



SPRINGFIELD ART GUILD (SAG)

A place for a creative experience

September 2021 Newsletter

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Zoom Meeting Sept 8, 2021 – all are welcome!

Schedule

7 pm – Business Meeting

7:10 pm – Speaker

Times are approximate

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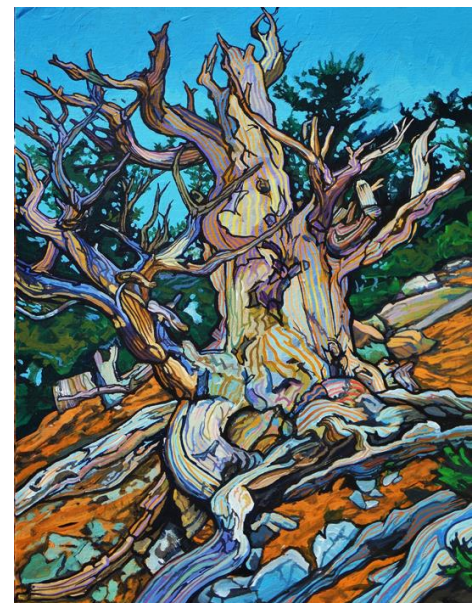
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Painting My Way Across the USA by Bike

by Lewis Williams

My name is Lewis Art Williams. I added my middle name for my art signature a few years ago. In the past, I always signed with only my first name, but another lady, whose last name was Lewis and was at many of the art shows I was in, claimed it caused confusion with patrons. So this is the name I work under, and Art IS my middle name! I have been painting for over 40 years. I became interested in art therapy as an undergraduate, and was accepted into a fine program but was not offered any financial help, so I backed out and decided to get an MFA in painting. Here I am all these years later, still pursuing this. I tell people art is an infection and once contracted, you can't get rid of it! (I guess its terminal?!) My daughter caught it and is a wonderful ceramicist. I should have worn a mask.





In 1999, I was able to begin an old fashioned apprenticeship for 4 years with and internationally recognized Byzantine icon painter Br. Robert Lentz and I continue to do work in that area. I began Plein Air Painting in 2012 to take a break from all the labor and focus on minutia of 'writing' an icon. I believed that my love of the landscape, seeing the creators hand in it, my interest in history, native peoples, etc... would find fruition in the 'relaxing' pursuit of outdoor painting! Well, it was and continues to be a lot of hard work but work I love and continue to grind away towards the goal mastering my craft. Well, I now know you never really get 'there', but get more proficient at capturing what is in your mind's eye (I hope).

*“The idea was to paint my way
across the USA by bike.”*

I do believe we all should have a purpose for doing our art, and creating. For me, the spiritual side is very important. I believe that if I am still playing around with paint as I have aged, I should have a more noble purpose than money. The goal I work towards is engaging in an act of love. If I can look around in nature and be blown away by the world I find myself in, I want to respond in an act of gratitude. I attempt to make my art an act of thankfulness in response to a creator who has given us all these things to delight all our senses, surrounding us in awe, if we take the time to see it.

On the actual eve of my sixtieth birthday, I awoke a little out of sorts. This age I was bumping into was a milestone, so I shifted into a deep reflection on my stage in life and whether I was content with where I was at this point..., and I wasn't. My art is part of my whole life, and I was dismayed that I was far short of where I had hoped to be. My thoughts shifted to what could or should change in my life as I moved forward, and the answer came... I needed to 'rattle my cage' and see what might shake out. I needed a challenge on a big scale, to cover many bases and to stretch myself, and open some doors in an adventure that centered on my art, my physical and spiritual self, my marriage and my soul. That should be pretty simple, right?! The idea was to paint my way across the USA by bike. No, I had never done anything like it before, but a quick google search seemed to show no one else had either! (this I have not completely verified, but at the time, was a motivating factor). So, I ran it by some art friends, my wife (who I thought would quickly nix the whole idea) and my negative voices in my head, and all thought it was quite an exceptional idea (except the voices, they are always party poopers!). So I





started to try to get some higher support (not God, art gurus!). Initially failing, I decided to go to the top. On July 4th, I called Eric Rhodes, briefly shared the idea, and he called back several times with enthusiasm! So off I was in pursuit! I was supposed to present a film to promote plein air painting through my dream, at the opening night of the convention...however, it and the next two conventions were cancelled by Covid. But March 1, 2021 arrived and my wife and I, with a lot of family support, set off from San Diego, California, for Bar Harbor, Maine! AND would you know it, we actually survived 5 and a half months in the van, about 4000 miles on bike and over 100 paintings and actually completed this thing!! The cage was rattled, and opportunities are opening, like talking to the

Springfield Art Guild!! Of all the beauty we were surrounded with on this cross country endeavor, the people we met were the best gift. They said our act of taking off and pursuing a dream was an inspiration to them!! What is better than?! Painting daily has made me a much better painter. Also, I learned more about how I ‘tick’ and am now in a long process of becoming a much better person. My wife even thinks so! So, I can only humbly suggest to you to find something that gets you excited and go out and make it happen. It will change your life! Art can do that!

Meet SAG's 2021-2022 Board Members

Springfield Art Guild Board welcomes new Board Members Pat Hafkmeyer and Gladys Berly

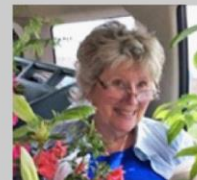
The SAG President schedule will rotate among some of the board members. The Acting President schedule will be listed in the newsletter. If you have questions you can contact any board member.

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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Nature Journal Club



Mary Rose Janya



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Former Board Member



Lydia Jechorek
Membership
Former Board Member



Alice Merritt
Librarian
Former Board Member



Gladys Berly



Chris Jenkins



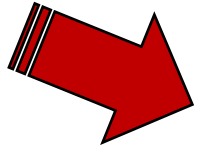
Pat Hafkmeyer

Acting President schedule- 2021-2022

2021-2022	Acting President	Members mtg	Board Mtg	Assistant
September	Danica	8	13	Lydia
October	Chris	13	18	Mary Rose
Nov	Pat	10	15	Elaine
Dec	Elaine	8	13	Chris
Jan	Mary Rose	12	17	Pat
Feb	Danica	9	14	Elaine
Mar	Elaine	9	14	Mary Rose
Apr	Gladys	13	18	Chris
May	Pat	11	16	Danica
June	Donnalynne	8	13	Pat

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

2020-21	Guest Speaker	Art Topic
Sep 8	Lewis Williams	Painted His Way Across USA by Bike (watercolor, pastel, acrylic)
Oct 13	Rosa Leff	Hand Cut Paper Art
Nov 11	Celeste Amparo Pfau	Fabric Prints
Dec 9	Mindy Lighthipe	Painting nature in gouache, colored pencil, watercolor & pan pastels
Jan 13	Dave Coverly	Cartoonist – Creator of "Speed Bump"
Feb 10	TBD	
Mar 10	TBD	
Apr 14	TBD	
May 12	TBD	
Jun 9	TBD	



SAG Membership Registration for 2021-2022

Our 2021-22 membership drive is well underway. Thank you to everyone who has sent me their membership dues. If you've mailed your membership and have not received an email from me acknowledging receipt, please let me know.

Our membership form (membership is Sept-Sept) is below

Besides Virtual online shows, the SAG board is excited to have scheduled shows again this year for all of you. They include Green Springs, Goodwin House and Franconia is in the works too. ** Make sure to get your entries in for Green Springs soon. Its an easy online entry this year: <https://form.jotform.com/211903919997067>

We will continue to hold our Guest Speaker meetings on Zoom until Grace Church begins accepting outside groups again. On the positive side of Zoom we have some great speakers from around the country lined up.

In fact, our September 8th Speaker, Lewis Williams is from Colorado. He's got an amazing art story to share with us about his trip this year biking and painting across the U.S. from San Diego to Bar Harbor, Maine.

DIRECTORY COVER: All members are invited to submit a photo of your art for the directory cover. The art should be black & white (you can convert a color artwork). Line drawings work best for the cover, but we can use other work if it converts well to black and white.

MEMBERSHIP REMINDERS:

1. To be in next year's directory please make sure I receive your membership on or before **Sept 30th**.
2. If any of your information has changed since last year (new phone #, address, website, exploring new mediums, etc.) make sure to check the box YES next to renewal.

Renewal No change Yes change

3. **CHECKS:** Make your checks out to SAG and mail them to Lydia Jechorek, *Attn: SAG, 5608 Doolittle St. Burke, VA 22015*

No change in dues from last year:

Single Membership \$35.00 - Full privileges – participating in SAG sponsored shows, selling, emailed newsletter, email notices, etc.)

Family \$55.00 - Full privileges for two adults in same family & children in household

Student Member \$15.00 - High school – all privileges except voting rights

Past Presidents \$5.00

Options of online gallery and/or links are on the attached form:

\$10 for the on-line Gallery (does include one link if you have a website)

\$5 for link only (or a 2nd link)

Thank you,
Lydia Jechorek, Membership



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	
Check Total			

- **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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Springfield Art Guild 2021 Green Spring Gardens Show *Garden Dreams*

Green Spring Gardens has reopened so SAG will be able to have an exhibit there from **Oct. 5 - Nov. 21, 2021**. Each member may enter two pieces of two-dimensional art not to exceed 18 by 24 inches. The entry fee is \$20 for one or two entries. Entry fee is non-refundable. The subject of your artwork must be floral, fauna, or local/regional landscapes. All work entered must be original and all work must be for sale. Artists will be responsible for sales of their artwork, including the 6% sales tax. Green Spring Gardens will take a 30%

commission. Send your check for \$20 made out to Springfield Art Guild to: Joanna Stafford, 6182 Howells Road, Alexandria, VA 22310.

Important Dates:

Tuesday, Sept. 7, Midnight, online entry deadline

Saturday, Sept. 18, Artists notified of accepted artwork

Monday, Oct. 4, 12:30 to 2PM, Green Spring Gardens, artwork drop off

Tuesday, Oct. 5, Exhibit opens

Sunday, Oct. 10, 1-3PM, Opening Reception

Monday, Nov. 22, 11AM to 12:30PM Artwork pick up

SAG is using an online entry form to make this year's process more efficient. You will only need to make one trip to Green Spring Gardens to drop off your accepted artwork. This will also cut down on the number of people in the building making it safer and healthier for everyone. You will need to have photos of your entries ready to upload when you fill out the entry form. **Name your files as follows:**

YourLastName_YourFirstName_Title of Artwork.

Just click this link to enter:

<https://form.jotform.com/211903919997067>

Springfield Art Guild Green Spring Gardens Call for Entry Form

Please click the link to complete this form.

form.jotform.com

“Forever”

Tribute Art Show in Memory of Judy and Sy Wengrovitz At the Bodzin Art Gallery July 12 - September 30



J Bodzin Art Gallery Exhibition
Judy & Sy Wengrovitz, Forever
Show & Sale
Opens Monday, July 12
thej.org/fine-arts for details

Springfield Art Guild founders Judy and Sy Wengrovitz were amazing artists and supporters of all local artists. This show provides everyone with the chance to again enjoy their work and even take home some of their wonderful work.

Many of our lives have been enriched by their friendship and art.

Forever is a gallery exhibition and online sale presented by the Bodzin Art Gallery at the Pozez JCC. It is a wonderful tribute to Judy and Sy Wengrovitz’s contributions to their community and craft. Springfield Art Guild founders Judy and Sy Wengrovitz were amazing artists and supporters of all local artists. The Bodzin Art Gallery show provides everyone with the chance to again enjoy their work and even take home some of their

wonderful work. You can enjoy their show in person or view it online.

Judy Wengrovitz (1931-2018) was a watercolorist who was active with Springfield Art Guild and served as president in from 1997-1998. She painted complex subjects in a realistic style, gravitating towards busy city scenes and serene nature.

Sy Wengrovitz (1929-2021) was an engineer who found that carving wood to look like clothing, including zippers and buttons, was a fascinating challenge.

Special pricing for members of Springfield Art Guild: The Bodzin Art Gallery is offering 20% off all of Judy's unframed paintings in the [online gallery](#) by using discount code **guild** at checkout. Select local pickup to avoid shipping fees. Mention Springfield Art Guild at [Pop-Up Sales](#) for the discount, too. *Framed artwork and woodcarvings are not eligible.

Bodzin Art Gallery, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax, VA 22031

Gallery Hours:

Monday-Thursday, 6:30am-8pm

Friday, 6:30am-6pm

Closed on Saturday

Sunday, 8am-4pm

All visitors must present a J membership card or photo ID to enter

Learn more about **Forever** at www.thej.org/fine-arts



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!



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.



Peak Monarch Butterfly Migration Nature Journaling Sketch Hike

By Elaine Sevy

**Lake Accotink Park, Saturday, September 25,
10:00 a.m. to Noon**

Mid to late September is the peak time to see migrating Monarch butterflies and their caterpillars in our area. During this time, large numbers of these butterflies pass through the mid-Atlantic region on their way to Mexico, where they overwinter. They sip nectar from Goldenrods and Asters among other late Fall wildflowers, and they lay their eggs on Milkweed, the Monarch's only host plant.

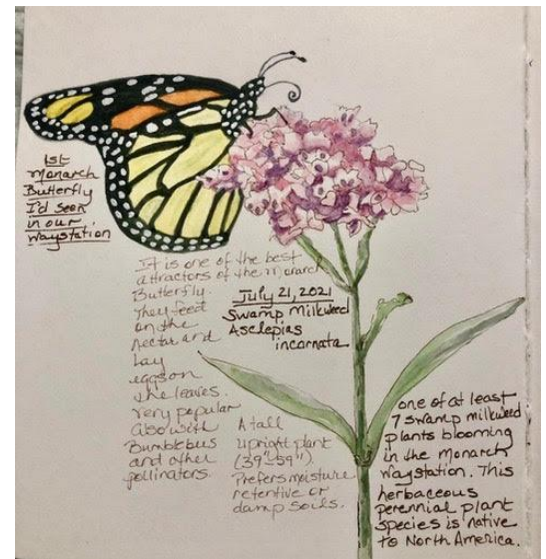
Join me to experience the migration while looking for and sketching the butterflies and their caterpillars, and learn about this centuries old phenomenon. If we're lucky, we might find a chrysalis too.

We are limited to 8 people so please email me if you plan to attend: yorkiemum.sevy95@gmail.com. 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.

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.

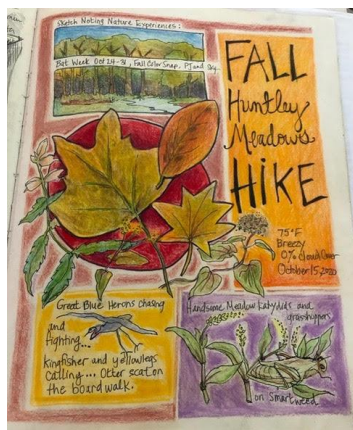
Please NOTE: We will meet at the park's Marina. Parking is available in the Marina parking lot. It can fill up fast though, so you can also park in the large parking lot on the left as you drive into the park on Accotink Park Road and walk over to the Marina.

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,” on Facebook!

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

The NOVA Nature Journal Club, a Facebook group administered by SAG Member Elaine Sevy, offers a steady flow of lovely illustrations and journal pages, as well as 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!

If Fall is your favorite time of year, then register for “Drawing Autumn Splendor” at Hidden Oaks Nature Center and “Sketch Hike Fall Color Snap” at Huntley Meadows Park. And there’s so much more!!!

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

There was no member news provided for this section.

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.

Best of the Region Art Show

Announcing the 4th "Best of the Region" art competition and sale at Creative Brush Studio. Deadline to enter is September 22. Open to artists living, working or creating their art within a 35 mile radius of Manassas, VA.

We are partnering with other art organizations to sponsor this exhibit. Members of partner organizations get discounted entry fees; if you do not see your organization listed on the entry form, send us the name and email of the appropriate contact person and we will invite them to be sponsors.

You can find the prospectus at the gallery's website:

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