



SPRINGFIELD ART GUILD

A place for a creative experience

January 2025 Newsletter

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Meeting Schedule

January 08, 2025
(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
www.facebook.com/springfieldartguild/
<https://www.instagram.com/springfieldartguild>
<https://artsfairfax.org>



Sharon Malley

Abstracts developed around specific themes such as rivers, the weather, and wind.

Sharon Malley's art practice centers on her care for creation, with her series of abstracts developed around specific themes such as rivers, the weather, and wind.

Her narratives are of a different theme, and began as a response to and reflection of growing up on the Eastern Shore of Maryland during the Jim Crow era, playing with children of migrant workers and tenant farmers on her grandparents' farm. She has expanded on this topic, depicting individuals of different races living in the present day.



Working in her studio on Columbia Pike in Arlington, Virginia, she paints in oil and cold wax on canvas and wood panels, incorporating mixed media materials, and using brushes, stencils, rollers, sponges and other forms of paint application. She has recently begun work in other media, such as silkscreen printing and handmade paper. Her work is shown in galleries and juried exhibits in the DMV and beyond. The theme of her solo show at Touchstone Gallery, Washington, DC, in 2023, centered on concepts of the wind, titled "The Wind We Cannot See."

Sharon holds a BS in art education, a masters in therapeutic recreation, and a doctorate in combined studies in special education and psychology. Throughout her career, prior to retirement, she focused on the needs of individuals with intellectual disabilities and autism as a therapist, educator, and non-profit leader. Much of her work involved creative arts therapies and arts integration. She culminated her career leading the national agenda in arts education and special education in the Kennedy Center's Education Department, bringing together leaders from around the country to affect policy, research, and practice, and contributing to the National Standards in K-12 Arts Education.

She continues to work as a mentor for individuals with disabilities who demonstrate gifts in visual arts. Her work with individuals with disabilities has influenced her own art making, and she is grateful for all of the opportunities she has had to work with many creative individuals.



Sharon Malley
2025 January Speaker

<https://www.malleygallery.com>

Instagram: @sharonmalley20

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.usdirect.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.usdirect.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 @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 January

- J**ourney of a thousand miles
- A**lways starts somewhere.
- N**othing will be achieved
- U**nless you take
- A**ction. Momentum plus
- R**epeated efforts will take
- Y**ou further than expected



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/>

SAG's annual juried Green Spring Gardens Art Show!

GARDEN DREAMS

Springfield Art Guild Juried Art Show and Sale

December 10, 2024 - February 2, 2025

At Green Spring Gardens Horticulture Center in Alexandria

<https://www.springfieldartguild.org/green-spring-gardens-2024-art-show/>

Congratulations to the Winners !!!



Orchid Spray
Noreen Brunini



Spring Beauties
Peony Blossom
Ying Zhang



Early to Midspring
Trinity Drive
Nina Schwartz



FOUNDERS AWARD

**Eastern Shore
Chris Pankow**

**Honorable
Mention**

Congratulations



**Chilling in the Sun
Donnalyne Lefever**



**River Walk
Danica Arehart**



**Reaching For The Sun
Dee Landi**



**Daffy Daffodils
Marni Maree**



**Last Scraps of Summer
Marshall Carolus**



**Glorious Morning
Carie Cole**

Congratulations

W E L C O M E

SAG NEW MEMBER

Welcome new members to the guild

Mollie Laird

Mollie's mediums include watercolor, pastel and drawing.

Katherine Taylor



Katharine is a watercolorist, most identifiable as a representational artist. Her enthusiasm for painting comes from her European travels and growing up on the banks of the Potomac River near the Mount Vernon Estate in Virginia.

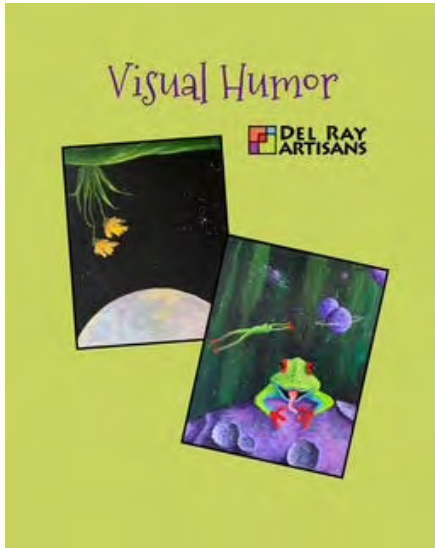
Katharine is fascinated by the small villages and old-World charm of France, especially drawn to the weathered and timeworn details of the doors, windows and stairways. Additionally, after living on the water, she instinctively looks for the reflections of sky, the watery ripples and the bending of light.... all properties to which watercolors lend themselves beautifully.



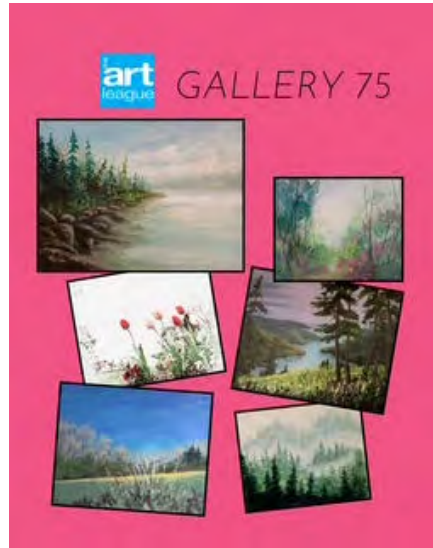
EXCITING MEMBER NEWS!

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

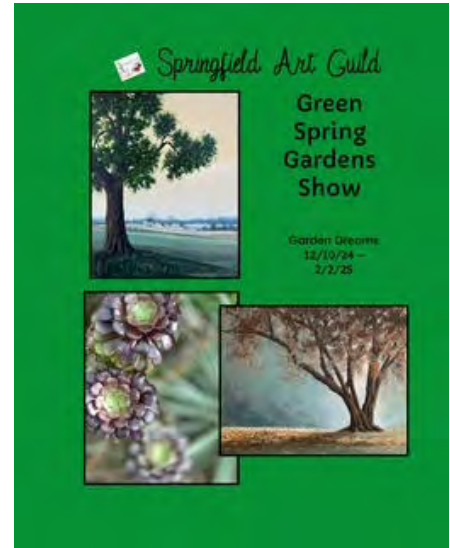
SAG Member
Nancy Patrick
is already busy in the beginning of 2025,
Her shows in January are listed below:



Del Ray Artisans -
Visual Humor



The Art League -
Gallery 75



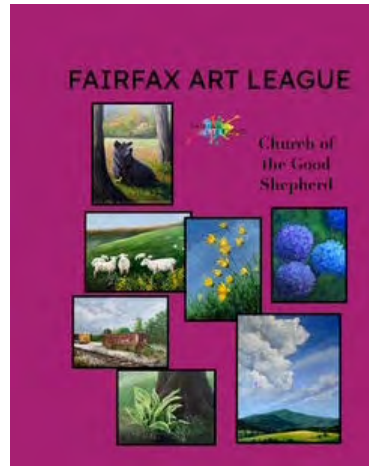
Green Spring Gardens - Springfield Art
Guild Show



Vienna Art Society Gallery -
A Slice of Life



Benny DiForza Restaurant,
Del Ray in Alexandria, VA



Fairfax Art League -
Church of the Good Shepherd



Fairfax Art League -
The Virginian

Congratulations

ART Opportunities

Heads up!!

Franconia Government Center Show is around the corner!

While things are still a bit tentative, we wanted to get this out there for planning purposes...

- For many years now, Springfield Art Guild has hung a show at the Franconia Government Center on Franconia Road.
- For our newbies, the Franconia Government Center houses the Franconia District Supervisor's office and staff, the police station, some meeting areas, some historical exhibits and a thrift shop/bookstore. We hang our art in the space considered to be the lobby.



Tentatively, the dates for this show will be:

Jan. 3, 2025 Registration begins, prospectus to be sent out in a separate email

Jan. 26, 2025 Registration closes

Feb. 1, 2025 Saturday: Drop off artwork and hanging

Feb. 8, 2025: Supervisor's reception and Peoples' Choice awards

April 5, 2025 Saturday: Takedown and pick up artwork

Good facts to know:

- There is **NO** registration fee for this show! Submit info and photos on Jotform
- 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 and are suitable for family viewing.
- There is **NO** jury or judge for this show. The only award will be a Peoples' Choice Award, attendees at the supervisor's reception will be asked to vote for their favorites.

**It's a great low key opportunity for artists who haven't entered too many shows to ease into it...
artist's choice!**

The Franconia District supervisor (Rodney Lusk for the last few years) holds an annual reception, timed 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!

Chairs for this year's show are Sandy Olszowy (solszowy@aol.com, 571-606-9518) and Claire Bentley (cobentley5931@gmail.com, 703-606-8765). We are looking for one or two volunteers to shadow us and chair the show next year in 2026 (THIS IS IMPORTANT) when the government center will have moved to their new location!!! Please volunteer!!!

Thanks,
Sandy

ART Opportunities continues...

Keep Painting! A New Opportunity Awaits

Exciting news for SAG artists! Spring is just around the corner, and so is our upcoming art show.

Following the success of our current exhibition at Green Spring Gardens, featuring 85 stunning pieces of artwork, we're thrilled to announce a springtime show at the same venue. While many of our previous shows have taken place in late fall or winter, we've worked hard to secure a coveted spot during the vibrant spring and summer seasons—and it's finally happening!

Mark your calendars:

SAG's juried art show at Green Spring Gardens will run from :

May 13, 2025, through June 27, 2025.

This is an incredible opportunity to showcase your talent during one of the most colorful times of the year. So don't stop painting—let your creativity blossom!



SAG Library

SAG library DVDs list

SAG Board Member, John Nicolson, put together a list of SAG DVDs list. As a SAG member, you can borrow DVDs from the list.

How to work:

Anyone wanting to borrow one should email [John Nicolson](#) and He will bring it to the next scheduled meeting. Sign it out there, then keep it for a month and bring it back to the next meeting. If you lose it or damage it, Please consider to replace a new one on the same subject!

<u>Title</u>	<u>Artist</u>	<u>Run Time (min)</u>	<u>Media</u>	<u># DVDs</u>
Acrylic Landscapes the Watercolor Way	Charles Harrington	2 hr 15	Acrylic	1
Acrylic Revolution	Nancy Reyner	45	Acrylic	1
An Acrylic Journey: Trash to Treasure	Mary Todd Beam	1 hr 40	Acrylic	1
Layering Light (pouring technique)	Bette Ridgeway	Unk	Acrylic	1
Painting Nature's Textures in Acrylics (photorealism)	David Kitler	1 hr 50	Acrylic	1
The Abstract Expressionist Mind	Joe DiGiulio	53	Acrylic	1
The Abstract Expressionist Mind: the Fifth Element	Joe DiGiulio	1 hr	Acrylic	1
Trompe L'Oeil Workshop	Yves Lanthier	Unk	Acrylic	2
Water Media Collage Workshop	Carrie Burns Brown	2 hr	Acrylic	1
A Design Approach to Abstraction	John Salminen	2 hr 40	Any	2
Bringing Light to Your Landscapes	Skip Lawrence	40	Any	1
Figure Painting Fast and Fun	Skip Lawrence	45	Any	1
The Secrets of Color: Value, Hue & Intensity	Skip Lawrence	1 hr 57	Any	1
Artists of the 20th Century	Joan Miro	50	Documentary	1
Biography: The Tiffanys Mark of Excellence	N/A	50	Documentary	1
Gauguin Maker of Myth	Paul Gauguin	30	Documentary	1
Great Women Artists	Georgia O'Keefe	45	Documentary	1
Great Women Artists	Frida Kahlo	45	Documentary	1
Serving the Community: Training Museum Educators	N/A	unk	Documentary	1
The Impressionists: The Other French Revolution	N/A	3 hr 20	Documentary	2
Treasures of the Metropolitan Museum of Art	N/A	52	Documentary	1
Water Media Collage Workshop	Carrie Burns Brown	2 hr 20	Mixed	1
Girl With a Pearl Earring	N/A	unk	Movie	1
Lust for Life - Story of Van Gogh	N/A	unl	Movie	1

SAG Library

SAG library DVDs list continues...

Mr. Turner (Sony Pictures "Epic Film" JMW Turner)	N/A	2 hr 30	Movie	1
Landscapes Through Time	David Dunlop	Unk	Oil	1
Oil Painting with "Calcite Sun Oil"	Louis Velasquez	56	Oil	1
Oil Portrait From Life	Craig Nelson	1 hr 15	Oil	1
Total Horse Abstraction Video 3 (Small crack in disc)	John Gholson	unk	Oil	1
Landscape in Pastel	Alain Picard	1 hr 37	Pastel	1
Painting Realistic Landscapes in Pastel - Mixing Greens	Liz Haywood-Sullivan	1 hr 41	Pastel	1
Painting Realistic Landscapes in Pastel - Skies	Liz Haywood-Sullivan	1 hr 34	Pastel	1
Painting the Figure in Pastel	Alain Picard	1 hr 52	Pastel	1
Pastel Pointers	Richard McKinley	27	Pastel	1
Pastel Workshop Loosen Up Intensive Vol I	Marla Baggetta	1 hr 10	Pastel	1
Pastel Workshop Loosen Up Intensive Vol II	Marla Baggetta	1 hr 10	Pastel	1
How to Photograph Your Jewelry	N/A	1 hr 40	Photo	1
The Adventure of Photography 150 Years	N/A	4 hr 20	Photo	2
Atmospheric Landscapes 1 And 2	Birgit O'Connor	1 hr	Watercolor	1
Chinese Art of Painting Ink & Watercolor Technique	His-Mei	Unk	Watercolor	1
Chinese Watercolor Techniques Painting Animals	Lian Quan Zhen	Unk	Watercolor	1
Commanding Color	Sue Archer	2 hr 20	Watercolor	1
Commanding Color	Sue Archer	2 hr 20	Watercolor	1
Designing Great Starts with Texture and Form	Pat Dews	1 hr 30	Watercolor	(Missing)
Field Studies Out of Your Pocket	Birgit O'Connor	22	Watercolor	1
From Line to Shape to Complex Surfaces	Gerald Brommer	1 hr 15	Watercolor	1
Improve Your Water Painting Techniques	Gordon Mackenzie	45	Watercolor	1
Secrets of Flower Painting	Ken Hosmer	1 hr 48	Watercolor	1
Secrets of Painting on Watercolor Canvas	Tom Lynch	50	Watercolor	1
Traditional Watercolor Approach	Cheng-Khee Chee	1 hr 45	Watercolor	1
Vibrant Watercolor Techniques	Soon Y. Warren	1 hr 35	Watercolor	1
Watercolor from Within Transparent Layering	Barbara Nechis	2 hr 22	Watercolor	1
Watercolor Portrait Series	Tim Packer	unk	Watercolor	2





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



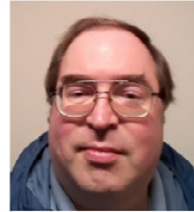
Elaine Sevy
Nature Journaling Coordinator



Alice Merritt
Librarian, Former Board Member



Teresa Brunson
Former President, Website



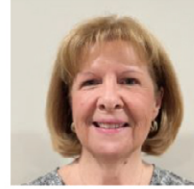
Marshall Carolus
Vice President



Deidre Pistoehini
Secretary & Membership



Sandy Olszowy
Treasurer



Pat Hafkemeyer



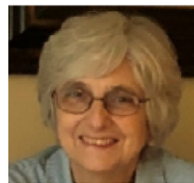
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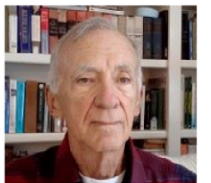
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Ying Zhang
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Susan Fay
Website



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	sbfoy@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 08	Sharon Malley (<u>zoom</u>)	Oil and Mixed Media Abstraction
Feb 12	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