

SAAG NEWSLETTER

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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, February 12th -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>

Springfield Art Guild's

45th Anniversary Celebration

**Circle March 12, 2014
on your calendar
and plan on attending!**



A reception will be held to celebrate the 45th anniversary of SAG and to honor its founder, Judy Wengrovitz. This event will be held promptly at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 12, 2014, in the meeting room at Richard Byrd Library, Springfield, VA,

SAG Members are encouraged to come meet and greet Judy and to sign the guest book with words of thanks and appreciation. Judy will be presented with a gift. And, it is fitting that her watercolors be featured at SAG's March Art Exhibit: Feast for the Eyes.

You are encouraged to bring a favorite appetizer or finger food to add to the festivity of this special occasion. Beverages will be provided by SAG Hospitality as will other celebratory manifestations. The evening promises to be a memorable event celebrating the 45th birthday of SAG!

At the close of the anniversary celebration the regular business meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m., followed by a presentation from 8-9 p.m.





The Franconia Government Center Show and Reception

By Teresa T. Brunson

The Franconia Government Center Show is a huge success. If you haven't had a chance to see the 72+ pieces of artwork you should take the time to look at all the beautiful art your fellow members have created. I want to thank Reggie Garrett, our art show chairperson, along with Lydia Jechorek for organizing this successful show. I also thank all our members who helped hang the show, the members who donated artwork for the random drawing, and all the members who entered their artwork into this show. There were many positive comments about the artwork and about SAG at the reception and everyone was eager to vote for their favorite piece of art. Barb Aigen had buttons made with the SAG logo which all our members wore during the reception. Supervisor McKay told me he loved the buttons - great

idea! I was very impressed with the number of SAG members who attended the reception and mingled and conversed with the crowd... and it was a large crowd too!

During the reception a couple of our members and I talked to Supervisor McKay and his Chief of Staff, Taylor Holland, about the new Springfield Town Center and the possibility of having a space for SAG. Taylor Holland would like to meet with us on this topic so we will be arranging a meeting very soon. I would like to set up a small 2-3 person committee to meet with Taylor Holland and keep the SAG Board and members informed on all updates. If you are interested in being on this committee please let me know right away. I especially need members who are familiar with the space SAG had before at the old Springfield Mall.

At the end of the reception we counted all the votes and we had tie votes for 2nd and 3rd place. Congratulations to all the winners. The winners are....

1st Place:

Kaori Pontbriand with the acrylic painting titled "Tabby Cat"

2nd Place:

Sy Wengrovitz with the wood sculpture titled "All Those Buttons"

2nd Place:

Trinh Nguyen with the watercolor painting titled "The Peacock"

3rd Place:

John Singley with the photograph titled "Skeleton Trees"

3rd Place:

Yasuko Riggs with the photograph titled "Two Male Cardinals"

Thank you to everyone for making this show a success.

Our 5 Minuet Spotlight

Our January
Spotlight
speaker was
Barb Aigen.



January's Guest Art Critic Bobbi Pratte



Award winning landscape painter Bobbi Pratte was our art critic last month. In addition to oil painting, Bobbi works in the mediums of watercolor and printmaking. We were happy to have her at our meeting and hear her valuable opinions about our art. This annual critique is always highly anticipated by our members and this year Bobbi did not disappoint! We are hopeful that she will be available next year to return and share her expertise.



SAG ID buttons

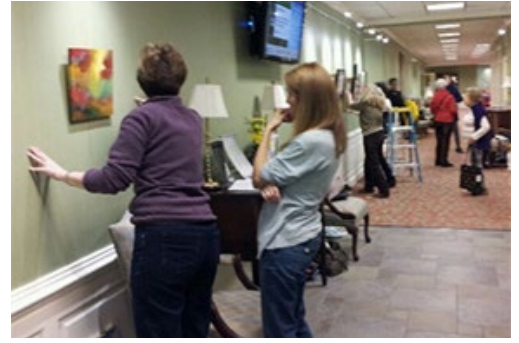
Barb Aigen, of our SAG Hospitality committee, created these great identification buttons for the members of SAG to wear at the Franconia Government Center Show. The guests at the event were able to identify and approach us to discuss the work on display.

If you did not return your button to Barb before you left the center please do so at our next meeting. These buttons are a great investment and will be worn at other SAG events.



It Has Been a Busy Month for SAG

The SAG members have been busy hanging 2 different art shows during the month of January. We had a great turnout for both the Goodwin House and the annual Franconia Government Center art show. SAG has so many talented artists and it's always a pleasure to see our art displayed in shows. Thank you to Donnalyne Lefever, chairperson for the Goodwin House and thank you to Reggie Garrett, Chairperson of the Franconia Government Center art show and Lydia Jechorek .All the planning and arrangements for these shows is very much appreciated. Both shows are a success!



5 Min. Spotlight

Feb. 2014: Judy Isaacs "My Art"
 Mar. 2014 Shirley Edwards
 Apr. 2014: Stephanie Bianco
 May 2014 Darlene Kaplan "Art"
 June 2014 NO 5 MIN. SPOTLIGHT
 [ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO BE HELD.]

Art Exhibit: Feast for the Eyes

Feb. 2014 Susan Butler Plein Air Oils
 Mar. 2014: Darlene Kaplan Oriental-Chinese Art
 Apr. 2014 Judy Wengrovitz Watercolor
 May 2014 Shirley Edwards Watercolor
 June 2014 NO ART EXHIBIT
 [ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO BE HELD.]

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
 Librarian: Charlotte Landis
 Membership: Lydia Jechorek
 Newsletter: Reggie Garrett
 Contributing Editor: Stephanie Bianco
 Contributing Photographer: Jon Strother



I would like to thank all those who expressed their sympathy at the passing of my mother. It warms my hart to know that you thought of me during my time of grief and sorrow.

Sincerely
 Reginald Garrett



A Note to SAG membership from Hospitality

By Jackie Allen

I have consolidated the Hospitality lists of volunteers [and volunteers still needed] for Feb. through Dec. 2014 into one document. They are the following:

1. Feast for the Tummy, refreshments;
2. Feast for the Eyes, Art exhibit; and
3. The 5 min. Spotlight. This should provide, at a glance, who is scheduled for what and when.

If you have volunteered for any aspect of Hospitality or plan to do so, and later find that you need to switch months, you should directly contact someone on this list, using the email numbers found in the SAG Directory. Also, notify Hospitality so that I can send email reminders to the correct volunteer. This will allow me to also update the SAG Newsletter posting. Many thanks! Jackieallen22153@aol.com

SAG Hospitality Calendar through Dec. 2014

12 Feb. 2014, Richard Byrd Library 6-9 p.m.

1. Feast for the Tummy: Refreshments: Mary Rose Janya and Jackie and Barb bringing tablecloths and Valentine decorations.
 2. Feast for the Eyes: Art Exhibit: Susan Butler, Plein Air Oils.
 3. 5 min. Spotlight: Judy Isaacs... "My Art."
 4. Bring your ideas, sign and or leave them anonymously; deposit them in the suggestion Box.
Need one more member to help Mary Rose with beverages.
- 12 Mar.2014, Richard Byrd Library 6-9 p.m.

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SAG 's 45th Anniversary Celebration begins promptly at 6 p.m.
Planning: SAG Board, Hospitality and Karen Chin.

1. Feast for the Tummy: Refreshments: Snacks and Beverages solicited from membership.
2. Feast for the Eyes: Art Exhibit by Judy Wengrovitz...Watercolor
3. 5 min. Spotlight: Shirley Edwards
4. SAG Members: Please attend. Bring your ideas, sign and or leave anonymously and deposit them in the suggestion Box.

9 April 2014, Richard Byrd Library 6-9 p.m....."April Showers bring May flowers...."

1. Feast for the Tummy: Refreshments by Susan Butler and Thea R. Barron
2. Feast for the Eyes: Art Exhibit by Darlene Kaplan...Oriental-Chinese Art
3. 5 min. Spotlight: Stephanie Bianco
4. SAG Members: Please attend. Bring your ideas, sign and or leave anonymously and deposit them in the suggestion Box.

14 May 2014, Richard Byrd Library 6-9 p.m.....Summer is on the horizon!

1. Feast for the Tummy: Refreshments by Elaine Sevy and _____?
2. Feast for the Eyes: Art Exhibit by Shirley Edwards...Watercolor
3. 5 min. Spotlight: Darlene Kaplan...."Art"
4. SAG Members: *Need at least one more SAG member to help Elaine.

11 Jun. 2014, Richard Byrd Library 6-9 p.m.

Election of Officers and Judging of Finished Art, one piece of art per SAG member.

1. Feast for the Tummy: Refreshments needed.
email me at Jackieallen22153@aol.com to volunteer to provide snacks and beverages.
2. Feast for the Eyes: Art Exhibit...No exhibit due to the art judging.
3. 5 min. Spotlight: Not held in June.
4. SAG Members: Please attend and bring a piece of finished art to be judged by our guest judge.
5. Volunteers needed to bring refreshments.

July-Aug. 2014

No SAG monthly meetings.

Summer Vacation

10 Sept. 2014, Richard Byrd Library First meeting of the 2014-2015 SAG Year

1. Feast for the Tummy: Refreshments needed.
2. Feast for the Eyes: Art Exhibit by Virginia Fernbach...Watercolors & Gouache
3. 5 min. Spotlight: Lynn Martin
4. SAG Members: Please attend.

Hospitality: Begin brainstorming ideas for Holiday Party on 10, Dec. 2014 following Richard Byrd Library's use policy for the meeting room. Check with library staff to adjust the time SAG already reserved (from 6-9 p.m.) and change it to 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. so as to have time for set up and clean up. (Need to do this in Sept. so that the meeting room will not be reserved by some other group during the 3-6 p.m. time frame needing for the set-up.)

8 Oct. 2014 Richard Byrd Library ...Autumn colors...so inspirational!

1. Feast for the Tummy: Refreshments needed.
2. Feast for the Eyes: Art Exhibit by _____?
3. 5 min. Spotlight: Virginia Fernbach
4. SAG Members: Please attend.
5. SAG Holiday Party Planners update the Board & get approval.

12 Nov. 2014. Richard Byrd Library Much to be thankful for.....

1. Feast for the Tummy: Refreshments needed.
2. Feast for the Eyes: Art Exhibit by _____?
3. 5 min. Spotlight: Lydia Jechorek
4. *SAG Members: Please attend *and volunteer..
5. Holiday Party plans should be completed or nearly so.

10 Dec.2014 Richard Byrd Library.....HOLIDAY PARTY...No General Meeting...

We would like to Cordially Invite New Board Members to serve!

Help!! SAG is currently looking for more Non Board Member volunteers. At this time we have all our Board positions filled but we need more Non Board Volunteers please. We are limited to what SAG can do because we do not have enough volunteers. Below is a description of both the Board and Non Board positions for your information. Please read over all the different positions to judge how you can best support SAG with your time and talents now or in the future. Please contact Teresa Brunson at: teresatindlebrunson@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering.

Descriptions of positions:

Board Members:

President: Make sure the organization operates within the bylaws (which are printed at the end of the current membership list of addresses and phone numbers.) Usually presides over monthly board meetings, and monthly All Membership meetings. The Membership currently meets on the second Wednesday of each month, and the Board meets the following Monday evening, September through June. Oversees the activities of the membership to promote the vision of the Guild. Is a co-signer on the SAG bank account.

Vice President: Selects and schedules the speakers and judges who appear at the monthly All Membership meetings. Supports the President if he or she must be absent from any above duty.

Treasurer: Files the Annual Corporate Report; receives and disburses the funds for the agreed upon actions within the Guild, and keeps an accurate written, account of these activities. Account will be updated monthly and results briefly reported at each Board and All Member meeting. Is the liaison with the bank in which SAG funds are held (currently Bank of America; one office is in the parking lot of Springfield Mall) and with our SAG attorney (currently Brian Taylor Goldstein) for the Corporate Paperwork. Disburses a check to the paid speaker or judge each month.

Secretary: Attends Board Meetings regularly and makes a written account of the Board's discussions and decisions. Circulates an emailed account soon after the Board meeting to all the board members and makes any reasonable correction a board member requests by return email. The final version of the monthly minutes is sent to the webmaster by email. May send an occasional card or letter to a member as directed by the Board.

At Large Board Members: Try to represent SAG's interests in the community as appropriate and bring to the board meetings suggestions for growing and improving SAG. Attends as many board meetings as possible, keeping in mind that for the board to vote, a quorum must be present to vote.

*******Non Board Volunteer Positions:*******

Webmaster: This is an ongoing responsibility to keep and update our presence online. The webpage is already established, so it is only necessary to maintain or improve what we already have.

Editor: A vitally important part of our online presence, information distribution and membership support is our monthly newsletter. It has already been created, so the newsletter position required a person to create each new issue on the established format; he or she solicits, receives, and edits cogent material from the membership ongoing.

Librarian: Our current librarian has reinvented the process to access SAG's valuable collection of DVDs to enhance SAG members' skills in various artistic endeavors. The explanation is on the website. The Librarian evaluates member DVD requests and after approval by the SAG Board, purchases new DVD selections with SAG funds.

Newsletter contributors: Write once or often about art related or SAG events. Send photos with information about their contents. Email your contributions to Editor Reggie Garrett, who has the final say on what to include and when. Be sure to put "SAG" on the subject line of the email you send.

Publicity: Submits and may create flyers or other material about SAG and/or its shows and activities as needed to local newspapers, or other places as necessary. This is probably a fairly occasional, intermittent activity.

Mailbox: SAG has a mailbox at the Post Office on Brookfield Plaza on Backlick Road in Springfield. If requested, email and/or cellphone notifications can be easily arranged for free so that the volunteer knows when to go to the box. The mail is then delivered to someone on the board; exactly how can be worked out between the volunteer and the board for everyone's convenience. A trip every other week should be enough. This is a very easy, low time commitment job, though does require a reliable person.

Membership: This person keeps a written record of each SAG member's name, Mailing address, phone number, email address, and types of their artwork. Volunteer will update, have printed (with SAG funds) and distribute the Membership Directory annually. It is labor intensive in the fall of the year. Lydia currently holds this position, but wants to give up either Membership or Treasurer, so please volunteer if this could work for you. Lydia will show you how to do the specifics.

Show Chairs: Shows offer our membership wide exposure and opportunity to grow their skills. So show chairs are very valuable. While our three established venues are currently chaired, there is always the opportunity to create a new show, big or small. Organizational talents will be needed, and chairs can and should elicit help from the membership! Coaching is available!

Hospitality: Arranges for the refreshments for SAG monthly meetings, organizes and plans extra small and the SAG Holiday party.

Historian: Archives a print copy of each Newsletter; perhaps other duties.

Currently serving as volunteers:

Advisor	Judy Wengrovitz
Gmail Account	Gloria Benedetto
Hospitality	Jackie Allen and Barb Aigen
Librarian	Charlotte Landis
Membership	Lydia Jechorek
Mailbox	Teresa Brunson and Sy Wengovitz
Newsletter	Reggie Garrett

- Contributing Editor Stephanie Bianco
- Contributing Photographer Jon Strothers
- Publicity Open?

Shows

- Franconia Government Center Reggie Garrett
- Greenspring 2013 Juried Show Susan Butler
- Goodwin House Donnalynne Lefever

Webmaster Reggie Garrett



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