



Springfield Art Guild (SAG)

A place for a creative experience

December 2016 Newsletter

Meeting Schedule

Wed. Dec. 14, 2016,

5:30-9pm

Springfield Town Center Community
Room
Springfield, VA 22150

5:30 pm – Set up for party
6:00-9:00pm – Pot Luck Dinner ,
gift and art exchange
Note: Schedule may vary

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****SAG's December Holiday Potluck
Dinner Party is at the Springfield Town
Center Community Room****

Nature Journaling Mondays

Nature Journaling Mondays, 3-5:00 p.m., resume Jan 2, 2017, at Lake Accotink Park. Make a New Years resolution to get outdoors more. Winter offers a great opportunity to see wildlife in the park, so don't let the cold keep you indoors. Enjoy the structural beauty of a leafless tree silhouetted against a colorful sunset. Find peace while sketching and listening to the lake lapping against the shore.

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 difference directions from there.

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. We can immerse ourselves in the changing of the seasons. It's also a great way to become more comfortable painting and sketching in plein air (outside), and doing studies that inspire future paintings.

Call or text me — Elaine Sevy — at [703-901-5612](tel:703-901-5612) for additional information or to sign up.



SAG'S HOLIDAY PARTY

at Springfield Town Center Community Room

DEC. 14th

5:30pm - 9pm

Potluck Dinner, Raffle & Gift Exchange!

Some details:

All SAG Members and their families are invited



SET UP:

If you can help set up please come at 5:30pm. As more people arrive we will enlist you to help with setting up tables for food, gifts, dining, etc. Feel free to bring a few decorative end-of-year seasonal decorations in order to take the edge off the brick walls for a few hours. Will also enlist help to set up for the RAFFLE table, the ART-TYPE PRODUCT EXCHANGE table and the ARTWORK EXCHANGE table.

EVERYBODY BRING FOOD: This Year it is Potluck!

Bring a main entrée, salad (pasta salad, potato salad, fruit salad, tossed salad etc.), side dish, appetizer or dessert, to share! SAG will provide the drinks, paper products, plastic cups, table cloths and utensils. If you bring a crock pot or warming plate please make sure you bring an extension cord.

Raffle for SAG members!

We will have several art related items to raffle off for SAG members. Members get your ticket as you walk in the door.

Everyone enjoys getting art for the holidays so we're having a surprise art exchange again this year

ART for Exchanging: For the members who would like to participate bring a piece of your art, wrapped festively ... Yes, sign your actual artwork, but don't sign the outside wrapping. No size restriction, or media, but suggest you keep it rather small, maybe under 16"X20"

Schedule of Events

Business Meeting and Announcements/short-and-fast

Dinner and chatting

Dessert along with Art Exchange and Raffle

Chatting and coffee

Clean up...done as we always do

Art Opportunity for SAG Members -- The 2017 Franconia Government Center Art Show

It is almost time for our annual art show at the Franconia Government Center. We are still working with Jeff McKay's office to get all the times and details. We will be sending out all the finalized details to all SAG members. This is what we have so far:

Who: Open to all SAG members (not juried)

What: The 2017 Franconia Government Center Art Show

When: Show: January 28 through March date TBD; Reception date: Jan. 28th, time: TBD

Where: 6121 Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA 22310

Why: Service to community, exposure of our artwork, Peoples' Choice Awards



Photos of the set up and reception from last year's Franconia Government Center Art Show



Jerry's Artarama Website Has a Tab Where Artists Can Add Their Favorite Tips



Here are a few of the many tips you will find on their website. Go to Jerry's website to see more tips.

To make beautiful, sepia-colored paper for art projects (like cards and tags), soak sheets of plain white card stock in a casserole tray filled with warm, brewed coffee. Set sheets to dry on racks designed to cool baked goods. The cooling rack will leave an attractive design on the sheet -- to keep it plain, line racks with waxed paper. You may also wish to sprinkle sheets with the coffee grounds (to be dusted off later), leaving dark sprinkles of color. Once dry, paper can go through a computer printer or be stamped. This process also works for plain printer paper. – Leah

For left handed artists....turn your spiral bound sketch upside down and work from the back of the book. The spirals will be on the right side and not interfere with your hand. - Alison, New York City, NY

For photographing artwork I use a white sheet pinned to a wall outside. I hang the

painting or put it on a shelf that I have on the wall. Mount my camera on a tripod. Then put the sheet over me, the painting and the camera, using the sheet as a giant lightbox. I've been doing it for about 3 years this way & have been able to submit my photos to any show and publication without problems. *Convenient and inexpensive.* - Becky Joy, Phoenix, AZ

Are you tired of your canvas or board being rough after gessoing? Let dry thoroughly and sand with an ordinary unprinted brown paper bag to smooth the surface. No scratching of the surface and satin smooth! - Shelley, Middletown, Ohio

When I want to create some detail or thin lines or designs with Acrylic inks I use wood skewers (the kind you grill with). I find that I can dip the pointed end into the inks and the wood soaks it up and I am able to draw or write on my canvas quite easily. If you find the length too long you can always break the top part off. You can achieve very nice lines with a wood skewer and they are easy to find and really cheap. - Michelle, Raleigh, NC



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

To all SAG members:

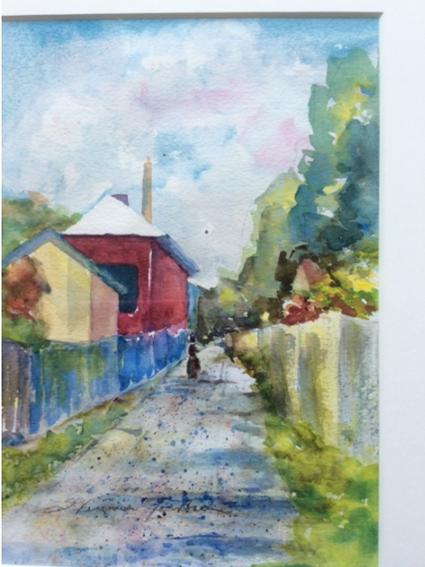
I am always in need of any kind of art news to put in our monthly newsletter. This is your newsletter and I want to include topics you are interested in. The most difficult part of doing the newsletter is getting the content. I don't write the content, I just put it all together to layout the newsletter. Help me out by sending some articles or even just a few lines about some art news. I would really like to have articles about art workshops or classes you have attended and things like that.

Just email any newsletter information to
teresatindlebrunson@gmail.com

Thank you,
Teresa

Exciting SAG Member News

If you have any art accomplishments you would like to share please email them to teresatindlebrunson@gmail.com



I find it to be a good experience entering art shows when possible. I always learn something whether accepted or not. So in addition to the 2016 SAG show at Greenspring Gardens, I was fortunate to be juried into the following 3 shows of recent date: A Digital Virtual Art Show that I entered via my Retirement Community, the Annual Young at Art show for artists 55+ sponsored by Senior Services of Alexandria and the Goodwin House Foundation and most recently the November Mini/Max show initiated by the Art League in Alexandria. Mine was a small painting titled, "White Iris" that was Gouache and Ink. I also received two awards so that was a little icing on the cake and I am grateful. Member

Virginia Fernbach

Virginia's watercolor and gouache painting titled "The Village" was juried into the 55 plus show at the Durant art center. Congratulations!



Teresa Tindle Brunson

George Jones III

'Scapes and Sculptures

"Scapes and Sculpture Art Show

The Loft Gallery is pleased to announce the exhibition of new works featuring pastel artist, **Teresa T. Brunson**, and wood sculptor, **George Jones III**. They will be the Loft Gallery's featured artists in December and we invite you to attend the reception and view their show, *'Scapes and Sculptures*.

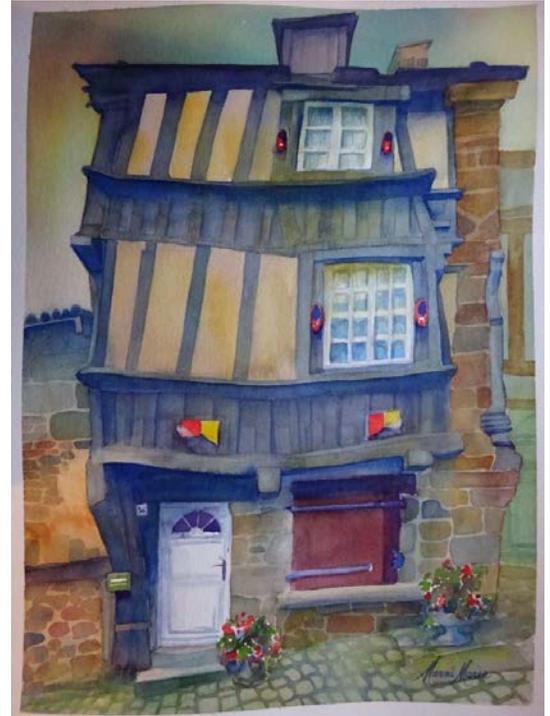
Show runs Dec. 6 – 31
Reception is Dec. 10th 1 – 4 pm

The Loft Gallery
313 Mill Road
Occoquan, VA 22125

SAG Member Accepted to Artist in Residence Program

By Elaine Sevy

When Marni Maree first learned of the Artist in Residence program in Dinan, France, from former SAG member, Shirley Bounds, she was taking care of her small children, and the timing wasn't right. Now, 20 years later, she applied and was accepted into the program. This opportunity is made available to artists all over the world by Madame Haffen (1895-1993), an accomplished artist and a visionary who donated her home, Le Grande Vigne, and her art collection to the town of Dinan, FR. This quaint home in the medieval town of Dinan on the banks of the Rance River in the Brittany area provides comfort and inspiration for many artists, a month at a time. Marni's 'Artist in Residence' is for the entire month of November and fellowartist, Eileen Olson, will join her on this adventure! You can follow along to see what she will paint and see and do! Go to: Marnimareepaints.blogspot.com and sign up to receive email updates.



Past President of SAG Wins Prestigious Award.

Marni Maree's painting titled "Wednesday" won the Blick Art Materials & Utrecht Art Supplies Purchase Award at the 96th Annual National Watercolor Society's International Exhibition in San Pedro, Calif.



Marni's son Paul proudly accepted the award October 22 on his Mom's behalf, since she and husband Ron were in France.

The exhibit runs November 3 through December 18th, 2016. Go to the National Watercolor Society website to see the show in its entirety and learn more.

ART Opportunities

The 83rd Exhibition of Fine Art in Miniature

The Mansion at Strathmore

10701 Rockville Pike

North Bethesda, MD 20852-3224

Strathmore is easy to get to by Metro or by car. We're located just 1/2 mile north of the Capital Beltway (I-495) on Rockville Pike. Take Metro's Red Line to Grosvenor/Strathmore or drive and park for free at most events.

Curated by

The Miniature Painters, Sculptors & Gravers Society
of Washington, DC

Sat, Nov 19–Sat, Dec 31

It's the little things! More than 600 tiny treasures in stone, oil, pastel, and print travel to the Mansion from around the world for this ever-popular juried exhibition. From the size of a postcard down to a postage stamp, petite portraiture, still life, sculpture, and collage capture the world in miniature. And these mini marvels aren't just about making small art—they are about the ability of the miniaturist to captivate and enchant the viewer with a refined object that doesn't disappoint when you move in for a closer look.

Active for 83 years now, The Miniature Painter, Sculptor & Gravers Society of Washington, DC, was sponsored by the renowned miniaturist Alyn Williams. He first established the Royal Miniature Society in England in 1895 and came to Washington to teach in the Corcoran School of Art.