

# SPRINGFIELD ART GUILD



A place for a creative experience

## September 2025 Newsletter

### Meeting Schedule

September 10, 2025 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)

[www.springfieldartguild.org](http://www.springfieldartguild.org)

[www.facebook.com/springfieldartguild/](https://www.facebook.com/springfieldartguild/)

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

<https://artsfairfax.org>

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## Justin T. Worrell

### An American Tonalist

Justin T. Worrell is a Virginia-based Tonalist landscape artist. An oil painter, Justin applies paint thinly and uses a dry brush technique to create dreamlike, atmospheric, and emotionally charged images forming what he refers to as compromise between the temporal and eternal.

Justin's interest in art began early in his life. He fondly recalls sitting beside his grandmother in her home studio asking questions and observing the craft firsthand. Largely painting as a hobby, and when time would allow, Justin began more formal training as an oil painter around 2014. At this time, he began studying at the Art League in Alexandria, VA with local artists under the tutelage of Mike Francis. He has also attended many workshops from artists he admires, such as Dennis Sheehan.

Justin is represented by Principle Gallery in Alexandria, VA and Charleston, SC. He is proud to be a Signature Artist with the American Tonalist Society, and his work has been collected nationally and internationally.

Aside from art, Justin deeply enjoys Seattle Seahawk football, anything having to do with French history and culture, and collects original comic book art and contemporary figurative fine art. He also loves Scotch! He currently resides in Springfield, VA with his wife Janessa, their two children Arden and Turner, dog Pinot, and cat Sadie.



Justin T. Worrell  
2025 September Speaker



# 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>**

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, *Carol Lynne Barto*, *Marshall Carlous* and *Liz Pohland* have volunteered to join the board to serve three-year terms in the fall.

*Marshall Carolus* will continue to serve in the role of Board Vice President. *Pat Hafkemeyer* volunteered to be the Membership Coordinator while *Deidre Pistochini* is stepping down. Thanks, *Dee*, for your 3 year of 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

**SAG members:**

Do you want some additional publicity for your upcoming show? If you are showing work in a non-SAG venue, let us know the details and send us an image. We'll post them to our Instagram account. Send the image, location, dates and any other relevant information to: [sagartinstagram@gmail.com](mailto:sagartinstagram@gmail.com)

# 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.

## Connect with Nature!

Fall is almost here!

Let art be your guide to enjoying it!

By SAG member Elaine Sevy

Admin for The NOVA Nature Journal Club Facebook Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/544583139673338>

If you're like me, Fall is your favorite season. I want to be outside experiencing every moment of it! A great way to truly enjoy all this season has to offer is through sketch hikes and nature journaling classes in our local parks. You'll improve your observation and drawing skills at the same time.

Fall 2025 FCPA Class registration is open, and there's a lot of great classes. Follow the links provided to register.

### Huntley Meadows Park

**Margaret Wohler** will be teaching Ancient Plants Sketch Hike, 9/6, 10:00am; **Fall Wildflowers ID Sketch Hike**, 10/5, 10:00; **Fall Color Snap**, 10/12, 10:00am, and **Signs of the Beaver Sketch Hike**, 10/25, 10:00am. She also will be teaching **Nature Drawing**, a 4-week class series starting 10/6, Mondays, 1:00pm.

<https://fairfax.usedirect.com/.../ACTIVITIES/Search.aspx...>

### Hidden Oaks Nature Center

The center is offering **Drawing and Learning about Mushrooms**, 9/20 & 9/27, 9:30-11:30am. Naturalist **Nayell Arellano** will be teaching **Drawing Songbirds**, 10/5, 3:00-5:00pm, and **Nature Journaling--Reciprocity in Nature**, 11/15, 9:30-11:30am.

<https://fairfax.usedirect.com/.../ACTIVITIES/Search.aspx...>

### Hidden Pond Nature Center

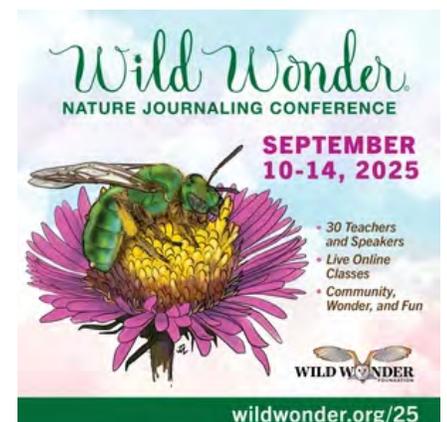
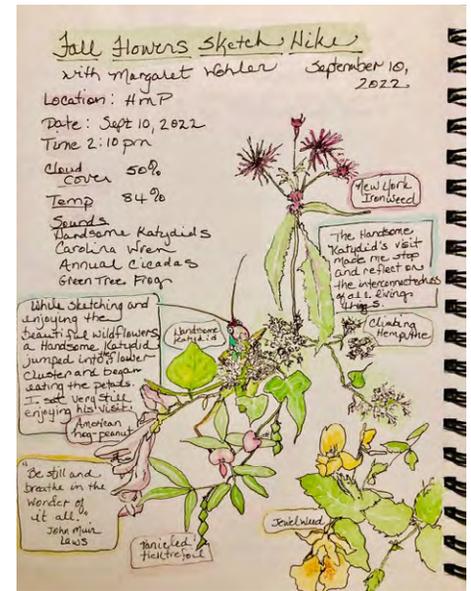
Cultivate a Sense of Wonder--Nature Journaling, 9/14, 2-3:30pm

<https://fairfax.usedirect.com/Fair.../Activities/Search.aspx>

### Green Spring Gardens, Virginia Native Plant Society Nature Journaling Walk (Free)

Join **Jen Brown**, 9/12, 10:00am, for **Nature Journaling at Green Spring Gardens**. Jen serves on the VNPS board (Potomack Chapter). She leads botanical drawing programs for **Nature Forward** and has a certificate in botanical illustration. Click the link to register. Space is limited.

[https://vnps.org/potowmack/events/nature-journaling-at-green-spring-gardens-with-jen-brown-2-2025-08-08-2025-09-12/?fbclid=IwY2xjawMckZFleHRuA2FlbQlxMQABHpBxo0xBm1AsMO3Rr1-9WYY252pbRA5CltW5LbEDRTO39boMt4olrWeiCOgKaem\\_VN7iE3qH1-RNWXkTpUST6Q](https://vnps.org/potowmack/events/nature-journaling-at-green-spring-gardens-with-jen-brown-2-2025-08-08-2025-09-12/?fbclid=IwY2xjawMckZFleHRuA2FlbQlxMQABHpBxo0xBm1AsMO3Rr1-9WYY252pbRA5CltW5LbEDRTO39boMt4olrWeiCOgKaem_VN7iE3qH1-RNWXkTpUST6Q)





### 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 Kathy Bowles

Her painting “Miss Attitude II”  
will be exhibited in the  
upcoming 54th Annual Labor  
Day Art Show at  
Glen Echo Park.  
**Aug. 30-Sept. 1, 2025**

*Congratulations*



# 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 [happyingartstudio@gmail.com](mailto:happyingartstudio@gmail.com) ; [teresatindlebrunson@gmail.com](mailto:teresatindlebrunson@gmail.com) by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

## Sunflower Painting Workshop

with guest instructor

*Kim T. Richards*



Sunflowers can be challenging to paint. Learn to mix vibrant yellows and capture the unique shapes of sunflowers without getting lost in the details to create a painting that is full of life and captures the joy of these beautiful flowers.

**September 8 : 10AM-1PM \$85**

Information and registration here



[www.KimTRichards.com/workshops-loft](http://www.KimTRichards.com/workshops-loft) or email [kim@KimTRichards](mailto:kim@KimTRichards)

## Painted Garden Workshop with Kim T. Richards



Beautiful gardens offer a unique challenge to the artist. With so many vibrant colors and an abundance of textures, it is easy to become overwhelmed by your subject. In this workshop you will learn how to simplify and edit your image to create a cohesive painting that captures the beauty and vibrancy of the garden.

**October 6 : 10 AM - 2PM \$85**

Information and registration here



[www.KimTRichards.com/workshops-loft](http://www.KimTRichards.com/workshops-loft)  
or email [kim@KimTRichards](mailto:kim@KimTRichards)

# ART Opportunities continues...



## Sharon Robinson

SAG's April 2024 guest speaker and accomplished mixed media artist is excited to share with SAG she will be teaching a workshop this November at the Art of Great Falls. Many of us remember the inspiring evening we spent with Sharon last spring, as she shared her creative journey through abstract collage, papermaking, and sculptural forms.

In her workshop students will create master-study collages with mixed-media collage. Her workshop will be on **Saturday, November 8th 10 am - 5 pm with a lunch break 1-2 pm.**

For more information about Sharon's work - here is the [Link](#)  
Art of Great Falls will be having a number of [workshops](#) this fall.



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 2025-2026 Board Members

*Springfield Art Guild welcomes new Board members: Carol Barto and Liz Pohland*

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



**Pat Hafkemeyer**  
Membership



**Teresa Brunson**  
Website, Former President



**Marshall Carolus**  
Vice President



**Liz Pohland**



**Sandy Olszowy**  
Treasurer



**Carol Barto**



**Chris Pankow**



**Nancy Patrick**



**Ying Zhang**  
Newsletter



**Susan Fay**  
Website



**John Nicholson**  
Audio-visual equipment manager

### Acting President and Alternate Schedule Chart

| 2025-2026              | 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 2025-2026 Season

All meetings will be in-person except January and February

| 2025-26 | 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