

# SPRINGFIELD ART GUILD



A place for a creative experience

## AUGUST 2025 Newsletter

### Meeting Schedule

No meeting in August!

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## Mark Your Calendars!

Our 2025 -2026 SAG Season starts with our meeting on **Wednesday September 10th** at Grace Presbyterian Church’s auditorium in Springfield,VA with artist **Justin Worrell**, the meeting schedule is as follows:

- **Doors open: 6:30pm** (socialize, meet members, network)
- **2025-2026 Events, Plans & Business:**  
7:00pm-7:30pm
- **Featured Artist Presentation / Demo**  
7:30pm-8:45pm

**Note: All times are approximate**





# 2025-2026 MEMBERSHIP



**\*\* Message from the SAG Board of Directors \*\***

## SAG Membership Rates 2025-2026

Springfield Art Guild (SAG) has been in existence for more than 55 years and has served the community's interest in fine art, crafts and photography. Throughout the years, our organization has provided its membership with a wonderful array of benefits, including:

- Regular meetings with local and national artists
- Two Guild-run art exhibit opportunities at Franconia Government Center and Green Spring Gardens (one free)
- Online exhibits
- Web site (online gallery) and Instagram further showcase member art work
- Monthly newsletters
- Virtual open studio sessions for all SAG artists
- News about other local workshops, shows, and creative opportunities
- Opportunities for critiques
- Donating funds to help area students afford Fairfax County Park Authority art classes

We have been operating in an environment of increased inflation (30% increase since 2017), higher/additional operating costs in the last few years, and a smaller membership base which will not change for the foreseeable future. We have not increased our membership rate for eight years and unfortunately, this has resulted in our organization experiencing an average \$1,000 shortfall for three consecutive years now. This trend threatens the long-term health of the organization and needs to be resolved – we want to continue seeing the wonderful art that all of our members create!

We have looked into various membership rate increase options and what other local art guilds charge (between \$50 and \$75) for the same level of benefits that we have consistently provided. The bottom line is that the figures speak for themselves and we must have a basic membership fee that will cover our shortfall and is consistent with what other organizations charge for similar benefits.

As such, effective for the 2025-2026 year, our new membership rate structure will be as follows:

- **Single membership rate: \$55**
- **Family membership rate (2 adults): \$80**
- **Student membership rate (21 or under): \$20**

The membership fee will include an online gallery (up to 10 images) and one link for all members. All member registration will be online via our Jotform system. The fee will be the same whether you pay by credit card or check. SAG will no longer charge a credit card fee and will absorb that cost.

Rest assured, a lot of thought and discussion has gone into making this decision. We want to continue to provide our members with the best experience possible. Foremost, we want to continue the positive, 50+ year legacy of our wonderful organization.



## JOIN OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

2025-2026

# MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

**Pat Hafkemeyer**  
Membership Coordinator

Dear Springfield Art Guild member,

It's time to gear up for our SAG membership drive for the 2025-2026 year.

We will be meeting again in-person at Grace Church in September, with Zoom meetings in January and February. SAG is lining up a list of great Guest Speakers again for the upcoming year, and of course planning shows, both in-person and virtual. We also have our virtual studio two Wednesdays each month, nature journaling, and other fun events, including a holiday party in December.

Of note, membership dues have increased from last year (see page 2). This was necessitated due to increased operating costs the past few years. With the new rate, all members will have the full range of benefits to include an online gallery and link.

All membership registration ***will be online using our membership form on JotForm. Members can pay via credit card (no additional processing fee) or by check.*** If you are paying by check, send your check to the Membership coordinator after registering on JotForm. Please send your check to:

**Pat Hafkemeyer**  
5926 Burnside Landing Drive, Burke,  
VA 22015 ATTN: SAG

Our JotForm membership registration link is as follows:

 [\*\*https://form.jotform.com/251167419555159\*\*](https://form.jotform.com/251167419555159)

If you have any questions about the JotForm, please email Danica Arehart at [\*\*sagcurating@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:sagcurating@gmail.com).

# 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 bring our members great programs and art opportunities.

SAG is excited to announce 3 board members, *Carollynne Barto*, *Marshall Carlous* and *Liz Pohland* have volunteered to join the board to serve three-year terms in the fall.

*Mashall Carolus* keep taking the responsibility to serve in the role of Board Vice President. *Pat Hafkemeyer* volunteered to be the Membership Coordinator while *Deidre Pistochni* is stepping down. Thanks, *Dee*, for your service!

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 any board member for more details.



Thank You Letter to Our Generous Donor - Fidelity Charitable

Thank You

The Springfield Art Guild was recently surprised and deeply moved by a generous donation from Fidelity Charitable. This unexpected gift is not only a powerful affirmation of our mission—it's a meaningful investment in the local artists we proudly support.

SAG exists to uplift and showcase the incredible talent within our community. With this contribution, we'll be able to continue to encourage, support and educate our artists, from the hobbyists to the professionals and all those in between.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Fidelity Charitable for believing in the power of creativity and community. Your generosity fuels inspiration and will make a lasting difference.

Sincerely,  
Springfield Art Guild



Instagram



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

**Hello Springfield Art Guild member,**

Our SAG Instagram site is in search of images of your artwork for posting until our next show in the fall. Our summer theme this year is **“Take a Break.”** Where and how do you like to take a break? Does your artwork reflect places, activities, or objects that provide relaxation or pleasure? Interpret the theme as broadly as you like. The content doesn't need to be seasonal.

Send a photo of your work to [sagartinstagram@gmail.com](mailto:sagartinstagram@gmail.com) with the subject line **“Take a Break.”** Please also include the title of the work and the medium. We look forward to sharing your images on the SAG Instagram site!

# 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.

## Hello August

- Authenticity starts with
- Understanding your worth and
- Glowing in your way because a
- Unique, imperfect, and different
- Self is much better
- Than the perfect clone



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### SAG Members:

Our website has a new page allowing you to have easy access to our events. It includes our monthly meetings and speakers, our art shows and other events.

To see the page click on the [EVENTS](#) tab at the top of our main page.

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

# 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 [happyartstudio@gmail.com](mailto:happyartstudio@gmail.com)

**SAG Member**  
**Deidre Pistochini**

## *A Naturalist's Perspective*

Watercolor paintings  
by Deidre Pistochini



*“Emerging Iris”*

Green Spring Gardens Historical House  
4601 Green Spring Rd., Alexandria, VA 22312  
703-642-5173

**Wednesday - Sunday Noon – 4:30 pm**

Note: Exhibition space will close on occasion for program use. Please call ahead to be certain the exhibit is open for viewing for your arrival.

**Show Opens: August 19, 2025**

**Show Closes: October 5, 2025**

**Reception/Meet the Artist: August 24 (1-3 pm)**

Green Spring Gardens' Art in the Garden  
Sponsored by the Friends of Green Spring

Deidre Pistochini ([pistofam@msn.com](mailto:pistofam@msn.com))  
(703-282-5305)

*Congratulations*

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# ART Opportunities

## “Simply Flowers” Watercolor Workshop

*With Instructor Pat Hafkemeyer*

Join my relaxed watercolor workshop, where we'll explore the art of painting simple, expressive flowers! Perfect for beginners or those with some experience (15 years and older), this workshop will guide you through basic techniques and composition tips to bring your floral subjects to life. Come and enjoy a creative break, build your skills, and leave with a charming bouquet on paper. No stress, just easy techniques and the joy of painting.



**When:** Saturday, August 23, 2025

**Time:** 9:00am to 11:30am

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

**Price:** \$65 (includes instruction and all supplies)

- All supplies will be provided. Just bring yourself and your interest in painting flowers
- Class size limited to eight students, with early registration encouraged.

**For registration contact Pat at:** [pat.hafkemeyer@cox.net](mailto:pat.hafkemeyer@cox.net)



# SAG Library

## SAG library DVDs list

SAG Board Member, John Nicolson, put together a list of SAG DVDs list. As a SAG member, you can borrow DVDs from the list.

### How to work:

Anyone wanting to borrow one should email [John Nicolson](mailto:John.Nicolson@sag.org) and He will bring it to the next scheduled meeting. Sign it out there, then keep it for a month and bring it back to the next meeting. If you lose it or damage it, Please consider to replace a new one on the same subject!

### SAG DVDs Still Available

Title	Artist	Run Time (min)	Media	# DVDs
Acrylic Revolution	1 Nancy Reyner	45	Acrylic	1
Layering Light (pouring technique)	2 Bette Ridgeway	Unk	Acrylic	1
Trompe L'Oeil Workshop	3 Yves Lanthier	Unk	Acrylic	2
Water Media Collage Workshop copy 1	4 Carrie Burns Brown	2 hr	Acrylic	1
Water Media Collage Workshop copy 2	5 Carrie Burns Brown	2 hr	Acrylic	1
Bringing Light to Your Landscapes	6 Skip Lawrence	40	Any	1
The Secrets of Color: Value, Hue & Intensity	7 Skip Lawrence	1 hr 57	Any	1
Artists of the 20th Century	8 Joan Miro	50	Documentary	1
Biography: The Tiffanys Mark of Excellence	9 N/A	50	Documentary	1
Gauguin Maker of Myth	10 Paul Gauguin	30	Documentary	1
Great Women Artists	11 Georgia O'Keeffe	45	Documentary	1
Great Women Artists	12 Frida Kahlo	45	Documentary	1
Serving the Community: Training Museum Educators	13 N/A	unk	Documentary	1
The Impressionists: The Other French Revolution	14 N/A	3 hr 20	Documentary	2
Water Media Collage Workshop	15 Carrie Burns Brown	2 hr 20	Mixed	1
Girl With a Pearl Earring	16 N/A	unk	Movie	1
Lust for Life - Story of Van Gogh	N/A	unl	Movie	1
Mr. Turner (Sony Pictures "Epic Film" JMW Turner)	17 N/A	2 hr 30	Movie	1
Landscapes Through Time	18 David Dunlop	Unk	Oil	1
Total Horse Abstraction Video 3 (Small crack in disc)	19 John Gholson	unk	Oil	1
Landscape in Pastel	20 Alain Picard	1 hr 37	Pastel	1
Pastel Pointers no cover rough shape	21 Richard McKinley	27	Pastel	1
The Adventure of Photography 150 Years	22 N/A	4 hr 20	Photo	2
Chinese Watercolor Techniques Painting Animals	23 Lian Quan Zhen	Unk	Watercolor	1
Commanding Color copy2	24 Sue Archer	2 hr 20	Watercolor	1
Field Studies Out of Your Pocket	25 Birgit O'Connor	22	Watercolor	1
From Line to Shape to Complex Surfaces	26 Gerald Brommer	1 hr 15	Watercolor	1
From the Painters' Palette: Maine copy 11	27 Judy Wengrovitz		Watercolor	Thumb driv
From the Painters' Palette: Maine copy 16	28 Judy Wengrovitz		Watercolor	Thumb driv
Vibrant Watercolor Techniques - Water	31 Soon Y. Warren	1 hr 35	Watercolor	1



## Join us on Wednesdays!

### AN UPDATE ABOUT THE ONGOING WEDNESDAY OPEN ART STUDIO

Since there has been low demand and attendance for this event and that the number of people who are hosting it are now two, we have decided that this event will only be held on the **1st and the 3rd Wednesdays of every month**. A Zoom link will still be sent out a few days before the day of each of those events. Look for them or save an old link to use since we use the same link each time. Just click on the link, join the meeting, add your video and sound and you are good to go.

For those of you who do not know or have never joined the Open Art Studio, this is a meeting via Zoom where you can paint in your own studio (or anywhere for that matter), talk with and get to know your fellow SAG members, get help from those members (if needed), have a designated time to paint (draw or create) each week and see what others are working on. **It is only 1 1/2 hours the 1st and the 3rd Wednesdays of the month starting at 1PM**. You can stay for the whole time or just pop in for a quick critique.

Look forward to seeing you!

## Come join us you'll be glad you did!

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.

**When:** 1st and 3rd 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.



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](mailto:teresatindlebrunson@gmail.com). Below are the questions we would like each featured artist to answer so we can put the text along with pictures of your artwork.

### Featured Artist Questions - Springfield Art Guild

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

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

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

1. Your Name:
  2. Business/Studio Name:
  3. Website:
  4. Facebook:
  5. Instagram:
  6. Preferred Medium:
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1. What is your personal artistic motto or mission in a sentence or two?
  2. What are three words that describe your style?
  3. Where are you coming from and how did you start your artistic journey?
  4. What inspires you to create? What holds you back?
  5. What is your favorite piece you have created or favorite art experience, and why?
  6. Tell us something positive that has happened to you in the last month?



## Meet SAG's 2024-2025 Board Members

*Springfield Art Guild welcomes new Board members: Sandy Olszowy and Chris Pankow*

The SAG President schedule will rotate and then it will be published on the website and in the Aug. and Sept. newsletters. If you have questions, please contact any SAG Board member.

SAG is looking forward to another great year with our Guest Speakers Series, members' shows and other activities throughout the year. Everyone is encouraged to invite friends to join us for our meetings.

**Advisors:**



**Lydia Jechorek**  
Former Board Member



**Elaine Sevy**  
Nature Journaling Coordinator



**Alice Merritt**  
Librarian, Former Board Member



**Teresa Brunson**  
Former President, Website



**Marshall Carolus**  
Vice President



**Deidre Pistoehini**  
Secretary & Membership



**Sandy Olszowy**  
Treasurer



**Pat Hafkemeyer**



**Chris Pankow**



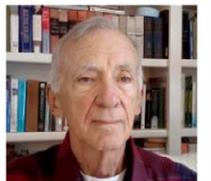
**Nancy Patrick**



**Ying Zhang**  
Newsletter



**Susan Fay**  
Website



**John Nicholson**

Note: 25-26 Board Member Chart will be updated in September Newsletter.

### Acting President and Alternate Schedule Chart

2024-25	Acting President	Member Mtg	Board Mtg	Alternate
September	Chris Pankow	10	15	Nancy Patrick
October	John Nicholson	8	13	Ying Zhang
November	Carol Barto	12	17	Chris Pankow
December/Holiday Party	Nancy Patrick	10	15	Carol Barto
January (Zoom)	Susan Fay	14	19	Marshall Carolus
February (Zoom)	Nancy Patrick	11	16	Carol Barto
March	Ying Zhang	11	16	John Nicholson
April	John Nicholson	8	13	Susan Fay
May	Susan Fay	13	18	Ying Zhang
June	Marshall Carolus	10	15	Chris Pankow

## Contact Information for Board Members and Advisors

First Name	Last Name	Email	Role	Month as Acting President
Marshall	Carolus	marshallcarolus@aol.com	Vice President, Grace Church Contact, guest speaker coordinator.	June
Nancy	Patrick	nmccarthyart@gmail.com		December; backup: February
Pat	Hafkemeyer	Pat.Hafkemeyer@cox.net	Green Spring Gardens show chair: Secretary, Membership	November; backup: December
Susan	Fay	sbfay@verizon.net	Instagram	February; March backup: November
Ying	Zhang	happyingartstudio@gmail.com	Newsletter	May; backup; January and October
Carol	Barto	carol.lynne.barto@gmail.com		November, backup: February
Elizabeth	Pohland	epohland@mac.com		
Chris	Pankow	pankow1@msn.com	Gmail coordinator	April, backup: September
John	Nicholson	jnicholson.2@gmail.com	Publicity	October, January; backup: April
Lydia	Jechorek	raylyd@verizon.net	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 2024-2025 Season

All meetings will be in-person except January and February

2024-25	Guest Speaker	Art Topic
Sep 10	Justin Worrell	Contemporary tonalist painter
Oct 8	Matt Makara	Painting nature with a camera
Nov 12	Marisela Rumberg	Fiber arts and zentangle
Dec 10	<b>No Speaker</b>	<b>Holiday Party</b>
Jan 14	<u>Jen Hudson (zoom)</u>	cut paper artist and painter
Feb 11	Teresa K Brown ( <u>zoom</u> )	Alcohol ink painter and instructor
Mar 11	TBD	TBD
Apr 8	TBD	TBD
May 13	Alex Tolstoy	Watercolor impressions
Jun 11	Addie Moore	Critique

Note: the guest artist schedule is subject to change