

SPRINGFIELD ART GUILD



A place for a creative experience

December 2025 Newsletter

Holiday Party Schedule

December 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)

5:30 Set up
6:30 – 9:00 Party Time

www.springfieldartguild.org
www.facebook.com/springfieldartguild/
<https://www.instagram.com/springfieldartguild>
<https://artsfairfax.org>

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SAG's Holiday Party

Potluck Dinner and Gift Exchange Game



Tis the Season...

Pull out that Tacky Christmas Sweater... it is time for **SAG's** **Holiday potluck dinner party, gift exchange game and an opportunity to wear your...**

UGLY



Christmas Sweater

Join in and let's see how many SAG members and guests we can get to wear their UGLY sweaters!!



SAG's Holiday Party

Potluck Dinner and Gift Exchange Game

Wednesday Dec. 10, 6:30 - 9pm (doors will open at 5:30pm for set-up)
at Grace Presbyterian Church auditorium, 7434 Bath St, Springfield, VA 22150

We will play a gift exchange game for all those who want to participate.

Gift Exchange Game

We love the chance to secretly steal presents, especially when it comes to good fun.

Every person gets a number starting with 1. Number 1 chooses a wrapped gift from the gift table and opens it. Number 2 can steal 1's gift or choose a new gift to open. This is a game where being last is awesome because the last person can keep their gift or steal any of the other gifts available.

A gift has a \$10 limit and it can be anything. 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**. As people arrive we will enlist you to help with setting up tables for food, gifts, dining, etc. Feel free to bring a few decorative end-of-year seasonal decorations in order to make the room festive for a few hours.

BRING FOOD TO SHARE (no beverages please): **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!

NO BEVERAGES NEEDED: SAG will provide the beverages (a variety of sodas and teas etc.)

GIFT EXCHANGE 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. Wrap the item but do not put your name on it. Game description above in rectangle area.

WE NEED EVERYONE TO HELP: We are asking everyone to help set-up **and clean-up**

PARTY PROGRAM:

- Dinner and chatting
- Dessert and more chatting
- GIFT Exchanging Fun!
- Clean up





2025-2026

MEMBERSHIP

Important
Information

**** 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.

Springfield Art Guild Fall 2025 Virtual Art Show and Sale

Artist's Choice

October 27 – December 20, 2025

Visit us online for that perfect artwork!

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

click on Exhibitions/ Fall 2025 Virtual Show



People's Choice Award. Click this link to vote:

<https://form.jotform.com/252936627872167>

Vote for your favorite...Anyone can vote!

Awards given out at SAG member meeting on December 10th.

~~~~~ SCHEDULE FOR SUBMISSIONS AND ENTRIES ~~~~~

- **December 10, 2025** – People's Choice award will be given out at the monthly meeting
- **December 20, 2025** – Virtual show closes

SPECIAL EXHIBIT AT THE MARINE CORPS MUSEUM

“United States Marine Corps: 250 Yearsof Dedication, Determination, and Courage” Exhibit

The National Museum of the Marine Corps has opened a new temporary exhibition: **“United States Marine Corps, 250 Years of Dedication, Determination and Courage”**, The exhibit features more than 90 original works of art as a tribute to the 250th anniversary of the Marine Corps. Illustrating the story of the Corps from the Revolution art War to today. The gallery exhibit displays how Marines have captured and preserved the story through art. The exhibit will be on display through September 2026.

The museum is located at 1775 Semper Fidelis Way, Triangle, VA, adjacent to the Marine Corps Base Quantico. Museum admission and parking are free”

This special exhibit runs until September 2026.



National Museum of the Marine Corps

usmcmuseum.com

Phone:(703) 784-6107

18900 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Triangle, VA 22172



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

Instagram



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

December

IS THE MONTH TO

Enjoy the company of loved ones

Celebrate your wins & progress

Finish off what you've started

Aim high, dream big & start fresh

Be grateful for the love you have

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.springfielddartguild.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.



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.

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

SAG Member Chris Pankow

Chris's painting "Eastern Shore" has found its forever home. It was purchased by Bridgewater Retirement Community in Virginia for their collection.



Congratulations

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.



Marshall Carolus
Vice President



Liz Pohland



Sandy Olszowy
Treasurer



Carol Barto



Chris Pankow



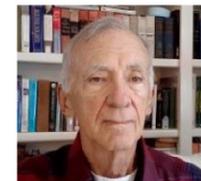
Nancy Patrick



Ying Zhang
Newsletter



Susan Fay
Website



John Nicholson
Audio-visual equipment manager

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

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