

SPRINGFIELD ART GUILD



A place for a creative experience
October 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

www.facebook.com/springfieldartguild/

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

<https://artsfairfax.org>

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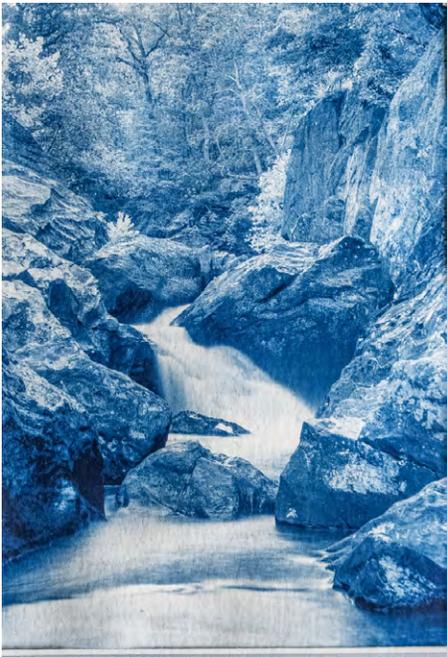


Matt Makara

Photographer

Matt is a multiformat photographer who utilizes digital, film and historic photographic processes to capture the natural world. He has an affinity for photographing trees, mountains, and water, often while hiking, and enjoys experimenting with numerous techniques to inform and expand his creative process.

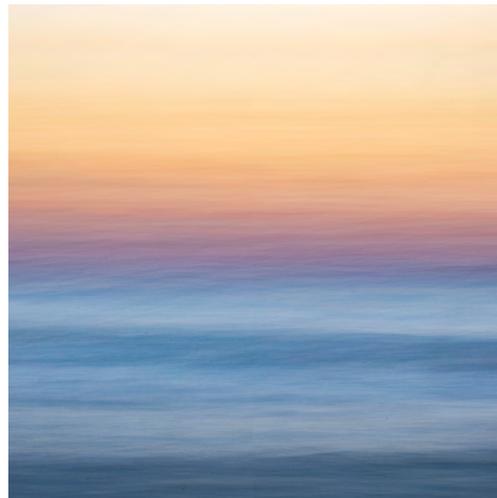
In the spirit of experimentation, a recent focus has been on a series referred to as "Painting with My Camera", a digital series utilizing multiple in-camera techniques to create vibrant images that emulate the look of paintings. Conversely, he most often shoots with the intention of creating a black and white image, highlighting the stark contrast of a scene - think snow capped mountains in a storm or a flowing waterfall surrounded by vegetation.



Currently, Matt is proficient in eight different photographic processes, His foray into historic process photography, or handmade photography, was sparked by an interest in better understanding the pre-digital era of the art and the subsequent evolution to where we are today. As part of his interest in the different eras of photography, he has acquired a wide variety of photographic equipment — his usable camera collection includes lenses and cameras from as early as the 1850's.

Matt is a member of Arches gallery, at the Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton, VA, the Art League, Alexandria, VA, Mosaic Arts, Tyson's Corner, VA and ImagineEarth Collective, Washington, D.C. He has participated and shown work in more than 70 shows and exhibits.

Matt grew up in Fairfax, VA and now lives in Mclean with his puppy, Evy - affectionately named after Mt. Everest.



Matt Makara
2025 October 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

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Pat Hafkemeyer

Membership Coordinator



Dear Springfield Art Guild member,

We are reaching out once again to ask members who have not renewed their SAG memberships for the 2025-2026 season to do so as soon as possible. We are fast approaching the renewal deadline of October 15, at which time we will update our Gmail member list and also produce an up-to-date SAG

Membership Directory, available to all with a current membership.

Renewing your membership assures that you will continue to receive SAG communications informing you of upcoming Guest Artist presentations and demos at monthly meetings, the Holiday Party, member art exhibitions, the Zoom Virtual Open Art Studio, nature journaling, and other activities. You can then also enter our annual Fall Virtual Art Show, currently scheduled to go live on **October 27**, with submission for entry ending on October 22 [dates to be locked down]. This is one of SAG's most popular events, with Viewers' Choice recognition given to the worthy winners!

And this year, membership includes, at no extra charge, having your own online gallery on SAG's website for family and friends to enjoy your art (up to 10 images) and a link to your website, Facebook page, or other social media platform.

Registration has never been easier – no downloading of forms and mailing them in. Just fill in SAG's Online membership registration using Jotform, here:

 <https://www.jotform.com/251167419555159>

Paying by Charge: You can pay via credit card after filling out Jotform (no additional processing fee).

Paying by Check: After registering on Jotform, mark "pay by check." Make your check out to SAG and mail it to Pat Hafkemeyer, 5926 Burnside Landing Drive, Burke, VA 22015, Attn: SAG.

If you have any questions about using Jotform, please email Danica Arehart at sagcurating@gmail.com.

Thank you,

Pat Hafkemeyer | Membership Coordinator

pat.hafkemeyer@cox.net

Please note: We ask that you let us know if you will NOT be renewing your membership, as this will help us with membership administration and keep you from receiving unwanted communications from us.

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.





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



Hello October

- One of the best things you
- Can do for yourself is
- Taking time to learn and grow.
- Once you give yourself patience, you
- Become your best friend. And the
- Empathy, self-kindness and
- Resilience are what you need to grow

OurMindfulLife.com



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/>

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 here!

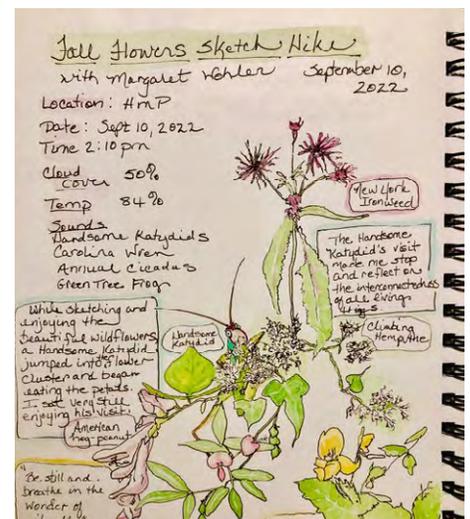
Let art be your guide to enjoying it!

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

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.

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We would like to hear from you. Contact Ying at happyingartstudio@gmail.com



SAG Member

JAY RYAN

SOLO ART SHOW

In Trees We Trust

Acrylic Landscape Paintings by Jay Ryan

Green Spring Gardens

Horticultural Center (Atrium)

4603 Green Spring Road

Alexandria, VA 22312

Green Spring Gardens' Art in The Garden program
sponsored by the Friends of Green Spring

Show Opens: October 7, 2025
Show Closes: November 23, 2025

Reception/Meet the Artist:
Sunday October 12, 2025 (1 – 3 PM)

Open Hours for the Horticultural Center:
Mon-Sat, 9 am–4:30 pm
Sun, noon– 4:30 pm

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

Artist contact information: (elricryan56@gmail.com);
JayRyanFineArt.com;
571-217-0486

Congratulations

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SAG Member
Nancy Patrick

Nancy has been very busy this fall. During September and October, her art will be seen in more than 16 venues and Juried Shows. The locations include The Art League Gallery, Del Ray Artisans, Falls Church Arts, Fairfax Art League (City of Fairfax City Hall, Church of the Good Shepherd, The Virginian), Vienna Arts Society, the Virginia Art Factory, and more. During the next months, she will be getting ready for my next two Solo Shows, the first at Green Spring Gardens in May, showing my landscapes, and then at The Art League in the Torpedo Factory in July, where "Smiles Welcomed" will show her surreal art.

Congratulations, Nancy!



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

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



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.



ART Opportunities continues...

HAPPYING ART STUDIO

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CHINESE TRADITIONAL WATERCOLOR CLASS

Xieyi Flowers & Birds

Join Ying for an inspiring 8 class semester exploring the beauty of Chinese traditional Watercolor painting techniques. This class is designed for beginners, but all levels are welcome. Ying's classes will focus on the fundamentals of Chinese brush painting on Xuan paper. You will learn techniques for controlling brush strokes, mixing color and inks, and painting traditional subjects like flowers and birds through step-by-step instruction. The class will be taught in English. All art supplies will be provided by the instructor.



**Must be 16+ years old and Class is limited to 8 students*

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8 classes • 2hrs each class • \$400 / student or \$50 per class, Paid in advance or at class

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Meet Every Wednesday 10am-12pm (10.01.25 -11.19.25)

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Class @ The Loft Gallery
313 Mill Street (Upstairs), Occoquan, Virginia 22125



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<https://www.springfieldartguild.org/featured-artist-ying-zhang/>



<https://www.loftgallery.org>
313 MILL STREET (UPSTAIRS)
OCCOQUAN, VIRGINIA 22125

Email: happyingartstudio@gmail.com

Tel: 202.631.7592

WeChat: happying031

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?



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	No Speaker	Holiday Party
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	Christine Dixon	Contemporary realist painter
Apr 8	TBD	TBD
May 13	Alex Tolstoy	Watercolor impressions
Jun 11	Addie Moore	Critique

Note: the guest artist schedule is subject to change