



SPRINGFIELD ART GUILD

A place for a creative experience

DECEMBER 2024 Newsletter

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Holiday Party Schedule

December 11, 2024 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>





SAG's Holiday Party

Potluck Dinner and Gift Exchange Game



Wednesday Dec. 11, 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



OUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY IS NOW ONLINE!

We have worked hard to transition to an online member directory this year. We will also include a link (PDF file) to allow members to print out a hard copy of the directory, if so desired.

We have ensured that our member directory is private and password-protected so your contact data will always remain secure. All active members have already been provided the password via separate correspondence.

Instructions on how to access the directory are as follows:

- Go to our Web site www.springfieldartguild.org
- Go to Members section
- Click on Member Directory (Private). This will then prompt you to enter a password
- Enter the password

This will open up the member directory. All members are listed alphabetically so you can scroll down easily to find a specific member.

If you choose to print out a hard copy of the directory, go to the very end of the directory listing. Highlighted in red, you will see Click on link of Current List. Click on this and it will provide a PDF file of all members so you can print, as desired.

The private directory and PDF file will be updated throughout the year as we get new members, or if any of you have information that has changed. It is important that all members ensure that the Website URL's that they have provided are accurate and working.

If anyone has any questions or problems, please don't hesitate to contact the Membership Coordinator, Deidre (Dee) Pistochini.

Deidre Pistochini
Membership Coordinator
pistofam@msn.com
(703) 282-5305



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.

Experience Wonder Winter

Learn about the wonders of nature found in our local parks through these fun art class opportunities. You'll be inspired to develop or revisit a sketching habit while learning new drawing and painting skills.



Registration begins **December 3** for **Fairfax County Park Authority's Winter 2024/2025 Classes (Parktakes)**.

Margaret Wohler at **Huntley Meadows Park** is teaching **Winter Trees and Landscapes, Mindful Drawing, Poetry in Nature, Signs of the Beaver, Lichens** and **World Wetlands Day Sketch Hikes**.

Click on the Link and scroll down to each class to register:

https://fairfax.usedirect.com/FairfaxFCPAWeb/ACTIVITIES/Search.aspx?place_id=7891

Avery Gunther at **Hidden Oaks Nature Center** is teaching **Drawing & Investigating Owls, Artistic Lettering for Journals & Art Projects, and Drawing & Learning About Bones**.

Click on the Link and scroll down to each class to register:

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

Video Pass for the 2024 Wild Wonder Nature Journaling Conference

This Video Pass, starting at only \$95.00, gives you access through April 30, 2025 to 30 recorded classes and events from the 2024 Wild Wonder Nature Journaling Conference. Register at: <https://www.wildwonder.org/2024-wild-wonder-nature-journaling-conference>

Founded in 2022, the Wild Wonder Foundation is dedicated to encouraging nature connection and conservation through attention, curiosity, art, science, and community.

The birth of this foundation is a direct result of the 35+ years of dedicated work by award-winning author, educator, scientist, and artist John Muir Laws, a.k.a. Jack. He has created, nurtured, and grown a diverse, worldwide nature journaling community through his great generosity, inspired teaching, and boundless energy and joy.





Instagram



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

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



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/>

Springfield Art Guild Fall 2024 Virtual Art Show

**PEOPLE'S
CHOICE
AWARDS**



**Marlee
Babara Cooper**

Congratulations!

W E L C O M E

SAG NEW MEMBER

Welcome new members to the guild

Viki Metzger

Watercolorist

Caitlin Marshall

Watercolorist

Kathy Bowles



The mediums she enjoys most are pastel, color pencils, graphite, and color inks. Her favorite subjects are pets and people portraits. Art is my life – it's the air I breathe and fills my soul with happiness.

She has drawn for as long as she can remember. Her first masterpiece at age 2, was a purple camel She drew on the dining room wall at Christmas time. My inspiration was the nativity scene her parents put up. It must have been good, her mother recognized what it was. Her father was not happy.

In her senior year in high school she attended art courses at the local community college. She then attended St. Mary's College of Maryland, where she received a B.A. in Art. For the next 40 years, I worked as a graphic arts/designer for various companies in the metro area, creating designs and illustrations, for print and digital display. Her work has received Honorable Mentions from the Art and Color 365 Magazine for her work. Since retiring, her motto is, draw as much as she can, as often as she can, for as long as she can.



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

SAG Member

Lynn Martin is the featured artist in at
The Loft Gallery in Occoquan, Dec 3, 2024 - Jan 5, 2025
Her show, “Beyond Gestures,”

features her paintings as well as some of her original sketches - providing a glimpse into the artist’s creative process. Many of the pieces were inspired by postures, patterns of light, or by the act of capturing the lines of movement of birds, animals, people or scenes while sketching.

Among the works are acrylic, watercolor and mixed media paintings.
Meet Lynn and talk with her about her art at her Artist’s Reception:

Saturday, December 7, 2024 1:00 - 4:00 pm



More than
GESTURES

Paintings by
LYNN MARTIN
December 3- January 5, 2025
The Loft Gallery

The Loft Gallery of Occoquan, LLC
313 Mill Street - Upstairs,
Occoquan VA 22125
www.loftgallery.org
Phone: 703490.1117

Congratulations



EXCITING MEMBER NEWS! *Continues...*

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The Virginian

9/24-12/24




The
Fairfax
Art
League

SAG Member

Nancy Patrick's two paintings on exhibit at The Virginian (a senior living center in Fairfax) in the Fairfax Art League Show, Sturbridge and Waterfall at Susquehanna State Park. The show is open to the public daily through December, 2024.

Congratulations

ART Opportunities

SAG's annual juried Green Spring Gardens Art Show!

GARDEN DREAMS

Springfield Art Guild Juried Art Show and Sale



Autumnscape by Chris Pankow

December 10, 2024 - February 2, 2025

At Green Spring Gardens Horticulture Center in Alexandria

Chairpersons: [Pat Hafkemeyer](#) and [Teresa Brunson](#)

Judged by Catherine Hillis



Join us on Wednesdays!

AN UPDATE ABOUT THE ONGOING WEDNESDAY OPEN ART STUDIO

Since there has been low demand and attendance for this event and that the number of people who are hosting it are now two, we have decided that this event will only be held on the **1st and the 3rd Wednesdays of every month**. A Zoom link will still be sent out a few days before the day of each of those events. Look for them or save an old link to use since we use the same link each time. Just click on the link, join the meeting, add your video and sound and you are good to go.

For those of you who do not know or have never joined the Open Art Studio, this is a meeting via Zoom where you can paint in your own studio (or anywhere for that matter), talk with and get to know your fellow SAG members, get help from those members (if needed), have a designated time to paint (draw or create) each week and see what others are working on. **It is only 1 1/2 hours the 1st and the 3rd Wednesdays of the month starting at 1PM**. You can stay for the whole time or just pop in for a quick critique.

Look forward to seeing you!

Come join us you'll be glad you did!

This is a great way to get to know your fellow Springfield Art Guild members:

- You can paint, draw, create or watch what others are working on during this time.
- You can get feedback from the other artists on your current work or something you have been stuck on. Another view point is always helpful.
- You have the luxury of painting in your studio with all your supplies handy and not have to lug them to class or another location. Also blocking out the time, guarantees that you will at least be creative once a week.

When: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays from 1-2:30pm

Where: On Zoom - SAG members meet on Weds to work on any art project of their choosing. The zoom link is always the same and is sent weekly to all members by email.

What's is all about?? It's a virtual get-together giving everyone a chance to work on their personal art in a group setting for inspiration, encouragement and to just have fun chatting, and painting or drawing again.



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 2024-2025 Board Members

Springfield Art Guild welcomes new Board members: Sandy Olszowy and Chris Pankow

The SAG President schedule will rotate and then it will be published on the website and in the Aug. and Sept. newsletters. If you have questions, please contact any SAG Board member.

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



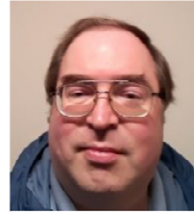
Elaine Sevy
Nature Journaling Coordinator



Alice Merritt
Librarian, Former Board Member



Teresa Brunson
Former President, Website



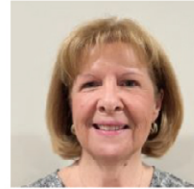
Marshall Carolus
Vice President



Deidre Pistoehini
Secretary & Membership



Sandy Olszowy
Treasurer



Pat Hafkemeyer



Chris Pankow



Nancy Patrick



Ying Zhang
Newsletter



Susan Fay
Website



John Nicholson

Acting President and Alternate Schedule Chart

2024-25	Acting President	Member Mtg	Board Mtg	Alternate
September	Nancy Patrick	11	16	Chris Pankow
October	John Nicholson	9	14	Ying Zhang
November	Pat Hafkemeyer	13	18	Susan Fay
December/Holiday Party	Nancy Patrick	11	16	Pat Hafkemeyer
January (Zoom)	John Nicholson	8	13	Ying Zhang
February (Zoom)	Susan Fay	12	17	Nancy Patrick
March	Susan Fay	12	17	Pat Hafkemeyer
April	Chris Pankow	9	14	John Nicholson
May	Ying Zhang	14	19	Chris Pankow
June	Marshall Carolus	11	16	Dee Pistoehini

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	November; backup: December
Susan	Fay	sbfay@verizon.net	Instagram	February; March backup: November
Ying	Zhang	happyingartstudio@gmail.com	Newsletter	May; backup; January and October
Deidre	Pistochini	pistofam@msn.com	Secretary, Membership	backup; June
Chris	Pankow	pankow1@msn.com	Gmail coordinator	April, backup: September
John	Nicholson	jpnicholson.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 2024-2025 Season

All meetings will be in-person except January and February

2024-25	Guest Speaker	Art Topic
Sep 11	Bryan Jernigan	Soft pastel & landscape demonstration
Oct 9	Cindy Packard Richmond	Oil and Pastel artist
Nov 13	Saya Behnam	Demonstration of making pigments from natural
Dec 11	No Speaker	Holiday Party
Jan 10	Charles Decker (<u>zoom</u>)	Yavapai Apache painter from AZ
Feb 14	Donna Foley (<u>zoom</u>)	Waving and Dyeing
Mar 12	Diana Cull	Ikebana talk and demonstration
Apr 9	Sharon Robinson	Mixed media artist specializing in collage and assemblage
May 14	Britt Conley	Translating sound and music into paper, paint, and wood
Jun 11	Alice kale	Critique