



Springfield Art Guild (SAG)

A place for a creative experience

July 2017 Newsletter

Meeting Schedule:

No meetings for July or August. Next meeting will be September 13, 2017

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SAG Participates in the Fairfax County 275th Anniversary

Photos of SAG members volunteering at the Fairfax County's 275th anniversary signature event.



A big **Thank You** to All our SAG volunteers. You make SAG a great art guild! The photo here shows some of our volunteers (from top left) Claire Bentley, Jan Peterson, Karen Flann (who organized our participation), (from bottom left) Thea Barron, and Barb Aigen. Next photo shows (from left to right) Elaine Sevy and Mary Lipsey.



Children having fun writing with quill pens



Children writing with quill pens

June 2017 Members Show Winners

Photographs by Jon Strother



Every June our Members look forward to the annual Members' Show to share their work with everyone and to enter the Springfield Art Guild's Show. This year was no exception and we were honored to have **Frank H. Spinks**, an award-winning watercolorist and ceramicist as our judge.

Frank discussed his thought process and what he looks for when judging. We were appreciative that while it's not usually a part of the June program, he kindly commented on each painting.



Frank has been a watercolorist for over 50 years and a ceramicist since 1997. He is a member and former President of the Potomac Valley Watercolorists and a board member of the Virginia Watercolor Society. He has won Best of Show with both these organizations. He is also a member of the National Sumi-e Society of America, winning Best of Show and other awards and has served in several leadership roles with this organization. To learn more about Frank visit his website www.frankspink.com.



Congratulations to our 2017 Show Winners



- 1st place:** Virginia Fernbach "In the Rain" watercolor
2nd place: Angela Antonopoulous "Aloha" watercolor
3rd place: David Cochran, "A Splash of Pepper" colored pencil

Honorable Mentions:

1. Heather Cronin "Feeling Springtime" acrylic
2. Tom Kollins (not pictured)
3. Donnie Seale "Landscape #22" oil

Useful Information on Disposal of Latex Paint and Other Tips

By Lynn Martin

I recently disposed of some household waste items at the Fairfax County Recycling Center – it was quick and easy. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/trash/dispsites.htm>

FYI, while looking up their hours and other info on their website, I came across this video with some useful ideas for disposal of latex paint – including donating it at the recycling center.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IECRI3EQrIA&feature=youtu.be>

SAG's June Meeting Notes

Springfield Art Guild
Annual Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Grace Presbyterian Church
7434 Bath Street
Springfield, VA 22150

The meeting was called to order by Acting President Elaine Sevy.

A quorum was present.

There will be a dues increase from \$25 to \$35 to cover our new rent expense.

New members were welcomed

Claire Bentley gave an update on the Green Spring show

Volunteers were solicited for children's crafts at the celebration for the 275th Anniversary of Fairfax County.

Virginia Fernbach motioned and it was seconded that the slate of **Jo Stafford, Heather Cronin and Noreen Brunini** be unanimously accepted as the new board members.

The motion was seconded and all were in favor.

The member show was judged by Frank Spink.

Meeting adjourned for judging at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Flann
Secretary



SAG's Green Spring Gardens Art Show is part of the Fairfax County 275th Year of Celebration Events

During the calendar year of 2017 Fairfax County will mark its 275th anniversary with events celebrating its history. SAG's Art Show at the Green Spring Gardens Fairfax County Park is listed as one of the events being held during the year. Below is the prospectus for the Springfield Art Guild, "Art in the Garden" 2017 show. Registration must be received by **August 4**. All artists must volunteer to assist with the show. The list of volunteer duties is on the registration form. We have received 3 volunteers to work with us this year so we can mentor them to chair the show next year. A BIG thank you to Joanna Stafford, Barb Aigen and June LaMountain.

Art in the Garden 2017 co-chairs, Claire Bentley and Terry Holman

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"Art in the Garden"

Springfield Art Guild 2017 Fall Art Show & Sale at Green Spring Gardens Park
Alexandria, Virginia 22312

Tuesday, August 22 – Sunday, October 22, 2017

This is a Juried Show with 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Honorable Mention ribbons to be awarded. Artists must register and volunteer by August 4, 2017. 20% commission on all sales will benefit the Friends of Green Spring Gardens Park.

Schedule

August 4 – Registration & payment due.

This show is open to SAG MEMBERS ONLY. Members may enter up to 3 pieces.

Fee: \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Make sure your membership is up to date.

Those who join SAG after June 2017 for the coming year may participate, but will pay a non-member fee of \$15 per piece of art.

Monday, August 21 - Receiving 12:00-1:00

Judging 1:00 pm-2:00; Show installation from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Pick up unselected art from 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Sunday, August 27 - Reception and Awards, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Monday, October 23 – show take down and pick up art **10:45 to noon**.

Artists must pick up on this date or arrange pickup by a friend. There is no storage space.

Submission Criteria

- ✓ Artwork must focus on flora, fauna, or local (DC, MD, VA) landscapes.
- ✓ Artwork must be for sale and if selected stay on exhibition from August 22 to October 22, 2017 in Green Spring Gardens Park
- ✓ SAG members may submit up to 3 pieces of artwork no larger than 40" x 40" (including frame)
- ✓ Only hand painted, hand drawn or other "original" 2-D art, created in the last 2 years, will be considered. Traditional photographs and digitally enhanced photographs are welcome. **Drafts, photocopies, offset prints, lithographs or copies of already published art will not be permitted.**
- ✓ All artwork must be for sale and suitable framed. Entries must be ready to hang with hooks and wire and be protected by glass or plexi-glass when necessary.
- ✓ **Saw tooth hangers, clips, wet canvases, soiled or poorly matted works will not be accepted, nor will artwork previously shown at a SAG sponsored Green Spring Gardens show. Exposed nails must be covered by a backing and or tape.**
- ✓ Artists making sales shall submit a 20% commission to Green Spring Gardens Park at the close of the show and are responsible for Virginia sales tax which Green Spring Gardens Park will collect. All sales will be made through Green Spring Gardens Park. Artists will be provided sales details when work is accepted for the show.
- ✓ All artists shall be solely and exclusively responsible to insure properly and adequately their work and property. By submitting this application, the artist agrees to fully and finally release the Springfield Art Guild, its directors, officers, employees or volunteers and employees of Green Springs involved with the exhibit of any and all responsibility for any damage or loss to any artwork during the time of the exhibition, its set up and take down. Be aware that insurance policies in effect will not provide coverage for damage or loss due to fire, theft or burglary and vandalism. The artist agrees to maintain their own insurance if they so choose. The artist agrees to assume all risk of damage to or loss of his/her own art from whatever cause. The transport, installation and removal of the artworks are not covered by insurance.



Art in the Garden
SAG's 2017 Fall Art Show & Sale at Green Spring Gardens Park
Alexandria, Virginia 22312 (703-642-5173)

Registration Form

Registration and payment must be received by August 4, 2017. **Make checks payable to SAG** and send with the registration/volunteer form to: Terry Holman, 8970 Fascination Ct, 414, Lorton, VA 22079

Questions: Terryh888@aol.com or claire.bentley@cox.net

Please complete the registration form below carefully, as no changes can be made after submission. This information is used to create labels for the show in advance. Artists must pick up unselected pieces on August 21 between 2 and 3 pm. Please print clearly.

-----Cut here and send in with check-----

Registration Form

Artist's Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Title 1 _____ Medium _____ Price _____

Title 2 _____ Medium _____ Price _____

Title 3 _____ Medium _____ Price _____

VOLUNTEER FORM (ALL artists MUST volunteer to assist with the show)

YES, I can make the labels for all the artwork pieces

Receiving, Hanging, and Reception Volunteers

YES I can help with receiving, August 21, 12:00-1:00 (need 3 volunteers)

YES I can help with the hanging, August 21, 2:00 - 4:00

YES, I can call artists whose paintings were not accepted into the show (2:00)

YES, I can record paintings that were picked up because it was not accepted into the show

YES, I can organize the reception, Sunday, August 27 1:00-3:00

YES I can bring a dessert or appetizer for the reception, Sunday, August 27

YES I can help with the reception (serve, set up/clean up), 1-3, Sunday, August 27

YES I can photograph the reception (award presentations), 1-3, Sunday, August 27

Take Down Volunteers

YES I can volunteer to take down the art show on Oct 23, 10:45-noon. There is no storage, so artwork must be picked up on Oct 23 by noon.

I have read the Prospectus and agree to the terms of entering the show.

Signature

Date



Creative Resource Center

Do you love high quality art supplies, sold at discount prices? Come visit our reuse center to see what we have in stock today. Our inventory is always changing. You just might find a treasure behind our doors!

Participate as a Daily Member of

UpCycle and fill a bag for \$5-\$25, depending on the size of the bag. Check out our Annual Materials Memberships to enjoy unlimited access to our reuse collection! www.UpCycleCRC.org

Located in the Durants Arts Center, 1605 Cameron Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

Join us for

**Nature Journaling Mondays--
July 10 and JULY 26
at 5:00 P.M.**

Lake Accotink Park
7500 Accotink Park Road
Springfield, VA

Join us. All kinds of plants and animals have come out of hiding, and there's an insect orchestra performing 24/7. Evening is a great time to hear frogs singing as well. Let's see what we can find. If you run late, text me at 703-901-5612 when you get to the park, and I will let you know where we are.





Sketching During Boat Ride on Lake Accotink

Our June 26 group found what we think was a woodpecker condo with perfectly round doorways to their little apartments, a delicate white wildflower growing throughout the woods (working on an ID), a Mimosa Tree (not native but gorgeous and so fragrant), dragonflies (including one that looked like crystal in the sunlight) and so much more. The spot where we settled has small pine trees that are visited by hummingbirds, and we were thrilled to see one feeding. At one point, it flew down through our group as if checking us out.

As an artist, Nature Journaling is an excellent way to improve your observation skills. As an activity for those who don't consider themselves artists, it's a way to unwind and find peace in nature while sketching and/or writing. (Sessions cancelled if raining.) I'm a Nature Journaling enthusiast but not an expert or teacher. I'm just an enthusiastic volunteer, and these activities are free to the public. We will start each session at the park's marina and branch out in different directions from there.

Directions to Lake Accotink Park's marina area —

Take Springfield/644W exit from I-95, which puts you on Old Keene Mill Road.

At the 3rd stoplight, make a right on Hanover Road.

Continue on Hanover Road through a residential section to Highland Ave where you make a left.

Stay on Highland Ave. a short distance, and make a slight right onto Accotink Park Road. An industrial area will be on your right. After a short distance, the park entrance is on the left (Accotink Park Rd continues here). Drive to the end of Accotink Park Rd (past Park Office on the left at 7500 Accotink Park Road and the first large public parking lot by the dam) to the parking lot by the marina.

***Please Note that GPSs often send people to the wrong park entrance Nature Journaling is a relaxing way to see and experience our local parks in a new way and can help us get "up close and personal" with plants and animals we might otherwise miss. Explore what each season has to offer. It's also a great way to become more comfortable painting and sketching in plein air (outside), and doing studies that inspire future paintings.



Painting Along the Scenic Lake

Pulling together a basic Nature Journaling Kit doesn't require a huge investment. Start with a small sketchbook, about 6x8" of medium weight that is ideal for all dry media, pen and ink, and light washes. A set of watercolor pencils are nice (Derwent (available at Plaza Art) is very good quality but other brands work well also and are available at Michaels. A water brush is a really fun tool to have in your kit, and is available in a wide variety of stores (Michaels/Pentel Arts Aquash, Walmart/Aqua Flo Brush Set, JoAnn's/Sakura KOI Water Brush. Add a pencil and eraser, sharpener, some paper towels for blotting, and camera or smart phone for photos.

The Springfield Art Guild has partnered with the Friends of Lake Accotink Park and Friends of Accotink Creek to offer these kinds of visual arts activities in our community. We are fortunate to have such beautiful, natural areas set aside for our use and enjoyment.

SAG Member Margaret Wohler, who teaches Sketch Hikes and other art classes at Huntley Meadows Park, inspired me to start Nature Journaling. Her upcoming Spring/Summer classes are:

Ancient Plants Sketch Hike, Sat., July 22, 10 am to noon (Code 340 383 4601)

How to Draw Your Dragon(fly), Sun., July 30, 1 to 3:00 pm (Code 340 382 0101)

(Call Huntley Meadows Park at 703-768-2525 or register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes.htm).

For those who aren't familiar with Nature Journaling and/or haven't had a chance to take one of Margaret's classes, here's links to several articles about her Nature Journaling classes and sketch hikes.

<http://diydelay.com/2016/07/06/learning-to-draw-ferns-and-moss-at-huntley-meadows-park/>

<http://diydelay.com/2013/08/19/diy-kids-nature-journaling-at-huntley-meadows-park/>

<http://diydelay.com/2014/06/13/margaret-wohlers-nature-sketchbooks/>

Margaret recommends a number of resources for learning about Nature Journaling. Here's a couple of my personal favorites:

***The Law's Guide to Nature Drawing and Journaling, written and illustrated by John Muir Laws.

***The Sierra Club Guide to Painting in Nature, by Cathy Johnson.

***Keeping a Nature Journal, Discover a Whole New Way of Seeing the World Around You, by Clare Walker Leslie & Charles E. Roth.

ART Opportunities

ART CAMP 2017 REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL EXTENDED: REGISTER & PAY BY JUNE 12- CAMPER RECEIVES SMALL GIFT

New projects and lessons are planned.

1. Fine Arts & Crafts Camp (8 yrs. & up)
2. Drawing Camp (8 yrs & up)

3. Drawing Plus Color & Craft Fun Camp (5-8 yrs)

Attached is the Art Camp brochure with more details.

CAMP WEEKS:

1. **7/3-7/7(5-8 yrs) & 7/3-7/6(8 & up)(no camp 7/4)**
2. **7/24 -28**
3. **7/31-8/4**

TO REGISTER:

- (1) E-mail or call [703-250-6930](tel:703-250-6930) to hold slot.
- (2) Print registration form, complete and mail payment.
(Special payment arrangements can be made if needed)
Sign-up with a friend and forward brochure!
Hope to see you this summer.

Thanks,

Carol Zeitlin
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