



SPRINGFIELD ART GUILD (SAG)

A place for a creative experience

April 2021 Newsletter

IN THIS ISSUE:

- **April 14 Meeting via Zoom - Snippets Studio**
- **Board Members and President Schedule**
- **NFTs are a Big Deal**
- **SAG's Open Studio on Wednesdays**
- **Reception and Awards for Art Show**
- **The NOVA Nature Journal Club**
- **Art Opportunities – Art Classes**
- **Exciting Member's News**
- **Welcome New Members**

Meeting Schedule

Zoom Meeting Apr. 14, 2021 – all are welcome!

Schedule

7 pm – Business Meeting

7:10 pm – Speaker

Times are approximate

www.springfieldartguild.org

www.facebook.com/springfieldartguild/

April 14th Zoom Meeting
Presentation by Sarah Suplina

Sarah Snippets Studio

SAG's speaker this month is Sarah Suplina, a Paper Artist creating unique collages and snippets capturing the beauty of life. Sarah opened Sarahsnippets Studio in 2019 to create custom collages and snippets. In addition to her art, Sarah teaches Middle School Art in New Rochelle, New York, and holds her Masters in Art Education from Pace University.

Sarah's unique art style was self-taught over the years. Sarah works in cut paper with nature as her primary



subject, with birds as a particular favorite. All art pieces are crafted from hand painted, hand cut paper with fine details including rich textures and depths. Sarah's art is full of love and attention and has inspired many artists from the very young to very mature. Sarah is a member of the Paper Artist Collective, an exclusive international group of paper artists, and her work has been displayed and sold all over the country.

Join us on Zoom Wednesday April 14 at 7pm to meet Sarah and see her lovely artwork.

www.sarahsuplina.com

Instagram:

<https://www.instagram.com/sarahsnippets/?hl=en>

Etsy Shop: <https://www.etsy.com/shop/SarahSnippets>



Meet SAG's 2020-2021 Board Members

Springfield Art Guild Board welcomes new Board Member *Danica Arehart*

The SAG President schedule will rotate so each board member will be Acting President for at least 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.

Everyone is encouraged to invite friends to join us for our Guest Speakers series (on Zoom until further notice)



Joanne Stanford
V. Pres. & Membership



Sy Wengrovitz
Treasurer



Kathy Udell
Secretary



Danica Arehart



Elaine Sevy &
Journaling coordinator



Heather Cronin



Teresa Brunson
Newsletter Editor & Website
Former board member



Lydia Jechorek
Membership
Former board member



Alice Merritt
Librarian
Former Board Member



Mary Rose Janya



**Donnalynne
Lefever**



Chris Jenkins

SAG's Featured Speaker List for Our 2020-2021 Season

2020-21	Guest Speaker	medium
Sep 9	Julia Malakoff	Collage
Oct 14	Kathleen Gillmann	Oil, acrylic and pastel
Nov 11	Marnie Maree	Watercolor and oil
Dec 9	Marisela Rumberg	Zentangle & fiber artist
Jan 13	Liz Walker	Marbled acrylic paintings
Feb 10	Lynn Goldstein	Pastel and Oil
Mar 10	Rick Reda	Photographer
Apr 14	Sarah Suplina	Collages and Snippets
May 12	Lara Call Gastinger	Botanical Art
Jun 9	Trisha Adams	Making a Living as an Artist

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.*



Springfield
Civic Association
Where we all come together

SAG appreciates the Springfield Civic Association's continued support and coverage of our activities through its newsletter and Facebook group. For news and important information about businesses, school activities and important issues relative to the Springfield community, visit SCA's website at: springfieldcivic.org.

Article from the online “Daily Skimm”

The Daily Skimm, a woman owned company, is the [free](#) email newsletter that gives you everything you need to know to start your day. We break down what's going on in the world with fresh editorial content. We'll meet you in your inbox M-F, bright and early. The Daily Skimm leaves our hands--keyboard at 6am ET.

The Story

NFTs are a Big Deal

Yeah...you lost me.

NFTs. They stand for non-fungible (read: irreplaceable) tokens. They're kind of like [unique deeds](#) or trading cards...but make 'em digital. Normally when an artist sells a painting, people buy the physical thing. But in a world of GIFs, JPGs, and MP3s, collectors want to be able to say 'I own that' about art that's circulating in the digital space for free. Enter: NFTs.

And they are...?

Expensive bragging rights. NFTs have unique identifiers to track who sold and bought anything in the digital world – from [Jack Dorsey's first tweet](#) (on track to rake in \$2.5 million) to a [Kings of Leon](#) album. How do you own a tweet, you might ask? You don't. You own the idea of owning the tweet. Eccentric? Sure. In any case, whoever pays up gets a token – encoded with [fancy crypto magic](#) – that proves they did it. Quite the flex.

Why am I hearing about it now?

Yesterday, an NFT by an artist known as Beeple sold for [\\$69 million](#) – putting Beeps among ["the top three most valuable living artists."](#) It surpassed bids for work by artists like Frida Kahlo and Salvador Dalí. And was the first time auction house Christie's ever sold a completely digital NFT. Another first for Christie's: accepting Ethereum – a cryptocurrency. The auction house reportedly says it would be open to selling tokens like this in the future – but that it won't quit its day job of selling actual, physical paintings.

I don't know how to feel about this.

It's a lot. But there's more to the story than just bragging rights: NFTs can provide musicians and artists with a new source of revenue. For the buyer, NFTs can be a form of investment that could earn some profits. But keep in mind: the market is still evolving. And investing in NFTs [isn't exactly a tried and true strategy](#).

theSkimm

The digital age for buying and selling content is taking a new direction. Now, some artists and musicians are cashing in on the opportunities cryptocurrencies are creating. And people with lots of money are finding new ways to spend it. And that's the NFTea.



Join us on Wednesdays!

We heard SAG members say they were having trouble getting motivated to paint at home and the idea of having a virtual open studio was born. Most of us are also looking for ways to increase our social activities safely these days, this is a two for one! This is a zoom session where we can get together, chat, do our art, and ask for input on our work! Those who have participated have enjoyed the companionship and added incentive to get back to their art. There is no size limit to this group, if we get too big for one chat, we can just add another "room" and have too smaller groups!



When: Wednesdays from 1- 2:30pm

Where: On Zoom - SAG members meet on Weds to work on any art project of their choosing. The zoom link is always the same and is sent weekly to all members by email

What's is all about??

It's a virtual get-together giving everyone a chance to work on their personal art in a group setting for inspiration, encouragement and to just have fun chatting, and painting or drawing again.

Come join us you'll be glad you did!



Reception and Awards

By Chris Jenkins

We had the reception for our first virtual Art Show on March 21, 2021. **Art with Heart** started on March 8th and goes until May 10th. See the exhibition at <http://www.springfieldartguild.org/exhibitions/>

Art with Heart is a fundraiser for the scholarship program of the Workhouse Art Center. We had a good turnout for the reception. We started with an overview of the scholarship program given by Debra Balasteri who is the Director of Education at the WAC. We then took a poll of the 3 top People's Choice contenders and I had the pleasure to announce the following People's Choice winners:

- First place was awarded to Teresa Brunson for her pastel painting titled Queen Anne's Lace.
- Second place was awarded to Elaine Sevy for her watercolor painting titled Autumn Glow.
- Third place was awarded to Marni Maree for her watercolor painting titled Preying and Praying.

We then got to hear from each of the artists about what inspired them to create and enter their amazing works of art.

It was a wonderful reception and is a beautiful show.

Thank you to all that were a part in one way or another with planning, accepting and uploading art, advising, giving generously and entering pieces. So far we have earned 625.00 this is not including the 3 works of art we have already sold.



**Check out all the beautiful artwork
in our online show!**

<http://www.springfieldartguild.org/exhibitions/>

“It’s APRIL,” and Spring is in Full Swing!

By Elaine Sevy

Wearing my Fairfax Master Naturalist hat, I will be working with Lake Accotink Park Management to organize at least one *City Nature Challenge DC hike* (April 30-May 3) to observe and photograph the park's plants and wildlife, using cell phones and the iNaturalist app. Exact dates for the walk are pending approval. Either at the park or on Zoom, we also will have a fun **nature journaling** session to create a sketchbook page about our experience. Stay tuned!!!! Visit this official site for more information: <https://citynaturechallengedc.org>.



Official Art for City Nature Challenge DC 2021 (use approved for educational purposes)

For dates about these City Nature Challenge DC events and information about many more activities, LIKE “The NOVA Nature Journal Club,” on Facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups544583139673338/>

- The NOVA Nature Journal Club, a Facebook group administered by SAG Member Elaine Sevy, offers information and links to register for a variety of online and in-person classes.
- Start building a “nature based” sketchbook habit through exploration! Be inspired by more ideas for painting subject matter than you can imagine!
- Learn about and register for an Amphibian Disco Sketch Hike and learn how to draw Birds at Huntley Meadows Park.
- You also can explore and be inspired by lovely illustrations and journal pages, nature photographs and videos, tips on journaling techniques and tools, and much more.
- Our group is a diverse community of artists and naturalists, of all levels, who meet together to learn about and connect with nature through art.

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



LIKE “The NOVA Nature Journal Club,” on Facebook!

It is 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.

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.

Oriental Brush Painting Nature Workshop

Online via ZOOM

May 11 at 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Cost: \$35 Del Ray Artisans member / \$40 Non-member

Class size: 10-25 participants

Instructor: Darlene Kaplan www.darlenekaplan.com

Register via link:

https://delrayartisans.org/event/oriental-brush/?instance_id=2431

Learn to paint a few basic strokes using ink and color on rice paper to create beautiful roses. In this oriental art technique you will load your brush in layers of color. When you put your brush to the paper the colors come out in the reverse order on the paper. This art form is “food for the soul”—it is active meditation that teaches you to use your chi (energy) to produce a freestyle, beautiful piece of art.

This 2-hour workshop (via Zoom) on oriental brush painting of Roses using Chinese watercolors is taught by international award winning artist Darlene Kaplan. A picture of the subject will be emailed to all participants to follow during the class. You will set up your table to paint as the instructor guides you along with step-by-step directions and checks each participant's progress from time to time.



Please order your supplies in advance due to shortage of employees and shipping delays during the pandemic. Order your supplies from awesomeartsupply.com (select [Asian/Oriental/SumiSupply](#)). Supplies list:

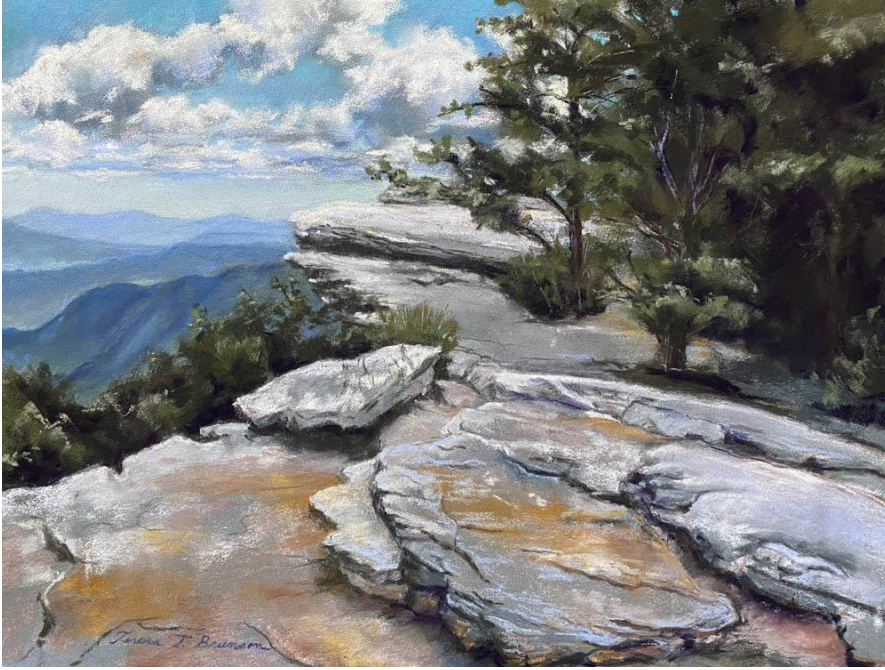
1. One Box of Marie's CHINESE Watercolors – [ACS-90C12 Marie Sumi Watercolors-12 Color Set- 12 ml.](#)
2. [Bottled ink](#) (cheapest will work to get started)
3. Flow Brush (Chinese art Brush) – [ABF-3FB03 Best Combination Flow Brush](#) (watercolor brushes will NOT work)
4. Paper Roll – [APS-57P5R Pi-Ma Paper Roll](#)
5. Holding dishes for color (white ceramic small saucers will work)
6. Mixing dishes for mixing (white ceramic)
7. Container for water (2 jars – one for dirty water and one for clean)
8. Paper towels
9. One yard of white fleece fabric (fabric store)

[This workshop will be online through the Zoom platform. Registered participants will be sent the connection information via email two days before the workshop and again one hour before the workshop. You may attend on a computer, tablet, or smartphone.](#)

Pastel Painting Nature Workshop

Sunday May 16, 2021

12:30 pm – 3:30 pm



Gallery
2704 Mount Vernon Ave
Alexandria, VA 22301

Class Size: Only up to 8 participants (*register by May 13*)

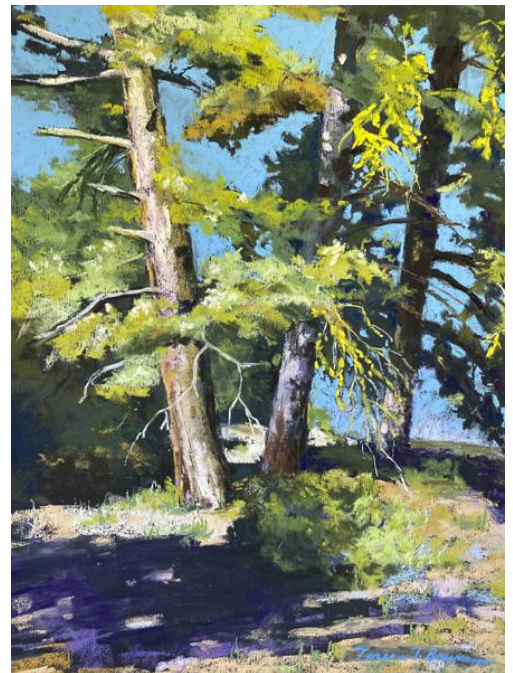
Cost: \$70 for Del Ray Artisans members / \$75 Non Members
([registration link below](#))

3 hour workshop. **All materials will be provided!**

Instructor: Teresa Brunson

Have fun learning pastel painting! Pastels are a fun and forgiving medium to use. Whether you are trying this medium for the first time or have experience with pastels, this workshop is for you. Through instructor demonstrations, lecture, guidance and hands-on activities you will have fun learning pastel painting techniques such as layering, blending, and mark-making to create beautiful nature scenes. You will also learn about different types of pastel sticks and pastel paper including sanded paper.

- *All materials will be provided - just bring yourself and have fun painting!*
- *Participants must wear a face mask and maintain 6' of personal space.*



To Register:

https://delrayartisans.org/event/pastel/?instance_id=2432



April and May Workshops

A variety of fine arts and craft classes will be offered in a brand new location in Occoquan, VA through Hitchcock Paper Company!

- **Intro to Drawing** taught by SAG member Teresa Brunson
- **Intro to Pastel Painting** taught by SAG member Teresa Brunson
- **Wine Glass Painting** taught by SAG member Teresa Brunson
- **Paper crafts**
- **Calligraphy**
- **Journaling**
- **Brush Lettering**
- **Digital Marketing for Small Business**



Check out all the classes through the following link:

<https://www.hitchcockpaper.com/collections/workshops-events>

Currently all of our workshops and classes are in-person and take place in our brand new second floor studios in historic Occoquan, Virginia.

Face coverings are required to be worn properly throughout the entire class. Participants will be seated apart to maximize social distancing.





Great Opportunity for SAG Members!



Be a Featured Artist on the SAG Website

Our updated website now has a **Featured Artist** page. We would like to have a different member each month on our featured artist page. This is a great opportunity to share your art and your art journey with your fellow members. We are looking for any SAG member who would like to be our website Featured Artist to contact Teresa Brunson teresatindlebrunson@gmail.com right away. You will only have to provide answers to the following questions, photos of you and your artwork. Easy!

Questions for Featured Artist

1. What is your personal artistic motto or mission in a sentence or two?
2. What are three words that describe your style?
3. Where are you coming from and how did you start your artistic journey?
4. What inspires you to create? What holds you back?
5. What is your favorite piece you have created or favorite art experience, and why?
6. Tell us something positive that has happened to you in the last month?
7. Do you have a website and if so please give the address
8. Do you have pictures of your art in the SAG website gallery?
9. Do you have a Facebook page and if so what is your address?

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 by the 20th of each month.

Exciting News!

Judy Wengrovitz's watercolor classes from the TV show "**From the Painter's Palette**" are now available on Youtube!

Click here for Judy's show ["The Terrace" \(link\)](#)

"From the Painter's Palette" is a watercolor tutorial series where artist Judy Wengrovitz teaches while she paints a watercolor. See a new painting come to life from sketch to finish in about 1 hr. Learn her special techniques for rocks, cliffs, bushes, reflections. She painted in a TV studio with 4 cameras so you won't miss an angle. The series has 33 episodes; watch in any order. Episode #18 Judy called "The Terrace"



If you haven't seen any of Judy's shows you are in for a treat. The demonstrations now on YouTube were originally done live on Fairfax Cable program, "**From the Painter's Palette**" produced by Gail Ruf. SAG thanks Gail Ruf for all of her hard work and dedication editing Judy's show to ensure Judy's classes will continue to be broadcasted on the Fairfax cable station and now on YouTube to be enjoyed by artists all over the world. Gail edited and provided all of Judy's demonstrations on thumb drives for the SAG library last year. The thumb drives are available to SAG members to be checked out of SAG's library.

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 submissions this month