



# SPRINGFIELD ART GUILD (SAG)

*A place for a creative experience*

**March 2022 Newsletter**

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Zoom Meeting March. 9, 2022 – all are welcome!

#### Schedule

7 pm – Business Meeting

7:10 pm – Speaker

*Times are approximate*

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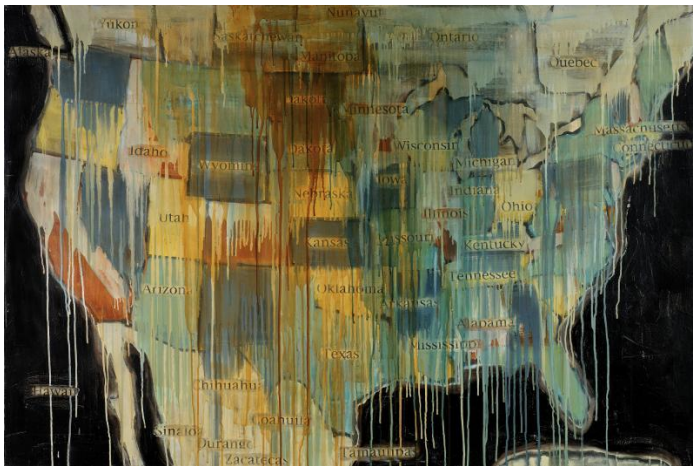


## Accomplished American Women Artists

Going beyond the most recognized women artists, this program will highlight examples of other women who have been trailblazers in the art world and give them the attention they deserve.

Sara Shoob is a graduate of Boston University. Her entire career was spent in the Fairfax County Public Schools, in classroom teaching and administration. She had worked primarily with elementary

age students and then moved into the Instructional Services Office, focused on K-12 history, social studies and the arts. Working as a volunteer docent at The Smithsonian American Art Museum and Renwick Gallery has been a dream retirement gig. Sara has presented many programs for students and adult groups, both in-person and virtually. She loves sharing her passion for art. In the past few years, she's also taken a variety of art classes, primarily in watercolor.



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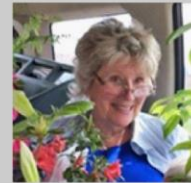
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### Acting President schedule- 2021-2022

2021-2022	Acting President	Members Mtg	Board Mtg*	Assistant
September	Danica	8	13	Lydia
October	Chris	13	18	Mary Rose
Nov	Pat	11	15	Elaine
Dec	Elaine	9	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

\*All members are welcome to attend the monthly Board meetings. Please contact any Board member to get the Zoom link

# 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 12	Dave Coverly	Cartoonist – Creator of "Speed Bump"
Feb 9	Remington Robinson	Oil paints in Altoid mint tins and does murals
Mar 9	Sara Shooob	History of Women Artist/ Smithsonian
Apr 13	Deborah Kennedy	How to Title Your Artwork & Add Stories to Your Art
May 11	Nona Hall	Pottery
Jun 8	George Jones III	Wood Turning

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# My Experience on the Springfield Art Guild Board

By Christine Jenkins



In 2019 I decided to join the SAG Board after being asked by one of the board members. I was never on a board before and tend to tread new waters very carefully.

I am so glad I joined. It is a wonderful group. They were friendly and clearly care about each other. At my first meeting I was worried about the others being more knowledgeable than me. I wasn't sure how I could contribute. I liked the fact I wasn't asked to do anything I didn't enjoy doing. I was advised to wait to discover a need that resonated with me and then volunteer in that area. I decided to help find and schedule speakers the first year. In 2020 I suggested doing an on line virtual show to benefit the Workhouse Art Center.

My idea was positively accepted and we formed a committee for launching our first Virtual Art Show. I was so impressed with the teamwork of the board members. I asked many questions a member not even on the board took time with me to practice using Zoom and host the show. Everyone involved did their part and the show was a huge success. We raised \$940.00 to help the scholarship program of the Workhouse Art Center. Later I got involved in the Virtual Art Studio and am presently a Speaker Coordinator.

My three years are almost over and others are near the end of their terms. SAG needs new board members for the fall. If you want to help a good cause and make friends consider joining the SAG in September. For questions about being on the board email me at [Chris9900@hotmail.com](mailto:Chris9900@hotmail.com).



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

~Elizabeth Andrew

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# The Little Art Guild That Asked for Help

Once upon a time, over 50 years ago, the Springfield Art Guild was built and with that came the SAG Board. All great art kingdoms must have an advisory board to make sure the members are well represented and get the programs and attention they need to keep them happy and well supplied with all sorts of art information and activities. This SAG Board has always been a fair and open group able to get all sorts of things done to keep the guild thriving and happy. To continue this effort, we are seeking villiagers to volunteer so our kingdom can continue another 50 years.



Once our current Board members complete their terms this year, the kingdom will have a number of openings. Please consider this opportunity to **volunteer** for the SAG Board.

In order to keep our Art kingdom going strong we are looking for new Board members to keep all our programs vibrant and advocate new ones. Being part of the SAG Board is not as big a commitment as many fear and is quite rewarding.

Throughout its history, the SAG Board has always encouraged members to attend Board meetings so members can get a peek at what the Board is doing. This continues to be a great opportunity for members to also learn about the Board.

As with any good story you will want to know the SAG Board characters and what part they play.



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## Introducing our “Characters”



Our SAG Board consists of 9 members:

- President – The duties are shared between all Board members with the exception of the SAG Secretary and Treasurer
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Advisory – (6 positions)

### A Brief Idea of the Parts They Play

**The President** – The duties of the president are shared and rotated each month by the Board members except for our Secretary and Treasurer. The president prepares a Meeting Agenda, with input from the Board before Board and membership meetings. This input of the Board members keeps SAG moving ahead. The acting president runs the Membership meeting. Other duties as selected by the President.

**The Treasurer** – Tracks financial matters, maintains checking account which they report to Board at monthly meetings, and pays bills (which are limited) such as, Guest Speaker honorariums, donations to charities selected by board & to Grace Church, insurance, PO Box, supplies. Track incoming monies such as, dues, donations of show fees, etc.

**The Secretary** – Creates minutes for monthly online Board meetings and provides to the Board members. Sends out thank you notes and other duties as selected by the Secretary.

**Vice President** – emails the SAG Speaker Contract to each speaker. Keeps the Board members informed of status of the contracts as received. Other duties as selected by the VP.

**Advisory Positions** – in conjunction with Board officers, the 6 advisory members select one of more of the duties below and/or can present ideas for new programs.

### A Variety of Duties They Do

All members are encouraged to be active in all activities so the following are not limited to board members only.

- **Liaison:** Coordinate monthly in-person meetings with Grace Church.

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- **P.O. Box Coordinator:** Distributing pertinent mail to board.
- **Search Party:** Find potential monthly speakers – All members are welcome to provide suggestions for the Board to consider
- **Monthly Guest Speaker Coordinator**
- **Speaker Contract Coordinator:** Email 10 speaker contracts a year to the monthly featured speakers. The contract is already written so you would just type in the speakers name and dates.
- **Liaison Springfield Civic Association:** Create and email a (bi-monthly) article about our featured speakers to the SCA. Provide featured speaker article and images for SCA newsletter. Elaine Sevy (current liaison) can provide training. This association supports SAG through their Facebook group and their newsletter.
- **Newspaper Editor:** Articles come from SAG Board and non-Board members. Members provide the articles plus images. SAG is currently using an easy basic Microsoft Word document template, but you can create the newsletter with the template of your choice. Teresa Brunson will always be available to assist and train. This job can be shared by more than one person
- **Facebook Coordinator**
- **Instagram Coordinator**
- **Membership Coordinator**
- **Virtual Show Chairperson(s):** Organize future online SAG website art shows. There are several members that can provide training on how to organize and plan the shows. These shows will be done by co-chairs (multiple people) who each decide how to divide duties:



- Writing an article for the 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 coordinator is announcing it on Facebook

- **Art Show Coordinators:** Not limited to a single chairperson and can be co-chairs. Ideas for new venues are always encouraged.

- Chair the Green Spring Art Show

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- Chair the Franconia Art Show
- Chair the Goodwin House Art Show
- Chair Virtual/online shows

SAG will provide volunteers with: Speaker contract templates, Art Show Prospectus templates, Agenda templates, meeting minute examples, and many more tools and information to make it easy for any new Board member to step in. All of our experienced members, current and past, are available to assist and answer questions.



## The moral of the story is:

**Please consider volunteering for the SAG Board.  
We are recruiting now. We need you!**

*The End*

Contact any Board member Or  
you can email Teresa at [teresatindlebrunson@gmail.com](mailto:teresatindlebrunson@gmail.com)  
and she will forward to the Board



Franconia Government Center  
**ART SHOW**  
Saturday, January 15 to Saturday, March 5  
6121 Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA 22310

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

— Oscar Wilde

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## **Wanted: SAG Publicity Coordinator(s)**



In years past, SAG has had a Publicity Coordinator and the SAG Board is looking to fill that position again.

While preparing Springfield Government Center exhibition the show coordinators concluded that in order to attract more public and sales, it would be great to better promote these exhibitions by advertising, invitations, etc.

At the same time, SAG would love to find new venues to have more exhibitions such libraries, senior centers, etc. For this purpose, SAG is looking for the input from our members.

The Publicity Coordinator(s) position doesn't have to be just one person. It can be made up of two people (or more) to work together on this project, to help one another develop new ideas on how to advertise our shows and find new venues.



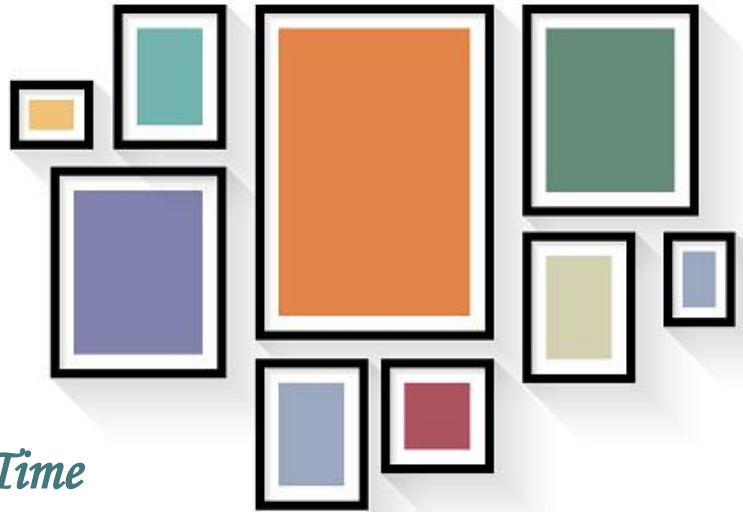
If you have any suggestions or are interested in the publicity position, please contact **Gladys Berly** at [gberly@verizon.net](mailto:gberly@verizon.net)

*“It is not enough to be compassionate – you must act”*  
– The Dalai Lama

# SAG WINTER VIRTUAL SHOW

February 1 – April 2, 2022

*Warm Thoughts in Winter Time*



Springfield Art Guild 2022 Spring Virtual Art Show

**February 1- April 2 2022** – Virtual exhibit on SAG's website

**March 6, 2022 1:00PM** – **Zoom** Reception and Award Announcements starting at 1PM for about an hour. Details to come..

## Welcome New Member!

*Be sure to let me know if you are a new member. Tell a little about yourself and your artwork so I can put it in the newsletter. It is a good way to introduce yourself to the members. Contact Teresa at [teresatindlebrunson@gmail.com](mailto:teresatindlebrunson@gmail.com)*

*No member has sent in anything this month for this New Member section.*



**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).



## 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!**

# Spring Equinox Sketch Hike



**March 20, 2022**

**3:30-6:00p.m.**

**Lake Accotink Park**

Join SAG Member Elaine Sevy, a certified Fairfax Master Naturalist, and learn about the Spring Equinox, long considered to be a time of new beginnings, renewal and growth. Enjoy a gentle hike on the first day of Spring searching for signs of the season. We will then find a place to settle and sketch while waiting for a full moon to rise.

Nature Journaling 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.

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. 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 email Elaine Sevy if you plan to attend and to let you know of any last minute changes:** [yorkiemum.sevy95@gmail.com](mailto:yorkiemum.sevy95@gmail.com).

**Please text or call Elaine Sevy, 703-901-5612, if you can't find us once you reach the park.**

## **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 these and other online and in-person classes and events.

In the case of inclement weather, outdoor events are rescheduled or canceled to make sure everyone stays safe. Indoor classes will require masks and possibly social distancing.

# 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](mailto:teresatindlebrunson@gmail.com)

*There was no member news provided this month 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](mailto:teresatindlebrunson@gmail.com) by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

 **Special online presentation – sign up now!**

## Amy Sherald and Kehinde Wiley: Presidential Portraitists for Our Time

**Presenter:** Leslie Ava Shaw

**Monday | April 11, 2022 | 7:00-8:15 pm | \$22 | online by Zoom**

**Leslie Ava Shaw offers a Zoom presentation about:**

The [Obama Portraits Tour](#) with museum stops in Chicago, Brooklyn, Los Angeles, Atlanta, and Houston celebrates two American icons. This summer, you will be able to view the portraits in their permanent home at the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery with fresh eyes. You will discover why these works in particular are standouts in the tradition of presidential portraits. You will learn about the unique approaches to the human figure by



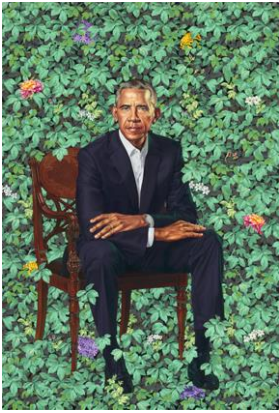
Amy Sherald

Kehinde Wiley

artists Amy Sherald and Kehinde Wiley. We will traverse a variety of images by these artists and discover what makes them extraordinary.

**REGISTER HERE** <https://greenscap.wufoo.com/forms/presidential-portraitists-for-our-time> (you do **not** have to be a Falls Church Arts member to sign up. It is open to all.

You will receive a Zoom link by email prior to the presentation.



### Leslie Ava Shaw

Leslie Ava Shaw is a transplant to the DMV from New York City who was a docent and lecturer for the Whitney Museum of American Art for nearly 25 years and taught art history at the college level. She is currently a gallery guide for the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden. Leslie juried Falls Church Arts “Make Me Happy” exhibition on view earlier this year. Last year, she presented a series of art talks, “Women Who Beat the Odds: Women Painters Renaissance to Mid-20th Century” and “Frida Kahlo: Passionate Feminista.”

## Local Gallery Is Looking For Artists!

The Artists’ Undertaking Gallery currently has openings for one 2D artist and one 3D artist. The gallery is located at 309 Mill Street in historic Occoquan, Virginia and is a co-op of local artists who work in a wide range of styles and mediums.



If you are interested, please visit the gallery website, [www.artistsundertaking.com](http://www.artistsundertaking.com), for more information about applying for membership and send an email to one of the gallery co-chairs, Suzanne Samuels, [suzanne@studiosassafras.com](mailto:suzanne@studiosassafras.com) or Patti Durbin, [pldurbin@gmail.com](mailto:pldurbin@gmail.com).

## Be a Featured Artist on Our Website

This is a great opportunity for SAG members to show your artwork and tell a little about yourself and your art journey. Go to our website (<http://www.springfieldartguild.org/>) and scroll down a little and you will see the

section for SAG's monthly "Featured Artist". Any member can be a featured artist. We would like to have a different SAG artist each month. If you are interested please contact Teresa Brunson at [teresatindlebrunson@gmail.com](mailto:teresatindlebrunson@gmail.com) . Below are the questions we would like each featured artist to answer so we can put the text along with pictures of your artwork.

### **Featured Artist Questions - Springfield Art Guild**

We are excited to have you as our next Springfield Art Guild Featured Artist! As part of your feature, we post a write-up about you and your work on our website. We would like you to use the following questions as prompts. Have fun with it!

Please submit an image of yourself, and 6-10 images of your favorite pieces that you would like included in your feature.

#### **Featured Artist Questions to Answer and Provide to Teresa Brunson (*email listed in above paragraph*):**

1. Your Name:
  2. Business/Studio Name:
  3. Website:
  4. Facebook:
  5. Instagram:
  6. Preferred Medium:
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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?