



Community Arts Association Inc

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Newsletter

October 2023

NEXT MEETING

Hello Members,

The Next Meeting will take place on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023 at 7:30pm at Trinity Episcopal church in Allendale NJ.

Light refreshments will be provided by Peggy Dressel and Geri Asquith.

PROGRAM NEWS

Our **October guest artist is Alexandra DeFabbia-Kane**, a glass artist living in Queens, NY. She graduated from Massachusetts College of Art and Design in 2015. Since then, she has been working in New York, focusing on glass for lighting designers and artists. She also teaches workshops for intermediate and beginner glassblowers at Urban Glass in Downtown Brooklyn. Alix's next class will begin October 15. It has the intriguing title of "Intro to Glassblowing: Putting the Fun in Funky."

Urban Glass is a non-profit organization and is the largest professional, public-access glass facility in the Metropolitan area. In addition to offering all levels of glassblowing classes, they operate the Agnes Varis Arts Center, containing the Robert Lehman Gallery and the UrbanGlass|ware Store. It is open to the public and free of charge. There are also options for touring the studio facilities and experiencing glassmaking demonstrations, virtually!



In 2020, Alix and fellow designer Molly Burke created Sunside & Co., where they create tableware and floral functional pieces. This collaboration began when Molly took a glassblowing class at Massachusetts College of Art & Design, where one of her teachers was Alix Defabbia-Kane, a senior at the time. Alix made an impression. Ms. Burke, who later started her career as a floral designer with her own company called Fleetwood

Floral, followed Alix's career and artistic progress on Instagram. Alix was marketing her glass and ceramics work under the business name [AED](#). Through their Instagram connection, they realized that they had both moved into the same Queens neighborhood.

Reconnecting, Molly expressed her desire to direct her business away from mass-produced/imported vases and toward a more sustainable means of designing. A partnership was born.

Their pieces are currently stocked in multiple stores across the 50 states, including the Corning Museum of Glass Shop, and even in Italy.

Alix also creates glass for lighting designers and artists. If all that activity does not sound like enough to keep her busy, Alix is also recently married. Her husband, Eamon, is a fellow artist, and also works at Urban Glass.

Alix is inspired by art deco, art nouveau, and mid century-modern designs, architecture, and functional objects. She says that, as a craftsperson, she always wanted to make more and more complex objects, but she's learning that the simple things are what speak the loudest.

Follow up to September Meeting - Our September Guest Artist, Sarah Canfield, will have a solo show at the Mueller Gallery, Caldwell University, 120 Bloomfield Avenue Caldwell, NJ, and has invited us to attend. It opens Tuesday, October 24 at 5pm, followed by a reception from 6-8pm. It is free and open to the public. There will be examples of her phenomenal lightboxes, which she was unable to bring to our meeting.

Sarah also told us about the annual event at her art studio, which she will not participate in due to the work involved in hanging her solo show. However, she assures us that it is a very interesting event and worth attending even without her in it!

Manufacturers Village Open Studios, is a self guided tour of over 65 artists' workplaces and their work. 356 Glenwood Avenue, East Orange, October 22nd from 1-6pm. Free and open to the public.

ALCOHOL INK WORKSHOP

There is still limited space in Jane Brennan's alcohol ink workshop on October 3 from 1:30 to 4:30pm. Because Jane is supplying all the materials, even procrastinators can enjoy this fun and rewarding artistic afternoon! All you have to do is show up! Contact Glenda Haas (glendahaas1@gmail.com) if you are interested in saving a spot. You may pay at the event. \$45 for CAA members, with a \$15 materials fee paid directly to the instructor. More information is available on the CAA website.



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“The artist sees what others only catch a glimpse of.”

– Leonardo da Vinci

MEMBER NEWS

Mary Walker-Baptiste and Lou Baptiste -

Mary Walker-Baptiste (artist) and her husband, Lou Baptiste (poet) will show 19 of their collaborative works at the Glen Rock Public Library for the month of October. For example, Lou’s poem, “The Artist,” will be hung with this painting (shown to the right). Hoping you can come enjoy!

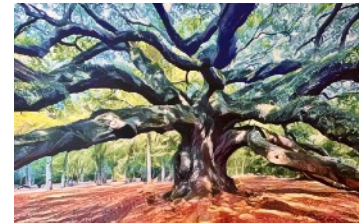


Peggy Dressel - Peggy Dressel’s watercolor, *Time with Grand Mom* was accepted in the 81st Open NJWCS juried show.



Madeline Giotta - Madeline Giotta will have work in the upcoming exhibition *Artober* at the Stable, Ridgewood, 259 N Maple Ave., Ridgewood, NJ, from October 4 - 27. Hours are 8:30am-4:30pm M-F. The Stable is closed Saturday and Sunday. *Red Barn III*, 20”x 24”, oil on canvas.

Sharon Klass - Sharon Klass presents a solo exhibition *Arms Wide Open* at the Piermont Fine Arts Gallery October 12-29, Thurs/Sun 1-6pm and Fri/Sat 12-8pm with an Arts Celebration on Saturday, October 21 from 2-5pm. There will be Music accompaniment by Bas Duo, a flute and guitar duo who are accomplished performers and wine and cheese reception. Come join the fun! Sharon will be at the gallery throughout the entire show.



Fran McManus - Presented by the Cultural Alliance of Western Connecticut, Fran McManus was interviewed about her painting in the *Childhood Unmuted* art exhibit. The link to the interview is <https://youtu.be/6knJmh84T68?si=RLxPGDnCbSMLnW7T>



Andrea Placer - Andrea Placer's drawings, *Cowboys' Prayer* and *Golden Autumn*, have been juried into the Salmagundi Club's 2023 Fall Auctions. The work will be on view at the club from October 2 - 27, with Live Auctions on October 19 and October 26. More information will be available at salmagundi.org.



The Art Center of Northern NJ Watercolor Affiliates, ACWA, will be having a members Exhibit at the Art Center, October 6 to October 30, Reception: October 22, 2-4pm. They will be featuring Judy Richard's Watercolor Paintings in Honor of her Memory. Exhibiting CAA members are **Peggy Dressel, Rose Scaglione, and Mary Walker-Baptiste.**

If you would like to contribute your news to Member News in the November Newsletter, please email mitchellsalercaa@gmail.com by November 1.