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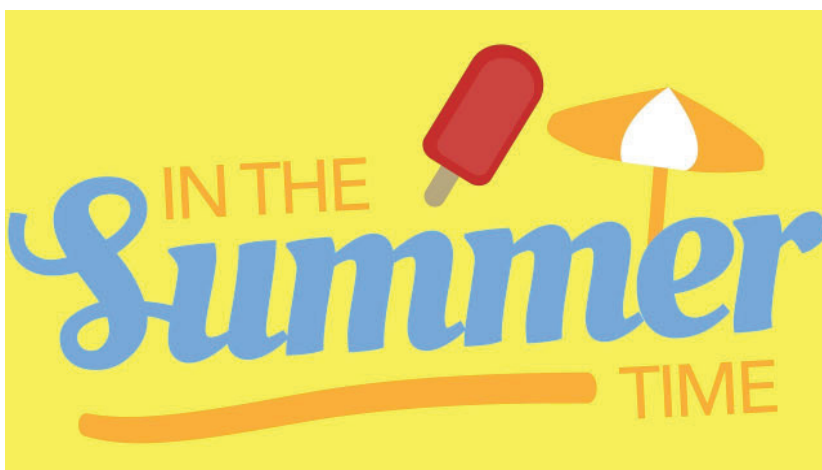
JULY 2023 Newsletter

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Meeting Schedule

NO meetings in July and August.
Enjoy your summer, see you all in
September !



Take a Break



No meetings in
July and August!

ENJOY SUMMER TIME!

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 2023-2024 Board Members

*Springfield Art Guild Board welcomes new Board members:
Ying Zhang and Susan Fay*

The SAG President schedule will rotate and then it 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 Gest Speaker's Series, members' shows and other activities throughout the year. Everyone is encouraged to invite friends to join us for our meetings.

Advisors:



Lydia Jechorek
Membership, Former Board Member



Elaine Sevy
Nature Journaling Coordinator



Alice Merritt
Librarian, Former Board Member



Teresa Brunson
Website, Former President



Ying Zhang
Newsletter



Susan Fay



VACANT



Donnalynne Lefever
Vice President



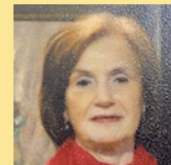
Deidre Pistochini
Secretary



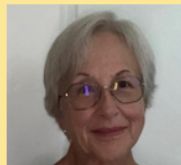
Marshall Carolus
Treasurer



Pat Hafkemeyer



Gladys Berly



Courtney Clark

Acting President and Alternate Schedule Chart

2023-24	Acting President	Member Mtg	Board Mtg	Alternate
September	Marshall Carolus	13	18	Pat Hafkemeyer
October	Courtney Clark	11	16	Donnalyne LeFever
November	Pat Hafkemeyer	8	13	Susan Fay
December/Holiday Party	Ying Zhang	13	18	Courtney Clark
January (Zoom)	Gladys Berly	10	15	Ying Zhang
February (Zoom)	Gladys Berly	14	19	Susan Fay
March	Susan Fay	13	18	Pat Hafkemeyer
April	Courtney	10	15	Ying Zhang
May	TBD	8	13	TBD
June	Donnalyne LeFever	12	17	Gladys Berly

Contact Information for Board Members and Advisors

First Name	Last Name	Email	Role	Month as Acting President
Gladys	Berly	Gberly@verizon.net	Publicity	January; February; backup: June
Marshall	Carolus	marshallcarolus@aol.com	Treasure, Grace Church Contact, guest speaker coordinator.	September
Courtney	Clark	swiftclark@icloud.com	Publicity, gmail coordinator	October; April; backup: December
Pat	Hafkemeyer	Pat.Hafkemeyer@cox.net	Membership, Green Spring Gardens show chair	November; backup: March
Donnalyne	Lefever	magickaldl@gmail.com	Vice President, Board Meetings	June; backup: October
Susan	Fay	sbfay@verizon.net	Instagram	March; backup: November and February
Ying	Zhang	happyingartstudio@gmail.com	Newsletter	December; backup January and April
Deidre	Pistochini	pistofam@msn.com	Secretary, Nature Journaling	
Lydia	Jechorek	raylyd@verizon.net	Membership, Guest Speaker/ zoom coach	
Teresa	Brunson	teresatindlebrunson@gmail.com	Newsletter, Website	
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 2023-2024 Season

All meetings will be in-person except January and February

2023-24	Guest Speaker	Art Topic
Sep 13	Rachel Collins	Watercolor and Abstraction in Nature
Oct 11	Lory Ivey Alexander	Multilayered, Vibrantly Colored Paintings
Nov 8	Veronica Barker-Barzel	printmaking
Dec 13	No Speaker	Holiday Party
Jan 10	TBD(<u>zoom</u>)	TBD
Feb 8	Serena Supplee (<u>zoom</u>)	Oil and Watercolor Artist from Moab, Utah
Mar 13	Patricia Rice	Oil Painting on Copper
Apr 10	Bryan Jernigan	Pastel Artist
May 8	Sermin Ciddi	Traditional Ottoman Art
Jun 12	Pete Van Riper	Figure Drawing



NOVA Nature Journal Club



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.

CALLING ALL THE MEMBERS

Dear SAG Members:

We are inviting members to submit images of their artwork for inclusion in our Instagram account for the month of July. The theme for the month is “Joyous Summer.” Feel free to interpret the theme broadly - places, activities, creatures, foods that bring you summertime joy.

You should submit your images to sagartinstagram@gmail.com

Looking forward to seeing and sharing your work!
The SAG Instagram team.

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER AND HAVE FUN!



Instagram

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

EXCITING MEMBER NEWS!

Marshall Carolus' Watercolor Painting "Winter's Glory" took 2nd place in the Potomac Valley Watercolorists show at the Green Spring Garden Exhibit!

Congratulations Mashall!



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

Garden Dreams 2023



SAG's Green Spring Gardens Annual Juried Show November 14, 2023-January 7, 2024

Green Spring Gardens Park, 4603 Green Spring Rd, Alexandria, VA

Green Springs' annual art show is a Juried Show with 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Honorable Mention ribbons to be awarded, as well as the SAG Founders Award. Cash awards will be presented. This show is open to all current 2023-24 SAG Members. Artists must register and volunteer by October 31st. The 30% commission on all sales will benefit the Friends of Green Spring Gardens Park. Our juror this year is professional artist Debra Keirce (<https://www.debkart.com/>). Submissions will be done by Jotform.

Participating artists **MUST** volunteer to assist with the show. Not entering this year? You can still join the fun by volunteering to assist installing the show by emailing Teresa Brunson (teresatindlebrunson@gmail.com) or Pat Hafkemeyer (Pat.Hafkemeyer@cox.net) with which position you would like to do.

If you have any questions, please contact Chairpersons Teresa Brunson (teresatindlebrunson@gmail.com) or Pat Hafkemeyer (Pat.Hafkemeyer@cox.net)

Calendar of Events:

August 15, 2023

Online Submissions open

- **Current SAG Members** may enter up to three (3) 2-D pieces
- **Fee:** \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Fees are non-refundable. Make checks payable to "SAG" and mail to Pat Hafkemeyer
5926 Burnside Landing Dr. Burke, VA. 22015
- **All entries will be filed on Jotform (online).** Provide one photo per each entry. Smart phone photos are acceptable.
- **JotForm link:** <https://form.jotform.com/231747526369163>
- **Need ASSISTANCE filling out the Jotform?** Contact Danica Arehart at Danica.bodytalk@gmail.com



October 31, Tuesday
Entry Deadline

Deadline for Online Submissions, Entry Fee, and completed Volunteer Jotform

November 13, Monday
Installation

- **Receiving 12:30-1:30 pm**
- Judging 1:30 pm-2:30 pm
- Show installation 2:00-4:00 pm
- **Pick up** unselected art 2:30-3:30 pm

November 19, Sunday
Reception & Awards

- **1:00 – 3:00 pm**
- Location: Green Springs Gardens Horticulture Center

January 08, Monday
Take Down & Pickup

- **11:00-12:30pm**
- No art can be left after 12:30. No early pickup. Artists **MUST** pick up during this date/time or arrange pickup by a friend.
- SAG and Green Springs **will NOT be held responsible for any artwork left after the pickup deadline**

Submission Criteria

- **Subject Matter** Artwork must focus on any flora, fauna, or local landscapes and historical buildings in DC/MD/VA.
- **Artwork must be for sale.**
- **Entry Criteria** SAG members can submit up to three (3) original artworks
 - a. no larger than 36"x36"
 - b. have never been shown at any Green Spring Gardens SAG shows previously
 - c. All artwork must be your own creation, not a copy or derivative of someone else's work. You cannot use a photograph as a reference unless it is your personal photo or you have the owner's permission for use; you cannot use other artists' artwork nor any image derived from a magazine, newspaper, or social media (Instagram, Facebook, websites etc.) for your submission(s).
- **Eligible Submissions** Artwork must be original 2-D pieces, ready to hang. Original photographs and digital art (see #1) are eligible.
 - a. **NOT eligible:** Photocopies, giclee prints or any type of reproduction
 - b. **NOT eligible:** Saw tooth hangers, clips, wet canvases, damaged frames, torn backings, soiled or poorly matted
- **Permission to reproduce** submitted artwork by the Springfield Art Guild and Green Spring Gardens for publicity and archival purposes is automatically granted by the artist as a requisite for entering the show.
- **30% commission** – Green Springs requires Artists making sales to submit a 30% commission to Green Spring Gardens Park at the close of the show. Virginia sales tax will be collected by

Green Spring Gardens. Paying all taxes, including sales taxes upon sale of artwork, are the responsibility of the artist. All sales will be made through Green Spring Gardens.

- **Liability** – The Springfield Art Guild and Green Spring Gardens are not liable for any loss or damage to artwork at any time. By submitting your application/entries, you release them, their staff and all volunteers from any responsibility for any damage or loss to your artwork during the exhibition, set up, or take down. Be aware insurance policies in effect will not provide coverage for damage or loss due to fire, theft or burglary and vandalism. By submission, the artist agrees to assume all risk of damage to or loss of his/her own art from whatever cause. Artists may obtain their own insurance.
- **VOLUNTEERING** *All participating artists MUST volunteer for several tasks from the list provided on the online registration JotForm to help with the show*
> **Jotform LINK to volunteer:** <https://form.jotform.com/231763374071152>

Volunteer positions you will find on the Online Call for Duty:

- **Please check 3-4 tasks/activities** to allow the committee to choose at least 2 of your selections.
- Artists will be notified of assignment(s) prior to Installation date.
- Number of Volunteers needed in each category are noted (*_)
- If you would like to volunteer for more than one position, please advise Pat Hafkemeyer at Pat.Hafkemeyer@cox.net

I. Labels

YES, I can make the labels for all the artwork pieces (*1). A template will be provided

II. Receiving, Hanging, Reception Volunteers and Take Down:

- I can help with receiving, November 13, 12:30-1:30pm (*3)
- I can help with the hanging, November 13, 2:30 - 4pm (*8-10)
- I can help put labels on paintings, November 13, 3- 4pm (*1-2)
- I can call all artists whose paintings were not accepted – November 13, at 2:30pm (*1-2)
- I can help record paintings that were picked up which were not accepted into the show (*1)
- I can take photographs during installation Monday, November 13, 2-4pm (*1)
- I can bring a dessert or appetizer for the reception, on November 19. (*no limit)
- I can help with the reception (serve, set up/clean up) 1-3pm on November 19. (*3-5)
- I can take Photographs at reception & award presentations 1 - 3:00pm, Sunday, November 19. (*1)
- I can contact Greens Springs periodically throughout the show regarding sales (*1)
- I can help take down the art show on January 8, 2024, 11-12:30 pm. (*2-3)



2023-24 SAG Membership Drive

AND looking for art for the directory
Lydia Jechorek, Membership Coordinator



With the arrival of July comes the start of our annual 2023-24 Membership Drive.

Our monthly meetings are at Grace Church from September through December and March through June. In January and February, we meet on Zoom, allowing us to enjoy presentations from talented artists across the country without having to worry about winter weather. SAG has already arranged for an impressive lineup of guest speakers, but we're still looking for two more great speakers (one for Zoom). If you have any recommendations, please email their names and contact information to our Speaker Coordinator, Marshall Carolus, at marshallcarolus@aol.com.

SAG is thrilled to continue offer a wide variety of events for our members and we're always on the lookout for more. Our 2022-23 season featured fantastic shows (both in-person and virtual), a virtual studio every Wednesday, nature journaling, field trips, and other exciting events like a holiday party in December and our great newsletter. We welcome members to share their ideas for additional events with any board member.

If you know any local artists who are looking for a great organization to showcase their work, please invite them to attend our meetings or even better, to join SAG.

SAG's membership dues have not changed in 2023 and continue to be the best deal in town. Please made checks out to SAG & write Lydia Jechorek, 5608 Doolittle St. Burke, Va 22015 Attn: SAG on your mailing envelope.

Membership dues:

- \$35 (single) for 2022-23 (dues cover Sept-Sept)
- \$55 Family
- \$15 Student Member (under 18)
- \$5 Past Presidents



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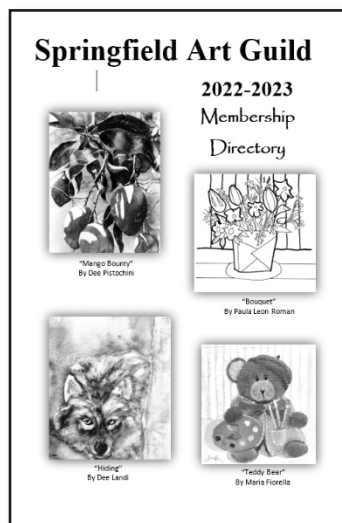


Options (cost per member if family membership)

- \$10 - **Online Gallery** – (per member) allows you up to 10 photos of your work on the SAG website and one (1) link to your website/Facebook or other social media.
 - ***This year online gallery submissions will be done by Jotform:*** Link: <https://form.jotform.com/231676531902153>
- \$5 - Link only (or a 2nd link if you selected the online gallery too) to advertise your personal website/Facebook page/Etsy page or other personal social media link

Email/address/phone# CHANGES from last Year? please check the box “YES” on your membership form if there are any changes from last year.

- **To be in the Directory** your membership dues must be received no later than September 30th, but you can join SAG at any time. The directory is available to members on SAG’s webpage accessed with a password.



Looking for Directory Cover Art!

Don't miss the opportunity to showcase your artwork in our upcoming directory. Lydia Jechorek is once again inviting members to submit artwork. Line drawings and black-and-white pieces work best.

Please email your submissions to Lydia at raylyd@verizon.net.

W E L C O M E

SAG NEW MEMBER

THOM LOWTHER

Fine Art

Alexandria, VA 22312 703/400-3133 c

www.ThomLowtherArt.com L7StudioArt@gmail.com



Interest in Painting

Watercolor is my passion and medium of choice. When working with watercolor I believe that while an artist can shape a painting it is still important to let the water work wonders. I add highlights using values, color tones, and shapes while sometimes adding ink. I also enjoy the colors and soothing effect that can be captured by a subtle introduction and occasional use of pastels. When developing the composition, I am an advocate of the "Golden Ratio." While I'm interested in a variety of subjects I'm drawn to architecture, figures, historical ruins, landscapes, and water features.

Early in my life my family owned a paint store that included a section with art supplies and books about drawing and painting architecture, landscapes, and figures where I spent many hours. While serving in Europe with the U.S. Army, I traveled and continued sketching and painting with wash & ink. For the next 30 years I worked in professional development primarily with architects and other design industry professionals - occasionally drawing. While working at the American Institute of Architects in Washington, DC, I had the good fortune to travel extensively, visiting architectural sites in all 50 U.S. states, Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, Europe and several Pacific Rim countries. The cultures, architecture and arts of these locations continue to influence my selection of subjects, compositions, and colors. In 2011 I began taking classes and workshops at the Art League in Alexandria, Virginia. In addition, I've supplemented the more formal studies with self-study and social media options.



Influenced by:

Graham Berry, Gwen Bragg, Virgil Carter, Rachel Collins, Judith Mudd, Sara Linda Poly, Thomas W. Schaller, Keiko Tanabe, Peter Ulrich, and Tim Wilmot.

Online & Social Media:

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/l7leisureart/>

Pinterest: <https://www.pinterest.com/thomlowther10/>

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/thom-lowther-786569/>



ANNOUNCEMENT

Every organization needs committed board members to have a strong and effective organization. In addition to the standard roles and responsibilities of a board member, our board members are active advocates and ambassadors helping make SAG a great organization.

SAG board is comprised of 9 volunteer members who are committed to bringing our members great programs and art opportunities.

SAG is excited to announce 2 members have volunteered for those vacancies. New SAG members **Ying Zhang** and **Susan Fay**. **We still need 1 more volunteer.**

As always, SAG board meetings are open to all members. They are held via Zoom the Monday after the Members' Meetings. If you'd like to attend a meeting, contact anyboard member for more details.



Board needs 1 more volunteer to fill the vacancy, hope you can join!



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.

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 two 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!

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:
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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?
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