



SPRINGFIELD ART GUILD (SAG)

A place for a creative experience

August 2020 Newsletter

Schedule:

Zoom meeting
Wednesday Sept. 9
at 7 pm

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

SAG Board Members 2020-2021:

All Members Rotate for President
Joanna Stafford – Vice President
Sy Wengrovitz – Treasurer
Kathy Udell – Secretary
Elaine Sevy
Heather Cronin
Mary Rose Janya
Donnalynne Lefever
Danica Holoviak

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SAG Will Hold Virtual Meetings

Due to the current health crisis SAG will hold our monthly meetings via Zoom. Zoom is a cloud-based video communications app that allows you to set up virtual video and audio conferencing, webinars, live chats, screen-sharing, and other collaborative capabilities. Zoom can be used on your computer, phone, or iPad. This will allow members to attend our monthly meetings without leaving your home. Before each meeting members will be emailed with a link to our Zoom meeting. Our monthly meetings will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month (September – June) at 7 pm. We will have a guest speaker providing a special hour presentation at each meeting and we will



have a short business discussion of upcoming events and other pertinent information.

Mixed Media Artist Julia Malakoff

Julia Malakoff is SAG's September 9th guest speaker. Ms. Malakoff considers herself a constant creative always in the pursuit of capturing life's moments in one art form or another. She says maybe it was the long, cold, Iowa winters that initially set her upon this artistic path. Bundled up and trapped inside, her bedroom window overlooked gray skies and snow covered fields; She craved the warmth of creativity. As soon as Julia learned to write and rhyme, her journals became filled with poems and art and observations. As she grew, so did her need to explore and expand upon how she shared her observations. The camera has always been a close assistant of hers, offering a means to capture moments in time. And these moments, which become memories, are bits of inspirational material that transition into her stories, whether, printed or painted, written or told.



Most of Julie's art is mixed media collage. Matisse is one of the artists who has influenced her the most. She has always enjoyed studying his paintings, with his playful way of finding shapes and patterns in what might have been an ordinary, common scene. She too enjoys examining the shapes, colors, textures and patterns in my subjects. Julie's palette consists of bright colors, mainly acrylics, hand painted and handmade organic papers along with colored and patterned tissues. Most of her art is inspired by what she sees through her camera lens. Laila, her Labrador and Julia frequently take note of the nature they cross on their many walks. Whether it's flowers along the walkway, trees and their inhabitants, or wild weeds and grasses that offer eye catching colors, shapes and textures.

Julie's own art mostly expresses whimsical moments in time. To her, a whimsical moment, can be simple and yet elegant-sometimes even childlike. It's a glimpse into a subject that she is often interested in studying and recreating with artistic expression.

Her website is <https://paperjewels.net/>

What's happening with SAG in 2021? *The board is busy coming up with new ideas and activities for our members!!!*

SAG does not know when Grace Church will be reopening or we will be able to have in-person meetings or events. The board is working on ideas and events to inspire all of our members to continue their art and enjoy their membership through online meetings, our newsletter, our new website, Facebook and online events as we explore ways to inspire you & help you with your art.



Virtual Monthly Meetings: SAG will be bringing our meetings to our members via Zoom. SAG's board is lining up great Guest Speakers who will bring their art into your homes until we can meet in person again. Meetings will still be **the 2nd Wed of the month.**

Zoom: If you haven't participated in a Zoom meeting its really easy on your computers or IPads. If you haven't been 'Zooming' yet and need instruction we can help get you started.

SAG will also continue to explore new art related adventures for you.

We encourage members to send us your **ideas**. If we work together we're sure to have another great year.



We're looking for More Virtual Guest Speakers: If you've seen a speaker online you enjoyed and think they might be interested in being a guest speaker - please let us know. The wonderful thing about virtual meetings is speakers can now travel through cyberspace and join us from far off places!!



2020-21 Membership Dues & Application Form



SAG's yearly dues are still only \$35.00 a year (Sept– Sept) & families \$55.00 a year. Plus, everyone can add the option of SAG's online gallery (\$10) and/or link (\$5). Great ways to get your work online.

Find out more about the options on the membership application.

REMEMBER: Anyone can join SAG at any time during the year, but to be in the directory, Lydia Jechorek must receive your dues by Sept 30th.



SAG Membership form (membership is Sept-Sept)

Renewal No change Yes Changes NEW Membership Date _____

Please print or use a mailing label

Name: _____

Address _____

Telephone (home) _____ (cell) _____

E-Mail Address _____

Web Address: _____

Medium(s) _____

★★Membership Options: Please fill in options you want & total amount of your check (last column)

Single:	Full privileges (<i>shows, selling, emailed newsletter, email notices, etc.</i>)	\$35.00	
Family:	Full privileges for two adults in same family & children in household	\$55.00	
Student Member	High school – all privileges except voting rights	\$15.00	
Past President:	What year(s): _____	\$5.00	

➡ **Members can also add any of the following options:**

On-line Gallery + Link	Allows you to post up to 10 photographs of your work on the SAG website (must be renewed yearly). INCLUDES one link to a personal website if you have one listed above. You can add a 2 nd link below	+ \$10.00	
Link ONLY:	Allows you to link a personal website with the SAG website	+ \$5.00	
<i>Check Total</i>			

➤ **Include your web address above** if you would like it included in the **directory** even if you don't want a link.

➤ For the **On-line Gallery:** a) Email up to ten (10) quality photos and your **bio to Teresa Brunson** teresatindlebrunson@gmail.com .

b) **SUBJECT line of email:** "**SAG Online Gallery Photos** + your name".

c) **Save** each photo by its **title and your name** before attaching to email

d) In the body of your email please **include:** title, size, & medium; *price is optional.

Note: Due to size of photographs, you may need to send multiple emails

➤ Renewing? What Year did you join the Springfield Art Guild? _____ (It should be in last year's directory)

▶▶▶ please make checks payable to **SAG**, then mail your check & this form to:

Lydia Jechorek Attn: SAG
5608 Doolittle St.
Burke, VA 22015

Check # _____	Check Date _____	Amount \$ _____	Confirmation email sent _____
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THE SAG MONTHLY ART SHOW

As we all muddle through the coronavirus pandemic, SAG has created a project that will allow all members to share their art with the rest of the guild. It's a great way to enjoy one another's artwork until we meet again and can share our artwork at the monthly meetings as we've done in the past.

Who? Open to all SAG members

What? Show us your artwork!!

There are **no rules. Any medium..... Done at any time in your life.....** Includes sculptures and jewelry and anything else. Can be a quick sketch, or a fully developed artwork. Any subject matter.....As I said.....NO RULES (but it must be your work).

When? Our 1st monthly show will be on September 15th
Send you work in by the 15th of the month.

Where? Your work will be posted on SAG's Facebook page

How? Members can send a photo of their art by email,
by the 15th of every month, to Tom Kollins
(thomaskollins@gmail.com) and/or Lydia Jechorek (raylyd@verizon.net).



 **Subject-line of email:** *SAG Monthly Art Show, from (your name).*

Why? So you can enjoying the opportunity to share your art with fellow 'SAGers' and also find this a great way to check out the wonderful art our members create.

Announcing SAG's Annual Garden Dreams

Juried art show at Green Spring Gardens Park

October 26 - December 14, 2020

Springfield Art Guild 2020 Winter Show and Sale at:
Green Spring Gardens Park
Alexandria, Virginia 22312



Green Spring Gardens “Garden Dreams” Art Exhibit

The Springfield Art Guild sponsors a mixed media art exhibit at the Green Spring Gardens Horticulture Center located in Alexandria, VA. The park inspires and educates Fairfax County residents and visitors from around the world in horticulture and the potential of earth's flora and fauna in our local landscapes. The Springfield Art Guild is invited every year to share the artist's view of these wonders. This is a juried art show with 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Honorable Mentions and Best in Show honoring the late Judy Wengrovitz. This show is open to members only. The dates for this year's show: October 26 to December 14, 2020. Our reception will be held on November 1 from 1 – 3 pm. Members have the opportunity to sell their crafts and prints of their original artwork during the reception.

Please note: Due to Corona Virus, as of this printing it is uncertain if the Horticulture Center will be open by October. If closed, SAG will submit an alternate

SAG's Annual Franconia Government Center Art Show

SAG holds an art show at the invitation of Lee District Supervisor annually. Fairfax County Supervisors are a longtime supporter and friend of SAG. SAG members donate art that will be raffled during the Supervisor's Open House reception usually in January.



Voting for Peoples' Choice Awards occurs during the reception and the winners is announced by SAG in its February newsletter. The Government Center is the location of the Franconia Police Station and Museum, as well as the Supervisor's offices. As such it gets a lot of visitors, who will have an opportunity to view your art. *As always, members are encouraged to attend the reception.*

Please note: Due to Corona Virus, as of this printing it is uncertain if there will be a Supervisor's Open House and Art Show event in January.

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

Drawing Late Summer Wildflowers Nature Journaling Sketch Hike

By Elaine Sevy



Saturday, September 5th, 9am - noon

Late summer wildflowers, including New York Ironweed, Asters and Goldenrods, are pollinator magnets and gorgeous. Join me to draw these gorgeous late Summer/early Fall native bloomers and learn about their important wildlife value. We may see some butterflies too, including Buckeyes and Monarchs as they begin migrating through our area.

We are limited to 8 people so please let me know if you plan to attend. Safety protocols are mandated and include social distancing and face masks.

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. 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.

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 Marina parking lot at the end of the road. The large parking lot is on the left, before you reach the dam. This lot is below the railroad trestle.

LIKE "The NOVA Nature Journal Club," managed by SAG Member Elaine Sevy, on Facebook

at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups544583139673338/>. Our group is a diverse community of artists and naturalists, of all levels, who meet together to connect to nature through art. Though centered in

Northern Virginia, it is open to anyone with a passion for exploring nature with a journal.

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. I will have some tools on hand that you can try.

Also bring your cell phone and/or a camera for photo references, and binoculars.

Please NOTE: We will meet at the park's Marina. Parking is available in the Marina parking lot. It can fill up fast though, so you can also park in the large parking lot on the left as you drive into the park on Accotink Park Road and walk over to the Marina.



Exciting Member News!

Be sure to let me know if you have anything you would like to share about your art endeavors. We would like to hear from you. Contact Teresa at teresatindlebrunson@gmail.com