

SAG NEWSLETTER

SPRINGFIELD ART GUILD

Our January 2012 art critique will be performed by Eileen Olson



Saturday, January 7 is the drop off day for the January 2012 art critique. Finished and unfinished work may be brought in. Please bring only one work you wish to have critiqued. However, you are welcome to bring 2 pieces on the chance we will have room to exhibit both. That decision will be made at close of drop off time--11:00 AM.

Celebrated artist Eileen Olson will act as critic this year. The hanging will take place from 10:00-11:00 AM. Please be timely dropping your art work off as no work will be accepted for wall display after 11AM. If you are unable to be there for the drop off you are welcome to bring your work in earlier that week.

Remember, if you are participating in this show you must leave your work for display through the month of January. All exhibitors must also contribute by bringing refreshments or helping with set up or cleaning up or help to hang the show. (contact Skeeter at: skeeter.scheid@cox.net the Hospitality Committee chairperson for further instructions). As your mother would say, 'Many hands make work light'. Thanks, in advance, for your willingness to make this a delightful experience.

Please contact glbene1123@yahoo.com for instructions.

By Gloria Benedetto



Our Annual Holiday Party

Our holiday party has always been the most exciting social event we do each year. This year was no exception. Members' family and friends all gathered to enjoy each other's company and reflect on the year's events.

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The Goodwin House show take down will be on Sat. Jan. the 7th at 10AM.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 11th -7 PM
in the Springfield Mall Community Room
6500 Springfield, VA 22150
on the lower level close to JC Penney's
<http://www.springfieldartguild.com>

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KAREN FLANN

LEAVING IOWA

December 10, 2011 - February 26, 2012

Opening Reception

Saturday, December 10, 6 - 9 p.m.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit
The Robert Packard Center for ALS Research at Johns Hopkins.

Gallery hours: 11 - 6 p.m. • Closed Tuesdays
410-732-4258 • www.minasgalleryandboutique.com

Image: *Dream*. Mixed media collage, 2010

Minás Gallery 815 W. 36th Street
Baltimore, MD 21211

Plan Now!

February is just around the corner
so it's time to plan for the February show in the Community Room.

As we did last year, and to rave reviews, we will be having a 3D and Photography Show. The 2 front windows will be given over to our 3D artists for window display, along with any window space to either side that the artists might want. Additionally, the large display cabinets in the back and the black desk in the front will be available. The gallery wall will hold the photography. Last year we had numerous sales which made the event a success for sure! Let's try for those results again this year!

Drop off will be February 4th from 10-11 AM. Earlier drop offs may be done with prior arrangements. Contact Sbianco@cox.net

For the February 8th meeting:

Below are the basics for the Artists' Exchange event being piloted for the February meeting. Interested artists, please follow these guidelines.

Many thanks to all who are bringing innovative ideas to SAG.

FEB SAG MEETING MIXER: ART PIECE EXCHANGE

- ◆ Bring one of your art pieces (wrapped) for an exchange in the same format as the December meeting.
- ◆ The exchange will be held from 7:15 to 7:30 prior to the start of the business meeting
 - ◆ Wrapped items should be on the table prior to 7:15. Numbers will be drawn at 7:15
 - ◆ Piece should be no larger than 8" x 10" / no smaller than 3" x 3"
 - ◆ Those participating will be able to share info on color, subject matter, technique etc
 - ◆ Members will be able to go home with a fellow member's art work, plus perhaps trading art process tips.

Highlights from Our Annual Holiday Party



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Refreshments for our holiday party were provided by our members. The main event this year was the “white elephant gift exchange”. The gifts that were up for grabs were coveted artist tools and equipment. I found that it did not pay to get too attached to a gift that you had chosen. The next person whose raffle number was called would surely confiscate your treasure. The game was great fun and provided us all with deep belly laughter. We found out that we have a few notorious personalities in our guild.

YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE!!! *By Reggie Garrett*



Photos by Jon Strother

WINTER ART CLASSES BEGIN JANUARY 10, 2012.

The Vienna Arts Society is offering a variety of evening art classes this winter at the Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant Street, NW, Vienna.



Deborah Conn, "Pier Fishing", watercolor monotype

Tuesdays, beginning January 10, award winning artist Deborah Conn will teach a five week series on Watercolor Monotypes. All experience levels welcome.

Students will prepare plexiglass plates and paint images on them using watercolor, caran d'ache, watercolor pencils and/or Stabilo crayons. They will then transfer their images to damp printmaking paper using a small etching press. Artists will explore other techniques such as chine colle, using wet media acetate, and a two-plate process. One class will focus on constructing a small "flip press" and making hand-rubbed monotypes using that and other tools. "Happy accidents", instant gratification, and a sense of play are integral to the process, making it an engaging and really fun creative experience!

All classes will run for five weeks (with a make-up class in case of inclement weather) and begin at 7:00 p.m. Those interested must register in advance by sending a check for \$150.00, made out to "Vienna Arts Society", to the Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., NW, Vienna, VA 22180; ATTN: Pauline Lorfano.

Questions? Call 703-319-3971.

Details about the classes and a registration form is available at www.ViennaArtsSociety.org

At the Vienna Arts Society

Wednesdays, beginning January 11, Richelle Kaufman will teach Classical Drawing. Students of all levels of skill will master this craft so they can take their own paths.

Learn the universal rules of how to draw what you see, taking advantage of the experiences of fine artists, mastering this craft and then finding your own path. This is a five week workshop for beginning to advanced students. The class will focus on classical drawing as a fundamental tool in one's development as a fine artist. Whether you are a painter or a sculptor, or would like to become one, your ability to draw realistically and constructively provides you with a solid basis for growth. Students will work with objects, and a variety of media will be explored. You will gain a better understanding of composition, construction, perspective, tonal value, light and shadow. Students will produce finished easel drawings ready to frame.

Questions? Call 703-319-3971.

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ART TIPS



Painting Tip:

What To Do If a Paint Tube Cap is Broken

A helpful painting tip on dealing with a damaged paint tube cap

By Marion Boddy-Evans, About.com Guide.



With oils you don't have to put the cap back on until you are done painting for the day. So try this: when you are done painting for the day light a candle. When there is enough melted wax in the candle's top, dip the end of the paint tube in the melted wax. This should form a seal around the tip. Peel it off when you are ready to use them again.

Tip from: John Najarian

[http://painting.about.com/
od/paintingtipsforartists/qt/G45_brokencap.htm](http://painting.about.com/od/paintingtipsforartists/qt/G45_brokencap.htm)

The Springfield Art Guild
welcomes another new member.

Barbara Bass



Savannah with butterflies

12" X 16"

Barbara Bass's oldest granddaughter

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congratulations
to Ruth Ensley

Ruth has been juried into the Potomac Valley Watercolorists. She was also juried into the Vienna Art Society show Treasury of the Arts in November.

Good for you Ruth!

Robbie Daly Glass Artist

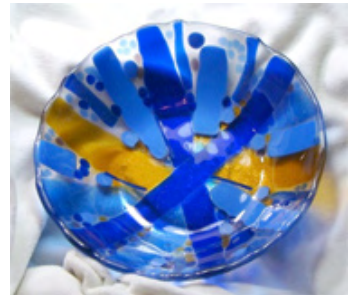
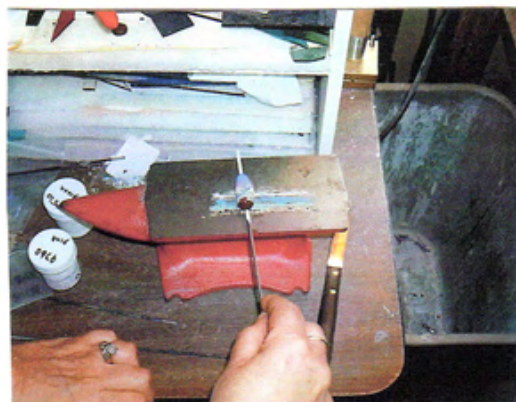
Contributed by Stephanie Bianco

At her studio in Annandale, Virginia Robbie Daly creates her Bubbie Bead collection which she markets worldwide on eBay. Her unique glass works have found an eager and applicative radiance in Australia.

Robbie Daly has been working with glass in a number of ways, fusing, stained glass and lamp working. She has many other skills but her main interest is handmade lampwork beads and jewelry.

Robbie is a glass artist and jewelry designer in Northern Virginia. She recently left the Loft Gallery after 5 years to dedicate her time and energy into the creation and design of her lampwork beads. Robbie currently sells on eBay under Bubbie Beads and has extended her sales to ArtFire! She also has a website under [robbedaly.com](http://www.robbedaly.com) where she sells her glass art and jewelry designs.

<http://www.robbedaly.com/>





The Kingstowne Area Artists Association

Invites you to our premier exhibit at the national historic

Green Spring Gardens

The original art work of our members will be on display and for sale from
December 28th through February 26th 2012.

A free reception hosted by the Kingstowne Area Artists Association
and open to the public will be held in the Horticulture Center

on January 8th 2012 from 1-3 pm.

**Please come out to meet the artists
and celebrate our premier exhibit at Green Spring Gardens.**

Green Spring Gardens is located at 4603 Green Spring Road in Alexandria, Va.

For more information, please call 703-642-5173

For more information on the Kingstowne Area Artists Association go to: <http://kingstowneartists.com/>



Our New Hospitality Committee

Skeeter Scheid, Donnalyne Lefever, and Barb Aigen have decided to take over the Hospitality Committee for SAG. Although, they have the sign-up sheet for refreshments through April, please remember, show participants contribute to refreshments for the receptions in which they enter work. Let's help them out by being proactive in that area and let them know when you will be available for contributions. Congratulations, Ladies, on your new jobs!

The Springfield Art Guild Artist of the Month for January 2012 is: Mary Rose Janya



Ever since I was in elementary school I have enjoyed sketching and painting. My first “real” oil painting was a paint-by-number kit, but I quickly realized that I could have more fun and freedom doing my own paintings. I amassed a fine collection of Walter Foster art books, some of which I still have.

I’ve always been attracted to watercolor because of its fluidity, expressiveness, and vibrance. More recently, I’ve done mixed media works with gesso, gel, rice paper, watercolor, and acrylics. Each painting is an adventure!

Why paint? It’s that desire to capture a magical moment – the way the morning light shimmers on the pond, the joyfulness of jazz, the rhythm of a dance, the warmth of friends sharing coffee at a cafe. I like to paint people engaged in activities they love—music, sports, reading, painting, etc. I also like to paint outdoor scenes to help people appreciate the beauty and fragility of the Earth and the need to take care of her.

The Springfield Art Guild has been an important part of my life. I’ve taken classes with accomplished SAG artists including Judy Wengrovitz, (one of the founders of SAG), Roberta Lintner, and Darlene Kaplan. SAG provides a great opportunity to come together and share with other artists.

Contact Mary Rose at: mrjanya@cox.net



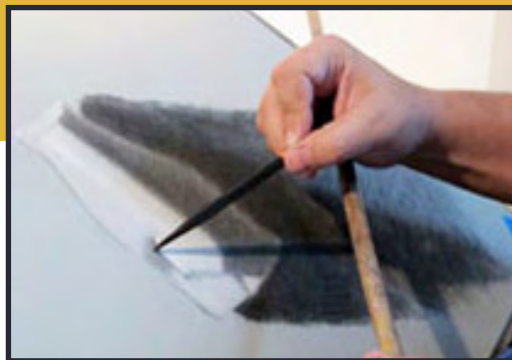
The SAG Franconia Government Center show reception

Will be on Saturday January 21st 2012 from 1pm - 3pm



The SAG Franconia Government Center show is now up for viewing. The show will be on display until Saturday, February 4th, 2012. The reception for the show will be on Saturday, January 21st, 2012 from 1pm - 3pm. Join us, and Supervisor Jeff Mckay as he thanks his staff for their hard work on behalf of his constituents. Light refreshments will be served. At the reception the public will vote on their favorite works of art on display. A raffle of our members' donated artworks will be held for non SAG attendees. Come out and meet the political leaders of our local community as we share our appreciation for the Arts.

This event is free and no reservations are required
The Franconia Government Center is located at:
6121 Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA 22310



New Year on the Square Exhibit

**January 2012
in gallery one and two:**

featuring...

"Adult Student Art Show"

Works by the 2011 students of ArtSquare.

January 13 - February 5, 2011

Opening Reception:

Friday, January 13 from 5:30 - 8pm



ArtSquare
12 Cardinal Park Drive SE
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
phone: 703-777-8043
www.LoudounArtSquare.org

Strathmore Fine Art *presents*
North American Watercolor Artists:



Mark Mehaffey
Keiko Tanabe
Thomas W. Schaller
Carol Carter
Kathleen Alexander
Nicholas Simmons

Stepping Over the Line

Jan 7 - Feb 4, 2012

Opening Reception:
Sunday, Jan 8, 2:00PM



The Mansion at Strathmore -
10701 Rockville Pike - North Bethesda, MD 20852



STEPPING OVER THE LINE

January 7 - February 4, 2012

Opening Reception: Sunday, Jan. 8, 2 - 4PM

Known for their forward thinking approach and unexpected points of view, artists Kathleen Alexander, Carol Carter, Mark Mehaffey, Thomas Schaller, Nicholas Simmons and Keiko Tanabe, push boundaries and break through the traditional definitions and restrictions of media and artistic genres.

Whether through the unique application of color, the subtle laying of media or the intimate focal point of subject, each artist delivers a forward thinking and unique viewpoint.

Curator's Talk: Saturday, Jan. 21, 1:00PM

Children & Families Talk & Tour: Saturday, Jan. 21, 10:15AM

Gallery Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 10AM - 4PM

Wednesday, 10AM - 9PM

Saturday, 10AM - 3PM

Sunday, Closed



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