



SPRINGFIELD ART GUILD

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NOVEMBER 2023 Newsletter

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Meeting Schedule

NOVEMBER 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)

VERONICA BAKER-BARZEL PAINTER & PRINTMAKING

Veronica Barker-Barzel is a painter and a printmaker. There is a strong connection and interplay between her paintings and her printmaking works. Her style is often reflective of the places that she has experienced and is stimulated by her personal background. Her work can resonate with a bit of Eastern European folklore, Greek mythology and German expressionism occasionally fused with her own version of surrealism.



Veronica was born in Washington, DC - native born but not native raised. Her parents were a bit nomadic. Passing the travel bug on to her. She grew up mostly in Europe and then spent her early 20's in Japan.

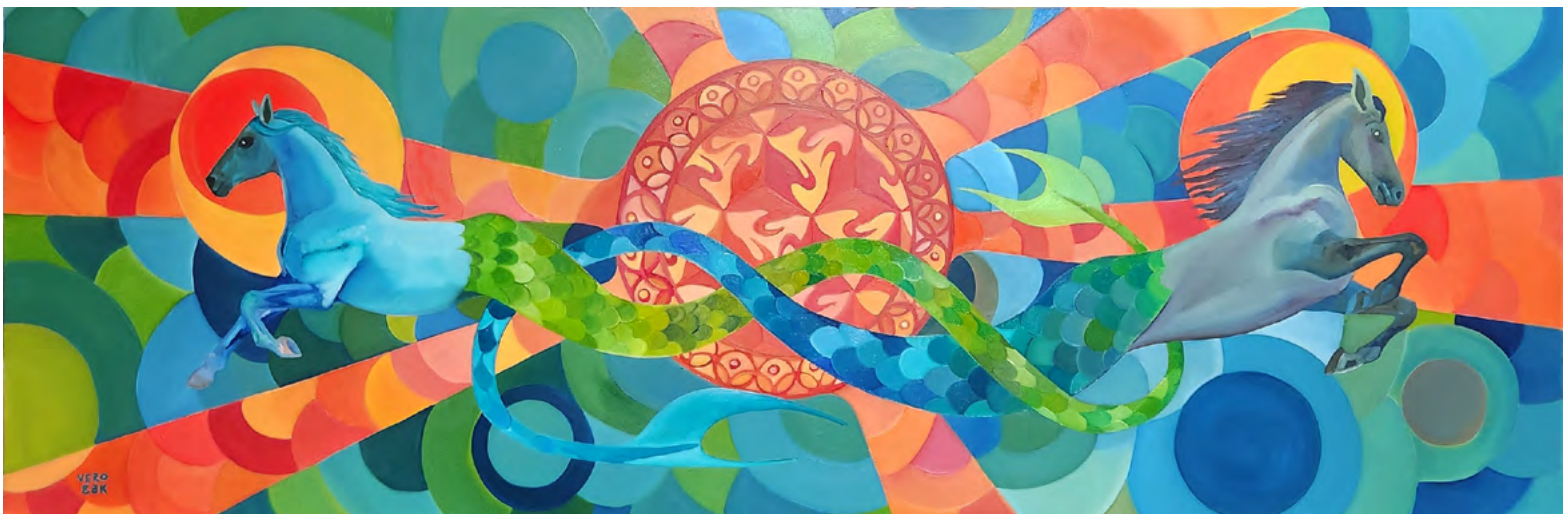
Veronica was raised in an artistic household, parents being artists in their own right. Her formal art training included a Post Baccalaureate program at Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA).

Veronica had her first solo shows in Naples, Italy, in her early 20's. She has exhibited in Japan, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island, Cabo Verde. Veronica is currently active around the Washington metro area, including a well-received solo show at The Art League in Alexandria, and juror awards at recent shows in Maryland and Virginia. While at MICA, she participated in MICA sponsored exhibitions and in other Baltimore community venues.



She has been actively involved with the artist community in Northern VA, Torpedo Factory Artists Association, Del Ray Artisans, Printmakers Inc., to name a few, and has curated and juried multiple themed shows. In 2016, Veronica juried into Printmakers Inc. studio in the Torpedo Factory. In 2017 she was juried into Torpedo Factory Artists' Association. She also juried into the loft Gallery in Occoquan, VA. She currently teaches printmaking techniques for Discover Graphics Atelier. Veronica was recently re-juried into her studio space in the Torpedo Factory Art Center.

VERONICA BAKER-BARZEL
November 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 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, Susan Fay and John Nicholson*

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

SAG is looking forward to another great year with our Guest Speaker's Series, members' shows and other activities throughout the year.

SAG will be meeting in-person Sept.-June **except** Jan. and Feb. where we will meet via Zoom. Everyone is encouraged to invite friends to join us for our Guest Speakers series.

Advisors:



Teresa T. Brunson
Website
Former President



Lydia Jechorek
Membership
Former Board Member



Alice Merritt
Librarian
Former Board Member



Elaine Sevy
Nature Journaling
Coordinator &
Former Board Member



Donnalynne Lefever
Vice President



Marshall Carolus
Treasurer



Deidre Pistochini
Secretary



Ying Zhang



Courtney Swift



Susan Fay



Gladys Berly



John Nicholson



Pat Hafkmeyer

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	
John	Nicholson	jpnicholson.2@gmail.com		
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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.

<https://www.springfieldartguild.org/>



Instagram



**SAG is on Instagram! Follow us there.
You can find us @springfieldartguild**

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.

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.

Fall and Winter Nature Journaling Opportunities



FALL is one of the most gorgeous seasons. The leaves are vibrant and colorful this year.

WINTER has its own beauty, and it's a great time of year to see birds and other wildlife in the woods. So don't hibernate!

Registration begins November 1st for Fairfax County Park Authority's Winter 2024 (and Fall) Classes (Parktakes), and there's some great sketch hikes and nature journaling programs being offered. These classes do fill fast! If the class you want to take is full, get on the wait list. Spaces often become available.

Margaret Wohler at Huntley Meadows Park is teaching **Sketch Hike Fall Color Snap (11/4/23)**, **Mindful Drawing (1/14/2024)**, **Poetry in Nature Sketch Hike (12/30/23)**, **Winter Trees & Landscapes Sketch Hike (12/3/23)** and **World Wetlands Day Sketch Hike (2/2/2024)**.

Click on the Link and scroll down to each class to register: https://fairfax.usedirect.com/FairfaxFCPAWeb/ACTIVITIES/Search.aspx?place_id=7891

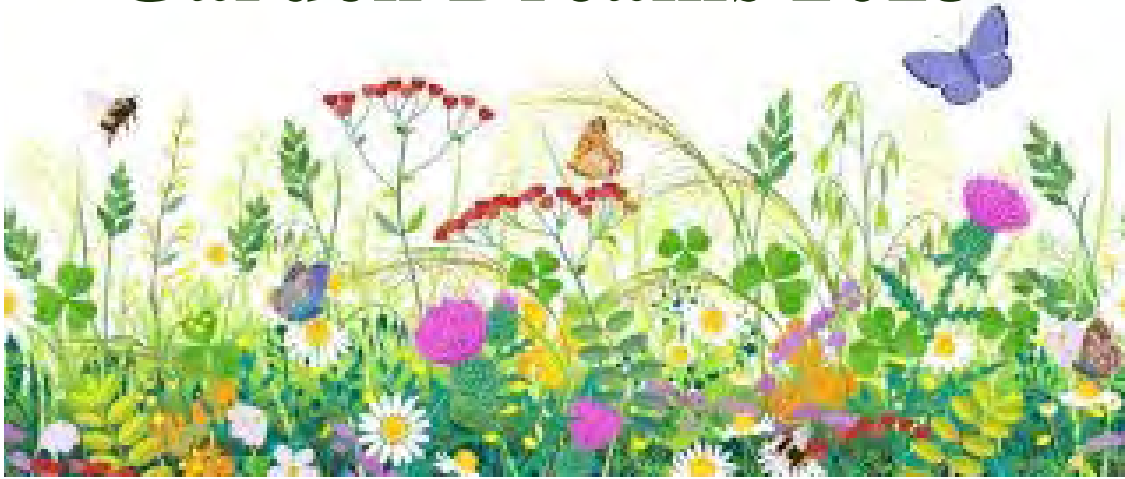
Avery Gunther at Hidden Oaks Nature Center is teaching **Drawing and Learning About Evergreens (11/19/23)**, **Drawing Winter Weeds (12/2/23)**, **Drawing Outer Space with Oil Pastels (1/20/24)**, and **Make a 12-month Phenology Wheel (1/27/24)**. Click on the Link and scroll down to each class to register:

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

An Artist Naturalist at Lake Accotink Park is leading **Learning to Sketch in Nature (11/11/23)**. Click on the Link and scroll down to register:

https://fairfax.usedirect.com/FairfaxFCPAWeb/ACTIVITIES/Search.aspx?place_id=7911

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. 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/>).

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

Calendar of Events:

November 13, Monday
Installation

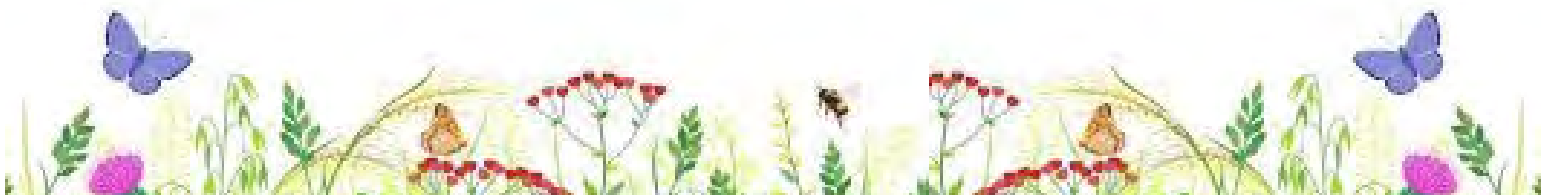
- **Receiving 12:30-1:30 pm**
- Judging 1:30 pm-2:30 pm
- Show installation 2:00-4:00 pm
- **Pick up** unselected art 2:30-3:30 pm

November 19, Sunday
Reception & Awards

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

January 08, Monday
Take Down & Pickup

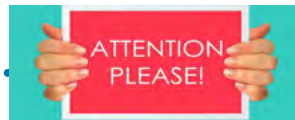
- **11:00-12:30pm**
- No art can be left after 12:30. No early pickup. Artists **MUST** pick up during this date/time or arrange pickup by a friend.
- SAG and Green Springs **will NOT be held responsible for any artwork left after the pickup deadline**



SAG Membership



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! [Click here](#) to get a copy.



NEW BENEFIT FOR OUR MEMBERSHIP

**SAG has some great news for our SAG members!
You can now access the SAG directory online,
anytime and anywhere!**

Besides the printed directory, we have created a digital version of the SAG directory on our website. It is a secure and convenient way to find other members and their contact information.

The online directory is located under the "Members" tab on the SAG website.

It is only accessible to current members who have the password.

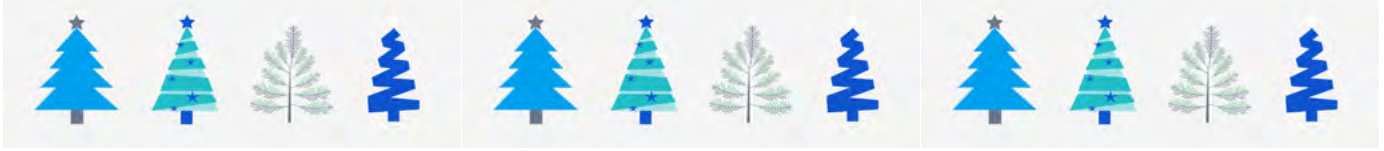
To get the password, please contact **Teresa Brunson** at teresatindlebrunson@gmail.com or

Danica Arehart at danica.bodytalk@gmail.com and they will assist you.



2023 SAG Holiday Party

YOU'RE INVITED!



Wednesday Dec. 13, 6:30 - 9pm (doors will open at 5:30pm for set-up team*)
at Grace Presbyterian Church auditorium, 7434 Bath St, Springfield, VA 22150

We will play a gift exchange game (**Present Wars**) for all those who want to participate.



Present Wars!!

We love the chance to secretly steal presents, especially when it comes to good fun, bring on present wars. Every person gets a number starting with 1. Number 1 chooses a present from the present table and opens it. Number 2 can steal 1's present or choose a new present to open. This is a game where being last is awesome because the last person can keep their present or steal any of the other presents available.

A gift has a \$10 limit and it can be anything from a pretty pin to a funky mug. Try to think of a gift that someone would like to steal to make the game really fun! **Contact Teresa Brunson if you have questions about the game** teresatindlebrunson@gmail.com

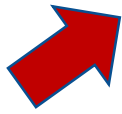
Some details:

***SET UP:** Set up starts at **5:30pm for the set-up team**. As people arrive we will enlist you to help with setting up tables for food, gifts, dinning, etc. Feel free to bring a few decorative end-of-year seasonal decorations in order to make the room festive for a few hours. We'll also enlist help to set-up the GIFT EXCHANGE table with Teresa Brunson. **If you would like to be on the set-up team please Teresa at** teresatindlebrunson@gmail.com

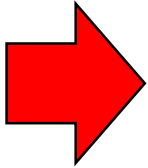
BRING FOOD: **Everyone** please bring a dish: a meat dish, side dish, main entrée, salad (pasta salad, potato salad, fruit salad, tossed salad etc.), appetizer, or dessert, or if you feel generous, one of each! Ha Ha. Since there are few electrical outlets to access near the food tables...it might be better if whatever you bring does not need to be kept warm, but if you do, please bring an extension cord. Anything in a crockpot that can exist with its own residual heat is welcome though!

PRESENT WAR GAME: For anyone who would like to participate in a gift exchange you simply wrap it but don't sign the outside wrapping or tag. Your gift should be no more than \$10.00. You get the idea! Wrap the item but do not put your name on it. Game description above in rectangle area. Teresa is organizing the game so if you have questions about the game contact her. If you would like to play the Present War game just bring your wrapped gift - you do not have to sign up with anyone to play.

Volunteers Needed: We are asking everyone to help set-up and clean-up but we are also looking for a few volunteers to (Please EMAIL Teresa to volunteer teresatindlebrunson@gmail.com):



1. Purchase 12 large rectangular tablecloths from Dollar Tree (you will be reimbursed by SAG – keep receipt)
2. Purchase plastic utensils, plastic cups, paper plates and napkins (enough for 50 people) (you will be reimbursed by SAG – keep receipt)
3. Purchase 2 bags of ice and bring in a cooler (you will be reimbursed by SAG – keep receipt)
4. Purchase 2 liters each of coke, diet coke, Arizona tea and Gingerale (you will be reimbursed by SAG – keep receipt)

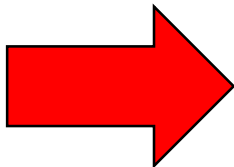


If you volunteer to purchase supplies, please remember to keep your receipts.



PARTY PROGRAM:

- Business Meeting and Announcements/short-and-fast
- Dinner and chatting
- Dessert
- GIFT Exchanging -Chatting and coffee
- Clean up...done as we always do



Email Teresa Brunson to volunteer and let her know what you can help with.
teresatindlebrunson@gmail.com



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 happyartstudio@gmail.com ; teresatindlebrunson@gmail.com by the 20th of each month.

SAG Fall Virtual Show September 30-December 2, 2023

Artist's Choice

Springfield Art Guild 2023 Fall Virtual Art Show

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

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.

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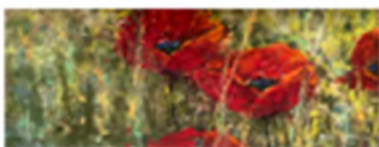
- **November 8, 2023** – People's Choice award will be handed to winner
The winner will be announced shortly after the voting ends and included in the newsletter.
- **December 2, 2023** – Virtual show closes

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>



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 a new board member **JOHN NICHOLSON**. John will be the 9th board member that we've been searching for. He has been part of SAG since 2016 and usually paint in oils. This year due to travel he's branching out to try acrylics.

SAG would like to make note to all the members that even though we now have nine official board members we always need volunteers to help with the various shows and other SAG duties. If anyone is interested in learning jotform, using instagram, learning how to put on a show, or publicity please notify one of the board members. Your help is ALWAYS appreciated and needed. As always SAG board meetings are open to all members. They are held via Zoom the Monday after the Member's Meetings. If you'd like to attend a meeting, contact any board member for more details.



Board Meetings are open to everyone!
Hope you can join!



OPEN STUDIO



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 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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