



## What's Happening in the PAPJC April 2012

Great news! This year, the Bayonet Farm Arts and Music Festival will be showcasing the PAPJC as its first ever “spotlight” group. A sampler of our members’ paintings will be featured on their new website ([www.bayonetfarmarts.org](http://www.bayonetfarmarts.org)). During the paint out, participating PAPJC artists will also have their own wall in the red barn. This year Bayonet Farm is expanding its event with bigger prizes and broader advertising, and to cover costs they are charging a \$15 registration fee. All participants are encouraged to pre-register. Steven Doherty, editor of *Plein Air Magazine*, will be this year’s judge. The paint out will be held rain or shine on Sunday September 23<sup>rd</sup>, so mark your calendars! **If you plan to sign up for the paint out and would like to have one of your plein air paintings displayed on the Festival’s website, send a jpeg to me by Monday, April 23.** Submitted jpegs should be at least 600 pixels on the shortest side or, alternatively, at least a 800KB file. Be sure to include your name, painting title, medium, painting location, and unframed painting size.

Our upcoming annual business meeting will be held on Monday May 7 from 9-Noon at the Middletown Arts Center. Since we’ve already worked through most business issues at our last two meetings, our plan for this one is to just have fun! Come ready to share your favorite plein air web sites and YouTube videos, your thoughts about new places to paint and activities we could do as a group, and bring along any surplus painting supplies you have to trade, sell, or give away. Annual dues are \$45 and are due by May 31<sup>st</sup>. If you pay at the meeting, you can save the cost of a stamp! May 7 is also the last day to register for our annual member show, and you can pay that at the meeting as well.

We have updated our website to include more information about classes and workshops taught by PAPJC members. To see what’s being offered, go to Resources > Classes and Workshops. If you are teaching, please check and see if we have your classes listed with the most up-to-date information. If your class or workshop isn’t listed yet, send your information to [Info@thepapjc.com](mailto:Info@thepapjc.com) so we can get a listing up for you.

We had good attendance at our March 26<sup>th</sup> All Members meeting. Here are the highlights, including the key dates for our upcoming annual member show:

- **River Views 2012.** Judy Stach, PAPJC event chair, and Jennifer Biedinger, chair of the RMC-BSH Auxiliary, gave a status update on plans for this event, which is a major fund-raising gala and art sale to benefit the Auxiliary serving the Riverview (Red Bank) and Bay Shore (Holmdel) Medical Centers. This will be the PAPJC’s 3<sup>rd</sup> year providing the artwork for the event. The gala is schedule for 6-9 p.m. on 9/29 and will be held at the Monmouth Beach Bath and Tennis Club. The planned theme is “A Taste for Everyone,” with the marketing material to exploit the idea of a “palette” of food, wine, and art. This is the first year that the event is not being underwritten by the hospital, so the Auxiliary and the PAPJC must make sure that all of their respective gala and art sale expenses are covered by show fees and ticket sales. For this reason, the PAPJC will charge a registration fee for participating artists, which will be used to cover PAPJC’s expenses such as postcards & invitations for our member’s use, easel drapes, etc. Artists who attend the gala, which is optional, will be charged full ticket price by the Auxiliary, as is customary for benefits of this type. The overall gala format will be similar to previous years, with members able to display up to 3 paintings at a time. Judy showed a slideshow presentation that Andrew Rose developed for her, and she will work with Andrew to prepare a similar one to showcase the paintings of participating members at the two hospitals.
- **Annual Member Show.** The member show committee, consisting of Rae O’Shea (Chair), Caroline Klein, and Catherine Love, described their plans for this show and had members vote on whether to have the show last for the entire month of June or to stop the show after the first two weeks to avoid overlapping the MAC’s summer camp for children. Meeting attendees voted 11 to 1 in favor of having a two-week show. Therefore the show

dates are June 1 – June 15. The prospectus and online registration form will be posted on our website by 4/10, but meanwhile, pencil in the following dates on your calendar:

- Monday, May 7 – Show registration closes
  - Wednesday, May 30 – Painting drop-off
  - Saturday, June 2 – Opening reception
  - Saturday, June 16 – Painting pickup
- **Signature Membership.** Candace distributed the new proposal for applying for PAPJC signature membership, which is based on a set of objective criteria. To end any controversy or future confusion about whether we should have this new status, a motion was made and seconded to adopt the concept of a signature membership for the PAPJC as documented in the handout distributed at the meeting. (This document posted on our website under Membership > Applying for Signature Membership. Be sure to use the refresh option on your browser to make sure you are viewing the most up-to-date version.) This motion passed 15 to 2. A second motion was proposed and seconded to ratify the 4 members currently designated as signature members, provided they met the requirements in the afore-mentioned document and they still desired to be signature members. This motion passed 16 to 1. **If you are interested in applying for signature membership, please follow the directions in the document and respond by Monday, 4/30** – since we finalized the application process so recently, we’ve extended the deadline give you adequate time to prepare your submission.

In other meeting business, we covered the following:

- Anyone interested in the Keyport Garden Walk on 6/9-6/10 was urged to re-register using the corrected online form accessible from the home page.
- Ann Danieli was presented with two gift certificates from PAPJC members in the combined amount of \$500 to help her replace her art supplies lost when her home burned. Ann thanked everyone for their generosity.
- Kathleen Beausoliel gave an excellent demo of the new private yahoo group she’s defined for members to stay in touch. On March 18 or so, Kathleen sent all PAPJC members email invitations to join the group. (If you don’t recall seeing the invitation, look in your email for email from “Yahoo! Groups Invitation” with a Subject that begins “kathleenbeausoliel@yahoo.com has...”.) If you need assistance joining or using the group, send email to Info@thepapjc.com.
- Frank Sporandera brought us a set of window decals in the shape of a palette for promoting the PAPJC. These tie in wonderfully well with the River Views gala theme. See me at one of our Monday or Saturday outings to get one.

I hope to see you at our annual meeting on 5/7. Meanwhile, have a great time painting the spring as it emerges – or should I say, as it rushes in?

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