

Penn State New Kensington to Host ESAL Reception Dec. 4



"Pennsylvania Sky" by Bob Bickers / Image: Bill Woodard



"Early Morning" by Durcas DeForno Image: Bill Woodard

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Annual multimedia showcase on display through Dec. 29

UPPER BURRELL, Pa. — A reception for artists of the East Suburban Artists League (ESAL) will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 4, in the Art Gallery at Penn State New Kensington.

The annual multimedia show, on display until Dec. 29, features artwork created by ESAL members. The reception and exhibit are free to the public. More than 80 paintings, drawings, photographs, sculptures, intarsia (wood inlays), quilts and paper crafts are part of the multimedia exhibit, and many are for sale from \$50 to \$1,200. The campus exhibit is one of two yearly shows by the group.

The gallery will be open through the holiday break except for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

ESAL 50th anniversary

ESAL concludes its 50th anniversary celebration with the campus exhibit. A nonprofit organization, the group fosters arts and crafts, and provides inspiration and encouragement to art practitioners and patrons in the eastern Pittsburgh suburbs.

The league was founded in 1965 in the home of Plum artist Mary Ann Clarke. Originally called the Holiday Park Art League, its members hailed from the Plum area. The first show was in 1965 at the Holiday Park Shopping Center.

As its membership outgrew the boundaries of Plum, the group was renamed the East Suburban Artists League, which was a better representation of its constituency. Today, ESAL boasts 70 artists from the greater Pittsburgh region.

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For photos of the exhibit, visit <http://psnk.smugmug.com>.

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