



# SPRINGFIELD ART GUILD (SAG)

*A place for a creative experience*

**May 2021 Newsletter**

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### Meeting Schedule

Zoom Meeting May 12, 2021 – all are welcome!

#### Schedule

7 pm – Business Meeting

7:10 pm – Speaker

*Times are approximate*

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

[www.facebook.com/springfieldartguild/](https://www.facebook.com/springfieldartguild/)

May 12<sup>th</sup> Zoom Meeting  
Presentation by Lara Gastinger



## Blending Aesthetics and Science

Join Lara Call Gastinger as she talks about her experience as a botanical artist. She will speak about her early career as a botanical illustrator for the *Flora of Virginia* which led to her profession as a botanical artist. She will go through the process of creating and maintaining a perpetual journal and how she creates detailed watercolor paintings.

She has her undergraduate degree in Biology from the University of Virginia and a master's degree in plant ecology from Virginia Tech. She has been awarded two gold medals (2007, 2018) at the Royal Horticultural Society Botanical Art

shows in London and her work is in the Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation. Her artwork appears in the latest *Peterson's Field Guide to Mushrooms* and *ASBA's Botanical Art Techniques Handbook*.

The subjects of her art are artifacts of the natural world and reveal detailed evidence of the natural processes of growth, reproduction, and decay. She finds inspiration in a carrot that has gone to flower, a broken seedpod, twisted roots or insect damage to a leaf. She strives to make a plant portrait in such a way that it reveals its character and uniqueness. Her focus on the small details and celebration of the everyday hopefully inspires others to look a bit deeper and linger a bit longer. She has gained international recognition with the creation of her "perpetual journal" that has inspired naturalists around the world to start their own.



## 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



Painting by Nina Schwartz

Check out the beautiful artwork and read about our member Nina Schwartz! She is our monthly featured artist on the main page of the SAG website. Just scroll down to see it.

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

★ ★ *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](mailto: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?



**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](http://springfieldcivic.org).

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*“Every person can make a difference and every person should try.”*

*~John F. Kennedy*

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# Help!

## SAG Needs More Volunteers

In order for SAG to continue to operate efficiently, offer art shows, create newsletters, find monthly speakers, make member directories, organize meetings, and set up sketching and nature journaling events and lots more we need more volunteers. The SAG Board members and advisors and several additional volunteers have been doing a lot over the past few years and could really use some relief and help. Please email [Danica Holoviak-Arehart](mailto:Danica.Holoviak-Arehart@gmail.com) at [danica.holoviak@gmail.com](mailto:danica.holoviak@gmail.com) and let her know what volunteer activity or activities you would like to do. If you can help in any way! Look through the list and let us know where you can help.



### Here are a list of activities we need volunteers for:

1. Be a **SAG Board Member** – It only requires about 2-4 hours a month
2. **Be the SAG Treasurer Board Member:** It only requires maybe 2-4 hours a month of work. SAG has only a few bills a year (insurance, website hosting) and the treasurer also writes and mails out 8-10 checks total a year to our Featured Speakers. The Treasurer keeps up the listing of checks written. There is a binder that has the listing. The other board members can help assist, train and answer any questions. Sy was Treasurer for 9 years and kept the book in order.
3. **Newsletter Coordinator:** Create the monthly newsletter layout. You do not write any articles (unless you want to). All articles come from SAG Board and non-Board members. Members provide the articles plus the images. We are currently using an easy basic Microsoft Word document template but you can create the newsletter with whatever you want. Teresa Brunson will be available to assist and train. This job can be shared by more than one person if you want.
  - a. Members are asked to **submit articles** for newsletter to the coordinator
  - b. **Layout a monthly column** for the newsletter
4. **Springfield Civic Association article:** Send a (usually monthly) article about our featured speaker to the Springfield Civic Association. You do not have to write the article. The featured speaker provides the article and images for the SAG newsletter and to Elaine Sevy (member currently doing this job) to send to the association. Elaine will assist and train you. This association supports SAG through their Facebook group and their newsletter.
5. **Online SAG website art shows:** Volunteers to organize future online SAG website art shows. We had our first online website art show and it was a success. In fact it is still going on. If you haven't seen it take a look at our website <http://www.springfieldartguild.org/exhibitions/>. We have several members that can train you in how to organize and plan the show. It will require a few people but one person to be the lead. An example of the kind of duties required is:

- Writing an article for our newsletter about the upcoming online art show that you are planning.
- Keeping an organized listing of all art pieces, organizing a theme and dates of the show and things like that. For our first and current online website show we had a total of 53 art pieces so it is not a huge amount to keep a list of. We have several members that can assist and train you. Much of the organizing, writing of the prospectus, registration form etc. has already been done.
- Making sure our SAG Facebook volunteer is announcing it on Facebook.

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*“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.”*

*~Elizabeth Andrew*

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6. **Green Spring Coordinator:** Two or more volunteers to be in charge of the Green Spring Art Show of 2022. Unfortunately Green Springs will not be having any art shows in 2021. Heather Cronin and Joanna Stafford will be happy to assist and provide training.
7. **P.O. Box:** Volunteer to check the SAG P.O. Box and provide mail to designated Board member
8. **Website Assistant:** Assist with the SAG website. Teresa Brunson will provide training.
9. **Directory Assistant:** Help with the member directory (in Sept/Oct). Lydia Jechorek will provide training.
10. **Facebook Coordinator:** Do postings to promote SAG and help facilitate postings for members when needed
11. **Virtual Studio Art Time Assistant:** Assist coordinating Zoom Virtual Open studio
12. **Liaison with Grace Church:** Board will coordinate any needs to contact them. Volunteer will report to board interactions
13. **Speaker Suggestions:** Membership research and provide ideas for future speakers and provide to coordinator
14. **Speaker Coordinator:** Keep a list of the speakers that are selected by the membership and Board. Send out (email) 10 speaker contracts to the monthly featured speakers. The contract is already written so you would just type in the speakers name and dates.
15. **Thumb Drive Librarian:** Keeper of the thumb drives and responsible for signing out the Thumb Drives for Judy’s TV Watercolor Painting class
16. **DVD Librarian:** Keeper of the 30+ Instructional Painting DVDs. You will need to store the DVDs and be in charge of keeping a list of who signs them out and returns them back to you.

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*“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”*

*—Winston Churchill*

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# OPEN STUDIO

## Join us on Wednesdays!

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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!**

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*"The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention."*

~Oscar Wilde

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# 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.*

## 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](http://www.darlenekaplan.com)

**Register via link:**

[https://delrayartisans.org/event/oriental-brush/?instance\\_id=2431](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](http://awesomeartsupply.com) (select [Asian/Oriental/SumiSupply](#)). Supplies list:

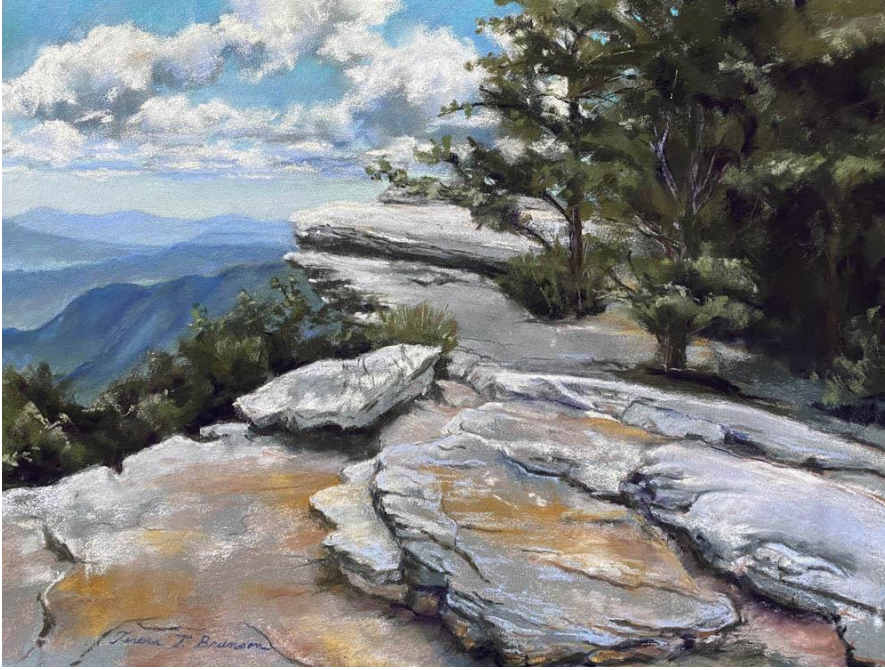
1. One Box of Marie's CHINESE Watercolors – [ACS-90C12 Marie Sumi Watercolors-12 Color Set- 12 ml.](#)
2. [Bottled ink](#) (cheapest will work to get started)
3. Flow Brush (Chinese art Brush) – [ABF-3FB03 Best Combination Flow Brush](#) (watercolor brushes will NOT work)
4. Paper Roll – [APS-57P5R Pi-Ma 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](https://delrayartisans.org/event/pastel/?instance_id=2432)



# 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.

