

SAG NEWSLETTER

SPRINGFIELD ART GUILD

Our Guest Speaker This Month is **Sandi Martina, Glass Artist**



Growing up a child of a ‘Coastie’ (United States Coast Guard), my family traveled the coasts of America. Massachusetts to California, Alaska to Texas. The memories are rich. Influencing my interests, my art, my life.

Receiving a degree in Visual Communications from the Art Institute of Pittsburgh in 1980, I’ve been self employed as a graphic artist / designer / photographer since 1990. And more recently, glass artist.

Although my love for glass began long ago, creating with glass started in 2008 with classes in mosaics. Kilnforming, casting, frameworking and glassblowing followed. As a resident artist at the Workhouse Arts Center in

Lorton, Virginia, I design and create functional, decorative and sculptural art in Glasshouse Studio 712. Artworks include servingware, lighting, art tables, wall installations and commission work. I teach classes, workshops and summer camp to all ages. Also share Studio 25, a gallery setting of four artists at LibertyTown Arts Workshop in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Curiosity feeds my experimentation. An exploration into recycled or ‘trash’ glass evolved into a recent featured exhibition at the Glasshouse, *Refuse: One man’s trash* Using glass from broken tabletops; wine and beer bottles; scrap furnace

found ‘trash’ glass ... makes really cool art!

Exhibitions and collaborations include Hill Center at the Old Naval Hospital, Washington DC; The Branded Butcher, Athens, Georgia; Robert Cole Studios, Washington DC; Studio 4 Old Town, Alexandria, Virginia; LibertyTown Arts Workshop, Fredericksburg, Virginia and Workhouse Arts Center, Lorton, Virginia.

Glass half full!

By Teresa T. Brunson

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Our next meeting will be on

Wednesday, April 9th -6 PM

at the Richard Byrd Library,

7250 Commerce St., Springfield, VA 22150

The recently renovated library is located near the intersection of Old Keene Mill and Commerce St.

Our newsletter is published monthly and can be found on our website at:

<http://www.springfieldartguild.com>

SAG Hospitality News...

Recap of the 12 March 2014 Celebration 45th SAG Anniversary-Birthday Richard Byrd Library, Springfield, VA



The Lobby

Providing room for mingling, the lobby was set up with two tables which held the refreshments, coffee, tea, a beautiful cake, pretzels, mini-cheese cakes, chocolates and cookies. [The pretzels, mini cheesecakes and some chocolates were provided by Shirley Edwards.] Several members brought other nibbles but, and unfortunately, I did not get their names so am unable to thank them personally.

A separate card table, provided by Barb Aigen, held a delicious fruit punch. The punch and punch bowl were provided by Karen Chin. A special and heartfelt thanks goes out to Barb Aigen, Hospitality's co-chair, who has consistently and faithfully provided the hot beverages for all of our scheduled meetings and special parties, this 45th anniversary celebration, not being an exception. Thank you, Barb Aigen!

Judy's Art Exhibit in the Meeting Room

Three tables, draped with black cloths, [loaned by Jackie Allen and Shirley Edwards] displayed a pretoria of Judy Wengrovitz's watercolor paintings, many on easels. Additionally, her paint box, and one of her sketch books was on display. She is one talented artist and we were delighted with the professionalism of the exhibit. A special thanks goes out to Sy and Judy for being so gracious as to bring such a large assortment for this special occasion. In fact, one could say that Judy had a one man-show!

Judy and Sy...sharing their recollections...

What fun it was to be in attendance at the March 12, 45th anniversary/birthday of SAG, and what a festive occasion it was! The guest of honor was our very own Judy Wengrovitz, SAG's longest continuous member.

She and her husband Sy, SAG treasurer, shared some of their memories, not only of the early years of SAG but also about the early years of Springfield, VA. Judy also passed around a print of a photo of her and Yolande Frost taken back in 1969! You had to be there to appreciate it...I saw myself in Judy, the hair styles, etc! And, believe it or not, at one time SAG had it's own gallery! But the expense of owning exceeded income such that it had to be closed.

Conclusion of Celebration

On behalf of the entire membership of SAG, the 45th Planning Committee members, Barb Aigen, Shirley Edwards and Karen Chin, presented Judy with tokens of our deep appreciation for all that she has meant and still means to SAG.

One of the gifts given to Judy was an autumn, multi-colored Pashmina shawl/scarf, which she delightedly draped around her shoulders. A second gift was an attractive book with blank acid-free pages which we hope she will fill with her watercolor sketches. And, the third gift was a book of "75 Portraits of the Most Illustrious Women." Karen Chin "doctored" up the book to include both a biography and portrait of Judy, [portrait courtesy of Stephanie Bianco] turning the book into "76 Portraits of the Most illustrious Women." Jackie Allen read the biography to a delighted Judy and judging by the applause, to the assembled members and guests. Finally, and after the Business Meeting and March's Featured Speaker of the Month, Judy was given her 11"x17" framed portrait that had graced the registration table.

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Occoquan
ART on the BLOCK

Stroll the 300 & 400 Blocks of Historic Occoquan and Support the Arts!

Over 60 local artists will be participating in "Art on the Block" in Historic Occoquan, VA, at the following galleries:

Art A La Carte - 310 Mill Street
 Artists' Undertaking Gallery - 309 Mill Street
 Brambles - 307 Mill Street
 The Loft Gallery - 313 Mill Street
 Mill Street Studio - 416 Mill Street

Receptions at Each Gallery - Art Demonstrations - Special Drawings

Saturday, May 10th, 1 - 5pm



Just letting all you art lovers know of this upcoming event in Occoquan, VA. The Galleries there, especially the LOFT will be buzzing!! Two of my newest paintings are here.

Enjoy,
 Jackie Perry

April 9th 2014 Hospitality News by Jackie Allen

April Reminder...bring photos:

Please, SAG members, bring to the April meeting hard copy photos that you took at the March 12 celebration of SAG's 45th birthday/anniversary. [Please give these to Jackie Allen.] These photos will be placed in two separate memory books and later given to Judy Wengrovitz and Yolande Frost. The 45th Anniversary Planning Committee really needs these and appreciates your generosity in providing them.

April 9, 2014 Suggestion Box

SAG members will have an opportunity to share any thoughts you might have about any aspect of Springfield Art Guild. You may bring yours already written on slips of paper, or sealed up in envelopes, and or use the pens and note cards provided at the meeting. Just be sure to locate the white satin box and place your ideas, suggestions, etc. in it before you leave the meeting. You may sign them or not. The Box will be labeled as follows:

Use our suggestion Box - We want to hear from you!

Refreshments: Susan Butler and Thea R. Barron

Art Feast for the Eyes: Co-Exhibitors are Susan Butler and Darlene Kaplan
 5 Min. Spotlight: Judy Isaacs and Stephanie Bianco

SAG Hospitality News...

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Yolande Frost

Unfortunately, Yolande, original founder of SAG was unable to attend. However, in recognition of the importance of her 1969 founding of SAG, gifts, on behalf of the entire SAG membership, were also prepared for her. Sy and Judy Wengrovitz planned to visit Yolande in days following our event to deliver the gifts from SAG. One of the gifts Yolande was given was a beautiful green shawl/wrap. A second gift was a small decorative framed "Thank You." The third gift was a book of illustrated poetry, by the artist poet. All gifts, except the book were opened and displayed for viewing by members and guests.

Thank you!

The only expenses incurred by SAG for the 45th Anniversary-Birthday Celebration [to my knowledge] were those for the paper products, the cake, some chocolates and the floral arrangement. [Paper products and the hot beverage items are items that are used throughout the SAG year.] The gifts, the guest book, the punch, other desserts, and the display board, the framed portrait of Judy, as well as all of the decorations were donated by the 45th Planning Committee. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

And, thank you to all members and guests for your participation, especially coming out in the inclement weather, the rain and ferocious winds! I, for one, would not have wanted to miss being there! I am looking forward to seeing the photos that you all took and are going to bring to the April meeting.

Jackie Allen
SAG Hospitality

GreaterRestonArtsCenter's
**Northern Virginia
FineArts
FESTIVAL**
SPONSORED BY
KIA | K900

at Reston Town Center

Friday May 16 5pm – 8pm
Saturday May 17 10am – 8pm
Sunday May 18 10am – 5pm

\$5 suggested entry donation
per adult
18 and under free
NorthernVirginiaFineArtsFestival.org

On the Hunt: Kent Ambler

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ALEXANDRIA ART MARKET

Join Del Ray Artisans in its 5th season of monthly outdoor art markets on the lawn area of the Del Ray Artisans gallery. These markets give artists an opportunity to sell their original handmade artwork and provide them with consistent exposure to the community. There will be six (6) monthly markets on the 2nd Saturday of the month (May through October) from 10am to 4pm, rain or shine.

Applications due: April 14, 2014

Nicholas A. Colasanto Center
2704 Mount Vernon Avenue
Alexandria, Virginia 22301
703.838.4827
www.TheDelRayArtisans.org



*Oriental Brush Painting Classes at Soft Brush Studio
taught by Darlene Kaplan, Alexandria, VA.*

A new class has been added
Tuesday Night in Oriental Brush Painting
taught by Darlene Kaplan
in her studio at
4609 Franconia Rd, Alexandria, VA.

Next session starts April 8th.

Please go to her web site at
www.darlenekaplan.com
for more information.
Thanks and hope to see you in class.
703-922-4175

5 Min. Spotlight

- Apr. 2014: Stephanie Bianco and Judy Isaacs
- May 2014 Darlene Kaplan "Art"
- June 2014 NO 5 MIN. SPOTLIGHT
[ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO BE HELD.]
- July-Aug. NO 5 MIN. SPOTLIGHT:
NO GENERAL SAG MEETINGS
- Sept. 2014 Lynn Martin
- Oct. 2014 Virginia Fernbach
- Nov. 2014 Lydia Jechorek
- Dec. 2014 No General Meeting: Holiday Party

Art Exhibit: Feast for the Eyes

- Apr. 2014 Darlene Kaplan Oriental-Chinese Art
and Susan Butler, Plein Air Oils
- May 2014 Shirley Edwards Watercolor
- June - Aug. NO MEETINGS
[ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO BE HELD.]
- Sept. 2014 Virginia Fernbach, Watercolors & Gouache

SAG Board of Directors

- President: Teresa Brunson
- Vice President: Stephanie Bianco
- Secretary: Shirley Edwards
- Treasurer: Sy Wegrovitz
- At large: Reggie Garrett, Jackie Allen,
Gloria Benedetto,
Lydia Jechorek

SAG Volunteers

- Advisor: Judy Wengrovitz
- Franconia Gov. Center Show Chair:
Reggie Garrett
- Webmaster: Reggie Garrett
- Gmail account: Gloria Benedetto
- Hospitality: Jackie Allen
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- Contributing Photographer: Jon Strother



Sutherlin Art & Wine Show



Saturday, May 3rd, 2014

on the grounds of the Sutherlin Mansion
at the Danville Museum (rain or shine)

Juried Fine Arts Show. Wine tastings. Music. Silent Auction.

Admission:

Art Show — 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

free admission

Winetastings & Art Show—1:00 to 6:00 p.m.

\$10 in advance. \$15 at gate.

\$5 designated driver, non-tasting



Proceeds benefit

Danville Museum of Fine Arts & History

975 Main Street

Danville, VA 24541

Phone: (434)793-5644

www.danvillemuseum.org

E-mail: info@danvillemuseum.org

Dear Artist:

The Danville Museum of Fine Arts and History invites applications to our 2014 Sutherlin Arts and Wine Show, a juried show to be held Saturday, May 3, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Danville, Virginia. Named for the Museum's historic Sutherlin Mansion, the juried art show and wine tasting will take place on the beautiful grounds of the Museum.

The Danville Museum has successfully hosted a juried art show for over ten years, but decided to enhance it as a fundraiser by bringing in winetasting. The event is well attended and publicized throughout Virginia and northern North Carolina. Food, a silent auction, and live music add to the festivities. The Art Show will open at 10:00 a.m., for free. The ticketed event that includes the winetasting will start at 1:00 p.m.

The Danville Museum is located at 975 Main Street, linking Averett University and the hospital campus to Downtown and the River District. We are the start of the walking tours for the Historic District, Millionaire's Row, and the Holbrook-Ross Historic District. The Danville Museum is world famous for its Civil War exhibit, attracting visitors especially during May. The grounds include a rose garden and is a Garden Club of Virginia Historic Restoration Project. With these attractions and our location on the border with North Carolina, you will find this venue will open doors to new sponsors of your artwork.

Attached is the Prospectus with details about the Sutherlin Art and Wine Show. Please note: a donation to our silent auction enables you to get the reduced tent space fee. The event will be held rain or shine. Feel free to call us for more information a (434) 793-5644 or email info@danvillemuseum.org

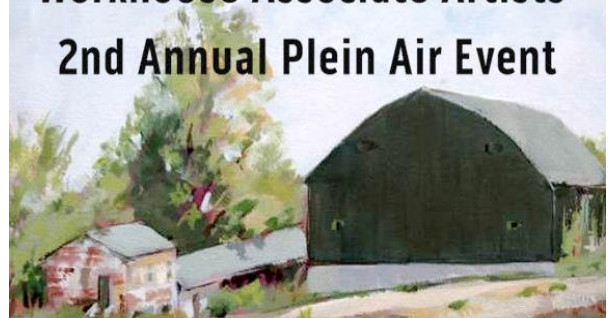
Sincerely,
Gary Cotta
Event Chairperson

Cara Burton
Executive Director

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Workhouse Associate Artists' 2nd Annual Plein Air Event



Judged with Cash Awarded

April 26, 2014

Lorton, VA

tinyurl.com/wh-pa14

**The Workhouse Associate Artists
of Building W-9**

**are hosting their Second Plein Air
Event during SpringFest Fairfax**

2014
**at the Workhouse Arts Center
in Lorton**

on April 26.

Registration is \$10
and begins at 8:30AM

All entries due at noon for judging.
See here for the prospectus:

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Where is the Workhouse Arts Center?
960I Ox Road, Lorton Virginia, 22079

Show Opportunities

SOLO OR GROUP SHOW OPPORTUNITIES



The Gallery Underground announces solo or group exhibition opportunities for artists from the Greater Washington, DC area. Our new gallery at the Shops at 2100 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA is a bright and open space in the heart of Crystal City's thriving shopping and restaurant district. We are searching for talented professional artists with a cohesive body of work to exhibit in our new Special Exhibitions space.

Benefits of having a solo or group show at Gallery Underground:

- 380 square ft of gleaming exhibition space
- Excellent location in high traffic shopping district
- Flexible space for 2d or 3d art
- Professional, adjustable track lighting
- One evening reception promoted in local publications and to our extensive patron list
- Our full time gallery staff handles all sales, processes payments, assists in exhibit installation, and helps coordinate exhibit receptions

Applying for a Solo or Group Show at Gallery Underground

Download the PDF of the FULL PROSPECTUS and

Gallery Underground
The Shops at
2100 Crystal Drive
Arlington, VA 22202
info@galleryunderground.org
Tel: (571) 483-0652
<http://www.galleryunderground.org/>

Snail Mail:
Gallery Underground
2120-A Crystal Plaza Arcade
Arlington, VA 22202

Gallery Hours:
M-F 10:00 am – 6:00 pm,
Saturday 10:00am – 2:00 pm.
Metro accessible. Parking is available
in metered spots on nearby streets and
in public garages which are free all day
Saturdays and after 4:00 on weekdays.

the APPLICATION FORM via the link at the top of the page.

Artists are invited to submit work with a common theme, style or medium.

Applicants will be asked to include:

- Completed Solo or Group Show Prospectus and Application nonmember.
- Images of 5-7 works in JPG format (no larger than 1MB each).
- List describing the title, medium, size and sale price of each work.
- Short statement of the work, one or two paragraphs in length. Consider discussing technique and materials used, and/or themes addressed.
- Please write "Solo Show Application: ARTISTS NAME" in subject line.

The Committee will determine the number of pieces to be exhibited, the duration of the exhibit, and exhibit placement but will attempt to accommodate an artist's preference. The Committee reserves the right to select the individual works to be shown.

Artists may resubmit new work after one year.

For more information please call 571-483-0652.

2014 Mountain Maryland Plein Air Allegany Arts Council



05/27/2014-05/31/2014

We would like to welcome you to the 2014 Mountain Maryland Plein Air event! This sixth annual juried exhibition and art competition is sponsored by the Allegany Arts Council, a non-profit organization that was established in 1975 to support and grow the arts in our community.

The 2014 Mountain Maryland Plein Air event will take place from Tuesday, May 27 - Saturday, May 31 throughout Allegany & Garrett Counties in Western Maryland. Only thirty (30) artists will be accepted to participate, and \$8,000 in prize money will be awarded during the Opening Reception & Awards Ceremony on Saturday, May 31. The 2014 Mountain Maryland Plein Air Prizes are:

- \$3,000 Best of Show Award
- \$1,500 1st Place Award
- \$1,000 2nd Place Award
- \$750 3rd Place Award
- \$500 Nocturnal Scene Award
- \$500 Historic Building Scene Award
- \$500 Plein Air Magazine Web Ad Award
- \$250 Artists' Choice Award

Here is the tentative schedule of activities for the 2014 event:

- Tuesday, May 27: Check-in/Welcome Lunch for Participating Artists
- May 27-30: Artists paint throughout Allegany and Garrett Counties
- Friday, May 30, 7-9PM: Sponsors' Gala at the Saville Gallery
- Saturday, May 31, 10AM-Noon: Quick Draw event in Downtown Cumberland
- Saturday, May 31, 6-8PM: Public Opening Reception & Awards Ceremony at the Saville Gallery

This year's juror and awards judge is Debra Joy Groesser, an accomplished painter from Ralston, Nebraska. Debra is best known for her impressionistic landscape paintings, particularly her plein air work. She is the President and a signature member of the American Impressionist Society, and signature member of both Plein Air Artists Colorado (PAAC) and American Plains Artists. She also serves on the PAAC board as national show chair. "Painting is such a spiritual experience for me. Nothing inspires me more than being out on location, capturing the subtle nuances of color, light and atmosphere that can only be achieved by painting from nature."

Debra has participated in countless juried and invitational exhibitions, including Oil Painters of America National and Regional Exhibitions, American Impressionist Society, Salon International, Plein Air Artists Colorado National Exhibitions, Laguna Plein Air Invitational (California), Carmel Art Festival (California), Door County Plein Air Festival (Wisconsin), and Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts (Alabama).

Debra's work has also been featured in several national art publications, including Art of the West, American Art Collector and Southwest Art. She is represented by SouthWind Art Gallery, Topeka KS, Mountainsong Galleries, Carmel CA, Abend Gallery, Denver CO, and Art in Miniature, Tubac AZ. For more information on Debra's current and upcoming exhibitions and to see her work, please visit her website, www.DebraJoyGroesser.com.

For more information, please email Emily Thomas, or call her at 301-777-ARTS (2787).



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