

### **Meeting Schedule**

OCTOBER 11, 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)

## SPRINGFIELD ART GUILD

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## OCTOBER 2023 Newsletter

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### Lory levy Alexander MULTILAYERED VIBRANTLY COLORED PAINTINGS

Lory Ivey Alexander makes art because she must. The child of working artists, Ivey Alexander learned to embrace creativity early. Though she made art and published poetry throughout her youth, Ivey Alexander began to take visual art seriously during college. While studying English and Africana studies at Tufts University, she took studio art and other classes at the School of Museum of Fine Arts, participating in a few exhibitions in Boston and, after graduation, in her hometown of Washington, DC.



Ivey Alexander is a mixed media collagist and uses water, water-based paint, found paper (especially advertisements, natural fibers, and organic elements to create a visual network linking the past to the future, often incorporate floral and aquatic themes into the work. Much of her work begins with interviews with people from the Central Rappahannock region of Virginia and with visits to historically significant sites, especially waterways like the North Anna River and the Potomac.

After suddenly losing her parents, Ivey Alexander became unable to paint and, as a result, took many years off from an active art practice. Oddly, it was during this hiatus that she admitted to herself that she was an artist at her core. This admission changed everything. It enabled her to place her myriad interests and skills under the single umbrella of ARTIST and to build an active, thriving practice.





The lens through which she views the world shapes the art she makes. In this way, her Blackness and indigeneity are necessary to and influential of the work that she makes, but she also actively chooses to center these stories and this lens in her work. Much of her practice is driven by a desire to restore vibrancy and beauty to stories the broader society has deemed unfit for retelling. She is always looking for a new way to bring color to a black and white memory of history.



Ivey Alexander is a 2022 recipient of the Washington Award for Fine Art and current finalist for the DC Art Bank Grant. Her work is on view at the James E. Lewis Museum at Morgan State University and will be shown in DC Arts NOW! exhibition at the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities Gallery from October to December 2023. Outside of the art world, she is a Supervisory Trial Attorney and Assistant Director at the Department of Justice. She lives and works in Washington, DC, where she was born.

	Title	Size	Thumbnail	Status
1.	I Do Not Weep at the World/Meridia ns II	48" Ø mixed media collage (acrylic paint and cotton paper) on wood		PROPOSAL
2.	Sunrise at Water's Edge	36x40 acrylic paint on 100% cotton canvas		JAMES E LEWIS MUSEUM UNTIL DECEMBER 8, 2023
3.	When Water Breathes	40x40 acrylic paint on 100% cotton canvas		AVAILABLE
4.	Learning to Be Like Water	40x40 acrylic paint on 100% cotton canvas		JAMES E LEWIS MUSEUM UNTIL DECEMBER 8, 2023
5.	Give up the shit that weighs you down	36x48 Acrylic on 100% cotton canvas		AVAILABLE
6.	Dignity, Integrity, and a Rich Sense of Humor	48x60 Acrylic on 100% cotton canvas		AVAILABLE



Lory levy Alexander October 2023 Featured Speaker

## 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 Schoeppel. 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.





Marshall Carolus Treasurer



Donnalynne

Lefever

Vice President

Pat Hafkemeyer





**Courtney Clark** 

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Advisors:



Lydia Jechorek **Elaine Sevy** Membership, Former Nature Jorunaling **Board Member** Coordinator



Alice Merritt Librarian, Former **Board Member** 



**Teresa Brunson** Website, Former President



**Ying Zhang** Newsletter



**Gladys Berly** 



2023-24	<b>Acting President</b>	Member Mtg	<b>Board Mtg</b>	Alternate
September	Marshall Carolus	13	18	Pat Hafkemeyer
October	Courtney Clark	11	16	Donnalynne 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	Donnalynne LeFever	12	17	Gladys Berly

### Acting President and Alternate Schedule Chart

### **Contact Information for Board Members and Advisors**

First Name	Last Name	Email	Role	Month as Acting President
Gladys	Berly	Gberly@verizon.net	Publicity	Jannuary; Feburary; 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
Donnalynne	Lefever	magickaldl@gmail.com	Vice President, Board Meetings	June; backup: October
Susan	Fay	sbfay@verizon.net	Instagram	March; backup: November and Feburary
Ying	Zhang	happyingartstudio@gmail.com	Newsletter	December; backupJanuary 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 Assistant, 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	



SAG's Featured Artist is Ying Zhang Take a look at the SAG website and read all about one of our own talented members.

Scroll to the bottom of our home page to see the beginning of Ying Zhang's information and artwork. <u>https://www.springfieldartguild.org/</u>

## **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.





"Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life." –Pablo Picasso



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

October 31, Tuesday Entry Deadline	Deadline for Online Submissions, Entry Fee, and completed Volunteer Jotform
November 13, Monday I <u>nstallation</u>	<ul> <li>Receiving 12:30-1:30 pm</li> <li>Judging 1:30 pm-2:30 pm</li> <li>Show installation 2:00-4:00 pm</li> <li><u>Pick up</u> unselected art 2:30-3:30 pm</li> </ul>
November 19, Sunday Reception & Awards	<ul> <li>1:00 – 3:00 pm</li> <li>Location: Green Springs Gardens Horticulture Center</li> </ul>
January 08, Monday Take Down & Pickup	<ul> <li>11:00-12:30pm</li> <li>No art can be left after 12:30. No early pickup. Artists <u>MUST</u> pick up during this date/time or arrange pickup by a friend.</li> <li>SAG and Green Springs will NOT be held responsible for any artwork left after the pickup deadline</li> </ul>

### **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 <u>Pat.Hafkemeyer@cox.net</u>

#### 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)



### It's easy to become a SAG Member!! It's a

great what to get to know local artists, enjoy Guests Artists presentations, participate in art shows and more! Just fill out a membership form and send it in! <u>Click here</u> to get a copy. The membership form also can be found on Page 13 in the newsletter.

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 <u>marshallcarolus@aol.com</u>

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 inperson 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

**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.



 \$5 - Link only (or a 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 <u>September 30<sup>th</sup></u>, 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-andwhite pieces work best.

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



**SAG Membership form** (membership is Sept-Sept)

Renewal <u>YES Changes</u> <u>No changes</u>	Description Internet International Internet Inte	Date	
<i>Please print or use a mailing label</i> Name:			
Address			
Telephone (Primary)	_ (cell or hm)- (Secondary)	(cell or hr	n)
E-Mail Address			
Web or other online Address:			

Medium(s)

#### **<u>Membership Options:</u>** Please fill in options you want & total amount of your check (last column)

Single:	Full privileges (shows, selling, emailed newsletter, email notices, etc.)	\$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). This INCLUDES <u>one</u> link to a personal website if applicable. (List above). You can add a 2 <sup>nd</sup> link below	+ \$10.00	
Link ONLY:	Allows you to link a personal website on the SAG website	+ \$5.00	
Check Total			

> You can Include your web address above if you would like it included in the directory even if you don't want a link.

> On-line Gallery: NEW – entries will be uploaded to Jotform: Enter up to ten (10) quality photos & your bio.

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Email **Danica Arehart** at <u>danica.bodytalk@gmail.com</u> to let her know you have completed your entries on Jotform or if you have a question about Jotform.

> Renewing? What Year did you join the Springfield Art Guild? \_\_\_\_\_ (It will be in last year's directory)

P lease make checks <u>payable to SAG</u>, then mail your check & this form to: Lydia Jechorek Attn: SAG 5608 Doolittle St. Burke, VA 22015

Check #\_\_\_\_\_ Check Date \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$\_\_\_\_\_ Confirmation email sent \_\_\_\_\_



## **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 Ying at happyingartstudio@gmail.com or Teresa at teresatindlebrunson@gmail.com

SAG Member, Chris Pankow, has received the "Award of Excellence" for his painting titled Symmetrees 3 at the 2023 Virginia Watercolor Society 44th annual exhibition held in Williamsburg.

Chris wrote "Symmetrees 3 is one in a series of four watercolor paintings in which colorful motifs and shapes repeat across the paper and morph into other rows above and below." Painting size: 14" x 29"

**Congratulations Chris!** 



Symmetrees 3

## **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 <u>happyingartstudio@gmail.com</u>; teresatindlebrunson@gmail.com</u>by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

### Watercolor Painting Workshop (Aspen Trees in Winter)

This class is designed for students (beginner to intermediate) who want to explore the unique principles of watercolor: transparency, speed, & spontaneity. Workshop will emphasize and demonstrate brush work, color mixing, wash techniques, value patterns, design layout, and composition. Students will create an 8"x10" painting. All art supplies will be provided by instructor but students must bring a 16"x20" hard board or foam board to use as a painting support surface. Must be Age 16+ and class is limited to 8 students.

When: Monday, October 16, 2023

**Time:** 9:00am-12:00pm

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Where: The Loft Gallery 313B Mill Street (upstairs) Occoquan, VA

Price: \$85 (includes instruction and painting supplies)\*

To registration and get more information, go to: http://www.mikeflynnartist.com

Supplies will be provided - disposable plate pallet, watercolor paper, paint, brushes, plastic cup, tissue, pencil, eraser, tape. Ink pen, white gouache. Scrap paper to practice. Students will paint an 8 x 10 painted image in 11x14 mat.

\*NOTE: Students will need to bring a 16"x20" hard board or foam board painting support surface.



## ART Opportunities continued...

## SAG Fall Virtual Show September30-December 2, 2023 Artist's Choice Springfield Art Guild 2023 Fall Virtual Art Show

A People's Choice award will be given for this show in which the public will be able to vote for the favorite piece. A flyer will be sent out with a link to jotform for voting that you can send to friends and family. There will be approximately 3 weeks to vote. The winner will be announced after the voting period has ended and the award will be handed out at the November monthly meeting. There will not be a reception for this show.

#### ~~~~ SCHEDULE ~~~~~

- October 21, 2023 Voting for People's Choice award ends
- November 8, 2023 People's Choice award will be handed to winner The winner will be announced shortly after the voting ends and included in the newsletter.
- **December 2, 2023** Virtual show closes

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## Springfield Art Guild Fall Virtual Show and Sale September 30 – December 2, 2023

## Visit us online for that perfect holiday gift!

https://www.springfieldartguild.org/fall-2023-virtual-show



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# While you are looking at these beautiful works vote for your favorite here by, October 21.

https://form.jotform.com/231926503909157

Anyone can vote!

## ART Opportunities continued...

### **Manassas Annual Fine Arts Inventory Show**

Manassas Annual Fine Arts Inventory Show Chairman Mike Flynn is once again inviting local artists to participate in the Manassas Annual Fall Inventory Show. It's a fun, festive event to showcase your work in the covered pavilion in the heart of Historic Old Town Manassas.



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Many SAG artists have enjoyed participating in this show in past years. It's a great opportunity to not only show your artwork, but connect with other artists.

When: Saturday October 28,
 2023 from noon - 4:00pm.
 Rain date Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup>

noon - 4:00pm

Holiday sales are encouraged!
 Fees: There is <u>No</u> exhibit fee or commission on sales. Each artist is required to pay a \$10 vendor's fee (City law). Everyone participating will pay Mike and he will submit your event application for you.

This year there is also an arts and crafts event on the museum lawn from 10:00 to 4:00. This event happened during the Inventory show two years ago and it benefited both groups with foot travel.

- Artists must provide their own tables or hanging panels. (Lydia Jechorek has four (4) 6' Panels with legs & pins which she will loan to anyone who needs them)
- Artists are welcome to have their own space or share a space with another artist or two.
- Each Artist collects their own sales
- All taxes, including sales taxes upon sale of artwork, are the responsibility of the artist.
- Liability The City of Manassas and the organizers are not liable for any loss or damage to artwork at any time. With your submission to this show, 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.

IMPORTANT Anyone interested in participating in this show must contact Mike Flynn <u>directly</u> at <u>oflynn50@hotmail.com</u> to reserve a space as soon as possible. Spaces go quickly.

## ART Opportunities continued...

# TEA AND ABT



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Enjoy a wonderful experience with SAG member Darlene Kaplan as she hosts a Gong Fu tea tasting followed by short presentations from Loft Artists about their painting styles & techniques. It's a unique opportunity to explore a variety of wonderful teas and art.

Where: The Loft Art Center/Gallery (Side Entrance near behind bridal salon) 313 Mill Street, (upstairs) Occoquan, VA 22125 When: Saturday October 14, 2023 10 am – 12:30 pm Cost: \$20.

- This ceremonial tea drinking style is meant to focus one's attention and relax the mind and spirit in a convivial, shared experience. Paying close attention to the evolving taste and aroma of the tea, slowing to observe the dance of its leaves against beautiful Yixing ceramic cups enhances one's appreciation of both the tea and the moment. There is nothing like Gong Fu to create a warm, intimate atmosphere among friends.
- You will be served up to 6 different Premium to Estate Teas (loose leaf tea only). The selections included are Oolong, Pu-erh, Green, White, Yellow, Red, Organic, and Blooming Tea just to mention a few. The Premium Tea or Estate Teas are from Sir Lanka, Japan, China, Tibet, India, Vietnam, Taiwan, and more.
- Gong Fu Tea Tasting & Artist Presentations will start out with the first hour of a Chinese Tea Tasting (Gong Fu style) of estate award winning teas from around the world followed by an hour thirty minutes of short presentations and/or painting demos from the studio artist along with personal tours of their art studios.
- **Price is \$20. Per person**. Limit of 20 spaces. The price includes the tea tasting experience and the artists' presentations and or personal studio tours.
- To register for this unique event, send payment by October 10th, 2023 (check made out to Darlene Kaplan) and mail to Darlene Kaplan, 4609 Franconia Rd, Alexandria, VA 22310. Or PayPal <u>https://www.loftgallery.org/events/</u> (Sorry no refunds unless the event is cancelled). Please include your email. Email Darlene <u>chineseart@darlenekaplan.com</u> for questions.

https://bit.ly/Darlene-Kaplan

## **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.



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

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## Join us on Wednesdays!

This is a great way to get to know your fellow Springfield Art Guild members:

- You can paint, draw, create or watch what others are working on during this time.
- You can get feedback from the other artists on your current work or something you have been stuck on. Another view point is always helpful.
- You have the luxury of painting in your studio with all your supplies handy and not have to lug them to class or another location. Also blocking out the time, guarantees that you will at least be creative once a week.

Don't hesitate to stop by for the whole time or shorter if that is all time will allow you. And if you wish to stay longer, the host may be able to make that happen. Hope to see you at the Open Art Studio.

### When: Wednesdays from 1-2:30pm

Where: On Zoom - SAG members meet on Weds to work on <u>any</u> 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.



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?