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At The Crary

Warren Art League Fall Show opens Friday at local gallery

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The public will have the opportunity to attend another fine art show at the Crary Art Gallery on Market Street beginning Oct. 30.

But, this time the work has been produced by talented local artists, members of the Warren Art League.

The "Warren Art League Fall Show" will feature art in a variety of media. The 30 members of the league are each eligible to enter up to six pieces of art.

So far, league president Barb Kersey said they have a "nice variety," including work by Marian Aranyos, who has recently started using acrylic paint with modeling paste and torn tissue. Known for her local landmarks, watercolors and collage, Aranyos is excited to be working in mixed media. Other work will include pieces by Pat Orbanic, who works in copper sculpture; work by Deb Edling, who recently has been working in woodburning and paint (mixed media); and work by Diane Delarme with paper collage and photography. Kersey paints with acrylics, but she "really likes drawing," she said.

Kersey, who is also outgoing president of the board of the Crary Art Gallery and an art teacher at Warren Area High School, said she has always been struck by the number of talented local artists.

"This is definitely an arts community," she shared, "and the Crary is testament to that."

In addition to their own new work, league members have been busy painting square canvases to sell during the show to raise money for the scholarship fund. Sizes range from 6-inch squares to 10-inch squares. Last year, the league gave two high school graduates scholarships to pursue their education in art.

"We were able to give two last year," Kersey said, as a result of the many "donations to the scholarship fund in memory of J. Lynne Myers, a long-time supporter of the arts here in Warren."

An opening reception is planned for 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30. Crary hours are noon to 6 p.m. Thursday and Saturday, noon to 8 p.m. Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission to the gallery is always free. The Crary is located at 511 Market St., Warren.

The Warren Art League, which has been in existence for approximately 62 years, meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month, September through May, for a business meeting and hands-on program at First Lutheran Church, Third Ave. at East St., Warren. During the summer, the group enjoys "paint outs," Kersey explained. This year, members painted at Hector Falls, the Allegheny River, Celoron Park and Griffis Park, which is very inspiring, she said.

Gathering together also can be inspiring, Kersey explained.

"We bounce ideas off each other," she said, and are "inspired by what they're doing. It's good to have a set time" for meetings she said, "because sometimes life gets in the way."

New members are always welcome, anyone who loves art, Kersey said.

"It's a way to see styles and share ideas and techniques," Aranyos added. Artists "can't be afraid of new things. Are we going to only produce work or are we going to grow?"

And the Crary offers a professional setting which draws more people to see the work, Aranyos added.

"It's a beautiful setting," Aranyos said. "Not many small towns have such a beautiful gallery."

The show offers artists a fresh look at their work.

"It forces" us as artists to "think creatively," Aranyos said. "The public knows we will produce something new."

The fall show is a way for local artists to show and sell their work.

"A group of artists going together would have enough art to fill the gallery where one by themselves might not," Kersey said.



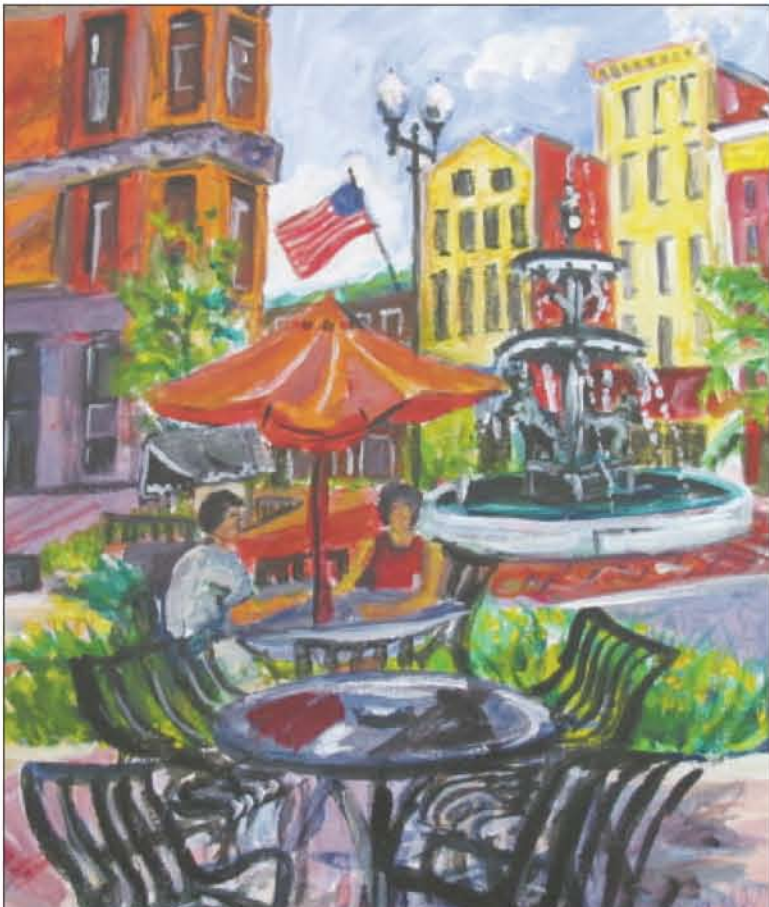
Fall Fields by Judith Whittaker

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Barb Kersey with two of the paintings that will be sold to benefit the scholarship fund

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A work by Marian Aranyos, above.

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Marian Aranyos hanging to of her works.

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Sunflower by Marian Aranyos

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