



Springfield Art Guild (SAG)

A place for a creative experience

January 2019 Newsletter

Meeting Schedule for JAN. 9

Grace Presbyterian Church
(auditorium)
7434 Bath St.
Springfield, VA 22150

All are welcome

6:30 pm – Doors Open
7:00 – 7:20pm Business
7:30 – 9:00pm Critique
Times are approximate

www.springfieldartguild.org
www.facebook.com/springfieldartguild/

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SAG’s Annual “Works in Progress” Critique

Every year at our January meeting we hold a “Works in Progress “critique”. We are fortunate to have professional artist, [Gonzalo Ruiz Navarro](#), to facilitate our critique this year. This is not a judging of a final piece of artwork. This critique is meant to assist each artist in completing their artwork through helpful constructive comments. Many times while we are creating our “master pieces” we get stuck and are unsure how to complete it. We work and rework our artwork but still can’t get it the way we want. Critiques from fellow artists can be very helpful and offer a huge insight and learning tool. This year we are lucky to have professional artist, [Gonzalo Ruiz Navarro](#), to critique our unfinished artwork and help us get “unstuck”.

Any SAG member who would like to participate can bring in **one** piece of unfinished artwork to be professionally critiqued. The January meeting is Wednesday Jan. 9th.

Gonzalo Ruiz Navarro is a native of Spain. His interest in painting began at an early age inspired by the rich heritage left in his country by great masters such as Diego Velázquez or Joaquín Sorolla. He started his formal education pursuing a Master's in Fine Arts from the University of Valencia. This was followed by studies on Drawing and Painting at the University of Toledo, the University of Alcalá de Henares, the College of Doctors and Graduates in Madrid and the Taller del Prado Academy in Madrid.



Gonzalo has shown his works in numerous exhibitions and won several awards in USA and Europe. Currently based in Washington, DC, Gonzalo works as a landscape painter and portrait artist commissioned by clients in both the USA and Europe. He gives art instruction at The Yellow Barn Studio (Glen Echo, MD). <https://www.gonzaloruiznavarro.com/>



Meet SAG's 2018-2019 Board Members

2018-19 Springfield Art Guild Board welcomes new Board Member **Kathy Udell** and returning Board Member **Donnalyne Lefever**.

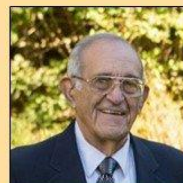
SAG is looking forward to another great year. We are excited about the great lineup for next year's Guest Speaker's Series, members' shows and other activities throughout the year.

The SAG President schedule will rotate so each board member will be Acting President for one month.

We hope you will invite guests to SAG's upcoming events and our Guest Speaker's Series.



Joanne Stanford
V. Pres. & Membership



Sy Wengrovitz
Treasurer



Kathy Udell
Secretary



Teresa Brunson
Webmaster & newsletter



Alice Merritt
Librarian



Elaine Sevy
Plein air coordinator



Mary Rose Janya



Heather Cronin



Donnalyne Lefever

Presiding President Schedule

2018-19	Acting President	Members mtg	Board Mtg	Alternate
Sept	Teresa Brunson	09/12	09/17	NA
Oct	Alice Merritt	10/10	10/15	<i>Donnalyne Lefever</i>
Nov	Jo Stafford	11/14	11/19	<i>Teresa Brunson</i>
Dec	Teresa Brunson	12/12	12/17	<i>Heather Cronin</i>
Jan	Elaine Sevy	01/09	01/14	<i>Alice Merritt</i>
Feb	Heather Cronin	02/13	02/18*	<i>Mary Rose Janya</i>
Mar	Mary Rose Janya	03/13	03/18	<i>Elaine Sevy</i>
Apr	Sy Wengrovitz	04/10	04/15	<i>Kathy Udell</i>
May	Kathy Udell	05/8	05/13	<i>Jo Stafford</i>
Jun	Donnalyne Lefever	06/12	06/17	<i>Sy Wengrovitz</i>

** Feb 18th Board Meeting is Presidents' Day so the meeting will either need to be held at a different location or the date changed. Board meetings are open to any SAG members to attend.



Guest Speakers Schedule for 2018-2019

These are the speakers we have scheduled so far for our 2018-2019 year

Sept. 12 : Darlene Kaplan – Oriental Brush Painting

Oct. 10: Leslie Nolan – Acrylic contemporary semi abstract figures

Nov. 14: Amy Shawley – Artist and Goldin Representative to demo water media

Dec. 12: No Speaker needed– Holiday Party!

Jan. 9: Critique Artist/Judge - Gonzalo Ruiz Navarro

Feb. 13: TBD

Mar. 13: Joyce McCarten – Contemporary paintings

Apr. 10: Mary Proenza – Art Professor at Mary Mount University and Fine Artist

May 8: TBD

Jun 12: Trudi Van Dyke – SAG Membership Art Show and Judging

SPECIAL NOTICE

Since many SAG members and friends of Judy Wengrovitz were out of town for Thanksgiving when she passed and had to miss her funeral, we will hold a special evening remembering and honoring her during our February members meeting on Wednesday, the 13th. Judy not only was one of the original founders of the Springfield Art Guild but also remained very active and served as an advisor to the board until she passed. A special announcement with specifics will be sent to members shortly.

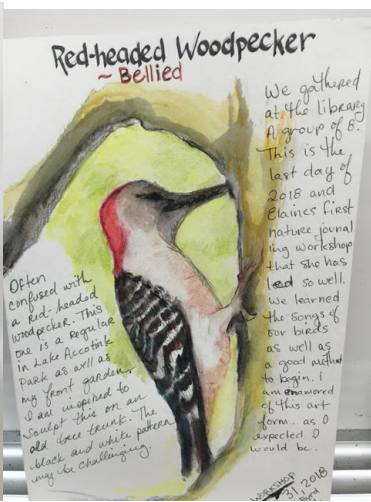
Workshop Celebrates Lake Accotink Park's Wild Birds Through Nature Journaling

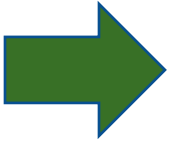
By Elaine Sevy, SAG's Outdoor Art Events Coordinator

Such beautiful drawings of Lake Accotink Park's wild birds during the New Years Eve Nature Journaling Workshop, 2018. We had so much fun trying new materials and techniques to create these feathered beauties. Many thanks go to Mike Murray, Lake Accotink Photos, for letting us use his beautiful photos of birds to sketch from and to John Muir Laws for his teachings on how to draw birds and bring them to life in our journals.



Participants left to right, top row: Heather Cronin, Danica Holoviak, Karen Burnette, Lynn Fulling, Claire Bentley; left to right, bottom row: Isabelle Barraja, Alice Merritt, Elaine Sevy.





Important Dates to Mark on Your Calendars:

Franconia Government Center

Saturday December 1, 2018 - Saturday Mar 2, 2019:

Reception: Saturday Jan. 12, 11:00 am

Take down: March 2, 2019 from 11:00am- noon

Quick Reference of Important SAG Dates

January 2019

9th – SAG Membership Art Critique and Meeting

12th – Franconia Gov. Ctr. Art show Reception (11am)

14th – Nature Journaling 3-5 pm

14th – SAG Board Meeting (all are welcome to attend) 7-9 pm

28th – Nature Journaling 3-5 pm

February 2019

13th – SAG Membership Meeting

18th – SAG Board Meeting (all are welcome to attend)

March 2019

2nd – Franconia Show take down 11:00-noon

13th – SAG Membership Meeting

18th – SAG Board Meeting (all are welcome to attend)

SAG's Annual Franconia Government Center Art Show



- *When:* Show is Saturday December 1, 2018 - Saturday Mar 2, 2019
- **Reception:** Saturday January 12, 11 AM
- **Take down: March 2th (11:00am- noon)**
- *Where:* 6121 Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA 22310
- *Why:* Service to community, exposure of our artwork, Peoples' Choice Awards
- Take down on **March 2, 2019**

Pick Up: All entrants must pick up their artwork (or make arrangements for someone to pick it up for you) on March 2, between 11:00 and 11:30am.

Raffle Donations

Donations of small artwork are needed from SAG members for the free raffle to be held during the reception – **Reception dates to follow**

Please email

Darlene Kaplan chineseart@darlenekaplan.com so we know how many donation(s) we can expect. You can bring your raffle item when we hang the show on **Saturday, December 1st** or to the reception. Donations can be small art works, cards, prints or other art you've made.

SAG Challenge for our **February Meeting**

Why participate in the challenges? First they are fun and the challenges are a great way to overcome the “white canvas/paper” syndrome and just play. Not knowing what to paint or draw is something we all face at times. Just use this photo as your starting point, a reference or an inspiration for art making ideas. The challenges make it easy to overcome “what to paint” and try different techniques you don’t normally do. Usually just paint? Maybe try collage or drawing or a different approach to painting. That’s what’s great about a challenge.

We hope to see your artwork at the February meeting

If you have any photos you think will be great for the Challenge just send them to Tom Collins thomaskollins@gmail.com.

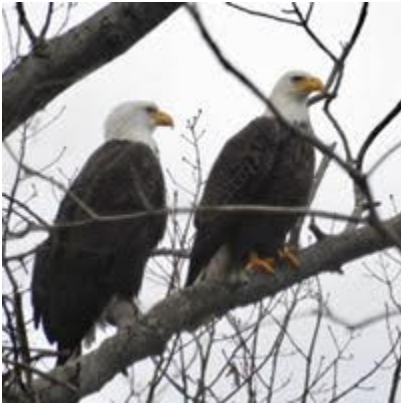


This photograph been provided by the photographer for use in February’s photo challenge. Any SAG member may create a piece of art based on/inspired by the photograph. The artist may display or sell the work created as they would with any art they create. However the photographer retains copyright of the photograph, and while members may create a piece of art from it, they are not allowed to use the photograph in any other way. They cannot send it others, they cannot post it on-line, etc.

SAG-Led Nature Journaling Mondays in January

By Elaine Sevy, SAG's Outdoor Art Event Coordinator

Nature Journaling Mondays, January 14 and 28, 3:00-5:00 pm at Lake Accotink Park



Lake Accotink Park's resident pair of Bald Eagles are rebuilding their nest. Looks like baby Eagles could be on the way.

While participating in the Dec 30 Audubon Christmas Bird Count at the lake, I discovered how to hike to a good viewing point for sketching these beautiful birds while keeping a safe distance so we don't disturb them. It's an easy hike along the 4-mile loop, and there's a viewing bench.

Bald Eagle sketching and journaling is worthy of both dates in January, so dress in layers, and lets do it!!!

In addition to art supplies, definitely bring binoculars if you have them (I will bring a couple of extra pairs) and something to sit on in case there's too many of us for the bench. A chair is nice, but even a comfy towel will do.

Nature Journaling improves your observation skills, helps you become comfortable sketching and painting outdoors, and doing studies that inspire future paintings. Nature Journaling also opens a door to a fascinating world of local natural wonders, stimulating your imagination and creativity.

A good basic Nature Journaling kit includes: 6x8" or 5x7" sketchbook (at least 90 lb. weight paper to handle light watercolor washes), HB drawing pencil, pencil sharpener, Kneaded eraser, a waterproof ink pen such as a Pigma Micron 01 or 05, set of watercolor pencils (Derwent is a good brand), a small container for water (film canisters work great), Pentel Aquash Water Brush and Paper Towels. Or bring whatever materials you are comfortable using. Also bring your cell phone and/or a camera for photo references, and binoculars.



Please NOTE: For this outing, we will meet in the large parking lot on the left as you drive into the park on Accotink Park Road. It's the first parking area you will see if you are new to the park. As you enter the lot, turn to the right and park in the area closest to the railroad trestle.

Please text or call me—Elaine Sevy, 703-901-5612, if you can't find us or have questions (email address is yorkiemum.sevy95@gmail.com).

Directions to Lake Accotink Park (Don't use GPS devices):

Take Springfield/644W exit from I-95, which puts you on Old Keene Mill Road. At 3rd stoplight, turn right on Hanover Rd. Continue on Hanover (through residential section) to Highland Ave. Turn Left. Turn right on Accotink Park Rd. The park entrance is on the left (an industrial area is on the right). Accotink Park Rd. continues here. Take it until you reach the large parking lot on the left, before you reach the dam. This lot is below the railroad trestle.

SAG Newsletter is Eager for More Stuff!

SAG is always looking for articles, notes, interesting facts, pictures, and just about anything to put in our newsletter. Help us out and send in some articles or whatever you have. It doesn't have to be a long article – it can just be a few lines about some art related topic. We would love that. Below are some ideas of what to send for the newsletter. Email teresatindlebrunson@gmail.com with your input. We would all love to hear from you!

Upcoming Art Shows

Art Shows your art is in

Art Events

Summary of a workshop you attended

Art Awards you have received

Art Exhibits

Your Art Accomplishments

Art Supplies you like

Review of a gallery show or art museum

Studio Openings

Art Challenges

Art Classes you recommend

Welcome New Members

If you are a new SAG member we would love to introduce you to the membership through our newsletter. Please send any information about yourself plus any pictures of your artwork to Teresa Brunson at teresatindlebrunson@gmail.com and we will put it in the next issue.

No new member information received this month

Exciting Member News!

This section of the newsletter is for SAG members to tell us about your art endeavors. We would love to hear what exciting things are going on with your art. Your exciting news could be about an art show you won an award in, an art society you were accepted into, a new art technique you are trying out, an art fair you are in, a new art group you started, etc.. Please send any of your exciting art news to teresatindlebrunson@gmail.com by the 20th of each month.

No exciting member news received this month

ART Opportunities

This section of the newsletter is for SAG members to let us know about art opportunities in our area. Tell us about any art classes, workshops, exhibits, upcoming art shows to enter, and any other art opportunity you can think of. Please send any art opportunities to teresatindlebrunson@gmail.com by the 20th of each month.



HILL CENTER
at the OLD NAVAL HOSPITAL

Hill Center at the Old Naval Hospital
921 Pennsylvania Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20003

HILL Center Gallery — UPCOMING EVENTS

TREEmendous Call for Entries

Focusing on the beauty of all trees, this show will be held during the annual Cherry Blossom season celebration. Co-sponsored by the Capitol Hill Art League and Hill Center Galleries.

Juried by Carole Ottesen, writer, photographer and illustrator specializing in garden subjects

- **Exhibition Dates:** March 7-April 28, 2019
- **Opening Reception with Juror:** Wednesday, March 13, 2019, 6:30-8:30 pm
- **Call Deadline:** Friday, February 1, 2019

<http://www.hillcenterdc.org/call-for-entries/>

ART FEAST WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP

with Marni Maree

January 10 & 11, 2019

SEQUENCE

In this class you will paint something in a sequence. It could be showing a passage of time like an ice cube melting or an apple being eaten, package being opened, something morphing into something else, repeating patterns or anything else you can think of. So be thinking of ideas. I'll have a few for you if you don't come up with anything so don't worry about that. Just come and have fun painting.

NO SAMPLE PIC! This could go sooooo many ways!

What is ART FEAST?

A PLAYFUL WAY TO LEARN SOME SERIOUS TECHNIQUES!

Enjoy painting with watercolor with friendly people.

This is for people of ANY skill level. It is a safe place to try watercolor with instruction by Marni Maree and encouragement from everyone. You will play, learn, be challenged and leave with a matted painting ready for a standard size frame.

You will be surprised at what you can do!

ALL painting supplies are provided.

Bring a dish of something to share and a beverage of your choice.

COST: \$40 per person

Bring a friend and it is \$35 each

Your 5th class is FREE

Class size is limited

Each class is 2.5 hours.

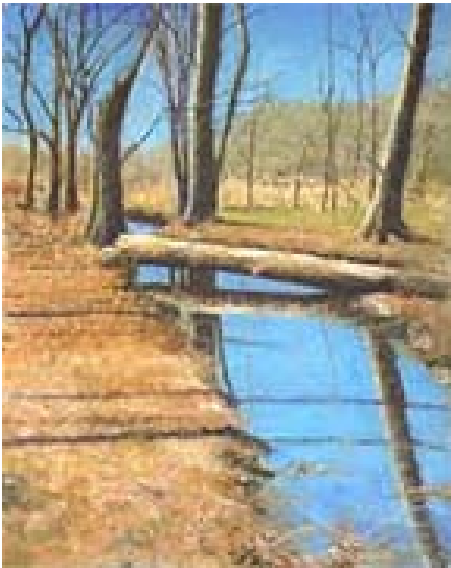
IF YOU REGISTER **ONLINE** BEFORE DEC 20 YOU WILL GET THE OLD PRICE OF
\$35 (OR 2 FOR \$30 EACH)

Click the line below to see more details and registration

<http://marnimaree.com/classes/>

Intro to Pastel Painting Class

At Huntley Meadows Fairfax County Park (16-Adult) – E6C.833D



Winter at Huntley Meadows, Pastel Painting, 16x20 by Teresa T. Brunson

Saturday January 5th 10am-12:00pm

OR

Saturday February 2nd 10am-12:--pm

ONLY \$35

Will fill up fast - Register soon!

Class held at Huntley Meadows Visitors Center

This class offers an introduction into the creative world of soft pastel painting, an excellent, fun and forgiving medium to use. Local pastel artist, Teresa T. Brunson shows many ways to paint with pastels and gives a solid knowledge of the medium and expressive ways it can be used. Learn painting techniques, mark-making, layering and other tips. All supplies are provided!

In order to register, you must create a Parktakes account (if you don't already have one.) Go to this link: <https://fairfax.usedirect.com/FairfaxFCPAWeb/Default.aspx> scroll down and click on the Activites/**Parktakes** square button.

In the Activities Search insert the following:

Category of Activity: "Fine Arts"

Place: "HuntMdws"

Month: "Jan" or Feb" (*depending on which class you want to take*)

Instructor: "Teresa T. Brunson"

Day of the Week: "Saturday"

**Want help registering? Call the customer service line at 703-222-4664.
Mon-Fri 9:00am-4:00pm.**

Try Something New this New Year!

Ceramics Sculpting & Carving Workshop

Guided by Heather Cronin

This workshop is intended to instruct participants with all levels of experience in sculpture. It is for those who are curious about the process that I use to make my ceramic work. You will have individualized instruction with a maximum of four participants. In order to gain knowledge and experience there will be two days of instruction and hands on time, then a week break for the work to dry and be bisque fired. The second week we will meet for one day to go through the painting and glazing process. Your work will be available soon after. We will meet in my home studio that was built with this kind of gathering in mind.



Workshop Dates

January 8, 9, and 15 (week days)
10:00 – 1:00

OR

January 12, 13, and 19 (weekend)
10:00 – 1:00

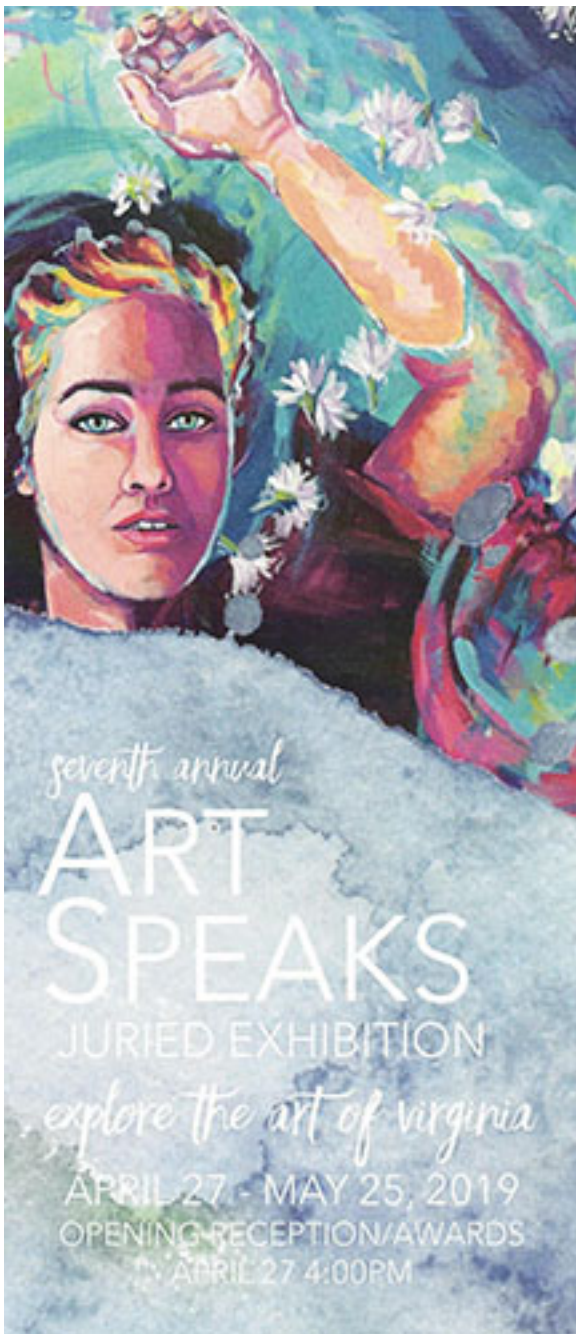
- ❖ 3 day workshop cost: \$125
- ❖ Materials cost (including clay, basic set Of tools, glaze and firing): \$50

For More information contact Heather:
703-975-6269

or

HRCronin8520@gmail.com





Seventh Annual Art Speaks Juried Exhibition

Show dates: April 27-May 25th 2019

Eligibility: Resident of VA, over 18, up to 3 entries allowed

Prize Money: Total prizes \$5,000

Entry deadline: 3/1/18

Entry fee: \$25 before 2/1; \$35 aft 2/1

Courier Service: Pick-up and drop off of juried-in artwork from designated locations around the state.

The Bay School Community Arts Center
279 Main Street
Mathews, VA 23109

www.bayschool-arts.com/artspeaks/

804-725-1278

On-going Monthly Art Opportunity:

Art&Lunch with Fairfax Art League

The Fairfax Art League (FAL) has invited SAG to their Art&Lunch the 2nd Thurs of each month 10:30-2:30 in their gallery in Old Town Hall in Fairfax. The address is 3999 University Dr., Fairfax, VA 22030. It is an informal "bring your lunch, art supplies and perhaps a project you are working on.



FAL says SAG members and their friends are very welcome to attend any A&L they wish to come to. They often have live models for some of their meetings. These are all free and open to the public. Information will be posted on their website. www.fairfaxartleague.net

Old Town Hall is the big white building on the corner of Main Street and University Dr. in Fairfax City. The FAL gallery is on the second floor. There is an elevator strait to the back and there is also a door on the side facing Main St. that is just opposite the elevator and there are no steps. Everyone attending Art&Lunch will be issued an all day parking pass to put on their windshield. This will keep them from getting a ticket for staying over the 2hr parking limit.

There are some easels available but if you have one bring it. Chairs are available and also tables. The room is bright and a great place to paint. Just remember, this is the 2nd Thursday of every month.

ART CLASSIFIEDS

This section of our newsletter is where members can post any art materials they would like to sale or donate. Send a description of your item(s) along with a picture of it and your contact information to teresatindlebrunson@gmail.com and it will be advertised in this section of our newsletter. Once the item is sold please notify Teresa Brunson.

No classifieds this issue