

Twenty-Two Artists Exhibit at Twenty-Two Gallery

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On the second Friday of each month an exhibit opening is held from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Twenty-Two Gallery at 236 South 22nd Street. The artists scheduled for spring 2012 are Eric Fausnacht (March 9), William Middleton (April 13), Michele Gallagher (May 11) and Rosemary Castiglioni (June 8). These are four of the gallery's 22 members and were selected by owner Shawn Murray and the other members. These artists were chosen for their quality and appeal to the market and represent a variety of styles, media and tastes. Twenty-Two Gallery opened in 2003, and its artists work in a variety of media from oil to watercolor to printmaking to sculpture to mixed media, among others. Many of the artists studied at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts.



Second Friday events at Twenty-Two Gallery provide an opportunity for guests to view new exhibits and meet the artists.

Member artists pay a monthly fee and are asked to receive visitors at the gallery for one shift lasting six hours every month. In return the artists receive space to exhibit their works, and the gallery promotes the exhibits through its website and mailings. Each member artist gets a solo show every year or so, and the rest of time they each have a few works exhibited. Information about the gallery and each of its member artists is available on the gallery website, www.twenty-twogallery.com and each artist's own website is linked to it.

Melissa Bryant is one of the newest members of the gallery and a newcomer to the Rittenhouse Square area. She has a Bachelor of Fine Arts in painting and is studying in the Post-Baccalaureate program at the Pennsylvania Academy

of Fine Arts. Bryant is appreciative that the gallery's commission is only 15 percent of the sale price of a painting, whereas the typical gallery's commission is 40 to 50 percent.

Ed Bronstein, a local artist, had a show in November and December 2011 that featured his paintings of the Rittenhouse Square neighborhood. One half of the proceeds were donated to the Greenfield School's Home and School Association to help fund art education since there is no longer an art teacher on staff.

In addition to the openings, Twenty-Two Gallery hosts occasional concerts, and the space is available for small evening private parties.



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