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Manager at 213335-545-9298 or email:
executivedirector@sketchclub.org
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## Support the Sketch Club

### Contribute
Please consider making your tax-deductible contribution now. These funds will be put to good use providing enhanced services to our members and friends. Membership dues cover only a small portion of the PSC’s operating expenses. Competition for funding for arts organizations like the Sketch Club is increasingly competitive and total funding for the arts is shrinking. Your additional support will keep the PSC an active support for visual artists in the Metropolitan Philadelphia area.

The Philadelphia Sketch Club is an IRS designated 501(c) (3) non-profit organization which allows your donations to be tax deductible. You can call the office at 215-545-9298, mail checks to the Sketch Club or visit the Contribute page of our Website.

Visit our Contribute page of our website to give online at: [http://sketchclub.org/support-us/](http://sketchclub.org/support-us/)

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The Sketch Club’s AmazonSmile Link: [http://smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)

Thank you for your participation in the AmazonSmile program. Purchases made by Sketch Club supporters using AmazonSmile in May resulted in a $27.15 AmazonSmile contribution to the PSC. It’s not much, but every cent helps. So don’t forget, use the above link when purchasing from Amazon and increase the PSC’s income.

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To learn more about Amazon Smile go to: [http://smile.amazon.com/gp/aws/ch/about](http://smile.amazon.com/gp/aws/ch/about)
Support the Sketch Club

Volunteers are Always needed!

We are now seeking a PSC member with great organizational skills to assist in managing the Member Dinner arrangements. If you want to get involved in this important PSC activity, please contact us ACAP at: executivedirector@sketchclub.org

Other volunteer opportunities:

- Gallery Sitting
- Accept/Return Work
- Special Projects
- Assist with Exhibition Tasks

Help the PSC with important positions within the PSC that need volunteers to take over! Contact Faad Ghoraishi at to help your club with future events

PSC request for VOLUNTEERS for outdoor concrete work and carpentry

The Board has decided to do an improvement project this summer to concrete the floor in our Garden Shed and to repair the shed door. We are asking for Volunteers to do this project in-house.

Mutually agreed upon weekends will be arranged, first for the concrete work and a second weekend for the repair of the shed door.

Please email the Club at executivedirector@sketchclub.org or telephone us at 215-545-9298 leaving your name and a phone number where you can be reached.

Refreshments will be served!

The Garden Committee has been doing a superb job in planting and maintaining the grounds in the courtyard. The renovation of the Garden Shed will be a major improvement for all of us to enjoy.

I would very much appreciate your help.

Chuck Tarr,
House Chair
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If you’re not following the Philadelphia Sketch Club on Facebook re-tweeting Sketch Club tweets yet, it’s time that you did. We have well over 2000 Facebook followers. Get the word out about the Sketch Club. Please click the like button and share your comments and invite your friends to like our page.

Follow @PhilaSketchClub on Twitter, we have almost 400 followers. Please click the heart button and re-tweet our announcements.

Include links on your website, blogs and social media to The Philadelphia Sketch Club to increase traction across social media platforms.

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram now!

Thanks to Don Brewer and Michelle Lockamy for managing PSC social media sites.

Membership

Not a PSC Member?: Join Now!

If you’re reading this edition of the Portfolio and you’re not a member of the PSC, you should consider joining the more than 200 other Philadelphia area artists who have. The PSC is one of the most active visual art venues serving center city Philadelphia. The PSC is a hands-on organization that offers its members the
Membership

opportunity to participate in all aspects of creating and presenting work to the public. It presents over 20 scheduled group and solo exhibitions annually and offers a wide range of daily workshops. Get info and an application here.

If you are a member of the PSC, please feel free to share the Portfolio with your artist friends and encourage them to become members.

Membership Renewal

You can check the status of your membership by going to the Current Members page on the PSC web-site: http://sketchclub.org/sample-page/memberspace/. All current members are listed. An asterisk (*) means that the membership has expired but is within the 60-day grace period for renewal. Names in red are active links to the individual’s web site.

Renew Now! http://sketchclub.org/annual-dues-payment/

If you have any questions about your membership, please don’t hesitate contact us at membership@sketchclub.org or call the office: 215-545-9298.
Sketch Club Activities

Make your plans early to attend!

Save the date, Saturday, October 21st, 2017, from 6 to 10 PM and plan to attend the Philadelphia Sketch Club's Annual Gala and honor three of the region's great artists, Signe Wilkinson, Alan Fetterman and Al Gury.

The Philadelphia Sketch Club’s Annual Gala

Information about ticket availability will be published soon. Watch www.sketchclub.org
Sketch Club Activities

Critique Night – July and August vacation

Next Meeting: September 20th, 2017
Open to PSC Members and Non-Members
RSVP to Michelle Lockamy at 215-545-9298 or executedirector@sketchclub.org

Critique Night is held in the Library of the Sketch Club every third Wednesday beginning at 7 PM. Bring work you've finished, work in progress, or just sketches for work you're planning! Photos, digital work, drawings, all mediums are welcome; we can project digital images on a screen for review, so you have the option to show work that may be too big or too heavy to transport to the Club. There is no one individual directing the critique, just your fellow artists and peers. Facilitated/monitored by Rich Harrington, PSC President

Photo Circle – July and August vacation

Next Meeting: September 14th, 2017 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM

The Photo Circle meets every 2nd Thursday at 6:30 PM. You can contact Steve anytime at si22@drexel.edu or 215-300-9192 (cell). Steve Iwanczuk, Photo Circle Monitor and Member of Philadelphia Sketch Club Board of Directors.
Sketch Club Activities

Key Circle Volunteers

**Key Circle Volunteers:** Alice Chung, Wayne Franks, Faad Ghoraiishi, Donald Kuitemeyer, Katy Lin, Marilee Morris, Rosa Kim Paik, Lauren Sweeney, Gail Williams

**The story behind the “Key Circle” volunteer group**

There are many types of volunteer activities that are essential to maintaining the Sketch Club as a vibrant art club and showcase for outstanding art. For the last year a small group of member volunteers dubbed the “Key Circle” has been working to help the Club be reliably open during scheduled weekend gallery hours, as well as drop-off and pick-up sessions, jurying sessions, etc. – all the background work that goes into putting on each show.

We are dubbed the “Key Circle” because each of us has direct access to open the club. This also means that one of our 8-member group should be signed up for each session so the other volunteers can be assured of access. Equally importantly, Key Circle members quickly become more familiar with many aspects of Sketch Club functioning – and thus more comfortable handling all manner of situations.

This past year, over 50 total volunteers staffed the galleries on weekends, drop-off and pick-up events. Even though many volunteered just a few times during the year, those numbers added up to fully staffed shows for much of the year, at least until the busy fall season. It would make all the difference going forward if the Key Circle group could be expanded from its current 8 members to 12 or more, and if we could gain a modest increase in volunteering from the group of 50 volunteers, or add a few more volunteers. Perhaps members could add a volunteer session for every show in which they get a work accepted. Then invite your friends and colleagues to visit the club when you are there. Just a thought!

If you are now curious about joining the key circle, or just interested in becoming more knowledgeable about how to do certain things as a regular volunteer, the next time you volunteer ask your Key Circle partner to explain things more fully. Are you mystified by what to do if someone inquires about buying a work of art when no one is there to open the office? How to turn up the thermostat? How to buzz a visitor in? No one learns these things overnight, or just from reading a set of instructions. (However, there is a detailed lime-green Volunteer notebook in the hall outside the office that contains all sorts of useful information about the club.) For those who are considering stepping it up a notch to become a key circle member, consider that volunteering event your first “training session” to become a key circle person.

To get more information, please contact a Key Circle member at info@sketchclub.org
Sketch Club Activities

Limited Edition PSC Glassware: Still a few left

We have a limited number of stemless wine glasses which have the Club logo on one side and the Club corporate seal on the reverse. We are offering these for sale at the price of $15 for two glasses to members while the supply lasts. Place your order by emailing Michelle at executivedirector@sketchclub.org or calling 215-545-9298. Please indicate when you will pick-up and pay for the glasses your order.
Member Activities

Monthly Meeting and Dinner – Summer vacation

Next Dinner - Friday September 8th, 2017

Help Wanted

PSC member, Don Gauger, wants to kickstart collecting PSC oral history from our senior membership and past members). Suggestions for other recommendations will be considered. If grant sources are available, please pass info on to Don and he’ll be glad to write and apply for the grant to help fund the work, which would speed the effort along vs. my doing as catch can.

My intent is to gather oral history, then save all materials to our archive, and deliver a second copy to the Smithsonian Museum for American Art's Oral History project archives. Further activity ideally would extract portions of the oral history as articles for the Portfolio, and/or on-line articles, and, whenever possible, creating a bio of prominent past members, as a way to add to our existing collection of bios/memorials.

Don can be contacted via info@sketchclub.org
2017 Main Gallery Schedule

In the Main Gallery until July 18:

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JUNE 16 - JULY 18

Reception: Sunday June 25, 2-4pm
235 S. Camac St. Philadelphia PA 19107
215-545-9298
Info@sketchclub.org

Gallery Hours: Wed, Fri, Sat, Sun - 1 - 5 pm

Next in the Main Gallery:

2017 Absolutely Abstract

July 21 to Aug 12, 2017
2017 Stewart Gallery Schedule

July: PSC Member Wayne Franks

Exhibition Schedule and Events Calendar Always Available at sketchclub.org

Don’t forget, you can always see the schedule for the coming year on the PSC web-site. Go to the Calendars/Events menu and select Exhibition Schedule. Here’s the link: http://sketchclub.org/exhibitions/. And new for this year, we’ve added an Events Calendar under the Calendars/Events menu. This calendar will show a complete list of the dates for important activities and deadlines. See it here: http://sketchclub.org/calendar/
All workshops are open to the public. There is no need to register before attending. You do NOT have to be a member of the Philadelphia Sketch Club to participate in the workshops. Our workshops are open to anyone who is interested in drawing, painting or printmaking. All skill levels are welcome. Fees: Model workshops: $8/session members, $9/session for non-PSC members; Printmaking workshop: $10/session; All workshops $6 for full-time students. Monitored by PSC members.

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Please Note: Those who use oil paints should bring their own container(s) to remove used solvents. Odorless solvents only.
Art Natters: Members News

PSC member, Don Gauger has a solo show "Celebrating Paradise Falls" with photo and reproductions of original artwork at the Paradise Falls Lutheran Association's Tea Room Museum, available when the Tea Room is open. This show is running through Labor Day 2017.

PSC member, Don Gauger is arranging for a Plein Air outing for the Philadelphia Sketch Club members at Paradise Falls Lutheran Association. Paradise Falls, one of the Pocono mountain's seven major waterfalls, is on the PFLA's private association property. A tentative date is being finalized. A PSC email with details, directions, event information, near by lodging, etc. will be sent when the date is finalized (please make sure the Club has your current email address.) This will be a great opportunity for our painters and photographers to capture the beauty of a PA Heritage forest and major water fall in a quiet, safe and private setting.
Very Fun News PSC member, **Brenda L Bechtel** would like to share...Cotuit Center for the Arts, Saturday, 5 - 7pm, June 24 is Hosting a Panel Installation Celebration! This is huge [http://www.cotuitcenterforthearts.org/](http://www.cotuitcenterforthearts.org/) (click on "experience Art" then PxP III) (included Artists have been invited to include an additional piece in the "upstairs gallery" where "The Ocean Sings to my Soul" is displayed.

"Papyrus with Elephant Ears" Oil on Linen is included in the 106th Connecticut Academy of Fine Art Exhibition, one of 60 paintings included at the Mystic Art Museum, on view through July 30, 2017, Opening Reception, June 29, 5:30-7:30 (the Board of Directors choose my painting as the branding image for this exhibition). Judge of Awards, David Bareford has included "Fog Descends in an Amber Fugue" in "American Waters & the Artists Gardens " at Lyme Art Association, CT, Reception, June 30, 5 - 7. "Blue Skies Smiling at Me" Oil on Linen is included in South County Art Association "All Media 1" National Juried Exhibition through July 9. New Haven Paint & Clay Club includes "Tea with Henry at Three" Oil on Linen, in the 116th National Exhibition Juried by Richard Klein, Director, Aldrich Museum of American Art, CT. Cape Cod Art Association, "The National Exhibition" includes "Blue Skies Smiling at Me" Oil on Linen July 10 - August 13, 2017. Pennsylvania Watercolor Society Members Online Exhibition is Live [http://www.pawcs.com/](http://www.pawcs.com/) and includes two of my paintings. To learn more [www.brendalbechtel.com](http://www.brendalbechtel.com)
Art Natters: Members News

PSC gallery manager, Michelle Lockamy will be in a group show this summer, The Wondrous World of Children's Book Illustrators.

Go to Facebook Page
Calls for Work and Notices

Or Hadash Staircase Gallery

Reconstructionist Congregation Or Hadash in Fort Washington, PA is housed in a historic building, formerly the summer mansion of well-known society families. We have adapted a formerly grand entrance staircase into what we call The Staircase Gallery.

The Staircase Gallery has been having 3 shows a year for over 14 years. We have had shows featuring a diverse group of painters, photographers, children’s art, and illustrators. We have incorporated writings and travel logs into exhibits for multi-talented artists who work in multiple mediums.

We are always looking for local artists who would like to show their work. The application process is to simply let us know of your interest, sending us a link to a site where we can see your work. If the Gallery committee feels your work would work in our space, we will contact you to schedule a show. The school students pass through the gallery so we must consider what is appropriate viewing for them in our decision making process. Many artists make a list of prices available for sales. We provide assistance in the hanging of the show and let the artist know what supporting documents are typically displayed.

We are currently scheduling for the 2017 season and going forward. If you would like to have a show in our unique and charming gallery, please let us know at mikeoswald@comcast.net. We will start the process and let you know what the steps are if we go forward.

Academy House Exhibition Opportunity

The Academy House art committee is now looking for pieces to display in our lobby starting sometime in April 2017.

If any of your artists at the Philadelphia Sketch Club are interested, ask them to stop into the lobby (which now can be accessed only through 251 S. 15th Street) and look at the spaces currently being used. (The two pieces on the lobby level are smaller than we would prefer; the piece on the landing is an appropriate size.) If they think they have work that would be suitable for us, ask them to send photos and dimensions and we will take them up for consideration. Pieces displayed can be for sale, though the condo asks 20% of the selling price.

Photos can be emailed to this addressed or dropped off at the front desk with my name on the envelope.

Thanks,
Michael Goldman
academyhousearts@gmail.com
1425 Locust Street
Philadelphia, PA 19102
Member Classifieds

Sketch Club Member **Sylvia Castellanos** looking for someone who can help me in the area of social media marketing of my paintings. I have been doing portraits and figurative paintings for several decades. I have a web site (sylviacastellanos.com), a Facebook professional page, a LinkedIn page, a Pinterest page and a YouTube channel with five videos. I want to be able to improve them, and to use them to reach a larger audience.

I also want to be able to use Facebook ads strategically to sell specific paintings. I want someone to teach me how to do it. I prefer that it be someone who has some background in using these skills specifically in a fine art context as well as in other areas. As a separate matter, I am also looking for someone who can serve as my representative with regard to certain functions, such as being the person who contacts institutions on my behalf.

If you feel you can do this or can recommend someone, please contact me through the Sketch Club. First please go to my web site and familiarize yourself with what I do.

**PSC member, Joanne Hirsh** is pleased to tell you that the Philadelphia real estate market has been quite active since the arrival of spring. We have all kinds of properties for sale or rent from condos to houses in our many neighborhoods at all price points.

Should you need assistance or just general information, I would be happy to help you. You can reach me at: joanne.hirsh@foxroach.com or 610-310-7062.

**Happy Spring,**

**Joanne Hirsh**

**Photography Services for Artists**

Do you need high-quality digital images of your work? Is glare a problem? Color balance not quite right? I can help you get great images of your 2-D or 3-D work suitable for digital file output or output for presentation and hard-copy presentation. I offer flexible availability, willingness to travel, special pricing for Sketch Club members.

Contact PSC member **Ken Weiner** at info@sketchclub.org.

**Seeking Framers**

Sketch Club members frequently ask about framing services. If you wish to provide framing services to PSC members, please contact the PSC at info@sketchclub.org or call the PSC office: 215 545-92908
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