

# SPRINGFIELD ART GUILD

A place for a creative experience

April 2026 Newsletter

## Hello April

### Meeting Schedule

April 08, 2026 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/>

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## Gavin Glakas

### Portrait, Cityscape painter

Gavin Glakas grew up in Bethesda, MD, and started drawing about the time he started walking. He studied at Washington University in St. Louis and the Slade School of Fine Art in London.

After graduation, Glakas worked on Capitol Hill as a Senate staffer and planned to go to law school, but after an eight-month illness culminating in the removal of a tumor from his lung at the age of 24, he decided to pursue his lifelong ambition of a career as an artist.



Glakas' work hangs in the permanent collections of the United States Capitol, the Virginia State Capitol, the CIA, universities, museums and numerous other collections both public and private.

He is represented by Principle Gallery in Alexandria, VA and Charleston, SC, and Thomsen Fine Art in Sarasota, FL.

Glakas is an Adjunct Professor of drawing at Georgetown University Medical School and also teaches drawing and painting in-person, online and at workshops throughout the country and abroad.

He lives in McLean, VA, with his wife, Jasmine, and two barnstorming sons, Nico and Rory.



**GAVIN GLAKAS**  
**2026 APRIL SPEAKER**  
[WWW.GAVINGLAKAS.COM](http://WWW.GAVINGLAKAS.COM)

# ANNOUNCEMENT!

## WE WOULD LIKE TO SHOWCASE SAG ARTISTS ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE.

You are all interesting people in the art world.

You are - having shows, selling work, juried into shows, painting outside or inside remembering a favorite painting from the past, being frustrated, painting by yourself or in groups, using pastels, oil, acrylic, pencil, mixed media, escaping into your canvas, painting now, in the past or planning for the future, making landscapes or portraits, loving or hating acrylics, coping with too many greens in the spring ... and much more...

Anything you are doing, is interesting to fellow artists and also strangers just wandering through Facebook.

Nothing is too mundane about your and your art ... just talking about why orange is your favorite color, or why watercolor frustrates you is interesting to others...

Showing who you are as an artist will help spread the word about SAG and attract more members.

Please send a few photos and any information (Subject line - Facebook) you would like to share to:

Nancy Patrick - [nancypatrick1407@gmail.com](mailto:nancypatrick1407@gmail.com)



# Springfield Art Guild's Franconia Government Center Art Show

**Last day to enter is  
Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup> !!**

## Call for Entries is Now Open!

The Franconia Government Center Show has been scheduled for April in their new location at 7130 Silver Lake Boulevard, Alexandria, VA 22315!

The opening day of the new 90,000 square-foot facility and **the Supervisor's Reception will be April 11, 2026!**

Each member may now submit **TWO pieces**, not just one as stated in our previous email message.

**Please note that if you have already entered, you will need to enter again if you want to include a second entry.** The Jotform entry link is below.



*Midnight in Paradise by Noreen Brunini  
Last year's 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner*

The new Franconia Government Center houses the Franconia District Supervisor's Office, the Franconia Police Station, the Kingstowne Regional Library, the Franconia Museum, an Active Adult Center, a Childcare Center, in addition to some meeting areas.

SAG has been invited to hang our artwork in the spaces considered to be the lobby.

Each SAG member may submit two pieces of artwork for this Opening Day event.

The dates for this show will be:

- March 24, 2026: Registration begins, link to Call for Entries and more information: <https://form.jotform.com/sagcurating/sag-franconia-government-center-art>
- April 5, 2026 Registration closes at midnight
- April 10, 2026: Drop off artwork and hanging show (10-11 AM EDT)
- April 11, 2026: Supervisor's Reception, raffle & Peoples' Choice awards (10AM-12PM)
- Place: 7130 Silver Lake Boulevard, Alexandria, VA 22315

### Good facts to know:

1. There is NO registration fee for this show! Submit info and a photo of your artwork on Jotform.
2. There is NO theme or subject requirements for this show! Artist's choice! Although only two-dimensional artwork can be displayed. We only ask for submissions that have not previously been shown in a Franconia show or the 2026 online show and are suitable for family viewing.
3. There is NO jury or judge for this show. The only awards will be a Peoples' Choice Awards, and attendees at the supervisor's reception will be asked to vote for their favorites.
4. The Franconia District supervisor (Rodney Lusk) holds an annual reception during the period when our artwork is hanging on the walls and invites SAG to participate. The supervisor and other speakers talk about the great things happening in that part of the county, and SAG, in addition to the Peoples' Choice balloting and award, holds a very popular raffle of donated small works of art. Attendees who submit a People's Choice ballot, get a raffle ticket, and hopefully go home with a treasure! Please consider donating art for the raffle!
5. Chairs for this year's show are Liz Pohland ([liz.pohland@gmail.com](mailto:liz.pohland@gmail.com), 703-966-7009) and Nancy Patrick ([nmcarthyart@gmail.com](mailto:nmcarthyart@gmail.com), 571-328-6711). We are looking for volunteers to join us in hanging the art and attending the Open House.

# SAG SPRING 2026 VIRTUAL ART SHOW



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## SAG SPRING 2026 JURIED ONLINE ART SHOW AND SALE A "WONDER"FUL WORLD

MARCH 29 – MAY 31, 2026



LIGHTHOUSE SUNSET BY DEBBIE BARKER



HYDRANGEA SPRAY BY DEIDRE PISTOCHINI



CLOUDSCAPE BY TERESA BRUNSON

RECEPTION AND AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT WITH JUROR,  
PETER ULRICH  
SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026 STARTING AT 3PM ON ZOOM

**VISIT US ONLINE FOR THAT PERFECT ARTWORK!**

[HTTPS://WWW.SPRINGFIELDARTGUILD.ORG/](https://www.springfieldartguild.org/) CLICK ON EXHIBITIONS/  
SPRING 2026 VIRTUAL SHOW

# 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 20th of each month.*

## Registration Coming Soon! SAG's GreenSpring Gardens Art Show

Green Spring Gardens Horticultural Center, 4603 Green Spring Rd., Alexandria, VA

June 30 – August 23, 2026



*Art School by Marni Maree (1<sup>st</sup> place winner last year)*

**Art Show Judge:** TBD

- You can enter 1-3 pieces of artwork (artwork must **not** have been shown at any Green Spring Gardens SAG shows previously)
- ➔ • Subject of artwork must be based on regional (DC/MD/VA) horticultural or natural themes with the exception of no seascapes, people portraits or pet portraits
- Online Prospectus and registration link coming soon

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**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!

# WELCOME NEW MEMBER

## *Laura Ramirez-Drain, Welcome to SAG!*

Laura Ramirez-Drain is a multidisciplinary artist based in Northern Virginia. She works in fused glass, mosaics, and acrylic painting, often inspired by color, texture, and emotional expression.

Her work reflects moments of joy, nature, and community, frequently drawing inspiration from places around her, including Reston. Laura is an active member of several local art organizations and regularly exhibits her work across the region.

Through her art, she invites viewers to pause, connect, and experience a sense of wonder.

Laura Ramirez-Drain has two shows currently .

**Exhibition: Celebrate Reston at Lake Anne**

**Location: Jo Ann Rose Gallery, Reston Lake Anne Community Center**

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- **Start Date : March 30, 2026**
- **Reception: April 12, 2026 (2:00 – 4:00 PM)**
- **End Date : April 27, 2026**

2

Laura is exhibiting at the Vienna Community Center **Faces of the Circus**, with the Vienna Art Society **Faces of the Circus** explores the many emotions behind the clown's mask. Clowns make us laugh, but they also carry stories of joy, mystery, and quiet reflection. In this series of acrylic paintings, I focus on expressive faces, color, and texture to show different personalities. Each clown represents a different mood and moment from the world of the circus. Through these characters, I invite viewers to look beyond the smile and discover the human emotions behind the performance



Vienna Community Center  
120 Cherry Street SE'  
Vienna Va

# 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](mailto:happyingartstudio@gmail.com)



**Mark your calendars!**

**SAG Artist Deidre Pistochini will be the featured artist for the month of May at Art a la Carte Gallery in historic Occoquan.**

**Her “Meet the Artist” reception is scheduled for Saturday, May 2nd, 1-4 pm.**

***Congratulations!***



### 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/>

## Hello April

- A always keep moving forward,
- Pushing your limits, and
- Remember, each obstacle
- Is a chance to grow, to
- Learn from the past and thrive

OurMindfulLife.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.



**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**



**SAG is on Instagram! Follow us there.**  
**You can find us [@springfieldartguild](#)**

Instagram



**FOLLOW US**

### **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)

## 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	sbfoy@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	<u>Teresa K Brown (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