



SPRINGFIELD ART GUILD (SAG)

A place for a creative experience

June 2021 Newsletter

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June 9th Zoom Meeting
Presentation by Trisha Adams

Making a Living as an Artist

by Trisha Adams

I began painting at age 44 after a career in desktop publishing & electronic prepress. Like many who paint, I became obsessed. I decided to make a living as a painter so I could spend all my time doing it.

My first order of business, back in 2001, was to become a better painter, so I took classes at a local art school, The Loudoun Academy of the Arts, in Leesburg, VA. My instructor, who painted realistically to a high degree of finish, nevertheless encouraged my innate looser style.

Enthralled by the way the Impressionists used color, I studied color theory and set up still lifes under colored lights to understand what happens. I began to move away from painting



Meeting Schedule

Zoom Meeting June 9, 2021 – all are welcome!

Schedule

7 pm – Business Meeting

7:10 pm – Speaker

Times are approximate

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objects and concentrated on painting shapes of light and shadow. I delved into edges and discovered their ability to imbue a painting with life.

By 2014, my career was going well. I had solo shows. My artwork hung in interesting places such as the Virginia State Senate, the Ritz Carlton in Tysons and on the set of Madame Secretary. I taught workshops in exciting destinations like Italy, Mexico and Australia, I gained membership in the venerable Washington Society of Landscape Painters and I made a modest amount of money.

In 2018, I noticed something unusual. Gross receipts increased by \$29k, crossing into six figures for the first time. What was going on? Had I changed or had the world changed? It turns out it was both. The good news is that the climate for artists wishing to earn their livelihood from art has never been better. In my presentation, I will share what I learned about connecting with my audience and clearing the way for sales.



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)



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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

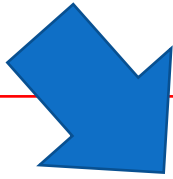


Springfield
Civic Association
Where we all come together

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.

"Every person can make a difference and every person should try."

~John F. Kennedy



SAG's June Annual Meeting

- June is our annual meeting in which the Treasure's report is read, the minutes from the last annual meeting are read and the election of director(s) is made.
- We are happy to announce a nominee for the SAG Board - Pat Hafkemeyer. Thank you Pat! Please let anyone on the Board know if you are interested in joining the board.
- In addition to our business part of the meeting we will also have our featured speaker, Trisha Adams to give a presentation.

June is a Nature Journaling Enthusiast's Dream

By Elaine Sevy
SAG Board Member

National Pollinator Week is June 21-27!

Join SAG Member Elaine Sevy, a Certified Fairfax Master Naturalist, for a sketch hike on Saturday, June 26, 10:00 a.m. to Noon, at Lake Accotink Park. During the first hour, participants will explore the park's habitat restoration area and the new Pollinator Garden to learn about native pollinators, and the plants they love and need. The second hour will be devoted to sketching and making field notes in our Nature Journals. **Contact Elaine to register and for more information at yorkiemum.sevy95@gmail.com; phone/text at 703-901-5612.**



Nature journaling has an international following, and June features two BIG events with worldwide participation:

International Nature Journaling Week is June 1-7

This year the themes for **International Nature Journaling Week** will explore the three 'languages' of nature journaling (**words, pictures and numbers**) and the three prompts '**I notice...I wonder...It reminds me of...**' These two triads, used together, are a powerful tool for cultivating curiosity, connecting with nature and building a rich and rewarding nature journaling experience. The final day will bring together all that we have explored and focus on creating a positive nature journaling **mindset**. That day will focus on cultivating a growth mindset, integrating nature journaling into your daily life, silencing the inner critic and so much more! A series of live workshops will be available throughout the week (will be recorded and available on the INJW Website. Visit <https://www.naturejournalingweek.com>

Wild Wonder 2021 Starts June 23!

Join Internationally renowned John Muir Laws — the nature journaling expert of our time — for the Wild Wonder Nature Journaling Conference, June 23-27, live and online. This conference has a fantastic lineup of teachers — including Amy Tan — and speakers — including Tony Foster, Jane Kim, J. Drew Lanham, Richard Louv and Dr. Nooshin Razani. The event features 5 full days and more than 50 session hours of nature journaling challenges, classes, speakers, and fun. It is only \$95 for the live pass, which includes access to the recordings through April 1, 2022. NOTE: A video only pass will be offered for sale after the conference. For more information and to register, visit <https://johnmuirlaws.com/wildwonder/>

Wild Wonder
NATURE JOURNALING CONFERENCE

JUNE 23-27, 2021

30 Teachers and Speakers
Online Classes and Talks
Curiosity and Community
Wonder and Fun

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



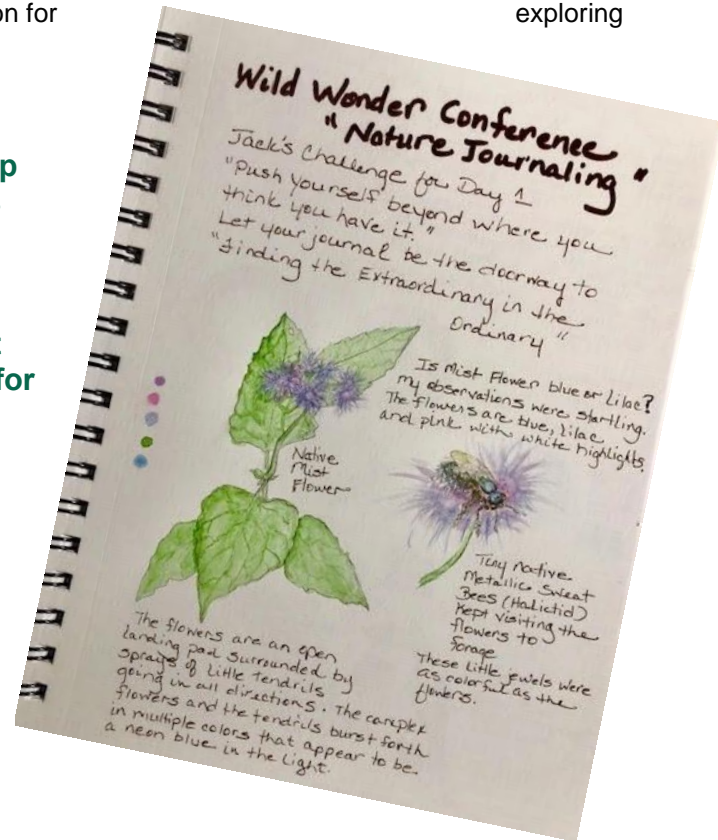
LIKE “The NOVA Nature Journal Club,” on Facebook!

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.

- 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!
- Fascinated by Dinosaurs, then register for “Drawing & Learning About Fossils” and “Ancient Plant Sketch Hike” Or unwind and meditate during “Mindfull Drawing.” And there’s so much more!!!!



OPEN STUDIO

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!

“The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention.”

~Oscar Wilde

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



As a juried member of the Potomac Valley Watercolorists **Virginia Fernbach** is the featured artist for the month of may. An email was sent out to the membership. I hope you had the chance to the paintings on the PVW website. Just in case the paintings are still up you can click on the link below.

There are 12 paintings

www.potomacvalleywatercolorists.com

Congratulations Virginia!

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.

Art Classes by Carol Zeitlen-Schneier

Loving to share my love of art and teaching others, I was determined not to let the Pandemic stop me from teaching. Zoom was the answer.

REGISTRATION is OPEN for ART CAMP 2021 VIRTUAL

1 DRAWING PLUS COLOR FUN CAMP 5-8 years

A JUNE 21 CAMP SESSION 10:30 BREAK 11:30

2 DRAWING CAMP 8 years & up/Teens

1 JUNE 28 CAMP SESSION 10:30 BREAK 11:30

3 DRAWING & PAINTING CAMP 8 years & up/Teens

2 JULY 19 CAMP SESSION 10:30 BREAK 11:30

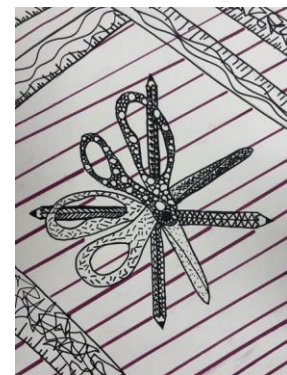
4 ART BOOT CAMP FOR ADULTS Contact Instructor for details

TO REGISTER:

CALL/TEXT 703-250-6930

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Art Supplies For Sale or Free!

Be sure to let me know if you have any art supplies or art related items you would like to sell or give away. We would like to hear from you. Contact Teresa at teresatindlebrunson@gmail.com

Art Supply available for pick-up in Burke

Contact Carol Zeitlin

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