



# Springfield Art Guild (SAG)

*A place for a creative experience*

**March 2020 Newsletter**

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### Meeting Schedule

Meeting March 11, 2020 – all are welcome

#### Schedule

5:30 pm – set up

6:30 pm – Business Meeting

7:30 pm – Speaker

9:00 pm – Clean up

*Times are approximate*

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

## **Bill Firestone Presents at Our March Meeting**



Unexpected color, active brushstrokes, a penchant for abstraction and sometimes a little touch of humor all combine to create strong yet inviting paintings that appeal to a broad audience.

Firestone completed his BFA from Virginia Commonwealth University and moved to Washington DC to work in the graphic design field. His strong background in photography as well as his visual interpretations of everything from tractor-trailers to London and Paris street scenes allows him to record his unique inspirations.

Countless judges throughout his career have recognized his illustration and fine art work and his paintings hang in many public and private collections. Galleries in DC, Virginia and North Carolina represent him. Illustration clients include publications such as Chesapeake Bay Magazine and the Washington Post Magazine, as well as graphic design firms, and advertising agencies.

His studio is at the Workhouse Arts Center, a former prison complex in Lorton, Virginia.



## 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.

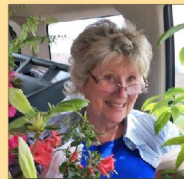
We hope you will invite guests to SAG's upcoming events and our Guest Speaker's Series.



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



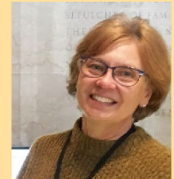
**Lydia Jechorek**  
Membership  
Former board member



**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**

## 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	Donnalyne Member Meeting/Kathy Board meeting	Jan 8	Jan 13	Alice	Stacy Slaten art professor at NOVA CC
February	Sy	Feb 12	Feb 17	Alice	Sy Framing/Donnalyne Art project
March	Mary Rose	Mar 11	Mar 16	Donnalyne	
April	Heather	Apr 8	Apr 13	Joanne/Chris	
May	Elaine	May 13	May 18	Joanne	
June	Donnalyne	June 10	June 15	Sy	

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



## **The SAG Urban Sketching Group**

*And now for something  
completely different.....*  
THE SAG URBAN SKETCHING  
GROUP'S MARCH OUTING.

Due to the advent of spring, the March outing will be the last indoor event scheduled. All future outings will be scheduled for out-doors and only weather will get the event moved indoors. We are going to a place that, at first glance, appears to be a strange location..... not suitable for sketching. Yet, nothing could be further from the truth.

**The March outing will be indoors,  
Friday, March 27th, 6 - 9 pm  
Tyson's Corner Shopping Center**

- There is geometry, perspective and colors galore.
- Store fronts with all sorts of stuff to draw.
- People, people and more people. Many stationary in lines or eating.
- Restaurants and eating venues all over the place.
- Stalls in the hallways.
- There is a children's playground and a movie complex too.
- And, there are lights, sparkles and darks too.

Plenty of free parking. Clean bathrooms, shopping, places to eat. And it's safe.

### **Schedule:**

6 pm.....Meet-up outside Costal Flats Restaurant.

7:30 - 8:00 pm..... snack and social time at the Food Court outside Paneras.

8 - 9 pm.....Sketch and depart.

Important points

1. No chairs or easels are allowed.
2. There are no lockers. You may want to consider a 2 wheeled cart like the ones you go to Giant with.

*See you at the Mall*

# The Two-Hour Photo Interpretation Challenge for April

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!

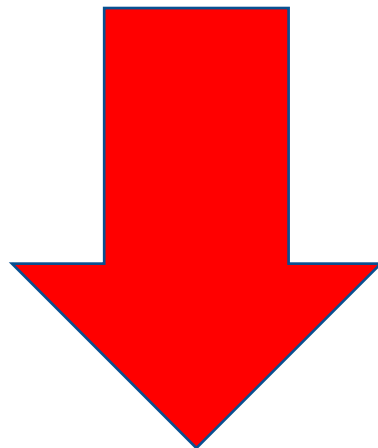
3. The coordinator for this program will be Tom Kollins, 703-323-8186, [thomaskollins@gmail.com](mailto:thomaskollins@gmail.com)

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.

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.

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





# Exploring for Signs of Spring

By Elaine Sevy

- **Sat, March 14, 10am-Noon** (Taking the loop trail to the left of the dam). Park in the large parking lot near the train trestle.
- **Mon, March 23, 5:00-7:00p.m** (Sketch Hike along Accotink Creek) Park in the large lot in the back left-hand corner near the trail head .

It's been a warmer than usual Winter, and the first day of Spring arrives March 19. The forest is changing quickly so there will be a lot to see and hear.

Let's get out on the trails and explore for signs of an early Spring — early ephemeral wildflowers, late Winter birds and Spring migrants, and of course, a visit to the Eagles Nest. Stars and Stripes have not abandoned the nest, so we could have little ones soon.

It's an easy hike, once you get past the first incline, along the 4-mile loop, and there's a viewing bench.

On Monday, we begin our sketch hike at 5:00 p.m., meeting at the trail head located in the large parking lot, back left-hand side as you drive in.

I'm already hearing Spring Peepers and Wood Frogs in the vernal pools located in this area. We should see early signs of Bluebells and other Spring wildflowers.

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.

## 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.



A good basic Nature Journaling kit includes: 6x8" or 5x7" sketchbook (at least 100 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 both March outings, 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. **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](mailto:yorkiemum.sevy95@gmail.com)).**



# “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)



# ART BOOKS and MAGAZINES

## SALE OF SAG ART BOOKS.

Springfield Art Guild is offering it's 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.

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)

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.*

No inputs were set in 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](mailto:teresatindlebrunson@gmail.com) by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.*

*No Art Opportunities sent in*

## 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