

*Westmoreland County
Court House
Centennial
Celebration Gala*



**SEPTEMBER 14, 2007,
6:30 - 9:30 P.M.**

*2007
History
through Art*

**JURIED ART EXHIBITION
SEPTEMBER 14, 2007-FEBRUARY 28, 2008**

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Westmoreland County to Celebrate Courthouse Centennial with Gala Events

by P. Louis DeRose, Esq.

On Friday, September 14, 2007, a gala event celebrating the 100th anniversary of the construction and opening of the fourth Westmoreland County Courthouse will be held at the Westmoreland County Courthouse. The Centennial Celebration Gala also kicks off a four-month-long juried art exhibition, "History Through Art," sponsored by the Southwestern Pennsylvania Council for the Arts, Inc. Approximately sixty works of art by western Pennsylvania artists will center on Westmoreland County historic themes to complement the celebration.

The magnificent Beaux Arts building that we commemorate with the Centennial Celebration Gala is the result of five years of construction begun in 1902. When the county decided to demolish the third Courthouse (built in 1854) in the summer of 1901, there was no firm plan for where the offices and Courts would be relocated. Fortunately, and coincidentally, a new apartment building was under construction just south of the Courthouse on Main Street. The county quickly made an arrangement with the owners and contractors to complete the new apartment building in 49 days. In short order, the records were relocated to this temporary facility until 1907, when the present Courthouse was completed. The apartment building was converted to an office building and survives today as the Coulter Building at 231 South Main Street, where many lawyers and other professionals still maintain offices.

Substantially completed by the fall of 1907, the new Courthouse was occupied slowly over several months by the Courts and row offices. On January 31, 1908, a dedication ceremony was held, signifying the completion of the building. This structure has always been a source of pride not only for the lawyers and judges who served within its walls, but for the entire Westmoreland County community. The massive dome is 175 feet above street level, built in an Italian Renaissance style. The exterior is faced with light gray granite and sandstone cut on site by European stonecutters. The interior features Italian marble walls and colorful mosaic tile floors with a grand central marble staircase. Both mahogany and oak are in evidence in doors, windows, and furnishings. The interior also features fifteen different wall and ceiling murals painted by one artist. The assemblage of craftsmen from the area and from Italy was impressive; many Italian craftsmen elected to stay in Greensburg and make Westmoreland County their home.

The Centennial Celebration Gala is a black-tie-optional event with a \$40 per person charge. There will be food, a cash bar, music, and Courthouse tours—including, weather permitting, the first tours up to the Courthouse dome in 25 years. Tickets are available at the Westmoreland Bar Association office.

The gala also marks the formal release of a book celebrating the first 100 years of the structure. "This American Courthouse, 1907-2007: One Hundred Years of Service to the People of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania," documents the history of the building through words and photographs, and memorializes the architectural legacy of William Kauffman, the man who designed our American Courthouse.

The gala is the culmination of three years' work by the Westmoreland County Courthouse Centennial Committee, comprised of judges, lawyers, and many other interested persons who have brought their many talents and good ideas to this effort. In addition to the gala and book, the committee is hosting a closing reception scheduled to coincide with the anniversary of the 1908 dedication of the Courthouse. The reception will be held on Saturday, January 26, 2008, and will be open to the public without charge

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Juror's Statement

How appropriate that the Celebration Committee chose to display the History Through Art exhibit in the halls of the majestic Westmoreland County Courthouse during the Centennial Celebration. The support of the visual arts by the Celebration Committee is applauded and greatly appreciated. Support of the arts always enriches the community from which it is created.

The artwork which comprises this exhibit is extremely varied because of the latitude of the guidelines for this exhibit and the variety of artists who submitted works. As juror, I tried to remain faithful to the theme of the show and choose work which best expressed the eligibility guidelines detailed in the prospectus.

After viewing the work several times, I decided to choose work which best expressed the historical theme of the exhibit, recognizing work which was best technically and conceptually.

Many of the watercolor paintings in the exhibit were absolutely beautiful. Some of the work caused me to laugh out loud at the sense of humor expressed. Other pieces evoked a more somber, reflective response. Yet, overall, the exhibit will move the emotions of the viewer either because of the memories expressed upon viewing the locations or simply because of the beauty of the artwork and the way the artists expressed their concepts.

I was moved as I remembered some of the locations expressed in the exhibit when we lived and worked in Westmoreland County. I was introduced to plein-air painting in this part of southwestern Pennsylvania and began my love-affair with this beautiful landscape and the art of landscape painting, which I have carried to north central Ohio.

Thank you for the opportunity to jury the History Through Art exhibit for the Southwestern Pennsylvania Council for the Arts. It was an enjoyable exhibit to view and jury. My hope is that the viewers of this exhibit will enjoy my selections as much as I did.

Respectfully,
Fred del Guidice

Geraldine E. Beitel
Jeannette

"Oak Hollow Arts Festival" Irwin PA

Watercolor
20" x 26"
NFS



Greensburg

Watercolor
16" x 20"
NFS

"Bridge of Dreams" Pitt at Greensburg

Watercolor
20" x 26"
NFS



Cory J. Bonnet
Pittsburgh

Heinz Building through gates of Penn Brewery

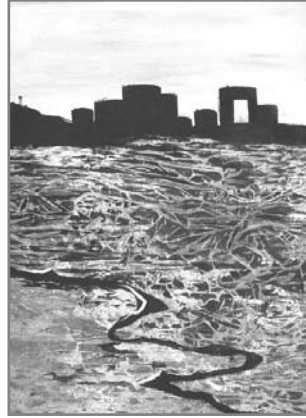
Oil on canvas
18" x 24"
\$500



Nancy S. Bush
Moon Township

Saving the "Mon" I

Acrylic
48" x 36"
\$1200



Saving the "Mon" II

Acrylic
48" x 36"
\$1200



J.A. Cooper
Ligonier

Rollcall, French Grenadiers During the French & Indian War

Oil on board
20" x 16"
\$2500

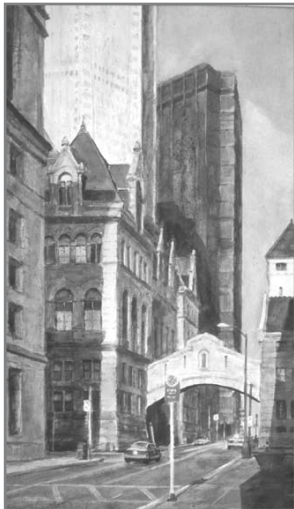
Cynthia F. Cooley
Pittsburgh

On a Clear Day
Acrylic on canvas
34"x60"
\$6000



Pittsburgh Geometry

Watercolor
30"x20"
\$1500



Milltown Main Street

Watercolor
20"x24"
\$1000



Alexis Dillon
Greensburg

The Benediction

Color photo
20" x 24"
\$300

The Consecration

Color photography
20" x 24"
\$300



The Presentation

Color Photography
20" x 24"
\$300



Joan Eggenberger
N. Versailles

**Liberty Ave, Pittsburgh,
PA circa 1935**

Pencil & ink
24" x 18"
\$250



Fran Gialamas
Pittsburgh

After Work
Photo Assemblage
44" x 32"
\$1000

Beth Yoe Fiddler
Indiana

Spirit of Quecreek Mine

Acrylic mixed media
24"x20"
NFS



Gloria Goldsmith Hersch
Export

Three Rivers Stadium

Acrylic
36"x24"
\$1600



John A. Fobes
East Pittsburgh

Workhorse of Another Era

Photography Digital Infrared
16"x20"
\$475



Dixmont State Hospital

Photography Digital Infrared
20"x16"
\$475

William M. Hoffman, Jr.
Ligonier



**View of Greensburg with
Courthouse**

Oil on canvas
20" x 30"
\$3000

Johnstown-Mills and Incline

Oil on canvas
16" x 24"
\$1000





Richard W. Hower
Seward

Fort Ligonier, Freedom Flight

Watercolor
10 1/2" x 14"
NFS



**Laurel Hill Furnace,
As Time Goes By**

Acrylic on canvas
16" x 20"
NFS



**Above the Causeway,
Loyalhanna Creek**

Watercolor
12" x 18"
\$800



K. Rice Hunter
Jeannette

**Top of the Mountain Morning
(Lemon House Tavern)**

Watercolor
31" x 39"
\$600



**Up and Over
(Portage Railroad)**

Watercolor
39" x 31"
\$600



Sandra Jackson
Ligonier

Baldwin Furnace

Oil on panel
20" x 24"
\$200

Wendell M. Keck
Mt. Pleasant

St. Vincent Gristmill Founded

Woodcarving (relief)
40" x 16"
\$195



Eleanor J. Krick
N. Huntingdon

Bye/Gone Era

Paper Collage
28" x 22"
\$675

Len Laurich
Jeannette

**Greensburg R.R. Station
Renovation**

Watercolor
12" x 15"
NFS

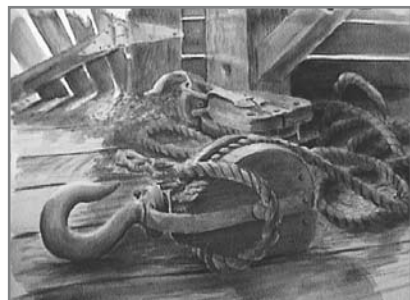


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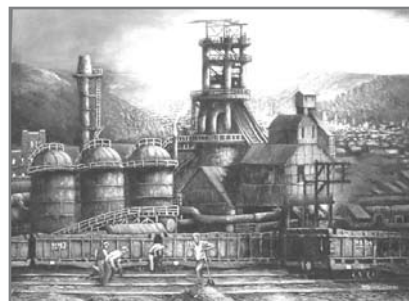
Watercolor
20 1/2" x 26 1/2"
NFS



Aaron Loughner
Greensburg
The County Seat
Black & White Photography
8" x 10"
\$150



Jeffrey Moore ^
Berlin
Barn Tackle
watercolor
19" x 24"
\$795



Julius Mehok ^
Windber
Johnstown Blast Furnace
Oil
22"x28"
\$1500



< Frank D. Panichelle
Crabtree
Denomination Day
Tempera on
illustration board
16"x26"
\$6666.66

Terri Perpich
Vandergrift

**Rachel Carson's
Childhood Home**
Monotype / Mixed
16 x 20"
\$300



Coal Mine at Elwyn St.
Oil monotype
16" x 20"
\$350



Susan E. Pollins
Greensburg

Greensburg Art Center
Watercolor
23" x 30"
\$395

Courthouse
Watercolor
21" x 28"
NFS



Henry Roll
Nanty Glo
Time Exposure
Acrylic
28"x40"
\$2000

Michael Rosella
Pittsburgh

Fort Necessity National Battlefield
Photography
16" x 20"
\$400



Fort Necessity Stockade
photography, 16" x 20"
\$400



Last Days of Dixmont
Photography, 16" x 20"
\$400

Edna K. Schimizzi
Greensburg

Grist Mill, Ligonier PA
Detailed Fine Line Pen & Ink
18 1/4" x 22 1/2"
NFS



Ivy Barn, Georges Station Rd.
Detailed Fine Line Pen & Ink
21 3/4" x 27 3/8"
NFS

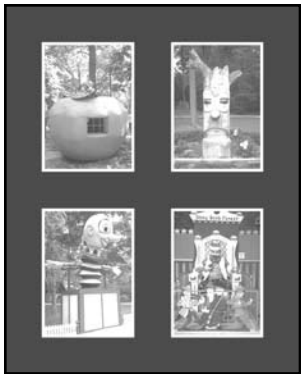
Anna Marie Sninsky
Munhall

Abandoned Furnaces
Photography
16"x20"
\$300



Amy Soich
Latrobe

Storybook Forest Panel
Digital photography
16" x 20"
\$400



Richard A. Stoner
Latrobe



Cabins, Touchstone Center for Crafts
Gelatin Silver Print
7 1/2" x 9 1/2"
\$500



Edge of the Escarpment, Jumonville Glen
Gelatin Silver Print
7 1/2" x 9 1/2"
\$500

J. D. Titzel
Greenville

Mercer Barn
Watercolor
13" x 20 5/8"
\$950



Forty Gallons
Watercolor
19" x 28"
\$2000

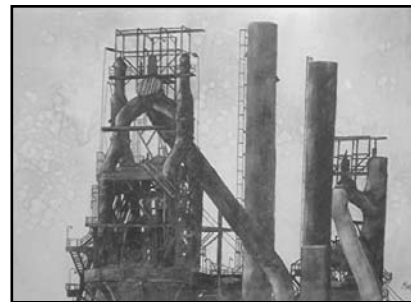


Mary Lois Verrilla
Pittsburgh

Blast from the Past- Carrie Furnace
Watercolor on gessoed paper
25" x 35"
\$2100



Clairton Works
Watercolor on Gessoed Paper
18 1/2" x 22"
\$895



Troy Hill (Northside- Pgh)
Watercolor
25" x 30"
\$1900



Tricia Shaw Warren
Washington

Century Inn Hearth
Watercolor
17" x 14"
\$280



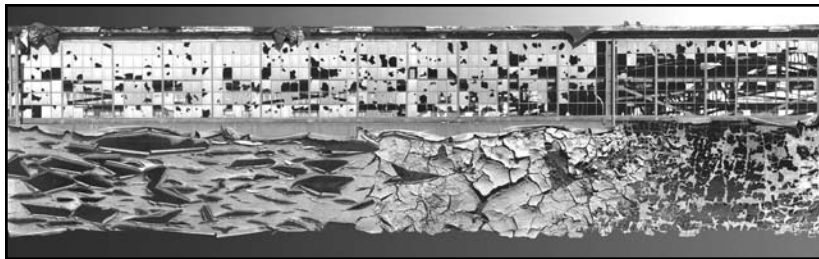
Sharon Yoder
Scottsdale

**Connellsville,
South of the Riverview**
Watercolor
28" x 35"
\$350



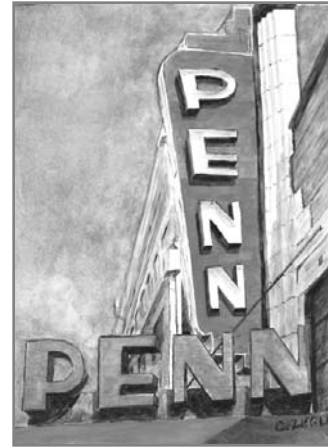
David L. Young
Indiana

Tipple
Photography
26" x 23"
\$300



Gary Zak
West Mifflin

Steel Life
Digital Photography
12" x 36"
\$500



Charles Ziegler
Beaver Falls

Penn Theater Marquee
Watercolor
20" x 15"
NFS

Sallie Zoerb
Somerset
**9-14-01 Somerset, PA
(Flight 93 Tribute)**
Film Photography
\$400



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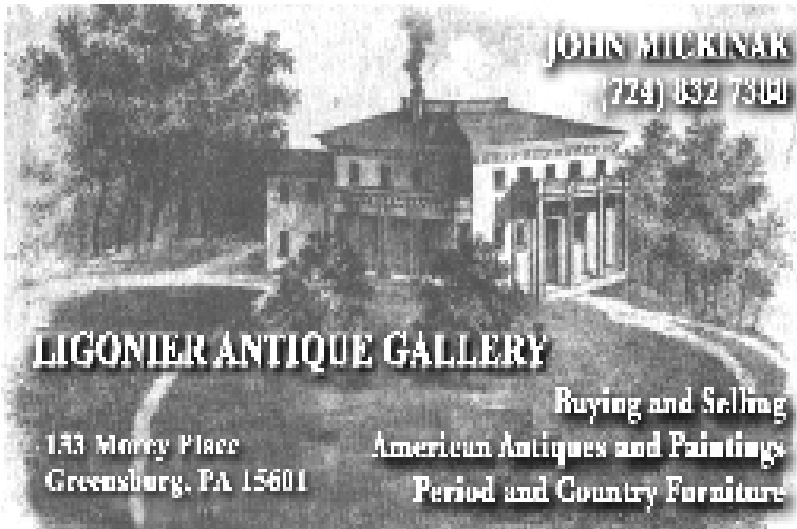
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