



# Springfield Art Guild (SAG)

*A place for a creative experience*

December 2019 Newsletter

## Meeting Schedule

Meeting DEC. 11, 2019 – all are welcome

### Schedule

5:30 pm – set up

6:30 pm – Pot Luck and Games

8:45 pm – Clean up

*Times are approximate*

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

[www.springfieldartguild.org](http://www.springfieldartguild.org)

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## *Come One, Come All to* **SAG'S Annual HOLIDAY PARTY**

**December 11th**  
**6pm - 9pm**

All SAG Members and their families are invited

**Where:** Grace Presbyterian Church Community Room  
7434 Bath St, Springfield, VA.



**SET UP:** If you can help set up please come at 5:30 pm. As more people arrive, we will enlist you to help with setting up tables for food, gifts, dining, etc.

Everyone please feel free to bring a few decorative end-of-year seasonal decorations to create a festive atmosphere.

### **EVERYBODY BRING A DISH TO SHARE!**

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.

### **RAFFLES**

We will have 2 Raffles For those who would like to participate in the exchange raffles you can participate in any, all or none of the art and gift exchanges listed below:

**ART-related gift for Exchanging:** For the members who would like to participate bring an art-related gift (Example: art books, drawing pencils, sketch book, paint brushes, etc.) wrapped festively. Gifts should be no more than \$10.00. Please wrap your gift, but do not put your name on it.

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

### **ARTS AND CRAFTS SALE**

In addition to the 2 raffles we are also having an Arts and Crafts Sale. If you have arts and crafts you would like to sell you may do so during the December Holiday Party. If you are interested, contact Donnalynne Lefever, at [magickaldl@gmail.com](mailto:magickaldl@gmail.com) so we have a count of people in order to have enough tables.

### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

- Business Meeting and Announcements/short-and-fast
- Arts & Craft held throughout the evening
- Dinner and chatting
- Dessert along with Art and Art Product Exchanging and Raffle
- Clean up

## Meet SAG's 2019-2020 Board Members

*Springfield Art Guild Board welcomes new Board Member Chris Jenkins*

The SAG President schedule will rotate so each board member will be Acting President for one month. If you have questions you can contact any board member.

SAG is looking forward to another great year with our Guest Speaker's Series, members' shows and other activities throughout the year.

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



**Alice Merritt**  
Librarian



**Elaine Sevy**  
Journaling coordinator



**Heather Cronin**



**Mary Rose Janya**



**Donnalynne Lefever**



**Chris Jenkins**



**Teresa Brunson**  
Newsletter Editor & Website  
Former board member



**Lydia Jechorek**  
Membership  
Former board member

### Presiding President 2019-2020 Schedule

2019-20	Acting President	Members Meeting	Board Meeting	Alternate	Speaker
September	Chris	Sept 11	Sept 16		
October	Alice	October 9	October 14	Joanne	
November	Joanne	Nov 13	Nov 18	Heather	
December	Elaine	Dec 11	Dec 16	Elaine	
January	Donnalynne Member Meeting/Kathy board meeting	Jan 8	Jan 13	Alice	
February	Sy	Feb 12	Feb 17	Elaine	
March	Chris	Mar 11	Mar 16	Donnalynne	
April	Heather	Apr 8	Apr 13	Mary Rose	
May	Mary Rose Member Meeting/Kathy Board Meeting	May 13	May 18	Joanne	
June	Donnalynne	June 10	June 15	Sy	

*Board meetings are open to any SAG members to attend. We usually meet at Richard Byrd library*

## Important Dates to Mark on Your Calendars:

### Quick Reference of Important SAG Dates

#### December 2019

11th, Wed. - SAG meeting 6:00PM  
Holiday party

16th, Mon. - Green Spring Garden show take down  
Details TBA

16th, Mon. - SAG board meeting 7PM  
Richard Byrd Library

21st, Sat. - Goodwin House show "Unusual Perspectives"  
Take down TBA

# BALTIMORE MUSEUM TO ACQUIRE ONLY WORKS BY WOMEN IN 2020

[The Associated Press](#)

November 18, 2019, 4:36 AM

BALTIMORE (AP) — The Baltimore Museum of Art will add only artwork created by women to its permanent collection in 2020.

Museum director Christopher Bedford announced the policy Thursday, saying something radical must be done to rectify centuries of imbalance. The Maryland museum acquired its first work by a female artist in 1916, two years after it was founded and three years before women gained the right to vote in the U.S. Today, only 4% of the

95,000 pieces in its permanent collection were created by women.

News outlets report each of the museum's exhibits will be strongly tied to women. Nineteen will showcase art solely by women, including at least one transgender artist. Bedford says the museum is working to "correct our own canon" and address historical blind spots.

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# IMPROVE YOUR ART AND HAVE FUN DOING IT

## It's the Two-Hour Photo Interpretation Challenge.

- SAG will supply a photo for you to interpret (not copy).
- Work less than 2 hours per month on your interpretation.
- Use techniques you don't usually use. Play, learn and have fun. There are no rules.
- Display your interpretations at the monthly meeting.

## Here is how it works:

1. Each month a photo will be placed into the SAG Newsletter.
2. You are invited to interpret the photo in any way you want. There are no rules. Use any medium, any size. Do as many interpretations as you like. And, don't worry about framing.

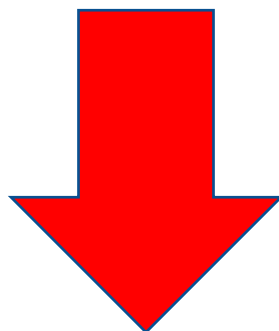
You are urged to take this opportunity to do things you don't normally do. Use different papers and canvas and tools. Use different mediums. Use colors you don't usually use. Stretch your horizons. You are urged not to just copy the photo. Interpret it in your own way. Invent something new! Have fun!

3. The intent is for members to use no more than 2 hours per interpretation. If you want to use 56 hours....Seek professional help.
4. **EXTRA - EXTRA- EXTRA**——As an extra activity for members, If you would like to display **ANY** of your art at the monthly meeting, just bring it in and display it with the interpretations.
5. The coordinator for this program will be Tom Kollins, 703-323-8186, [thomaskollins@gmail.com](mailto:thomaskollins@gmail.com)
6. If you would like to submit photos, please send them to Tom. An effort will be made to include a variety of subjects. Tom will make the selection, and forward them to the Newsletter.

Members submitting photos are assumed to be relinquishing their rights to these photos for all SAG members. This will allow members to use them without copyright concerns.

Try it out.....Have some fun.

**Interpretations for the photo below will be displayed at the January 8, 2020 meeting**





# Keeping a Bird Watching Nature Journal

## WORKSHOP

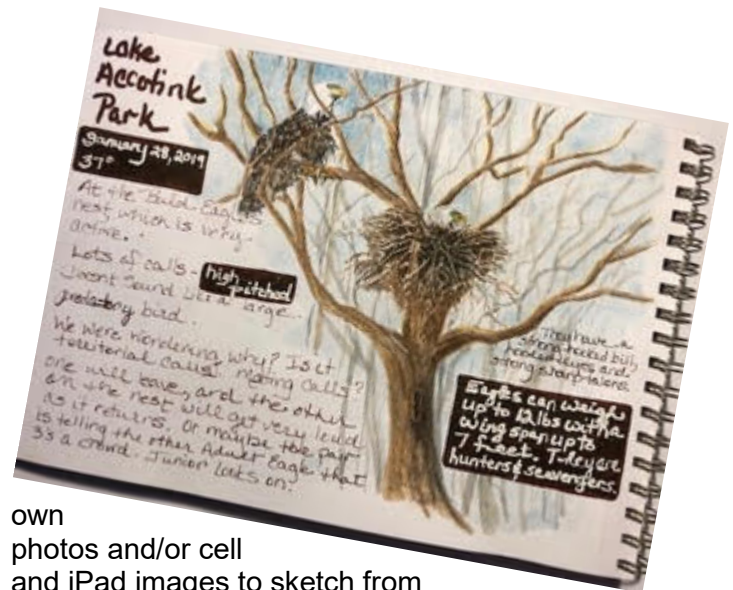
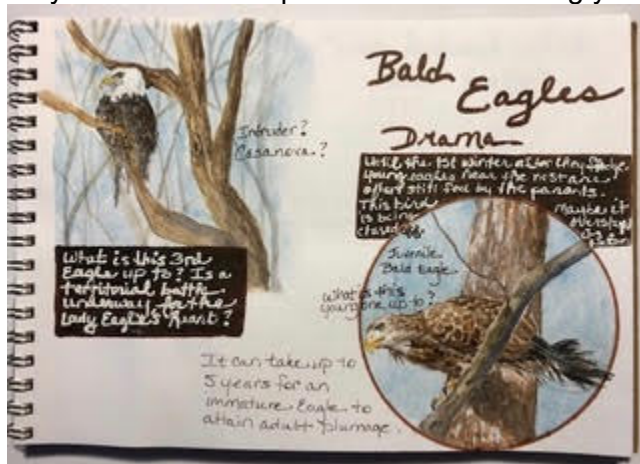
December 28, 2:00-4:30 p.m.  
Richard Byrd Library, Springfield, VA

Keeping a Bird Watching Nature Journal invites you into a very personal relationship with the birds you love through sketches, photos, written memories of an experience, field notes and poetry. It's a great tool for novice birders. For experienced birders, a nature journal complements "Life Lists." **It will improve your observation skills!!!!**

"...When I am drawing I look more closely, and ask and answer questions that I would not have considered if I were just watching. In that sense, drawing becomes a way to interact with the birds, and drawing leads to understanding," wrote David Allen Sibley in his foreword to **The Laws Guide to Drawing Birds**, by John Muir Laws. Sibley is an ornithologist, and author and illustrator of **The Sibley Guide to Birds**. Laws is an Internationally recognized artist, naturalist, author, and educator.

This workshop will help you learn the basics of creating a Bird Watching Nature Journal page. You will learn some simple sketching and watercolor painting techniques for drawing birds. HB pencils, watercolor pencils and paints, white and toned watercolor papers, brushes, palettes, waterproof ink pens, water brushes, washi tape, stamps and inks, will be provided for creating your own journal pages. **A \$5.00 donation is requested to cover the cost of materials.**

Sample nature journaling pages and a variety of books offering journal page ideas will be provided for you to use and explore. Feel free to bring your



own photos and/or cell and iPad images to sketch from and books of favorite poetry.

You will be able to take your drawings and journal pages with you to tape into a sketchbook, but feel free to bring one to the workshop. I recommend using a 6x8" or 5x7" sketchbook with at least 100 lb. weight paper to handle light watercolor washes.

We will have a Potluck lunch so please bring your own drink and a dish to share. Plates, napkins & utensils will be provided. **Space is limited to 15 people so registration is required. Contact Elaine Sevy, [yorkiemum.sevy95@gmail.com](mailto:yorkiemum.sevy95@gmail.com), to sign up.**

Artist, Naturalist Elaine Sevy (Certified Virginia Master Naturalist, Fairfax Chapter) will be your instructor. She has led Nature Journaling events at Lake Accotink Park for more than 3 years. After retiring from a rewarding career with the National Park Service, Elaine pursued her dream of becoming an artist naturalist. She is a Springfield Art Guild board member, and a juried member of the Potomac Valley Watercolorists. Her Nature Journaling programs are inspired by the work of John Muir Laws ([johnmuirlaws.com](http://johnmuirlaws.com)).

**Special Note:** Audubon's 120th Christmas Bird Count will be conducted between the dates of Saturday, December 14, 2019 through Sunday, January 5, 2020. For information about local counts, please visit [audubonva.org](http://audubonva.org) (Audubon Society of Northern Virginia) and [audubon.org](http://audubon.org) (National Audubon Society). You also can join Elaine Sevy, who will be participating in the Lake Accotink Park CBC, Dec. 29.



# “The Painter’s Palette” TV Shows are Available to SAG Members

*By Alice Merritt*

## “FROM THE PAINTER’S PALETTE”

TV shows of watercolor painting classes taught by JUDY WENGROVITZ  
Produced, directed and edited by GAIL RUF

“Any video recording of this copyrighted performance is authorized for personal, at-home, non-commercial use only. The sale or distribution of such recording is strictly prohibited under federal copyright law”

The Producer Gail Ruf has finished formatting the USB Drives of the remaining 23 televised painting classes taught by Judy Wengrovitz. These are now available to SAG members to borrow, at no cost. Each USB has between 1 and 4 classes. Each class is about an hour long. You may download these videos to have for permanent use and later viewing.

A sign in/out book will be used to keep track of items borrowed - usually for a one month period.

Each Drive will have

1. Title of class
2. Date the class was recorded
3. The number of the class: 1---33. Of interest since the Drives are not in sequence.

Ms Ruff has formatted the USB drives to be read/play on either Mac or Windows program. If you have any questions contact Alice Merritt at [amerritt5@verizon.net](mailto:amerritt5@verizon.net)



# The Art Show: Franconia Government Center 2020 --SAG

- Why: Open to all SAG members (**1-2 artworks each, not juried, no theme**)
- What: The 2020 Franconia Government Center Art Show
- When: Show is [Saturday January 4, 2020 - Saturday February 29, 2020:](#)
  - **Deadline for entries: December 15, 2019**
  - **Installation/hanging:** January 4<sup>th</sup> (**Saturday**) 11 AM
  - **Reception:** TBA (Time & date to be provided later)
  - **Take down: February 29<sup>th</sup> (11:00am- noon)**
- Where: 6121 Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA 22310
- Why: Service to community, exposure of our artwork, Peoples' Choice Awards

## **How to Enter**

- Submittal: Send email to Darlene Kaplan [not later than December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019.](#)
  - Email to - [chineseart@darlenekaplan.com](mailto:chineseart@darlenekaplan.com)
  - In **Subject Line** = "**SAG Franconia Show Entries + your name**"

### **Include the info below in the body of your email:**

\*\*\*\*\* **I don't need images of your art.**

- **Artist Name:** (first and last)
- **Artwork Title:**
- **Medium:**
- **Dimensions:** (overall width and height in inches, including frame)
- **Cell Telephone:** \*\*
- **Your Email:** \*\*
- **Price:** (if for sale, otherwise use "NFS")\*\*

\*\* *NOTE: we will put the price and contact info on the labels. Sales will be handled directly by the artist via the contact information they provide on their label.*

- You can leave the email address fields blank if your art is **marked as not for sale (NFS)**, **but please DO provide your cell phone number** in your message so that we can contact you if we need to during the show.

Please note \*\*\*A label will be printed with the above information for each artwork; substitutions and changes will not be permitted.

- ALSO: Identify what you can help with at the hanging, reception, or take down (see volunteer job list below)

**Acceptance:** At least one artwork per member will be accepted (if entered on or before **December 15<sup>th</sup>** 2019 ); all artwork will be accepted and hung as space allows; assume all your entries will be hung unless you hear from us prior to the delivery date.

### **Volunteer job list:**

If you are participating in the show you are asked to volunteer for one of the following jobs: Please identify the task in which you will be able to help in your email to **Darlene Kaplan**. [chineseart@darlenekaplan.com](mailto:chineseart@darlenekaplan.com)

- Make labels (*position filled*)
- Work Receiving table to check in show art
- Work Receiving table for art raffle donations
- Arrange the paintings on the floor before hanging,
- Putting fishing line on the backs of the paintings,
- Hang the show (6)- 3 teams of 2 people each, one on the floor assisting and one on a ladder
- Put on show labels
- Bring a ladder (we need 3)
- Assist at reception (e.g. voting, raffle, talking with visitors)
- Take down on **February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Delivery:** All artwork must be delivered, ready to be hung (**framed and wired**), to the Franconia Government Center on Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup> between 11-12:00; all entrants are expected to assist with hanging (approx. 12:30 until 2:30); 3D artist will arrange their own work in the show cases.

**PLEASE** put attach a sticky note or taped paper on the back of your paintings with your name and painting title.

**Pick Up:** All entrants must pick up their artwork (or make arrangements for someone to pick it up for you) on February 29<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:chineseart@darlenekaplan.com) so we know how many donations to expect. You can bring your raffle item when we hang the show on **Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>** or to the reception early. Donations can be small art works, cards, prints or other art you've made. This is always a huge hit with the visitors.

### **Community Service.**

SAG is honored once again to hold this art show at the invitation of Lee District Supervisor, Jeff McKay. However, there will be a new Supervisor this year and they have decided not to have the Open House for the newly elected person's first year in office. I will still try to convince them how important this Open House is to the community and SAG.

SAG has the opportunity to have our own reception. This will be announced at a later date.

**All members are encouraged to enter the show and attend the reception if we have one.**

Recap: Franconia show is **Saturday, January 4th, 2020- Saturday February 29<sup>th</sup> 2020**

- **Deadline for entries: December 15, 2019 (Sat)**
- **Installation/hanging:** Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> (**Saturday 11:00 am-12:30 pm**)
- **Reception:** TBA
- **Take down: Saturday- February 29<sup>th</sup> (11-11:30am)**



## November Meeting Highlights

November speaker, Jean Sausele Knodt, talking about the creative process of her unique 3D artwork.

## Winners of the Green Spring Gardens Art Show



1<sup>st</sup> Place - Peacocks & Peonies by Trinh Nguyn



2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Soft Pink by Marni Maree



3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Day Light in the Forest by Francoise Dickson



Judy Wengrovitz Award of Excellence - Lotus in Rain by Darlene Kaplan

# ART BOOKS and MAGAZINES

## SALE OF SAG ART BOOKS.

Springfield Art Guild is offering its library of donated hardbound art related books to the Membership for a donation for each individual book. There are also many paperback "how to" books, quarterly paperback journals and various calendars. There are several "coffee table" type books that are too large to bring to each meeting.

The first group offered will be at the Dec. 11, Holiday party meeting.  
Books will also be available at the January 8th meeting and at the February 12th meeting.

SHOP EARLY FOR YOUR XMAS GIFT OR A GIFT FOR ANOTHER ART LOVER.

Magazines will also be there for only 25 cents each.

If you have any questions contact Alice Merritt at [amerritt5@verizon.net](mailto:amerritt5@verizon.net)

## RECENTLY DONATED BOOKS

Contemporary American Realism Frank H. Goodyear  
Comic Kershaw Art Tools for Drawing Manga  
How to Succeed as Artist in Your Hometown Stewart Biehl  
American Realism 20th century Drawing & Watercolors  
Painting Watercolor Portraits that Glow Jan Kunz  
The Complete Oil Painter Brian Gorst  
Painting School (complete course) Ian Simpson  
Oil Painting Book, materials/techniques Bill Creepy  
Drawing School Ian Simpson  
LAPHAM S Quarterly  
Home: Lines of Work: Religion: Eros: Disaster  
Philonthropy : Crimes/ Punishment  
Norman Rockwell Illustrator Arthur Guphill  
Rockwell K.A. Marling.  
Romanticism Nor Bert Wolf / Walther  
Renoir Peter Feist  
Gaughan Ingot Walther



Books and magazine are for sale at every meeting.

# 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 award, 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](mailto:teresatindlebrunson@gmail.com) by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.*

**Nancy Patrick** is an Artist-in-Residence at PALETTE 22, a restaurant in Shirlington. She paints during four hour shifts, four times a month, and interacts with patrons. She can then display her art on the wall, and in bins for sale. She has sold note cards, a mug and a small painting there. In January she will be Artist of the Month and have a large featured wall space for her art display. There will be a reception at PALETTE 22 for Nancy on **January 20<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 – 9:00 pm**, and selections from the menu will be served. Please save the date, and come celebrate with Nancy!



PALETTE 22  
The Village at Shirlington  
4053 Campbell Ave  
Arlington, VA 22206 703.746.9077  
<http://www.palette22.com/>  
<http://www.palette22.com/artist-in-residence-program/>

- **Nancy** recently sold a painting “High Point NJ” at the Art League’s Gallery 75, at the Torpedo Factory
- **Nancy** will be in two juried art exhibits at the Art League, “petit December “ and the monthly “Open Exhibit “ as well as Gallery 75
- **Nancy** has started offering prints at the following sites:



<https://nancymccarthy-patrick.pixels.com/>  
<https://fineartamerica.com/profiles/nancymccarthy-patrick>  
<https://www.nmccarthyart.com/ein6chk8nrkclxv87qidc3sfo5z5os>

- **Nancy** is also one of the artists in the “Art on the Plaza - Holiday Market edition”! Featuring over 25 local artists - artwork, ceramics, home décor, jewelry, cards, and more  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/480120025941068/>

***Congratulations Nancy!***





**Jay Ryan's** painting titled "Autumn" was accepted into the Art League's Petite December Show (12/10/19 – 1/5/2020). It is a 6x6 acrylic painting.

***Congratulations Jay!!***

**Janice Ducharme** received an Honorable Mention award in the Landscape category from the Miniature Painters, Sculptors & Gravers Society (MPSGS) of Washington D.C. in their 86th Annual International Exhibition of Fine Art in Miniature currently showing at the Strathmore Mansion. This is her first award, so it's very special.

Also, Janice was just accepted into the Potomac Valley Watercolorists as a new member—another tough goal achieved.

Jan says "This has been a busy and gratifying month for me".



***Congratulations Janice!!***

## Behind the Scenes

Lydia Jechorek will be the December Artist of the month at the Loft Gallery of Occoquan, llc. Lydia hopes you can stop by for her reception on Saturday Dec 7<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm. The show will be up from Tue Dec 3 – Sun Dec 29, 2019.



Why does an artist paint a particular scene? What catches their eye as they walk down the street? What is it about that old car in the weeds that longs for attention? If you look over a shoulder, will you be able to tell why that museum painting is fascinating to that patron? So many thoughts go into a painting and Lydia

loves the artist's view from "Behind the Scenes."

*313 Mill Street (upstairs), Occoquan VA 22125*

*703.490.1117*

*Hours: Tue-Fri 11am-4pm;*

*Sat 11am-5pm; Sun Noon-5pm*

***Congratulations Lydia!!***



## 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](mailto:teresatindlebrunson@gmail.com) by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.*

### **Del Ray Artisans Holiday Market.**

2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA

Friday, Dec. 13 6-9PM

Saturday, Dec. 14 11AM to 6PM

Sunday, Dec. 15 11 AM to 6PM.

*Cynthia Schoepel will be selling her textile items there!*



# 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](mailto:teresatindlebrunson@gmail.com) and we will put it in the next issue.

*No Inputs sent in this 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](mailto:teresatindlebrunson@gmail.com) and it will be advertised in this section of our newsletter. Once the item is sold please notify Teresa Brunson.

No Inputs this month