



Springfield Art Guild (SAG)

*A place for a creative
experience*

April 2019 Newsletter

Springfield Art Guild

*50th
Anniversary*

Meeting Schedule for

April 10, 2019

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

All are welcome

6:30 pm – Doors Open

7:00 – 7:30 Business Meeting
& Silent Auction

7:30 – 9:00 Presentation

Times are approximate

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Mary Proenza – Successful Artist, Writer and Professor

Mary Proenza's work explores social, political, environmental, and personal themes, and starts from a sense that the world is inexhaustibly interesting. She combines perception and other visual sources with memory, imagination, and narrative, and she works back and forth between drawing, painting, printmaking, and writing. Mary finds that an interdisciplinary practice sharpens her vision, illuminates unexpected facets of subjects, and generates new approaches and ideas.



She begins most projects with perceptual drawing and painting. She completes some works entirely onsite, often over many sessions. As she works at specific locations

over time, visual scenes conflate with historical, social, political, environmental, and personal concerns. Observation is a consistent spur to her curiosity and imagination, whether working onsite or in the studio. In the studio, I further explore perceptual images through variations of media, scale, emphasis, light, and color, as well as through further associations and invention.

One of Mary's current projects is a graphic memoir combining paintings, drawings, prints, and writing; a chapter of this has been published in Rosebud magazine.



She believes that all art is fundamentally communicative and exists on a continuum. Along with creative work, teaching puts her into close contact with those essential aspects, as does writing about the work of other artists.

Website: <http://www.maryproenza.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**.

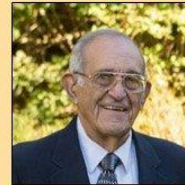
SAG is looking forward to another great year. We are excited about the great lineup for next year's Guest Speaker's Series, members' shows and other activities throughout the year.

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: “Remembering Judy”

Mar. 13: Pamela Eisenmann – Whimsical Clay Sculptures

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

May 8: Claire Winslow – Printmaker, painter and teacher at Glenn Echo

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

Important Dates to Mark on Your Calendars:

Quick Reference of Important SAG Dates

April 2019

10th – SAG Membership Meeting & Silent Auction

15th – SAG Board Meeting (all are welcome to attend)

May 2019

8th – SAG Membership Meeting

13th – SAG Board Meeting (all are welcome to attend)

June 2019

12th – SAG Membership Meeting

17th – SAG Board Meeting (all are welcome to attend)

Silent Art Auction at Our May meeting

SAG will be holding a silent auction of a variety of art supplies at our May meeting. Sy Wengrovitz has generously offered to donate about 10-12 of Judy's art supplies for this auction. This includes Judy's large flat files. Come ready to make your bid!



Tabletop Easel



Flat files for storing paper and paintings, 47" wide, 35" deep, 41" high



Faber-Castell multi-layer shelf case with approximately 120 colored pencils



Mat Cutter



Various small painting boards and blank watercolor postcards

Goodwin House Art Show

Updates

Donnalyne Lefever has been working with the Goodwin House on future art shows. She proposed two themes for the next two shows at Goodwin house. The 2019 show, which is guaranteed, will be from November 16-Dec 21. The board voted to use the Unusual Perspective theme for 2019. The theme Bright and Cheerful will be used for the 2020 show for which we have to submit a proposal and be accepted. The board also agreed that board members will submit photos for the proposal. The works actually entered in the show can be different

Green Spring Gardens

Art Show Update

- We will have a larger space next year which includes the ramp
- We will have the same October-December timeframe for the show
- New SAG Judy Wengrovitz award
 - The board voted to approve this new award to be made annually in Judy's name at the Green springs Show.
 - The basis for award will be "Excellence". It will be awarded first. Followed by 1st , 2nd and 3rd place awards.
 - The amount of the award will be determining based on entry funds received
 - The board also discussed not having a cash award for honorable mentions, and probably keeping the award for the viewer's choice.

SAG Challenge for our May 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 **May** meeting

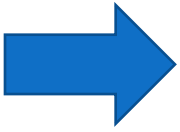
If you have any photos you think will be great for the Challenge just send them to Tom Collins thomaskollins@gmail.com.



This photograph been provided by the photographer for use in May’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.

Nature Journaling Mondays, April 8

By Elaine Sevy, SAG's Outdoor Art Event Coordinator



NEW TIME – we are now meeting from **5pm to 7pm**

April 8, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Lake Accotink Park

Nature Journaling Mondays, April 8 at Lake Accotink Park, NEW TIME: 5-7 p.m. (There will not be a Nature Journaling outing on April 22, since I will be traveling.)

It's Spring wildflower time!!!! So on April 8, we will explore the trail along Accotink Creek where we can hope to see Virginia Bluebells, Spring Beauties, Bluets, Trout Lilies, and maybe some others.

To celebrate ***International Beaver Day*** (April 7th), we also will go in search of some Beaver activity in the park for the 2nd part of our outing. The best time of day to view Beaver activity is dusk so we will aim for about 6:30 p.m. I will scope out the best place to see them ahead of time. We can stay until the park closes at around 7:30 p.m.

In addition to art supplies, definitely bring binoculars if you have them (I will bring a couple of extra pairs) and something to sit. A chair is nice, but even a comfy towel will do. Dress in layers and wear comfortable shoes that you don't mind getting wet and a little muddy.

Nature Journaling helps you become more comfortable sketching and painting outdoors, and doing studies that inspire future paintings.

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 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 left and park in the far left-hand corner near the trail head.

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.



Mark your calendars for a Nature Journaling Special Event

City Nature Challenge DC 2019

Saturday, April 27, 4-7:00 p.m., Lake Accotink Park
Meet in the large parking lot below the train trestle.

Plans are underway for SAG to be a part of the exciting *City Nature Challenge DC 2019*, April 26-29.

During the City Nature Challenge, people all over the world take photos of wild flora and fauna, and upload them to the iNaturalist website, either via their smart phones or a computer. The software suggests identifications, and then actual human naturalists complete the identification process. It is easy and free to users, contributes to important research, and opens people's eyes to the life around us.

You will need to download the free iNaturalist app to your cell phone ahead of time and create an account. The app is pretty intuitive but you can visit the official website for basic instructions on how it works:

<https://citynaturechallengedc.org>. I have been through training so I can assist you the day of the event.

We will explore the park, snapping photos for the Challenge beginning at 4:00 p.m. Around 6:00 p.m., we will gather at the park's Marina area to enjoy some food together (bring a picnic and some yummys for all), while we share our experiences, and sketch and write about them in our journals.

Contact Elaine Sevy, yorkiemum.sevy95@gmail.com, 703-901-5612 to sign up and for additional information.

Additional information will be available at the SAG Member's meeting on April 10 and through the SAG email system.

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.

TREEmendous Juried Exhibit

Congratulations to SAG members Courtney Clark, Sandy Olszowy and Elaine Sevy, who had paintings selected for the TREEmendous Juried Exhibit at the Hill Center Galleries in D.C., March 7-April 28, 2019.

Sandy's painting titled "Watcher in the Trees" just sold!

Congratulations Sandy!



**TREEmendous
Juried Exhibition**
Celebrating the beauty of trees

March 7 - April 28, 2019
Opening Reception:
Wed., March 13, 6:30-8:30 pm

Featuring over 90 regional artists
Juried by Carole Ottesen
Co-sponsored by the Capitol Hill Art League

Hill Center Galleries - 921 Pennsylvania Avenue SE
HillCenterDC.org - Galleries@HillCenterDC.org

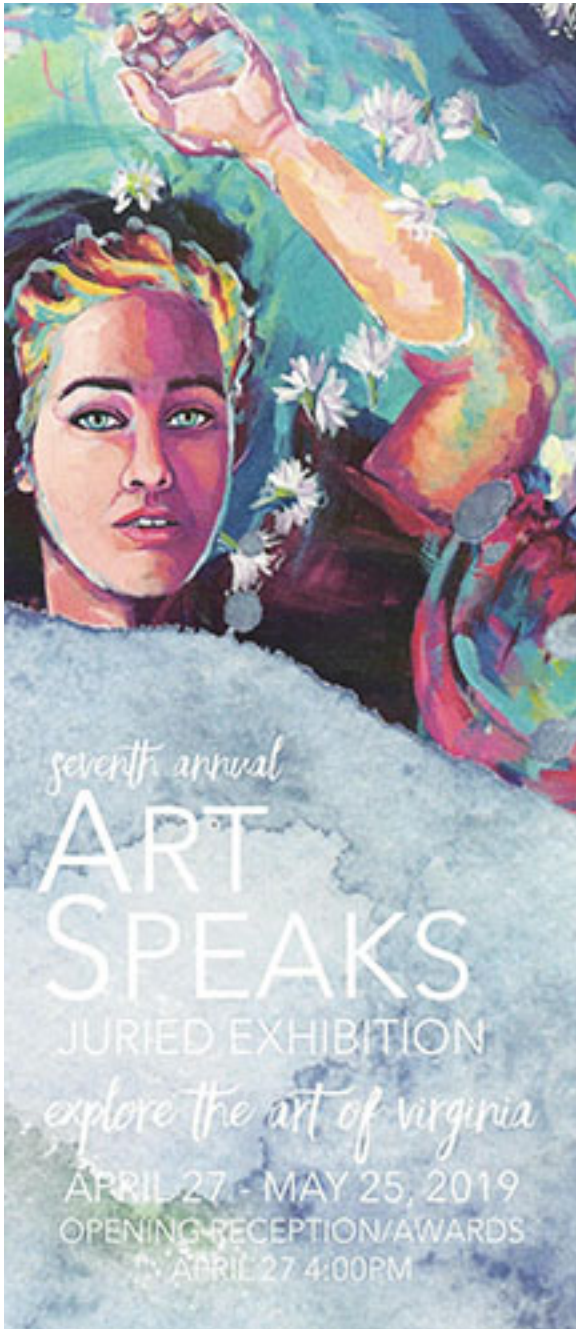


Deidre Pistochni's painting titled "Emerging Iris" was accepted into the Seventh Annual Art Speaks Juried Exhibition to be held down in Matthews, Virginia in April/May 2019. Jury judge was Janly Jaggard. This is Deidre's first juried show...and she is beyond excited!

Congratulations Deidre!!

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.



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

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