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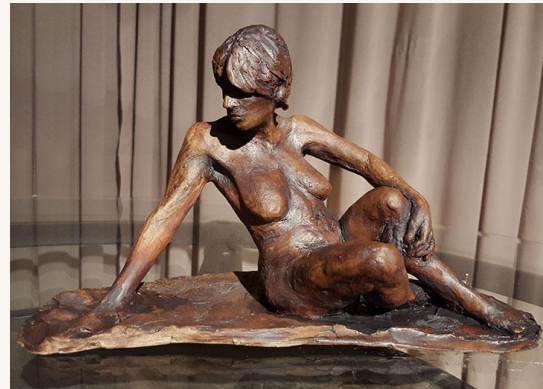
Main Street Gallery, Spring Show 2022

Main Street Gallery is holding an “Emerging and Established Artists of Buck County” exhibition featuring a provocative mix of acclaimed emerging and established artists.

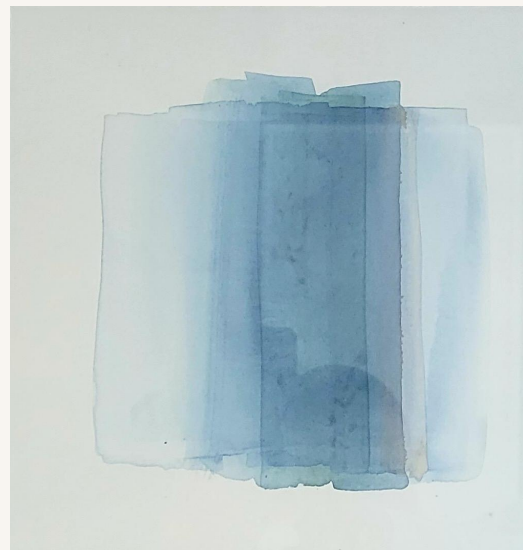
Until recently Main Street Gallery in Quakertown, run by Jim Lukens, featured solely the art work of Jim’s, plus one or two others that didn’t compete in style or medium. However, from inception, Lukens envisioned the gallery as a signal of change and cultural revitalization in Quakertown. To facilitate his vision, Jim is opening the gallery to more than a dozen artists chosen by Jim for a variety of reasons including their uniqueness and representativeness of the transformative work the region is home to. Most are from the Upper Bucks area and showing locally for the first time here.

“The majority of work here will remain mine, but I’m excited to have the opportunity to share their voice and to provide a venue where they can form their own relationship and have a ground floor to build a solid future,” Jim says.

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Lorenzo Branca, "Recline," sculpture



Katie Heffelfinger,
"Study in Sky Blue," watercolor

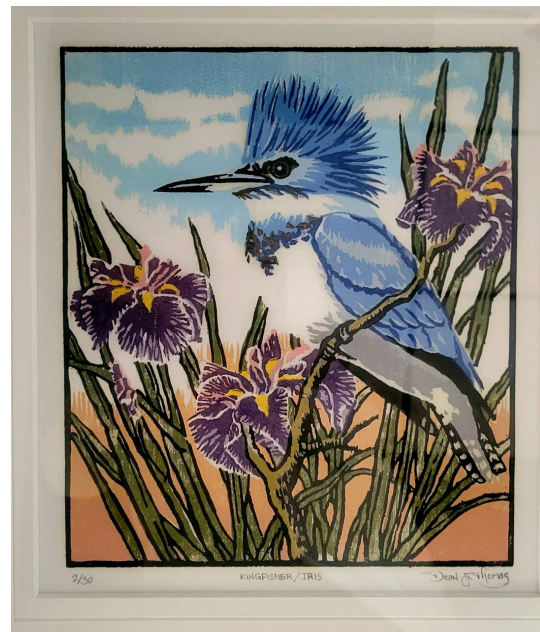
Lukens also credits McCool's owner Jan Hensch for being a steadfast supporter of the visual and performing arts; for helping him launch the Main Street Gallery, and providing a venue to showcase emerging artists in the region.

Another goal of the show? "I want to make art accessible to everyone," Lukens said. His nationally acclaimed oil paintings, many of which are completed Plein Aire, or outdoors painting methods, harken back to Pennsylvania Impressionists from the turn of 20th century who found inspiration in Bucks County's lush pastoral landscapes and wildlife. Alongside his works, Jim has curated a show that encompasses a variety of conventional and unconventional mediums and styles. For example, impassioned abstract paintings by **Jennifer Leonard** and **Judy Silver** are representative of the nontraditional art Bucks County is becoming known for. Likewise, exquisite wood block prints by **Dean Thomas** and vibrant abstract watercolors of **Katie Heffelfinger** are fast becoming favorites of East coast art collectors. Rounding out the exhibit are evocative postindustrial sculptures by **Lorenzo Branco**, **Deirdre Doyle** and **Jerry Hertz**.

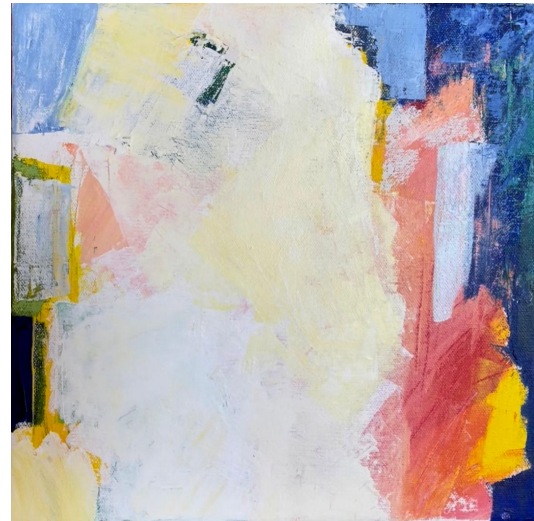
Work by these and a half dozen other established and emerging Bucks County artists are on display at Main Street Gallery for the month of April. The show will kick off with an opening reception on Saturday, April 2, from 4-8 pm followed by a month of artists talks and demonstrations at Main Street Gallery.

[View the show book for a complete list of artists:](#)

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Dean Thomas,
"Kingfisher/Iris," woodblock print



Jennifer Leonard,
"The Space Between", acrylic on canvas

Main Street Gallery, Spring Show 2022 Opening Reception

Join me for the opening reception on Saturday, April 2, 4 - 8 PM.

For information about scheduled gallery talks and demonstrations visit www.facebook.com/artinquakertown.



"Daphne Laureola," mixed-media assemblage, will be on display at Main Street Gallery during the month of April.

featured work

TAURENTINUM AT MERCANTILE THROUGH MARCH 30

Fantastical creatures climb along a landscape constructed on a bull skull, which provides a symbolic foundation for the civilization built upon it. Biblical figures and figures from mythology engage in battle while female forms sit in passive positions that contrast the dominance suggested by their scale.



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Battle Hares, mixed-media assemblage, on view at Main Street Gallery

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