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March 2023 Newsletter

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Meeting Schedule

March. 8, 2023 at Grace
Presbyterian Church auditorium

7434 Bath St. Springfield, VA 22150
(there is a side door on the church to
the auditorium at the parking lot)

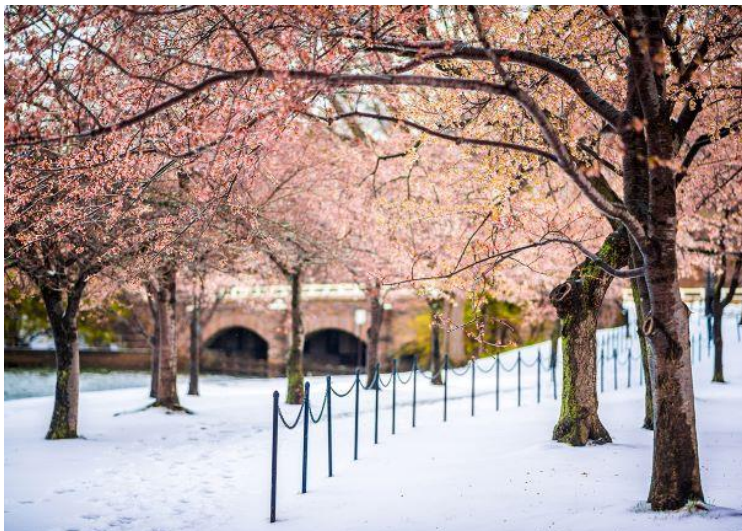
6:30 – 7:00pm Networking, set up

7:00 – 7:20pm Business meeting

7:30 – 9:00pm Visiting Artist
Presentation

(times are approximate)

Jenny Nordstrom’s Authentic and Colorful Photography from Around the World



Raised in a travel-loving family of professional musicians and visual artists, Jenny Nordstrom has always been driven by the arts. Her father builds intricate model train sets, and both of her grandmothers expressed themselves visually – one as a fine art painter, and the other through historic Swedish crafts. As a result, Jenny often found herself creating artwork as a child. She remembers getting her first camera, and in particular, the exhilarating feeling of capturing her first truly great photograph at the age of 10 – of a swan beating its wings in the water with autumnal reflections in the background. (Sadly, the

image is lost to the ages.) Over the years, Jenny has delved into drawing and painting, jewelry-making, sculpture, and spent many long and happy years working in ceramics. But when she married an accomplished amateur photographer, the rest was history.

Jenny lost her beloved husband John in 2011 – but before that, the two spent many happy years together exploring the world and making photographs. Jenny had spent her childhood traveling with her family, including six months living and traveling in Europe – and happily, John shared this passion. The two of them once spent seven weeks bicycling and backpacking through seven countries, and came home with an astounding 80 rolls of film between the two of them! (Jenny is now a digital photographer, and loves the flexibility and creative freedom of digital work.)



Jenny's professional path has been a wandering one. She was a music major in college, and spent her early career working as an arts administrator for music organizations. This had many rewards, but she found herself craving more creativity in her job – moving on to spend over twenty years in the graphic design field. When she was unexpectedly laid off from her design job of 15 years, she knew immediately what she wanted to do next – photography! She went back to school to refine her technical skills, and spent her early photography career focused on portrait work – but her passion was always the fine art photography, especially while traveling. She spent several years showing her work at

galleries and working a side hustle of selling calendars and note card sets of her art photography – and then finally, she got her big break. In December of 2020, she became a resident artist at the prestigious Torpedo Factory Art Center in Alexandria, Virginia. She now feels she has finally found her true calling, and is overjoyed to be making a living as an artist.



Jenny is a color- obsessed photographer. (Her favorite color is all of them!) Her artistic process always starts with a scavenger hunt – wherever she is, she is scouring her surroundings for something special. She tries not to limit her subject matter, and therefore can be inspired by practically anything — whether it is a special door, a beautiful landscape, an abstraction, an old car, or a small detail. She also firmly believes that even "ugly" can be fascinating and beautiful if you look at it the right way. To this day, she feels she is at her best and most creative when she is abroad, and her favorite thing to do is to go to neighborhoods where there are no tourists and people think she is lost. This is where her personal brand of magic happens!

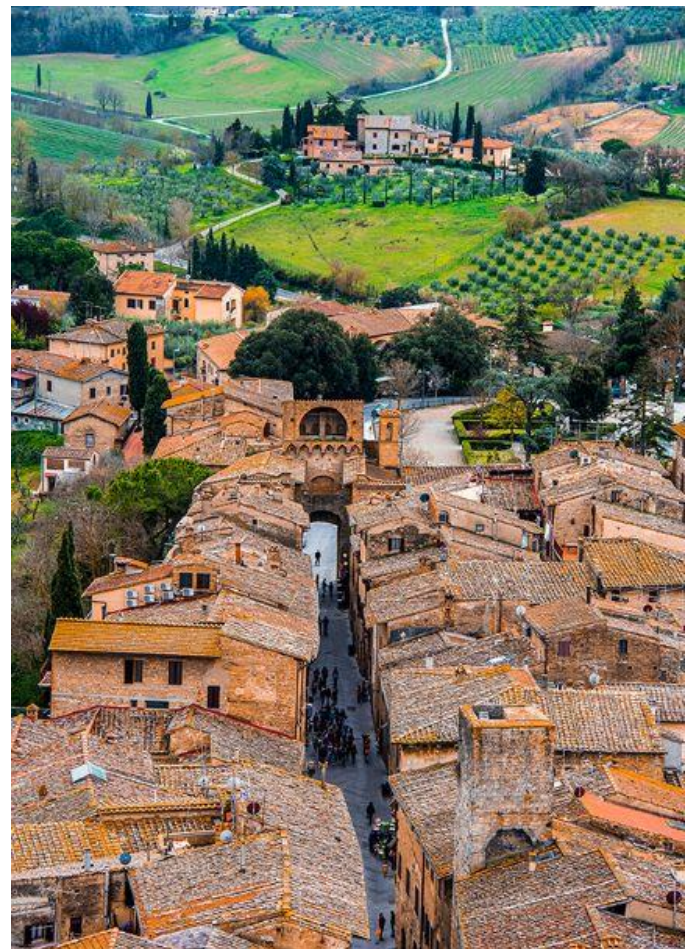


For her presentation at the Springfield Art Guild, Jenny plans to share a slideshow and stories from her 2022 trip to exotic and colorful Morocco.

<https://www.jennynordstromphotography.com/>

<https://www.instagram.com/jennynordstromphotography/>

jenny@jennynordstromphotography.com



SAG's COVID Precautions and Steps for Safety

The Board is excited to welcome back the SAG members to in-person meetings at Grace Church starting on September 14, 2022 after 2 years of alternative methods which we are grateful for as well as your patience and participation. Our first meeting is a critique which most of us are happy to receive help on a stuck, not quite finished painting.

That being said, we know that some members may be hesitant to come back to in person meetings. We have discussed at the last Board meeting what will be done to protect the Guild members as much as possible. Here are the things we are going to do and ask of you.

- 1 - Hand Sanitizer will be available to use. (You may use your own)
- 2 - Wearing masks is optional (We know not everyone can or is willing to wear one & this virus mutates frequently) Use your judgement.
- 3 - We will space the chairs further apart than pre-COVID. (feel free to move yours further apart)
- 4 - Name Tags will be handed out by Cynthia Schoepel. These will not be collected at the end of the meeting. They will then become your responsibility to take home and bring back to each monthly meeting. Paper sticky backed name tags will be provided for those who are Guests.
- 5 - There will be no Hospitality food or drink available by the Guild. (You may bring your own food and drink if you wish and the church auditorium does have a soda machine)
- 6 - We will not have Books or DVD Library for now but that may change later
- 7 - Chairs, microphone, etc. will be wiped down.

Meet SAG's 2022-2023 Board Members

Springfield Art Guild Board welcomes new Board members: *Marshall Carolus, Deidre Pistoichini, and Courtney Clark*

The SAG President schedule will rotate and the schedule will be published in the newsletter. If you have questions, please contact any SAG 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 meetings

Advisors:



Teresa Brunson
Newsletter Editor & Website
Former President



Elaine Sevy
Natural Journaling
Coordinator



Alice Merritt
Librarian
Former Board Member



Joanne Stanford
Treasurer



Deidre Pistoichini
Secretary



Danica Arehart



Donnalynne Lefever
Vice President



Pat Hafkemeyer



Gladys Berly



Marshall Carolus



Courtney Clark



Lydia Jechorek
Membership

2022-2023	Acting President	Member Mtg	Board Mtg	Assistant
September	Danica	14	19	Lydia
October	Courtney	12	17	Danica
November	Pat	9	14	Marshall
December/Holiday Party	Marshall	14	19	Gladys
January	Danica	11	16	Lydia
February	Gladys	8	13	Lydia
March	Courtney	8	13	Pat
April	Marshall	12	17	Gladys
May	Pat	10	15	Courtney
June	Donnalyne	14	19	Lydia

Contact Information for Board Members and Advisors

First Name	Last Name	Email	Role	Month as Acting President
Danica	Arehart	danica.bodytalk@gmail.com	Website assistant, Asst Treasurer, JotForm, Facebook admin.	September, January; backup: Oct
Gladys	Berly	Gberly@verizon.net	Publicity	February; backup: Dec, April
Marshall	Carolus	marshallcarolus@aol.com	Grace Church Contact, gmail coordinator	December, April; backup: Nov
Courtney	Clark	swiftclark@icloud.com	Publicity	October, March; backup: May
Pat	Hafkemeyer	Pat.Hafkemeyer@cox.net	Membership, Green Spring Gardens show chair	November, May; backup: March
Lydia	Jechorek	raylyd@verizon.net	Membership, Guest Speaker/zoom coach	Backup: Sept, Jan, Feb,
Donnalyne	Lefever	magickaldl@gmail.com	Vice President, Board Meetings	June
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Alice	Merritt	amerritt5@verizon.net	Books & thumb drives	
Elaine	Sevy	yorkiemum.sevy95@gmail.com	Nature journaling, Facebook admin.	

SAG's Featured Speaker List for Our 2022-2023 Season

All meetings will be in-person except January and February

2020-21	Guest Speaker	Art Topic
Sep 14	Stacy Slaten	Art Professor at NVCC - Will critique members' artwork in progress
Oct 12	Elizabeth Floyd	Oil Painter
Nov 9	Bob Bierdrzycki	Ink Drawing
Dec 14	No Speaker	Holiday Party
Jan 11	Sissy Cutchen (<u>zoom</u>)	Paints on glass and frames
Feb 8	Diana Garrison (<u>zoom</u>)	Gelli Plate Art
Mar 8	Jenny Nordstrom	Photographer
Apr 12	Elizabeth Scheild	Fiber Artist
May 10	Kristopher Battles	Oil Painter – artist at National Museum of the Marine Corp
Jun 14	Stacy Slayten	Art Professor to give a art critique to artworks in progress



Instagram

**SAG is on Instagram! Follow us there.
You can find us at [springfieldartguild](#)**

Franconia Government Center Show 2023

January 15, 2023 to March 3, 2023

Co-Chairs: Claire Bentley, Sandy Olszowy, and Terry Holman

After a pause in live shows due to covid, the Springfield Art Guild enjoyed displaying a great show at the Franconia Government Center. The show's reception was held in conjunction with Supervisor Lusk's annual Open House. Many of the supervisor's staff and public attendees remarked on being able to view original art and talk to the artists about their work. Many were excited about the potential to win original art in the raffle. Others remarked that they had been to the reception in the past and were happy to have it happening again.

People's Choice Awards

Congratulations to:

First Place

Pat Hafkemeyer - Winter's End

Second Place (a seven, count-em, seven way tie)

Lydia Jehorek - Wave Watcher

Deirdre Pistochini - Mango Bounty

Joan Fegan - I'm a Lover not a Fighter

Joan Fegan - Afternoon Stroll

Pat Hafkemeyer - Fall Bridge

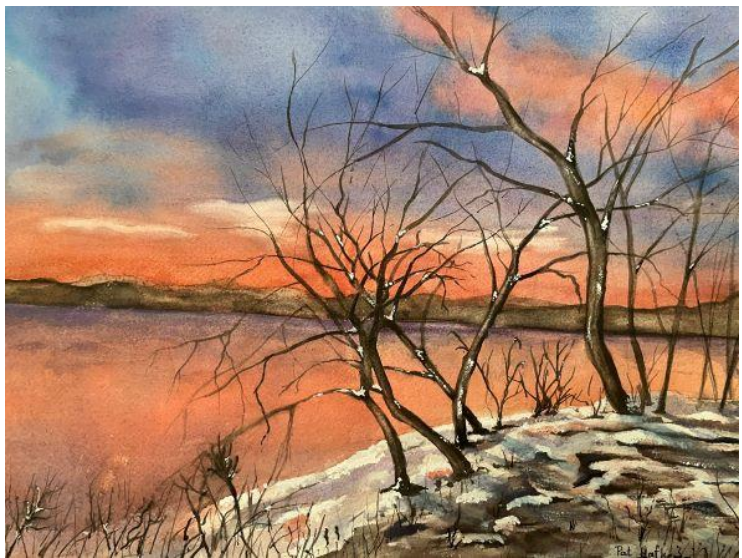
Juanita Illera - Moonlit Too

Marni Maree - Dahlia Celebration

Third Place

Claire Bentley - Dawn of Hope

Courtney Clark - Windy Evening



First Place Award, "Winter's End" by Pat Hafkemeyer

Thank you!

The Show Chairs and the SAG Board Members extend thanks to all the members for helping with the various aspects of the show. As we know, many hands make light work, and this is always true with our SAG members. We had a great volunteer turnout for hanging the show as well as the reception. SAG members are the GREATEST! Special thanks to Danica Arehart for setting up JotForm for the show and preparing the spreadsheets for the show. Also, thanks to Sandy Olszowy for preparing the labels.

Saturday, March 4, 2023 – Show closes. Take down.

For any questions, please contact one of the co-chairs:

Claire Bentley, cobentley5931@gmail.com, 703-606-8765

Terry Holman, terryh208@aol.com, 703-975-8116

Sandy Olszowy, solszowy@aol.com, 571-606-9518

NOVA Nature Journal Club

By Elaine Sevy

The NOVA Nature Journal Club is managed by SAG Member Elaine Sevy. 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.

SPRING is Here!

Get Inspired! Get Creative! Get Outside!

Fairfax County Park Authority's Spring 2023 art and nature journaling classes are underway and filling FAST!

Margaret Wohler at Huntley Meadows Park has only a few spaces left in her **Amphibian Disco, Butterfly, Water and Meadow Sketch Hikes** this spring. Margaret is teaching her **4 part Nature Drawing Class** too, beginning 4/17. Click on the Link and scroll down to each class to register: <https://fairfax.usedirect.com/.../ACTIVITIES/Search.aspx...>

Avery Gunther at Hidden Oaks Nature Center has openings for **Drawing and Learning about Native Bees, Drawing and Learning about Fossils, and Artistic Lettering for Journals & Art Projects**. Click on the Link and scroll down to each class to register:

https://fairfax.usedirect.com/FairfaxFCPAWeb/ACTIVITIES/Search.aspx?place_id=7881

Lake Accotink Park Naturalists will be teaching the **Learning to Sketch in Nature** class again on three different dates — 3/4, 3/18 and 4/1 (all Saturday, 1pm). Click on link to register: <https://fairfax.usedirect.com/.../ACTIVITIES/Search.aspx...>

Park Naturalist Christina Blackwell is leading a **Nature Sketch Hike at Burke Lake Park on Saturday, 4/2, at 9am**. So excited that more local parks are offering nature journaling and sketch hikes. Click on the Link and scroll down to the class to register: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/burke-lake/events>

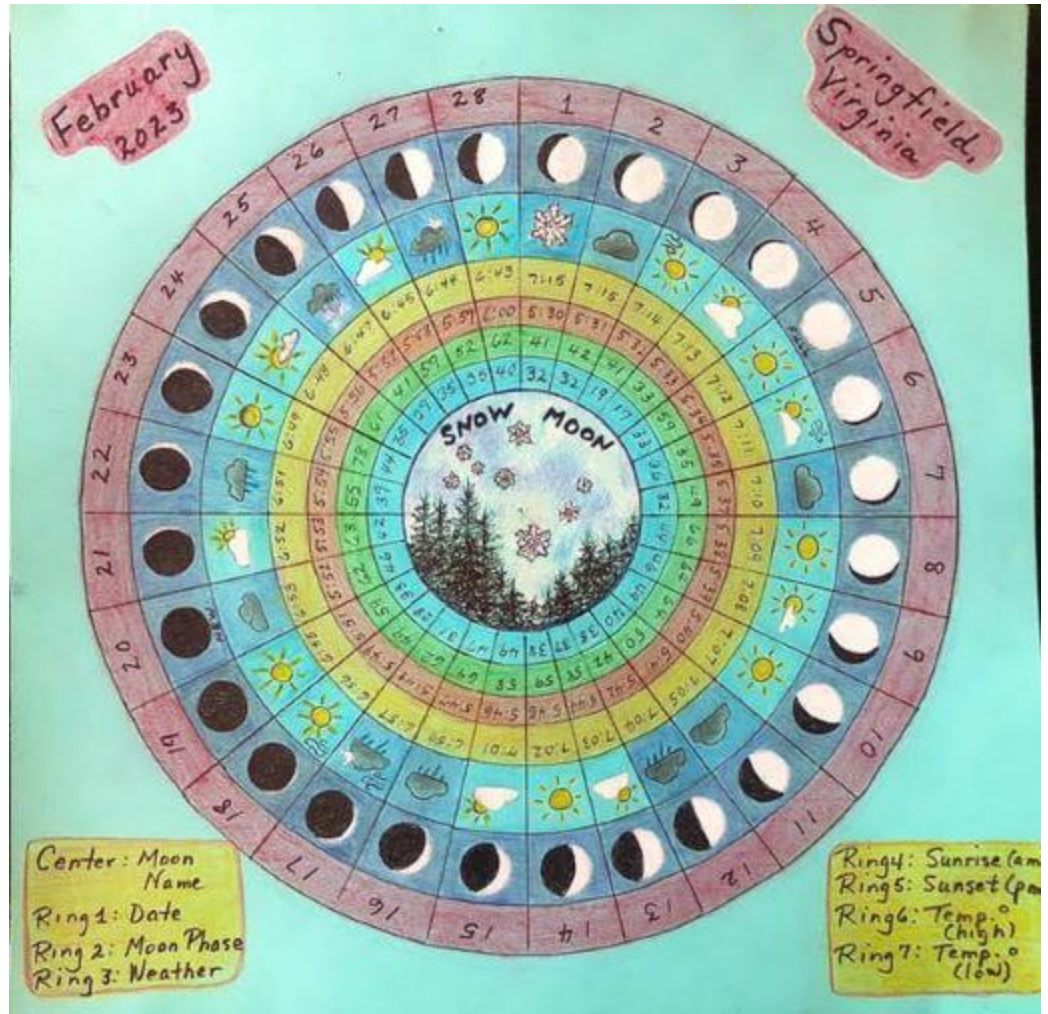


Preview of Artistic Lettering for Journals and Art Projects
A NEW Class Taught by Avery Gunther
Hidden Oaks Nature Center
3/11 and 3/18, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

(16-Adult) Jazz up your projects, nature and travel journals with clever and beautiful lettering. Participants will experiment and create their own lettering projects. Topics covered include: design, and simple ways to create: brush pen calligraphy, Illuminated Capitals, and creating your own decorative letters and titles. Experiment with markers, gel pens, colored pencils and watercolor letters.



The word **Phenology** means the study of cyclic and seasonal natural phenomena, especially in relation to climate and plant and animal life. You can use a phenology wheel to keep track of anything really. This particular phenology wheel is weather-related and was inspired by recent sessions on “Drawing Weather & Skies” at Hidden Oaks Nature Center. A Nature Phenology Wheel is a great way to get out and record nature all year long. And, it’s a great way to express yourself artistically!



LIKE “The NOVA Nature Journal Club,” on Facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/544583139673338>

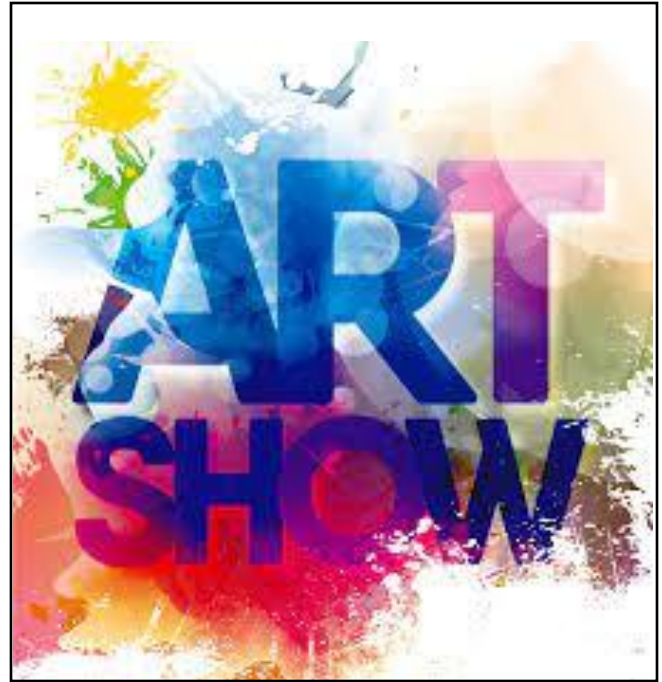
The NOVA Nature Journal Club, a Facebook group administered by SAG Member Elaine Sevy, offers a steady flow of lovely illustrations and journal pages, as well as links to register for a variety of online and in-person classes.

Coming Soon.....

SAG Spring Juried Virtual Show

April 22 – July 1, 2023

Theme: “My Perspective: How I See the World”



This show is open to all Guild members and will be shown exclusively on the Springfield Art Guild website. This show will be juried. Artwork will be selected by the Juror and prizes awarded. In addition to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards, other awards may be granted by the juror. Cash prizes to be awarded.

The theme for this show is **My Perspective: How I See the World**. This is a chance to show your personal perspective of the World, your style. Almost anything goes for this theme because you are individual. Each artist is unique and is drawn to different topics, visions, colors, textures, medium, and scale. Maybe you see images in your head or you love trying to replicate to world exactly like you see it. What you choose to paint, feel and create could be a daily whim or a fined toned perspective. This is a chance to show what makes you create as an artist.

All mediums and styles can be submitted. 3-D artists can submit more than one image for each entry. All artists submitting the maximum of 3 pieces will be guaranteed at least one is entered into the how. **The Entry fee is \$10 each or 3 for \$25.**

February 18 to March 30, 2023 – Art submission dates

Our juror for this show is **Gwendolyn Bragg**. Below is a little bit about our juror. She will be jurying our show online, so make sure your photos are of good quality, well cropped and in jpeg format. Our juror will pick all the artwork for this show and give out awards.

Gwendolyn Bragg NWS, SW, WSA, BWS, VWS
Artist Bio

Gwen Bragg is an artist, workshop leader and an art instructor who lives in Alexandria VA. Holding a BS in Art Education and an MFA in Painting and Drawing from James Madison University, she currently teaches watercolor at the Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton, VA where she has her studio. In addition to an annual workshop in Orkney Springs Virginia almost every year she leads an international painting workshop to “someplace with interesting architecture, artifacts and rocks”. Past destinations have included Croatia, Greece, Italy, Spain, France, Mexico and Peru. She holds signature membership in the National, Southern, Baltimore and Virginia Watercolor Societies and is the past president of both the Potomac Valley Watercolorists and State President of the Virginia Watercolor Society. Her work is included in the collections of the National Institutes of Health, the Carrier Library of James Madison University, Philip Morris, American Bank and The Petersburg Area Art League. Website – www.gwenbragg.com. Gwendolyn Bragg, Workhouse Art Center - Studio 610

Schedule for submissions and entries:

February 18 to March 30, 2023 – Art submission dates

All digital jpeg images & entry info must be received by March 30th 2023

Payment must be postmarked by March 30th 2023

April 16, 2023 – Members will be notified of art work acceptance by email by this date.

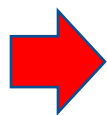
April, 22 – July 1, 2023 - Virtual exhibit on SAG's website

May 7, 2023 - Zoom Reception/talk and Award Announcements starting at 3PM.

Submission Criteria:

JotForm Link for the Spring Virtual show: <https://form.jotform.com/223323597685163>

1. Artwork must fit the theme **My Perspective: How I See the World**. Any style or medium is welcome. Artwork previously shown in a SAG Virtual show before will not be accepted.
2. Only original 2-D and 3-D art, will be considered. Traditional photographs and digitally enhanced photographs are welcome. **Drafts, photocopies, offset prints, lithographs, or copies of already published art will not be permitted.**
3. We encourage all artwork submitted be for sale. You may include a single “Not for Sale” piece in order to help you submit the 3 art piece max to help guarantee you get at least one in the show.
4. If selected, your artwork will appear in the exhibition from April 22 to July 1, 2023.
5. If your artwork sells, it will be marked on the website as sold and you may proceed with making arrangements to deliver your artwork to the buyer, pay VA sales tax and pay a 20% commission fee to SAG
6. SAG members may submit up to 3 pieces of artwork. Only good quality photos of unframed art will be accepted. **Any photos that do not meet this criteria will not be accepted. Submitting 3 pieces will guarantee that you get at least one in.**
7. If you submit a diptych or triptych, it will count as one piece of artwork.
8. Artists selling their art will be responsible for collecting the money, collecting and paying the Virginia sales tax, and all shipping aspects of purchased artwork. SAG's website does not have e-commerce capability. People interested in purchasing art will be directed to a single SAG point of contact who will contact the individual artists. Commissions will be paid directly to the Springfield Art Guild no later than July 31, 2023. Send your 10% commission check to Chris Jenkins at 5215 Pumphery Drive Fairfax, VA 22032.
9. **Photographs of art must portray a clear and accurate view of what the piece looks like.** Artwork previously shown at a SAG sponsored show may be submitted.
10. You will be submitting your entries on JotForm. Please follow this link: <https://form.jotform.com/223323597685163>. The JotForm for the Spring Virtual Show will direct you to enter your contact details and information about each submission, including title, size, medium, and image. Each image must be renamed before you upload it to the JotForm (“YourLastName_FirstName_Title_Entry1.jpg”). The jpeg needs to be no smaller than 250KB and no larger than 1MB. Many of you may need to resize your photos. Please email sagcurating@gmail.com with any questions about the JotForm submission process.
11. Make sure your membership is up to date.



Artwork photos and form for submission must be received by March 30, 2023



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!

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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



Three's a Charm

Paintings by
Lynn Martin

March 7 - April 2, 2023
The Loft Gallery

Lynn Martin is the featured artist at The Loft Gallery in Occoquan, VA March 7-April 2, 2023. Her show, "Three's a Charm" includes "trilogies" of works done in a range of painting approaches and media. Her subjects are typically inspired by nature and her travels. Many of her paintings are of birds and animals, and she likes to capture or create personalities for each. The mediums she uses often evolve as the paintings progress. The pieces in this show are done with various combinations of watercolor, acrylics and dry media. There is a "meet the artist" reception April 11, 1-4pm, at the gallery which is located at 313(B) Mill Street (upstairs), Occoquan, VA 22125.

Art News from Cynthia Schoepel

Art Quilt Hanging at Woodlawn Needlework Show

9000 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria, VA, 22309

Cynthia Schoepel will have her art quilt wall hanging, "draw near to your heART," on display at the Woodlawn Needlework Show during March. To purchase tickets go to:

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

Art and Office Supplies Give Away!

Cynthia also has art and office supplies available for give away. Items such as file folders, hanging files, 3 ring binders, laser labels, an easel newsprint pad and markers, overhead transparencies and markers, presentation pocket folders and other items. Contact Cynthia if you are interested in any of these items.



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.



Mary Whyte's Exhibit

"We The People"

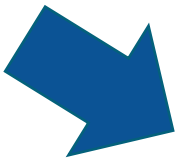
Opening March 18th!!

The Special Exhibition Gallery will reopen March 18, 2023 with a new art exhibit, Mary Whyte's *WE THE PEOPLE: Portraits of Veterans in America* featuring large-scale watercolor portraits of veterans from all walks of life and from all 50 states. Also featured in this exhibit space will be *The Art of Soldiering*, displaying highlights from the U.S. Army Art Collection and depicting experiences of the American Soldier from the Civil War to the present through art produced on the front lines.

<https://www.thenmusa.org/> The Museum is located just outside of Fort Belvoir along the parkway at 1775 Liberty Drive Fort Belvoir, VA 22060

You don't want to miss this beautiful exhibit

Any SAG member can be a featured artist on the home page of our website. Please check below to find out what you need to do.



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. 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:
-
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?

Welcome New Members:

If you are a new SAG member please let me know so we can put your information and artwork in the newsletter. Just contact teresatindlebrunson@gmail.com

No inputs were sent in for this month