

newsletter

Popular Vote

First Place: Jim Karell



Second Place: Joan Seller



Third Place: Angie Weldon



MAY MEETING

Monday, May 5

Plymouth District Library

6:45 PM

SNACK

Kseniya

Hauptmann



CLUB NEWS

May Program

Detroit Institute of Arts

Presented by Cindy Patrick, DIA volunteer, the educational program *Behind the Seen* brings insight and engagement about the DIA's collection from the museum to your community. The talk being presented to Three Cities Art Club at our next meeting, titled *Through Her Eyes II: Women Photographers in the Detroit Institute of Arts Collection*, will introduce you to the impact of photography by leading women artists in the 19th and 20th centuries. You will see the work of women photographers dating as far back as the mid 1800's (when the camera was new technology) and be made aware of the many challenges they faced as artists.



May Member Spotlight: Lynda Pietka

April Member Spotlight



Our April member spotlight, **Cres Schwartz**, was interested in pen and ink from her early years through young adulthood and shared one of her pen and ink drawings she created called *Chief Sitting Bull*. Approximately thirty or forty years went by before she found some free

time to take acrylic painting classes and has loved it. Cres hopes to continue to grow in her acrylic painting journey and to attempt watercolor painting as well. She acknowledges that she is not as prolific as many other artists in the club, especially those who bring in new pieces every month, but she enjoys seeing their artwork and learning from them. Cres is a wonderful help with the TCAC artist receptions as well as the person who initiated and manages this Member Spotlight portion of our meetings. We have all benefitted from not only seeing our colleagues' artwork but also hearing about their artistic histories.

Interview with Marilyn Meredith

Our Three Cities Art Club President, Marilyn Meredith, was interviewed by the Plymouth Canton High School radio. Over the phone she was asked about the club, its purpose and goals. Catch the interview and listen for yourself.

<https://www.881thepark.com/category/podcasts/>

Check it out

May Exhibits & Artsy Things in the Area

Gallery at City Hall

Westland City Hall Gallery
36300 Warren Rd

When There are Nine: 15 Women Reuniting as Beacons of Light [curated by Sharlene Welton]

April 25 - May 29, 2025

Reception: Friday, May 2 4:30-7:30 pm

SWEETWATERS CAFE EXHIBIT

302 N. Canton Center Road, north of Cherry Hill

April 30 - May 28

Exhibitors: Madhavi Kovuru & Kathleen Tenerowicz

(Contact Peggy Kerwan for an opportunity to exhibit:
misspeggyartist@gmail.com)

Village Arts Factory Gallery

50755 Cherry Hill Rd Suite 10, Canton

Check out by following this link:

<https://villageartsfactory.com/events/>

Congratulations

Three Cities Spring Members Art Exhibit 2025

Summit on the Park

April 1-30, 2025

Congratulations to the following artists whose work was selected by
Canton Township Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak:



FIRST PLACE:
Ann Mari Scheuer
Evening Drink



SECOND PLACE:
Marilyn Meredith
Dancing Egret



THIRD PLACE:
John Middlestead
Coffin Lake Reflection

last month



We were pleased to have artist Nick Bair with us last month. He creates his work in acrylic, oil, ink, watercolor, charcoal, pastel and colored pencil. His artwork depicts scenes from nature and often has a strong narrative quality. He talked about his unique process of making clay models in order to attain correct proportions and shadows. Through his presentation and paintings he shared his body of work.

As the meeting ended many members expressed high praise for the presentation and were awed by Nick's genius artistic talent. Hearing about the outstanding contributions and achievements of the other Bair family members was also very special.

TCAC Annual June Picnic !



June 9, 6-8 pm

VFW 9885 at BOVA

6440 North Hix Road, Westland, MI 48185
South of Warren



This is a fun time for the club members to get together, eat and talk in a relaxed setting. Lee's Chicken is on the menu (provided by the club) and attendees will provide side dishes and desserts to pass.

Beverages: Bring your own NON-alcoholic beverages. Beer (also sold as bottles in a bucket) and drinks in plastic glasses are available for purchase inside VFW to bring to picnic area.

So that we can plan, we need to know if you will attend. Bring a guest if you like but be sure to provide all information needed on sign-up sheet.

Let Marilyn know by emailing her with number of attendees and what you plan to bring to the picnic: marilynmeredith@wowway.com

We will have the 50/50 Dollar Draw again! Write your name on one dollar bills and enter as many as you want to increase your chance of winning. We will draw one bill at about 7:00 and winner receives half the cash! We donate the other half to the VFW in appreciation for allowing us to use their beautiful pavillion.

How You Can Help

volunteers needed for our club

Consider helping out this year! Three Cities Art Club doesn't run by itself! If you have wanted to become more involved, we will be seating our club officer board and chair positions at our May meeting.

Click the following to view [Position Duties](#) and [Seating Ballot](#). If you are unable to hold a position and are not able to attend the May meeting, please email, text or phone Marilyn Meredith prior to the meeting.

Note for the Future

Fall Member Exhibit will be at Village Arts Factory the month of October!
Plan now to enter!

THREE CITIES ART CLUB

As of April 2025

*Note: Club reimburses for all expenses incurred by paid members
with submittal of receipts to Treasurer*

EXECUTIVE BOARD POSITION DESCRIPTIONS (Elected)

President

- Prepare meeting agendas and see they are used for conducting meetings;
- See that all laws and resolutions are enforced, process and present viable ideas and suggestions made by members, seek quorum vote when necessary;
- Ensure plans are made and fulfilled for at least two (2) Member Exhibitions (fall & spring) and one (1) Open Call for Artist Exhibition at Westland's Galley at City Hall per season;
- Maintain detailed Meeting Schedule for historical record and planning of future;
- Represent club at public/professional activities, media interviews, and sign legal documents; and
- Preside over Executive Board and/or Board meetings, when necessary.

Vice President

- When needed, fill in for President to conduct meetings and exercise the powers associated with that office; and
- Perform other such duties and have other such responsibilities as the President deems necessary.

Secretary

- Take minutes during business portion of meetings noting decisions made regarding functioning of club, plans for upcoming events, other items voted on for quorum approval, and provide electronic/hard copy for President's review prior to the next meeting then, at that meeting, read these minutes; and
- Keep records and send correspondence such as thank you notes, prizes to winners of contests, etc., as required by Executive Board.

Treasurer

- Collect monies, make deposits, maintain checkbook, write checks, keep club books and financial records;
- Maintain evidence of value of club belongings and their location (store cloth table covers);
- Maintain required stock of award ribbons and present ribbons and checks to winners; and
- Keep club advised as to the financial condition at meetings.

COMMITTEE (BOARD) POSITION DESCRIPTIONS (Volunteer)

Exhibition Chairs

- Help determine venue for the fall show, gather details regarding requirements; present options to club and get consensus on: location, whether juried and/or judged, cost of entry fee, number of pieces required, award amounts, reception, etc.;
- Book venue, determine details regarding exhibition including open/close dates, show times, hire juror/judge, if any, book reception date, provide details of exhibit requirements (cost of entry, type of art, restrictions, etc.), awards (ribbons/prizes), popular vote (or not), delivery/pick-up dates/times, entry deadline, ribbons, prizes, etc. then create Entry Form to be posted on website and sent to prospects;
- Create flyer and/or post card to be posted, emailed and sent to promote attendance (or confirm coverage if other to handle); and
- Coordinate helpers for transport of screens & set-up, if required, intake & hanging of art and takedown of art; breakdown of screens & return, if required.

Exhibition Reception Chair

- Propose food and beverage menu costs based on estimated attendance number for pre-approval;
- Maintain box of supplies and deliver for set-up; and
- Order/obtain food/beverages and other items to provide pleasing setup and ease of consumption, available on time for setup, replenish items or remove empty containers throughout then handle cleanup (seek assistance, as needed).

Gallery at Westland City Hall Chair.

- Duties include inviting and booking revolving art exhibitions, installation and tear down of art exhibits, maintaining communication with the City Hall, scheduling receptions, and procuring or creating marketing materials as necessary;
- Communication skills are an absolute must.

Historical Chair

- Keep any general records of meetings and exhibitions (copies of newsletters, programs, membership directories, exhibition promotions, pictures and news clippings supplied by members).

Hospitality Chair(s)

- Maintain and bring to meetings supplies such as plates, napkins, plastic ware, cups, coffee in carafe, etc. for snacks brought by others; and
- Help set up and clean-up snack table.

Membership Chairs

- Keep application forms updated and available at meetings and events, posted on website, arrange to place at libraries and other locations around town, replenishing supplies, as needed;
- Receive checks & application forms from new members, give checks to Treasurer, add to club email address book, and add to Membership Directory and share updates with Board Members;
- Create, maintain a Member Directory and distribute at December's meeting to all paid members (mail to those who are not at the meeting); and
- Ensure new members receive a membership card and add id badge to Badge Box brought to meetings and events.

Newsletter Chair

- Gather material about upcoming events, assemble, and publish approved monthly (September-June) club newsletter, pre-approved by President and Treasurer;

- Coordinate with Program Chair to obtain the information for the upcoming meeting and include information germane to the club (upcoming exhibits, awards, etc.);
- Coordinate with the President any items from agenda to be included in newsletter;
- Take pictures at meetings including winning Popular Vote art for newsletter and share pictures with other Board Members (or confirm coverage if absent); and
- Print copies of Newsletter for paid members who request a hard copy, fold, stuff, label, stamp envelopes and mail plus email electronic version to club email lists at least one-week prior to each meeting.

Online Presence Chairs

- Facebook – Public club site
- Facebook – Private club members only site
- Other social media – Looking for someone who can coordinate these!

Program Chairs

- Book programs and/or workshops for the year (September-May, June is picnic) based on member recommendations/suggestions or as new opportunities present themselves, negotiate compensation (free, club membership or, hopefully <\$100) and have presenter provide short write-up and photo;
- Provide Board program subject matter, speaker contact info, date, time, place, fee, etc. ASAP but not later than 2 weeks prior to meeting date;
- Coordinate with Technical Chair so equipment and/or materials presenter needs are available; and
- Reconfirm date/time/location with presenter at least 1 week prior to event.

Publicity Chair

- Establish a database of publications for emailing press releases; and
- Coordinate with Board to obtain information prior to meetings and events, prepare press releases and flyers to publicize meetings, workshops, exhibitions and other special events (pre-approved by President) and see that they are sent to club email lists, members and distributed in local areas.

Spotlight Chair

- Maintain schedule of member spotlights (basically alphabetic order), confirm artist will speak on date, they will bring 3 samples of their work and provide write-up of their background and photo;
- Provide materials for Newsletter and provide schedule to President for meeting schedule; and
- Bring and set up 3 easels at meetings and introduce artist being spotlighted.

Sunshine Chair

- Send get well, congratulations, sympathy, cards to members when requested; and
- Send flowers to any member who is hospitalized or if they pass away.

Technical Assistant Chair

- Book monthly meeting rooms quarterly with Plymouth Library (online or by phone); and
- Work with Program Chair to coordinate between presenters and library to ensure electronics will work properly and arrange for any other items such as easels are brought to the meeting.

Video Chair

- Book videographer (high school teacher to get student) and coordinate taping/receipt of files.

Website Chair (\$100 annual stipend)

- Maintain and improve club website by posting current relevant information and pictures monthly;
- Arrange to receive items required from those who can provide them, as needed; and
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SEATING OF BOARD MEMBERS – 2025-2026

EXECUTIVE BOARD (Elected)

Position/Currently held by:

Nominations/Volunteers for 2025-2026

President: Marilyn Meredith (position open)

Marilyn's terms – Lifetime honorary membership, no entry fees for exhibitions

Volunteer:

Vice President: Sharon Dillenbeck (position open)

Treasurer: Gwen Roth (position open)

Gwen's terms – Honorary membership while holding office, no entry fees for exhibitions

Volunteer:

Secretary: Gwen Roth/Carolyn Marnon (position open)

BOARD MEMBERS - STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS (Volunteer)

Exhibitions: Marilyn Meredith (co-chair position open)

Marilyn & _____

Gallery at Westland City Hall: Gwen Roth

Gwen

Historian: Deana Salhaney (position open)

Hospitality: Angie & Larry Weldon (position open)

Membership: Marilyn Meredith (position open) &
Doug Scoda, distributing (position open)

Newsletter: Susan Aitken, publisher &
Marilyn Meredith, address books, email & snail-mail (position open)

Marilyn

Online Presence (Public Facebook): Peggy Kerwan (position open)

Online Presence (Private Facebook): Gwen Roth (position open)

Programs: Marilyn Meredith (need help finding & booking)

Marilyn & _____

Spotlight: Cres Schwartz

Sunshine: Nancy Bahr (position open)

Tech Support: Fred Keebler (position open)

Videos: Peggy Kerwan (position open)

Website: Marilyn Meredith (position open)
