/13/2019 2-4pm	Annual Winter Art Exhibit. Theme of holidays, winter scenes, family and friends.	
26-Jan	10-Mar	Open	2/24/2019, 2-4pm	Through the Wires- Theme focus on works made with wire or pictures/paintings of wire or objects that resemble wire.	Free - members, \$15- non members
9-Mar-19	4-May-19	Open	3/31/2019, 2-4pm	Pahaquarry/Walpack Regions of Northwestern New Jersey. Scenery, people or anything pertaining to this region.	Free - members, \$15- non members
4-May-19	22-Jun-19	Open	6/9/2019, 2-4pm	22nd Spring Open Art Exhibit. Enter up to 3 pieces. Judging in 6 categories, Awards at Reception.	\$15 - members, \$25- non members
22-Jun-19	3-Aug-19	Solo	7/14/2019, 2-4pm	David Blinder Solo Exhibit - Landscapes of NJ	N/A
3-Aug-19	14-Sep-19	Open	8/17/2019, 12- 7pm	Woodstock 50th Anniversary Art Exhibit. (Theme: Peace)	Free - members, \$15- non members
14-Sep-19	12-Oct-19	Solo	9/29/2019, 2-4pm	Anna Kazupski Solo exhibit -original paintings	N/A
12-Oct-19	16-Nov-19	Open	11/10/19, 2-4pm	Annual Veterans Art Exhibit	Free - members, \$15- non members
16-Nov-19	4-Jan-20	Open	12/08/19, 2-4pm	Annual Winter Art Exhibit.	Free - members, \$15- non members

Events - Gallery Exhibit Schedule - 2019

June Program Highlights - Dave Blinder - Macro Photography

Join us for a program on macro photography by New Jersey nature photographer, Dave Blinder on Thursday, June 13th. Dave will present close-up images of dragonflies, butterflies, wild reptiles and amphibians.

The meeting will be held Thursday June 13th, 7-9pm in the Municipal building at 11 Green Street, Oxford, NJ. The public is welcome and refreshments will be served. There is a \$4 fee for non-members.



"Dave is a landscape and wildlife photographer who focuses on the open spaces throughout New Jersey."

Dave is a landscape and wildlife photographer who focuses on the open spaces throughout New Jersey. Dave's exhibit, Landscapes of New Jersey, spans all 21 counties of the Garden State and has been widely exhibited around the state. Warren County ARTS is thrilled to be hosting his "Landscapes of New Jersey" exhibit in the Oxford Municipal Building from

June 22nd to August 3rd. The Artist Reception will be held July 14th, 2-4pm.

Funding for this program has been made possible, in part, by the Warren County Cultural and Heritage Commission.



More information about Dave can be found on the web:

<http://daveblinderphotography.com>,
<http://Facebook.com/daveblinderphotography>
and <http://instagram.com/daveblinder>

Member News & Art Opportunities



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Michele & John Pabst
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Washington Twp. NJ 07882.
email: MJPRN1@gmail.com,
908-377-8504

June 1 & 2: Well Sweep Farm, 205 Mount Bethel Rd., Port Murray NJ.

Warren County ARTS will have a 12x12 space on both days. Members are welcome to bring 2-5 pieces to display Saturday morning @9am. We will have a tent and display panels both days on which to hang our work. No fee to participate as part of Warren County ARTS.

Call Pam if you have questions: 908-581-5185

June 8: ParkFest 2019 Breadlock Park, 2627 Route 57, Stewartville, NJ. 11-5pm
Warren County ARTS will have a space inside the barn again this year in which members are welcome to bring artwork to display and sell. Our purpose will be to promote the artists and Warren County ARTS organization. No fee to members to participate and assist during the day. Bring 2-5 pieces to barn on June 8th @9-10am

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June Wednesdays: Join New Jersey Plein Air Painters at any or all of their June Paint outs. All paint-outs are free, you bring your own materials. There is no structured meeting or gathering. The most up-to-the-minute information about locations are on the NJPAP Facebook page (search for NJ plein air painters). Note: weather conditions and/or emerging flowers may change the schedule.

June 22: Ramsaysburg Homestead Plein Air Painting. 10am -3pm, Potluck lunch in the barn at 1pm. 110 Route 46 at Ramseyburg Road, Delaware, NJ 07833 (4 miles east of Route 80, exit 4B). Ramsaysburg.org

June 29: Warren County ARTs Plein Air at Waterloo Village. Area artists are invited to a Plein Air event to paint, sketch or photograph around beautiful Waterloo Village Historic Site. 525 Waterloo Rd., Stanhope, NJ. 10-4pm \$5 parking/car is the only fee. Bring your own supplies, lunch, big floppy hat- whatever- to enjoy the day creating art! Waterloo Village is holding their 1st Annual ART SHOW in August at The Hotel at Waterloo Village August 16th - Sept 26th. Theme is Waterloo Village. Entry fee is \$60 for up to 3 pieces. Email waterlooartcart@gmail.com for application. Call Pam if you have questions @the plein air event: 908-581-5185

Artist Competency Ladder (your guide to growing at each stage)

I had never heard of the competence ladder until I read about it in a post by Angela Fehr (angelafehr.com), a Canadian watercolor artist/instructor that I follow. While her article was about watercolor, I think it can apply to pretty much any discipline.

Level 1: Unconscious Incompetence. New to painting, most of what you are creating (when it pleases you) is accidental, which makes it hard to reproduce. Your style is hinted at in your interests and influences, more than in your body of work. This is also the “ignorance is bliss” stage. You don’t know what you don’t know! Many new painters had no idea they could paint at all, and are so excited and proud of what they are creating. This is a great place to start from! Like a small child, your tiniest wins are celebrated and indicate big leaps in growth.

Focus your learning in this stage by:

- Learning good technique. Learn the difference between wet-in-wet, wet-on-dry, dry brush and when to use each.
- Log those brush miles! Your “head knowledge” of technique needs to be implemented repeatedly until they are internalized. Exercise those muscles!
- Keep it simple! It takes lots of practice to feel comfortable with various techniques and the different materials.
- Stay encouraged! Just like a pianist practices scales to develop skills to play more complicated melodies, your brush miles are training your hands and mind to think and plan what the paint will do.

Level 2: Conscious Incompetence.

This is where you start to realize how far you have to go! During Level 1 stage, you may have had some successful paintings, and in this stage, you might find yourself wondering where those skills went, as you settle

into the task of learning how to achieve those early “happy accidents” on purpose. Many students give up at this point because it’s an ugly stage to go through, kind of like an awkward teenager. The sheer volume of the knowledge you need to learn feels overwhelming, and you might not know what to focus on to learn first. While you might be thinking it’s important to start developing your style, the most important thing you can do to get to the next level is to put in a lot of hours into painting which will grow your technical skills. Try not to be too impatient; you cannot choose how quickly you will master technique. The only choice you have is to be too stubborn to quit. Time and experience will bring the competence you crave!

Focus your learning in this stage by:

- Log those brush miles! A priority at this stage is keeping a positive mindset as you “drill” yourself by actively using the techniques you’ve learned.
- Start to familiarize yourself with artistic principles; value, composition, color theory. These principles will help you as you start to experiment with painting more intentionally and creating stronger, more dynamic paintings.
- Pay attention to what you love. In your own painting sessions, look for those moments where you get really excited about your work. This is a great indicator of where your personal style lies. Try to repeat those elements in future paintings.

Level 3: Conscious competence.

Your hard work starts to pay off and you are better able to plan and anticipate your outcomes. You start to think more about your personal style and look for ways to express yourself through your paintings. At

this stage of competence, the techniques have become comfortable enough that expression becomes the priority for your art. You want to show YOU in your paintings. One difficult aspect of this stage is that growth is harder to track. We have to look much more closely to see what we are achieving and often it can feel like we are standing still, especially compared to the big leaps that happen early in our artistic journal.

Focus your learning in this stage by:

- Spend time exposing yourself to paintings to a variety of different artists and different styles of art.
- Spend time alone in the studio, really seeking to paint without fear of criticism or rejection. Make time to paint just for you and see what excites you about the painting process.
- Experiment! You can’t feel creative if you just do the same old things. Look for ways to break “rules” that you might have been following and embrace YOUR art.

Level 4: Unconscious competence.

You’ve mastered the medium to the level where painting feels natural. This is when things get really fun! As your brain is less occupied with technique, you are able to focus your full attention on self-expression. Your personal style is free to be more fully revealed. This is what makes it easier to be playful and authentic in your creativity and its worth all the struggle of the previous three stages.

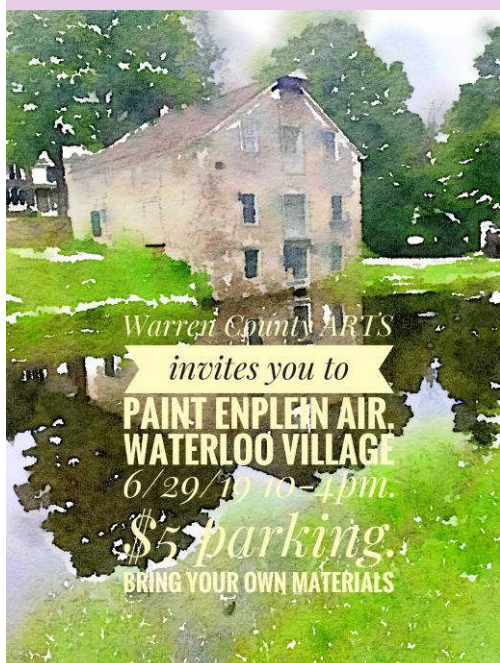
Focus your learning in this stage by:

- Doing what interests you! Paint to please yourself!
- Get to know other artists and share what you’ve learned with the goal of inspiring each other
- Mentoring a new, struggling artist, helping them to gain the insights that have helped encourage you when you felt like giving up. (angelafehr.com)

Warren County ARTS Day Trip Schedule

Date	Event time	Carpool from Oxford	Event Description	Entry fee	Comments
Sat., May 18	12pm - 4	11am	Van Vleck House & Gardens. 21 Van Vleck St., Montclair, NJ. 07042. Explore beautiful 6 acre estate established over 140 yrs ago. Bring your camera, sketch, paint plein air or just wander around.	Free admission	
Sat., June 29	10am -4pm	10 am	Waterloo Village Historic Site - Plein Air event. Bring your camera, sketch, paint plein air or just wander around.	\$5/car for parking	Tours of the canal and the Indian village will be available. Brownbag your lunch.
Tues., July 23	3pm - 5pm	1pm	Eagles Sightseeing Excursion 2019- Lake Hopatcong Cruise aboard the Miss Lotta. Bring your camera and/or binoculars!	\$37.32 each	Sign up in advance required with Pam or online https://lakehopatcongcruises.com
Sat., Aug 25	3pm	1pm	National Canal Museum & Canal Boat ride. 45 minute mule-drawn Canal Boat ride on the Lehigh Canal in Hugh Moore Park, Easton PA.	Adults: \$12, Seniors: \$11	Admission includes canal boat ride & admission to National Canal Museum.
Sat., Sept 21	2:30pm	noon	Pearl S. Buck House: Life & Legacy Tour, Perkasi PA	Adults: \$15, Seniors: \$12	
Oct TBD					
Nov TBD					

DAY TRIP: SATURDAY JUNE 29TH: WARREN COUNTY ARTS PLEIN AIR AT WATERLOO VILLAGE 10AM - 4PM



In addition to creating art (Painting, sketches, photographs, print making, collage) at Waterloo Village this summer on your own, join us for the Warren County ARTS Plein Air event at Waterloo Village Historic Site. 525 Waterloo Rd., Stanhope, NJ. 10-4pm \$5 parking/car is the only fee! Bring your own supplies, lunch, big floppy hat- whatever- to enjoy the day creating art!

Waterloo Village is holding their 1st Annual Art Show August 17th - Sept 26th. Theme is (no surprise) “Waterloo Village”. \$60 entry fee for up to 3 pieces. Artwork must be professionally presented and ready to hang. The Prospectus and entry form is available from the File section of the Warren County ARTS FaceBook page and also from the Call for Artists page on our website. Artwork will be hung in The Hotel at Waterloo Village Historic Site, Stanhope, NJ. Email: waterlooartcart@gmail.com for more information.



About Warren County Arts

In 2017 Warren County ARTS (WCARTS) celebrated 25 years as an arts organization in Warren County NJ! After all this time we continue to be a close knit group dedicated to our mission to promote the advancement of the arts in Warren County and provide a venue for artists of all disciplines to learn with a variety of monthly programs. We welcome anyone who is an artist, wants to be an artist or appreciates the arts & just enjoys hanging out with artists! Our meetings are held once a month at the

"Warren County ARTS celebrated 25 years in 2017"

Oxford Municipal Building in Oxford, NJ. Each meeting has an exciting program to stimulate and educate. We have one judged exhibition, several non-juried shows as well as solo exhibits on display throughout the year in the Oxford Municipal Building. We offer special day trips & other events to the membership which are free or low cost. WCARTS is a not for profit 501(c)3 organization.

Funding for our programs is made possible, in part, by a grant from Warren County Cultural & Heritage Commission. We encourage everyone to share their knowledge & experience with the group in the form of a workshop or lecture.

Board of Directors:

President: Pamela Dulaff, V. President: Kathleen Jusko, Treasurer: Peggy Niece, Secretary: Carol Zielinski, Member at Large: Bill Reynolds

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May Pictures -

Plein Air painting experiences & lessons learned with Richard Polinski:

Day Trip to Van Vleck Gardens - Montclair, NJ

