

# SPRINGFIELD ART GUILD



A place for a creative experience

## February 2026 Newsletter



### February

2026

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### Meeting Schedule

February 11, 2026  
(Zoom meeting, Link will be sent to membership before the date)

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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## Teresa K Brown Alcohol Ink Painter and Instructor

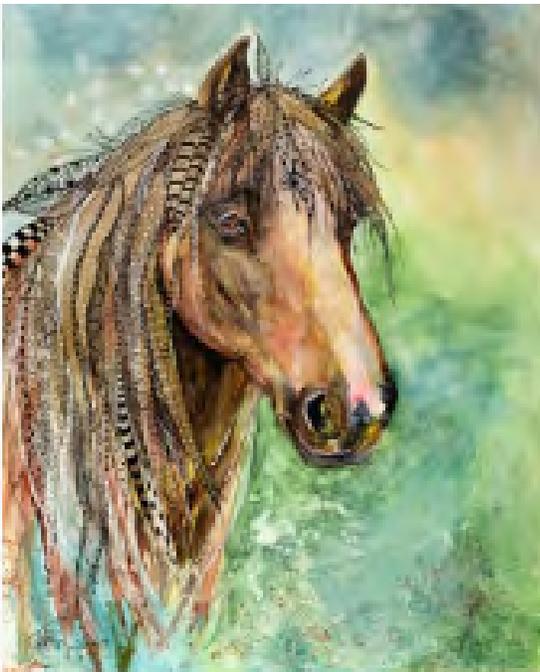
### About The Artist

She has loved to paint for as long as she can remember and in 2016, She left her job as a floral designer and started to paint full time. She discovered Alcohol Ink and as they say the rest is history. She has taken several on-line courses as a way to learn and to develop her own style. She lives in Montana and her favorite subjects to paint are the vast landscapes and wildlife. Painting with Alcohol has led me to see beauty everywhere and she has learned to express myself through the unpredictability of the vibrant inks.

## Artist Statement

Teresa has loved to paint since she was ten years old. She has taken classes in all mediums as a source for finding her own style and a way to express herself through her art. Through the use of color, passion and love she brings her subject of her paintings to life. She sees art as a way to bring forth a memory or a feeling.

Her goal is for art to bring beauty to the world through each of her brushstrokes. She is able to open a window for the viewer to enter and experience the subject as it flows around them. She is inspired by her experiences and the beauty of Montana. Teresa captures the essence of wildlife and nature with the goal to produce an emotional response and a feeling that even in the smallest detail, nothing is taken for granted.



Teresa K Brown  
2026 February Speaker

[https://www.instagram.com/tkbrown\\_art/?hl=en](https://www.instagram.com/tkbrown_art/?hl=en)



# Green Spring Gardens Art Show

## Help Make Our Annual Green Spring Gardens Art Show Shine This June

Please consider volunteering for a role that makes a big impact — with lots of support built in!

We are looking for **two chairpersons** for the **June Green Spring Gardens (GSG) Art Show**, and this is truly a great time to step in. Our past chairpersons, **Pat Hafkemeyer** and **Teresa Brunson**, have already done the



heavy lifting: all procedures, timelines, and materials are written, organized, and ready to go. Even better, they are happy to work alongside you and guide you every step of the way.

When you review the chairperson duties below, you'll see that the preparation is already complete, making this role **much easier and less time-consuming than in the past**. It's a wonderful opportunity to help support SAG, meet great people, and be part of a successful and rewarding event — without starting from scratch.

If you have interest or questions, please reach out to:

**Pat Hafkemeyer** – [Pat.Hafkemeyer@cox.net](mailto:Pat.Hafkemeyer@cox.net)

**Teresa Brunson** – [teresatindlebrunson@gmail.com](mailto:teresatindlebrunson@gmail.com)

We hope you'll consider joining us and helping make this year's Art Show a success!

### The Green Spring Gardens Show: June 30-Aug. 23, 2026

(FYI: June 29: Installation, June 30: Show Opens, Aug. 23: Show closes, Aug. 24: Exhibit Removal)

#### Summary of Main Duties for the Green Spring Gardens Chairperson(s)

1. The prospectus is done. Just edit the current GSG prospectus with the new dates regarding: show dates, registration, hanging, reception and take-down.

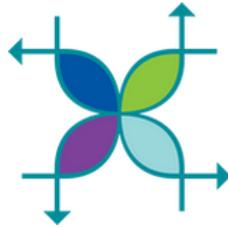
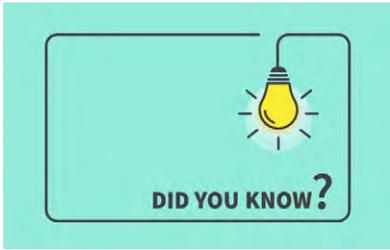
2. Working from a list of possible judges, you will email one potential judge at a time requesting to work for our show. (There is an email sample already written; just change the dates on it.)
3. Get a SAG member to make a postcard design for the SGS newsletter. (There is a list of
4. Write up a short summary of the SAG show for GSG's advertisement. (A summary has already been written).  
Contact our JotForm Team: Danica Arehart, Laura Drain and Susan Thornton, to inform them of the dates of the show and the latest prospectus. They will create the JotForm registration online form.
5. Send the show prospectus to Ying Zhang who is in charge of our newsletter. Make sure it has the link to the JotForm registration form.
6. Send the prospectus to Chris Pankow, who will send it out to the membership.
7. Get the spreadsheet from the JotForm team with all the listings of participants, artwork, information, and job volunteer's choices.
8. Assign and inform members to a job team according to their choices made on the registration form. The job teams are: Receiving Team, Hanging Team, Label Team, Sales Calling Team, Take Down Team, and Reception Team.
9. Email volunteer job descriptions to all participating members. (All job descriptions have been written).

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"Though February is short, it is filled with lots of love and sweet surprises."

- Charmain J. Forde

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**UPCYCLE**  
CREATIVE REUSE CENTER

## Check out the new location!

**2397 S Dove St**  
**Alexandria, VA 22314**  
**703-861-8705**  
<https://www.upcyclecrc.org/>

The UpCycle shop is located in our Materials Center  
Closest metro station: [King Street](#)

### Shop Hours

**Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 12 PM - 6 PM**  
**Saturday & Sunday: 10 AM - 4 PM**

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## Call For Volunteers



Hello SAG Members,

The time has come for our group to create and manage a new Facebook page. We're sending a call out to any members who are proficient at Facebook page creation, and/or have knowledge and interest in becoming an administrator for the page. Although the page creator could also be the administrator, that doesn't necessarily have to be the case. One person could create the page, and one or more people could take on the administration piece.

Because Facebook requires that any Business or Group page must be connected to a personal Facebook account, our Board is looking into how best to handle that, for both ease of use and passing on through the course of time, as well as any privacy concerns.

So, if you are an avid Facebook user who knows their way around the land of Facebook, and can handle one or more of these tasks easily and with a **spirit of FUN**, please email SAG at [springfieldartguild@gmail.org](mailto:springfieldartguild@gmail.org) and let us know!



### 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/>



**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.

# 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**  
**Susan D. Kilgore**

Susan's art "Garden Subtleties: The Art of Watercolor & Pastel"  
exhibit in the Historic Home  
located at Green Spring Gardens  
**Jan. 13 -- March 8.**



**ART EXHIBITION**  
13 JAN. thru  
8 MAR. 2026

In the Straight Room of  
the Historic House  
4601 Green Spring Rd.  
Alexandria, Va. 22312

**Location & Advisory:**  
Green Spring Gardens  
Art in the Garden program  
sponsored by the  
Friends of Green Spring  
4603 Green Spring Rd.  
Alexandria, Va. 22312  
703.642.5173

**Hours:**  
Wednesday - Sunday  
12:00 - 4:30

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



PEONY IN CRIMSON  
WATERCOLOR ON PAPER

**GARDEN SUBTLETIES:**  
The Art of Watercolor & Pastel



PEONY IN PINK  
PASTEL ON PAPER



WEIGELA WONDER  
GOUACHE ON PAPER

2<sup>ND</sup> ACT ART  
SUSAN D. KILGORE ARTIST  
[saa2ndactart@gmail.com](mailto:saa2ndactart@gmail.com)  
703-328-6894

*Congratulations*

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## **SAG Member** **Chris Cardiff**



**Title: Spring Colors in Winter by Chris Cardiff**

**Location: Green Spring Gardens Horticultural Center**

**Dates: January 13 --- March 8**

**Hours: 9am-4:30pm Monday-Saturday;  
noon-4:30pm on Sunday**

### **Artist's Message**

I enjoy trying to create an image that evokes the same sense of grandeur and beauty as when you first see it in nature. And I love color – there are few things more vibrant in nature than flowers. “Spring Colors in Winter” is a reminder that the colors of Spring are just around the corner.

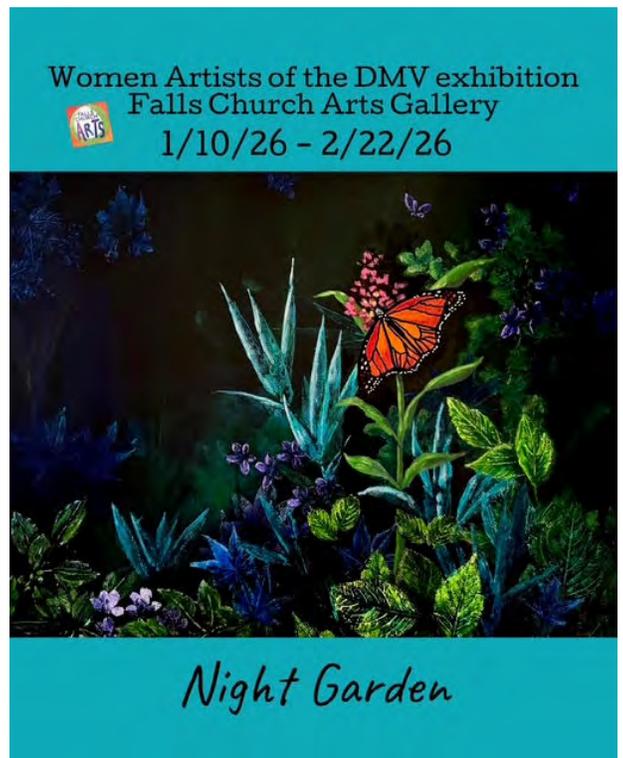
*Congratulations*

## **SAG Member** **Nancy Patrick**

Nancy's was invited to showcase her work, Night Garden by Lenny Campello, for the Women Artists of the DMV survey show - over 600 artists in 19 venues across the DMV.

Women Artists of the DMV exhibition will be at the Falls Church Arts Gallery in Falls Church, VA January 10 - February 22, 2026 and online at: <https://fallschurcharts.org/>

The Falls Church Arts Gallery is located at 700-B W. Broad St., Falls Church, VA.



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## SAG Member Nancy Patrick

Three of Nancy's paintings will be  
in the February Art Show :

**"Lunar New Year:  
Year of the Horse"**

at Del Ray Artisans Gallery!

**"Clydesdales in the Snow",  
"Horses", and "Horse Farm".**



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

**Join our vibrant gallery!**

If you are a local artist and are interested in showing your work in our gallery, please fill out the application on our website.

**We accept all mediums, including:**  
oil, acrylic, & watercolor painting • photography pottery • glass • jewelry • mixed media • metal driftwood • polymer clay • assemblage wood • fiber art

**ART a la Carte Gallery and Gifts**

310 Mill Street  
Historic Occoquan  
(703) 496-9540  
[www.artalacartegallery.com](http://www.artalacartegallery.com)

**Art a la Carte Gallery (AALC)** in Occoquan has an opening for an artist to join the gallery. At this time, AALC is particularly looking for an artist who works in **3D, ceramics, leather, or multi-media** to round out its family of nearly 30 highly creative people working in watercolors/oils/acrylics/inks, jewelry, wood, textiles, glass, photography, and other media.

If interested, apply online at <https://www.artalacartegallery.com>. Simply click on the **"Join Our Gallery"** link on the homepage to access the application and begin the process. Please note, even if you do not work in one of the desired areas noted above, you may still fill out an application for future consideration when an opening occurs. AALC is always looking for artists and artisans who can bring a distinctive creative vision to the gallery!

# 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](http://usmcmuseum.com)

Phone:(703) 784-6107

18900 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Triangle, VA 22172

## 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**



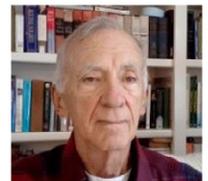
**Nancy Patrick**



**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: 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	Secretary	
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	Christine Dixon	Contemporary realist painter
Apr 8	Gavin Glakas	Portrait, Cityscape painter
May 13	Alex Tolstoy	Watercolor impressions
Jun 11	Addie Moore	Critique

Note: the guest artist schedule is subject to change