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SOLO EXHIBITIONS:

* *Rehoboth Art League, Rehoboth Beach, DE. May 9-June 9, 2024*
* *Peninsula Gallery, Lewes, DE. Guest Artist - June 2023.*
* *The Art League,* Torpedo Factory. *Alexandria, VA. June 2023*
* *The Arts Club of Washington. May 2022*
* *National Institute of Health: July 17 to Sept. 11, 2020*
* Hill Center, Washington, DC. May 2 – June 23, 2019
* The Art League Gallery. Torpedo Factory. Alexandria, Virginia. June 2018
* Gallery on 43rd Street. Pittsburgh, PA 2015
* Westmoreland Museum of American Art. Greensburg, PA 2014
* Ann Miller Gallery. Wittenberg University. Springfield, OH. 2001
* Les Idees Art Gallery. Duquesne University. Pittsburgh, PA. 1997
* Waldemar A. Schmidt Art Gallery**.** Wartburg College. Waverly, Iowa. 1996
* Phillip Dressler Center for the Arts. Somerset, PA. 1996

SELECTED AWARDS AND HONORS:

* [85th Annual Members’ Art Exhibition, Best of Show,](https://www.artworkarchive.com/pieces/cape-cod-3-mike-mcsorley) Rehoboth Art League, *Juror:* Heidi Lowe. 2024.
* [Beverly Bassford Juried Show. Honorable mention,](https://www.artworkarchive.com/pieces/scrolling) Art League of Ocean City, *Juror: Jinchul Kim*. 2024.
* [Corporate Partner Show. First Place, Art League of Ocean City,](https://www.artworkarchive.com/pieces/cape-cod-3-mike-mcsorley) *Juror:* Mehves Lelic. 2024.
* [Strokes of Genius](https://youtu.be/s92A41X8SaE?t=544). Juror’s Award, Maryland Federation of Art*. Juror: Mark Karnes, MICA,* 2023.
* [*Best Portrait or Figure*](https://www.artworkarchive.com/pieces/blinds-mike-mcsorley)*,* 85th Annual Members’ Art Exhibition, Juror: Michael Kalmbach *Rehoboth Art League, Rehoboth Beach, DE. 2023*
* Selected as Guest Artist for Peninsula Gallery, Lewes, DE. June 2023.

* [Lowe House Exhibition](https://youtu.be/B1IJe4JrLH0?list=TLPQMjkxMjIwMjPQ1S884z3OuQ&t=1712), Maryland Federation of Art, Juror’s Award, *Juror:* Laura Pasquini. 2023
* [Strokes of Genius.](https://youtu.be/tbqU47jDHws?list=TLPQMjkxMjIwMjPQ1S884z3OuQ&t=647) Maryland Federation of Art. Juror’s Award, *Juror:* Jack Rasmussen. 2022.
* FY22 Arts and Humanities Fellowship Program Grant. DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities. 2022.
* FY21 Arts and Humanities Fellowship Program Grant. DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities. 2021.
* [FY20 Arts and Humanities Fellowship Program Grant](https://dcarts.dc.gov/node/1448331). DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities. 2020.
* Selected as a Torpedo Factory Art Center Eligible Artist. Sept. 2019 to Sept. 2020.
* Falls Church Plein Air Festival. First Place. Curator: Lisa Kuhn, former Director of The Art Bank at US Dept.of State. 2017.
* [Paint Berlin Plein Air](http://www.worcestercountyartscouncil.org/index.php/site/article_general/paint-berlin-winners-announced). 1st place, Award Judge[: Abigail McBride,](http://abigailmcbride.com/) accomplished Plein Air Artist. 2016.
* [Strokes of Genus National Painting Show](http://mdfedart.com/portfolio/strokesofgenius/). 2nd Place, Juror: Joey P. **Mánlapaz’ Artist and Educator. 2016**
* Virginia Center for the Creative Arts: Fellowship. 10 days at their location in Amherst, VA. April, 2015
* Open Exhibit. The Art League, Honorable Mention. Juror Gage Branda. 2022
* [Landscape Exhibit](https://mdfedart.wordpress.com/2020/09/01/american-landscapes-2020-awards/), Maryland Federation of Art, Jurors Choice Award. Juror: Lillian Bayley Hoover. Aug 13-Sept 12, 2020.
* Lowe House. Maryland Federation of Art. Second Place. Juror: Sara Allen Prigodich. Jan 9-April 13, 2020.
* First Place. Capitol Hill Art League Member Show. Juror Phil Davis.2019
* [Kensington Award](https://fallschurcharts.org/prize-winners-2019-falls-church-scenes-city-plein-air-festival/), Falls Church, Juror Glen Kessler, June 2019.
* Color Columbia. Honorable Mention. Juror Crystal Moll.2018
* [Landscape Exhibit, The Art League](https://www.theartleague.org/content/Landscape_Exhibit_March_2018), Honorable Mention. Juror Timothy Clark. 2018
* Color Columbia. 3rd Place. 2017.
* [Art on the Avenue](https://mdfedart.wordpress.com/2017/06/08/paint-annapolis-2017-art-on-the-avenue-award-winners/). Part of Annapolis Plein Air. Public Artist First Place. Jurors: Darin Gilliam of [Symmetry Agency](http://symmetry.agency/), business

owner Gavin Buckley, and Jim Cheevers, retired Senior Curator for the U.S. Naval Academy Museum. 2017.

* Hill Center Capitol Hill Arts League Show. Best of Show (1 of 6). 2017.
* Solomons Island Plein Air Festival Quickdraw Event. 2nd place, non-juried artists. Judge: Valerie Craig, plein air artist. 2016.
* Great Falls Plein Air. 3rd place. Award judge: Jill Banks, artist. 2016.
* [Washingtonia Collection.](http://answersplease.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/dcarts/page_content/attachments/2016%20Washingtonia%20Collection%20Call.pdf) Piece selected for this collection by the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities. 2016
* Honorable Mention. [The Art League Open Show,](http://www.theartleague.org/content/december_2015), Alexandria, VA. Dec. 9–Jan 4, 2016. Clint Mansell, Dir. of [Principle Gallery.](http://www.principlegallery.com/)
* Award of Merit. Fred Rodgers Regional Art Exhibit, Latrobe Art Center, Latrobe, PA. 2014
* 3rd place. Hoyt Regional Exhibition. Hoyt Art Center, New Castle, PA. Juried by Louis Zona. 2014
* Selection for Southmoreland Area High School Gala. SW Pennsylvania Council for the Arts 17th Annual Regional Juried Art Exhibition. 2014

PRESS MENTIONS and VIDEO:

# [Q & A with Mike McSorley at The Art League.](https://www.theartleague.org/blog/2023/06/29/qa-with-mike-mcsorley/) June 2023.

# [Wil Talk with Artists #4.](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=07S2O6kG2IU&t=1050s)  Mike McSorley, oil paintings of the mundane and beautiful. June 18, 2020.

# [Hill Rag](https://hillrag.com/2019/06/07/art-and-the-city-17/). *Artist Profile: Mike McSorley*, Jim Magner, June 7, 2019.

# [Howard County Times.](https://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/howard/ellicott-city/ph-ho-lt-columbia-plein-air-preview-0906-story.html) Artists go on location in Columbia. Mike Giuliano, Sept. 7, 2018.

* [Thoughtfull Thursdays: Tips And Tricks.](https://mdfedart.wordpress.com/2018/05/17/thoughtful-thursday-oil-painting-tips-tricks/)  Kristina Dover, Wordpress May 17, 2018.
* [PleinAir Today, the weekly enewsletter for PleinAir magazine](http://www.outdoorpainter.com/anatomy-of-an-award-winner-mike-mcsorley-paint-berlin/). Bob Bahr, October 4, 2016.
* [Verse Envisioned: Poems from the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and the works of art they have inspired. F](http://www.post-gazette.com/ae/books/2016/02/17/Book-review-Anthology-connects-art-and-poetry/stories/201602170019)ebruary 17, 2016.
* [Verse Envisioned: Book. P](http://store.post-gazette.com/divinity-cart/item/pg-593/verse-envisioned/1.html)ittsburgh Post-Gazette, 2016.
* [Pittsburgh Outdoor Painters at Schenley Park. P](http://www.mmcsorley.com/post%20gazette%20photo%20of%20mike%2004022012.jpg)ittsburgh Post-Gazette April 2, 2012.
* [Three Rivers Arts Festival Juried Exhibition. 2](https://www.flickr.com/photos/culturaltrust/sets/72157626593669000/with/5680250549/)011.
* [Digging Pitt Gallery Show “12 Minute Portraits”. 2](http://diggingpitt.blogspot.com/2006/07/twelve-minute-portraits_19.html)006.
* Phil Wilson Photo “[Mike McSorley Painting at Bushy Run Battlefield”](http://www.mmcsorley.com/SO%20bushy%20runn.jpg) *Tribune-Review*. May 5, 2001. S-O Section, Pg 5. Vol 113 No.91.
* Donald Miller. “Midyear Delight” *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.* July 1, 1994. Page 27.
* “Good Morning Washington”. *Observer-Reporter.* April 4, 1993.
* Bob Drylie. “[Nuages: Art from Plain Air”](http://www.mmcsorley.com/newspaper%20city.jpg) *Pittsburgh City Paper.* March 25, 1992. Volume 2, Issue 13.
* Linda Antoniak “[Road sign Painter”.](http://www.mmcsorley.com/newspaper%20SO.jpg) *Standard Observer Newspaper.* April 6, 1992. Volume 8 Number 7

 SPECIAL PROJECTS:

* Selected for[: *Verse Envisioned: Poems from the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and the works of art they have inspired*. “](http://www.post-gazette.com/ae/books/2016/02/17/Book-review-Anthology-connects-art-and-poetry/stories/201602170019)Contemporary

writers and artists from Pittsburgh form an exhibition featuring 31 of the best poems from the past 20 years and artwork produced by our chosen artists”. Exhibit January 16-February 27, 2016. Panza Gallery, Pittsburgh, PA. Book published, 2016.

* [*Possessions.* Oil on Panels. Approximately 28” x 25” x 5”.](http://www.mmcsorley.com/peddling.html) Westmoreland Museum of American Art. Oct. 2014 to July, 2015. Still Life based on a *The Peddler* by Malcolm Parcell. “The idea for the 'exhibition' is to place still life paintings by contemporary artists on the gallery wall alongside portraits from our collection. I am hoping that most of the artists I contact might already have a still life that would in some way reflect the person in one of the portraits… and I would ask each artist to explain why/how the still life reflects the person. This is all part of an ongoing series of educational programming.” – *Joan McGarry*

EDUCATION:

**Indiana University of Pennsylvania**. Batchelor of Science in Fine Art. Concentration in Painting.

**Seton Hill College**. “Advanced Painting.” Ray DeFazio. Greensburg, Pa.

 WORKSHOPS/CLASSES ATTENDED:

**Color Theory**. Smithsonian Associates Spring 2019. Instrctor Daniel Reismeyer.

**Jon Redmond**. “Painting Workshop” Burnt Island Light, Boothbay Harbor, ME. 2018.

**Jon Redmond**. “Painting Workshop” Wayne Art Center, Wayne, PA. 2017.

**Mark Boedges**. “Landscape Workshop” Wayne Art Center, Wayne, PA. 2016.

**Burton Silverman**. “Portraits and Patterns.” Art Student League, New York, NY. 2009.

**William Beckman**. “Figure Drawing Workshop.” Huntington Museum of Art, Huntington, WV. 1996.

**Janet Fish**. “Painting Workshop.” Huntington Museum of Art, Huntington, WV. 1995.

**Wolf Kahn**. “Landscape Workshop.” Huntington Museum of Art, Huntington, WV. 1994.

**James Adams**. Portrait Painting. **James Sulkowski**. “Portrait Painting.” “Figure Painting.” “Still Life.” “Landscape.”

**Gene Gittings**. “Figure Sculpture.” “Portrait Sculpture.” **Herb Olds**. “Figure Drawing Workshop.”

COMMISSIONS:

[*“Painting for Sarah”.*](https://www.artworkarchive.com/pieces/sarah-s-trees)  Oil on Panel. 10 x 10 inches. Commissioned for Sarah Hall. Hagerstown, MD. Commissioned Painting. 2020

“*Long Beach Island*”. Oil on Panel. 16 x 20 inches. Dan and Sharon Cameron. Camden, NJ. Commissioned Painting. 2017

“*149 D ST SE*”. Oil on Panel. 16 x 20 inches. James Therry. Washington, DC. Commissioned House Painting. 2016

“*Amanda and Josie*”. Oil on Panel. 16 x 20 inches. Eric Gillen. Pittsburgh, PA. Commissioned Portrait. 2015

*"Ann and Terri"*. Oil on Canvas. 16 x 20 inches. Ann Murray, Pittsburgh, PA. Commissioned Portrait. 2012

*“Backyard Garden”*. Oil on Canvas. 32 x 48 inches. Byron Bigelow. North Huntingdon, PA. 2002

*“Father’s Vision”.* Oil on Canvas. 16 x 20 inches. Diane Bruno. Monroeville, PA. 2002

*“Kerber Farm”.* Oil on Canvas. 22 x 38 inches. Marty Lyons, North Huntingdon, PA. 1999

*“Mural of Sky”.* Commercial paint on Board. 15 x 30 feet. Dick Nimitz residence, Murrysville, PA. 1997

 *“Wedding Portrait”* Constance Lowery. 1995; *“Football Players”*, Bob Malone. 1992; “Fishing Lake” Jim Huffmyer, 1985.

GROUP EXHIBITIONS:

* Drawn Together, Group show of ten in studio of Ron Donoughe, Pittsburgh, PA 2024.
* SIX: A Group Show. Dover Art League, July 15 – Sept-15, 2024
* Hospice of the Chesapeake, Dual Show with Gloria Tseng Fischer, Annapolis, MD. Aug.- Oct. 2023.
* Paul’s Homewood Café, Dual show with Marisa Evangelista, Annapolis, MD. Aug. – Oct. 2022.
* *Brentwood Art Exchange*. Everyday: [*Finding Meaning in the Ordinary*](https://www.eastcityart.com/openings-and-events/brentwood-arts-exchange-presents-every-day-finding-meaning-in-the-ordinary/). Jan 25-April 17, 2021
* *Panza Gallery Group Portrait Show*. Millvale, PA. 2014
* *6: from Pittsburgh*. Ann Miller Gallery. Wittenberg University, Springfield, OH. Group Show. 2006
* *Twelve-Minute Portraits*. Digging Pitt Gallery, Pittsburgh PA. Group Show. 2006
* *Recent Paintings by Ed Charney and Mike McSorley.* Two person show. Ligonier Library, Ligonier, PA. 1992
* *Life Study Exhibition*. The Birmingham Loft Gallery. Pittsburgh, PA. Group Show. 1991.

NATIONAL EXHIBITIONS:

* Lowe House, Maryland Federation of Art, 2024.
* [Strokes of Genius](https://files.constantcontact.com/cad9d179601/2347d963-cc76-4ee8-bb15-7818f5e91b9c.pdf?rdr=true). Maryland Fed. of Art*. Juror: Mark Karnes*. 2023.
* Landscape Exhibit, Maryland Federation of Art. Juror: Nora Sturges, Aug.-Sept, 2023.
* [Strokes of Genius](https://files.constantcontact.com/cad9d179601/2347d963-cc76-4ee8-bb15-7818f5e91b9c.pdf?rdr=true). Maryland Federation of Art*. Juror:* Jack Rasmussen. 2022.
* Landscape Exhibit, Maryland Federation of Art, Juror: Al Gury, Aug 31-Sept 21, 2022.
* Lowe House, Maryland Federation of Art, 2022.
* Strokes of Genius. 2021. National Painting Show. Maryland Federation of Art*. Juror:* Barry Nemett, Oct 29-Nov. 27, 2021.
* Strokes of Genius. 2020. National Painting Show. Maryland Federation of Art*. Juror:* Mark Karnes, Oct 30-Nov 25, 2020.
* [Landscape Exhibit](https://mdfedart.wordpress.com/2020/09/01/american-landscapes-2020-awards/), Maryland Federation of Art,. Juror: Lillian Bayley Hoover. Aug 13-Sept 12, 2020.
* [*Long Beach Island Plein Air Plus*](http://lbifoundation.org/events/plein-air-plus-exhibition-2017/)*.* Loveladies, New Jersey. *Juror* Valerie Craig. 2018
* [*Paint It! Ellicott City 201*](https://www.hocoarts.org/event/paint-ellicott-city-2017/)*8,* Ellicott City, Maryland*. Juror* Bennett Vadnais.
* Mountain Maryland 2018, Cumberland, MD. *Juror* Vlad Yeliseyev.
* [Mountain Maryland 2017.](http://mmpleinair.org/)Cumberland, Maryland. *Juror* Barbara Jaenicke.
* [Plein Air Brandywine Valley 2017.](https://www.pleinairbrandywinevalley.org/) Wilmington, DE. Oct 15-22.
* *Strokes of Genius* 2017. National Painting Show. Maryland Federation of Art*. Juror* Susan Behrends Frank, Curator.
* [*Paint It! Ellicott City 2017*](https://www.hocoarts.org/event/paint-ellicott-city-2017/)*,* Ellicott City, Maryland*. Juror* Hai-Ou Hou.
* [*Long Beach Island Plein Air Plus*](http://lbifoundation.org/events/plein-air-plus-exhibition-2017/)*.* Loveladies, New Jersey. *Juror* Stewart White. 2017
* *Paint Out Chadds Ford.* Chadds Ford Historical Society. Chadds Ford, PA 2017
* *Small Wonders*. National Show. Circle Gallery. Annapolis, MD. Amanda Burnham, Towson University Professor. 2016.
* *Strokes of Genius*. National Painting Show. Maryland Federation of Art. Juror Joey P. Mánlapaz, educator and lecturer. 2016.
* *Art as Politics.* Touchstone Gallery, Washington, DC. Juror: Jayme McLellan, director and founder of Civilian Art Projects in Washington DC. 2016.
* *79th National Midyear Exhibition*. Butler Institute of American Art. Youngstown, OH. Annual National Juried Show. Juried by Artist, Curator and Writer Robert Godfrey. 2015.
* *71st National Midyear Exhibition*. Butler Institute of American Art. Youngstown, OH. Annual National Juried Show. Juried by New York Gallery owner and Art Historian Larry Salander. 2007.
* *Washington & Jefferson College 28th National Painting Show*. Washington, PA. Juried by Barry Shields. 1996.
* *National Landscape Exhibition.* The Arts Studio. Longmont, CO. Juried Show. 1995.
* *Westmoreland Art Nationals*. Westmoreland County Community College. Youngwood, PA. 1995.
* *Westmoreland Art Nationals*. Greensburg Arts and Heritage Festival. Greensburg, PA. Separate Juror. 1995.
* *58th National Midyear Exhibition*. Butler Institute of American Art*.* Youngstown, OH. Annual National Juried Show. Juried by Robert Stackhouse. 1994.
* *Washington & Jefferson College 26th National Painting Show*. Washington, PA. Juried Show. 1994, 1993.
* *Westmoreland Art Nationals*. Westmoreland County Community College. Youngwood, PA. 1994, 1993

SELECTED REGIONAL EXHIBITIONS:

* 86th Annual Members’ Art Exhibition, Best of Show, Rehoboth Art League, *Juror:* Heidi Lowe. 2024.
* Beverly Bassford Juried Show. Honorable mention, Art League of Ocean City, *Juror: Jinchul Kim*. 2024.
* Corporate Partner Show. First Place, Art League of Ocean City, *Juror:* Mehves Lelic. 2024.
* 85th Annual Members’ Art Exhibition, *Best Portrait or Figure,* Juror: Michael Kalmbach *Rehoboth Art League, Rehoboth Beach, DE. 2023*