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*Pocono Mountain Arts Council*

*October 2011*

Dear PMAC Members,

It is hard to believe that our show season is almost over and we are well into the plans for our Skytop Show. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as President of the Arts Council this year. I thank everyone who has helped with the planning of all our shows and also those who participated in them. Without your help and participation we would not have a council or be able to provide venues for exhibiting our artwork.

We are now planning for next season with some anticipated changes that we feel will improve and benefit the council. One of those changes is the Members' Show which we plan to have as a single show in May with an attempt to include jewelry, pottery and textiles as well as painting, photography and sculptures. Another change is in the Edelweiss Show in which we hope to invite other councils to collaborate with us to make it larger and attract more customers. In addition, we are also considering the idea of an Art Auction in September. Details and specifics are yet to be worked out, but we look forward to new and exciting activities for next year.

On a different topic, it has come to my attention that the rotating gallery seems to have been very successful this year. I believe there have been more sales than in past years. I noticed that every business site has experienced at least one sale and in the case of Lake Naomi, three sales by one artist. Even our newest member, the Big A Steak House in Marshalls Creek sold a piece. I encourage you all to consider participating in the rotating gallery for at least a few months and enjoy this easy way to show your work and possibly sell a piece or two.

As we come to a close this year don't forget elections will be held at our November meeting. We are looking for nominees and a nomination committee to make up the ballots. Also, remember that our December meeting is a time to celebrate the holiday season and our year together with food and refreshments. Hope to see you then.

Sincerely,

*Nancy Pitcher*  
*PMAC President*

Rotating Gallery  
Schedule for  
Oct - Nov 2011

**Advanced Radiology Services**

Dan Ferguson

Joanne Bridgman

Dee Kasarda

Ann Martino

**Big "A" Grillhouse**

Elaine Sopko

**ESSA Corporate Center**

Joan Polishook

Leslie Nagy

Anne Parkhurst

Sabine McLaughlin

**ESSA Bank & Trust**

Marlana Holsten

**ESSA Heart & Vascular**

Jim Thomas

**Lake Naomi**

Jayne Novinski

Xian Wei Xian

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## Calling All Artists!!

There are openings for the 2012 Rotating Gallery.  
Don't let your artwork gather dust in a storage shed.  
Expose your artwork to the light of day in 2 month rotations  
throughout the year.

Please fill out the enclosed Rotational Gallery Interest Form  
and kindly return to Barbara Case.

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After all our hard work and numerous discussions about  
our mission and vision, we have finalized it all:

## PMAC Mission Statement

**The Pocono Mountain Arts Council supports the work  
of artists, and promotes the arts in the community,  
through education and by providing avenues of  
creative expression.**

## PMAC Vision Statement

**The vision of the Pocono Mountain Arts Council is to  
be an arts council recognized for promoting creative  
expression through efforts that foster an appreciation  
of art throughout the communities we serve; support-  
ing opportunities to exhibit artwork as well as expand-  
ing knowledge of all artistic mediums; encouraging  
working relationships among the area's artistic  
groups; providing financial support toward the educa-  
tion of aspiring artists and working toward the estab-  
lishment of a permanent gallery space in which to host  
workshops and exhibitions.**

## 2011 Speakers At Membership Meetings

Most of our membership meetings start with a short talk by one of our members speaking about their passion. It is one of the greatest benefits of membership in our Arts Council because of their willingness to share their ideas.

### **The upcoming schedule includes:**

Oct.	Mariana Russo	“Cement Artwork”
Nov.	Lisa Weber	“Forging a Leaf in Metal”
Dec.	End of Year Party	

## Welcome New Members

Here we grow again!

Welcome to the following new PoconoMAC members:

Lucille Norella - Waymart, PA
Susan Bankey Yoder - Atglen, PA
Kay O’Grady - Pocono Lake, PA
Susan David - Columbia, NJ
Mariana Russo - Tobyhanna (added family)
Svetlana Howells - Allentown, PA

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP 162

## Important Artifacts Changes

From now on, please send ALL information to our President, Nancy Pitcher. Nancy wishes to review ALL information before publication. This will allow her to ‘fill in the blanks’ keeping our valued members informed of all the goings on in the local art community.

The next issue of Artifacts has a deadline of Jan 31st for the February publication.

Articles and information should be forwarded to Nancy Pitcher via email to [pitch2@epix.net](mailto:pitch2@epix.net).

## Haiku

By Dan Ferguson

Thanksgiving weekend  
Skytop Holiday Arts Show,  
Please come one come all.

# North Light

## By Steve Walters

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Mitsu and I have been coming to the Poconos for about 25 years. We lived in Holmdel, NJ but we learned to ski at Camelback, we've kayaked the Delaware many times, hiked up Kitatinny Mountain to Sunfish Pond, tramped around Dingman's Falls - well you get the idea! We owned a little "getaway" home here and made frequent and happy trips here with our children. Through all those years we came to really love the Poconos.

So when we started to plan our retirement and exodus from New Jersey, the Poconos quickly became our main focus. It seemed to have everything we could want - tax breaks for retired pensioners, reasonable proximity to New York art scene, beautiful scenery, plenty of snow - yes, we love snow - and a far less hustle-bustle in-your-face lifestyle. Saying sayonara to New Jersey was relatively easy for us although we still have many friends there and go back often to visit.

Our escape was not without trauma. We first moved most of our furniture to our getaway home - it was stacked like firewood in that tiny house - while we sold our home in NJ, negotiated with a builder here and then had the new home built. Then we moved a second time. Whew! During this three-year ordeal, we designed the new house ourselves and carefully allocated the space based on our priorities. The master bedroom and attached bath are downstairs, there is a large "Great Room" with a fabulous fireplace, Mitsu laid out the kitchen of her dreams, I got an office for my hobbies and retirement activities and - naturally - there is a beautiful art studio loft! Mitsu did the lion's share of this work by drawing hundreds of plans and constructing at least a dozen scale models using foam board so we could visualize the house and its proportions.

Naturally, her art studio had to have a northern exposure. In fact, this was one of the main considerations in working out the floor plan. Our lot on top of Jonas Mountain at the corner of Carbon County is a bit of a bowling alley and the house had to be at an angle on the lot to orient the art studio towards north. This placed the corners within a foot of the setback lines so when it came time to dig the foundation, we had to have an extra survey to place it accurately. Our excavator thought this was pretty odd and asked us what sort of religion we practiced that required the house to be facing north!

In any case, our house was finished in July 2009, and we have been happily making it our home ever since. From when our children were young, we've felt the need to name everything around us, so every cat, dog, car, boat and bicycle have been named. So what else could we call our new home but **North Light**?

Everyone in PMAC is cordially invited to visit North Light to see Mitsu's creation and her studio. We're located near Albrightsville, give us a ring at 570-722-8319.



# President Declares October National Arts & Humanities Month

October 4, 2011 -- President Barack Obama has declared October National Arts and Humanities Month through Presidential Proclamation. Within the proclamation, President Obama states:

*“Like Rockwell’s painting, art in all its forms often challenges us to consider new perspectives and to rethink how we see the world. This image still moves us with its simple poignancy, capturing a moment in American History that changed us forever. This is the power of the arts and humanities--they speak to our condition and affirm our desire for something more and something better. Great works of literature, theater, dance, fine art and music reach us through a universal language that unites us regardless of background, gender, race, or creed.”*

National Arts and Humanities Month (NAHM) is a coast-to-coast collective recognition of the importance of culture in America. It is designed to encourage all Americans to explore new facets of the arts and humanities in their lives, and to begin a lifelong habit of active participation in the arts and humanities.

From hosting a Creative Conversation or arts center open house to securing a mayoral (or Presidential) proclamation or better newspaper coverage of the arts, people in every community across the United States can celebrate NAHM by helping recognize the contributions of cultural organizations in their region.

For more information about NAHM, visit our website, featuring events you can attend in your community as well as a toolkit to create your own. You can also follow @Americans4Arts on Twitter and use/follow the #NAHM hashtag.

Visit ARTSblog to view the full proclamation text.

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## HONORS CORNER

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**Helen Kopec** was a featured artist at Silver Arrow Gallery. She presented a selection of her unique and original jewelry. Helen is inspired by nature for her creativity in her jewelry. Her jewelry is also displayed in other galleries and boutiques in Clarks Summit, Luzerne, Pocono Pines and Tannersville.

**Jill Swersie** exhibited in a solo show at the Dutot Museum in the Delaware Water Gap in July. Her style ranges from impressionism to realism with subjects such as landscapes, still-lives, animals and people. Most popular are her whimsical people. To preview her works visit [www.jillswersie.com](http://www.jillswersie.com).

**Bill Hobbs** received a second place ribbon in painting at the Bethlehem Fine Art Show in May.

**Tom Augusta** was awarded Third Place in “Works On Paper” in the May Member’s show at the Pocono Arts Council. His winning piece was titled “Bedford Oak” and is an etching on paper that is hand tinted with watercolor.

**Joan Sayer** received an Honorable Mention at the Pocono Arts Council Member’s show for her floral painting.

**Alice Prall** won First Place at the Pocono Arts Council Member show in works on paper for her Pastel titled, “Threshold”.

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# MEMBER NEWS !

New and Improved  
[www.poconomac.com](http://www.poconomac.com)

Our Executive Vice President, Barbara Case has updated our web site. Check it out! You can send (electronic) photos and links to your personal web site for inclusion in the member's web site.

Every member has the right as part of our membership to put your best foot forward.

Why not market your creative genius on the World Wide Web?

## It Comes in Threes

Three members of PoconoMAC have been ill for some time. We certainly miss them.

Lucia Alvarez  
Chris Barbieri  
Tim Weaver

Have you ever seen any one of them without a smile? Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Our community needs their talent and their good works.

Also, please keep our Treasurer in your prayers as she undergoes a knee replacement in early October.

## Highly Professional, Award Winning Member Offers Watercolor Classes

Classes, limited in size (6 to 8 persons tops!!) To offer quality 'individual' instruction, are held in a pleasant, relaxed atmosphere with excellent lighting and plenty of space for each artist. Classes held Friday afternoons, Noon to 3pm in the Emerald Lakes Community Center.

Minimal supplies required. Bring what you already have. Beginners' list is available. Fee for 3 hour Session is \$15.00. Contact June Schott, 646-0379.

## Winners of the Member's Photography Show at Northampton Community College:

### LANDSCAPE

- 1st Donna Haney, "A Windy Day"
- 2nd Kim Williams, "Puddles"
- 3rd Marlana Holsten, "Natural Arch"

### STILL LIFE

- 1st Marlana Holsten, "1800 Kitchen"
- 2nd Leslie Nagy, "Lily"
- 3rd Donna Haney, "Fruit of the Spirit" (also sold)

### PORTRAIT

- 1st Marlana Holsten, "Alfa Wolf"
- 2nd Kate O'Grady, "Chuckle Catches Fish"
- 3rd Kim Williams, "Trio"

### ABSTRACT

- 1st Kim Williams, "Under Wear"
- 2nd Donna Israel, "BULL!"
- 3rd Barbara Case, "Smoking Silk"

## BEST IN SHOW: Marlana Holsten - 1800 Kitchen

Congratulations to All!!

# List of Contact Persons for PMAC Programs

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**Don Shoffner** was selected to participate in the inaugural Plein Air Brandywine Valley competition show and sale during the week of September 25 - October 2. He also won Second Place at the Buck Hill Falls Fine Arts Festival for his watercolor of "Layfayette's Headquarters".

**Marlana Holsten** will be exhibiting her photography at the Pocono Arts Center in Stroudsburg from October 1 - October 31st. She also will be exhibiting in a solo show at the Monroe County Environmental Education Center.

**Cathleen Repholz** will be participating in a Graduate Exhibition at Marywood University in Dunmore, PA. She will be exhibiting her Master's Thesis Ceramic work from December 3 - 16th, with an opening reception on December 3rd from 5-7pm. For directions and a campus map you can visit [www.marywood.edu](http://www.marywood.edu).

**Joan Polishook** will be presenting her works and those of her students from the En Plein Air group. The show will be from October 1 - 29th with an exhibit and sale of the works done at Grey Towers and will be held at the Pinchot Mansion. The show is sponsored by the US Forest Service and Grey Towers Heritage Association.

**Will Daskal** will be teaching new painting classes utilizing acrylic paints on canvas for the Pocono Arts Council that will be ongoing on most Mondays beginning Oct. 10th. It will run on consecutive weeks from 11 am to 2pm. The October schedule is: Oct. 10,17,24 and 31 and the November schedule is: Nov. 7, 14, 21 and 28.

If you are interested in joining this exciting painting group, contact Carolyn Hetherington at the PAC to register, 570-476-4460.

