



Creative Strokes

April 2012

Farmington Art Foundation Newsletter

From the President:

Jury night was very exciting when the winners were announced. Many surprised faces. A big thank you to the volunteers who checked in paintings and made sure that everything ran smoothly. Be sure to pick up the posters and put them up anywhere you do business. Any publicity about the show is good publicity. I will also have some extra postcards if you need them.

We still need some volunteers for Saturday to give painting demonstrations during family fun day. Please let me know if you willing to demonstrate your talent. Additional volunteers will also be required on all days to help with the general Festival of the Arts.

A reminder: Show set-up starts at 3PM on Wednesday, April 18th. Delivery of paintings for the juried, open and unframed is between 4:30 pm and 5:30 pm on Wednesday April 18th.

Remember that our web site is up and running. It is at FarmingtonArtFoundation.org. The newsletter is available there along with other information about the club. The password for the newsletter is forusfaf. Several members have been trained to update the site and we may schedule another class, so let me know if you are interested.

See you at the meeting and I hope to have more details on the Festival.

Janet Hall, President, 248-615-1565 or janhall46@bcglobal.net

April 11 meeting: 6:45- 8:45 PM, Farmington Hills Library

Business meeting and short social break

Program: Todd Burroughs – Venetian Painting

Todd Burroughs will give a power point presentation on the ancient technique of Venetian Painting. Todd is teaching in depth courses at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center on Venetian Painting. This comprehensive approach to oil painting is derived from the technique popularized by TITAN in the 16th Century. It is especially well suited for still life, portraiture and the figure. He studied Fine Art in Chicago at Columbia College of Art and Design; and classical painting at the Atelier Alternative. He received a B.A. from Eastern Michigan University in Fine Arts and Historic Preservation. He will also bring some of his work and have a question and answer session at the end of his presentation.

Linda Shewbridge, Program Chair - 586-306-1045 or lshewbridge@twm.rr.com



Meeting of all Spring Art Show Chairpersons before March meeting @ 6:15PM

Farmington Art Foundation - General Meeting – March 14, 2012

The Meeting was called to order by President **Janet Hall** at 6:50 pm.

There were two corrections to the previous month's minutes: Firstly, **Kathleen Rodak**, not Janet Hall (as she was in sunny Florida), called the meeting to order. Secondly, **Linda Shewbridge** volunteered to be Publicity Chairman, not Spring Chairman for next year's Spring Art show.

It has been announced that the *Mentobe Cafe* is taking 20% commission off of each sale, not 30%.

There were a total of 44 members and 2 new members in attendance. The 2 new members are: **Barbara Burke**, and **Laura Braun**. Welcome! Our 50/50 Raffle Drawing brought in \$26.00 to one lucky person.

Shirley Senko reported our beginning balance for February was: \$2100.50 and an end balance of \$2,138.23. Our T. Rowe account is: \$18,073.23.

The *Farmington Art Council* has approved the money to have the 4th graders come to the art show for 2 days, a total of 700 - 800 children. There will be a *Family Fun Day* on Saturday which will include pottery and demonstrations. Wednesday, April 18, will be set aside for Set-up, from 3 -4 p.m., with 4:30 - 5:30 pm delivery of paintings. Postcards should be mailed by April 1st! **Beverly Schroll** and **Joanne Leavy** announced that pictures for the Unframed need to be covered in plastic, and entry forms to fill out for each piece can be done now until April.

Kathleen Spellman's search for a replacement for Library Exhibits has come to an end. **Darl Papple** has stepped up to the plate and will resume her duties come fall of 2012.

Joanne Leavy doesn't have any news to report for Sunshine this month.

Jim Patterson mentioned that **Kathleen Rodak** and **Darl Papple** will be showing their paintings at the Costick Center in April.

Marilyn Rollinger won the volunteer for helping out at *Dunckel Middle School* for 2012. Congratulations!

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 pm by **Fran Seikaly**.

Respectfully submitted, Lisa Barette, Recording Secretary

Costick Gallery Exhibit:

This is the Second exhibit of 2012 at the Farmington Art Foundation Gallery: *Flowers and Nature* - April - June, 2012. Exhibiting Artists are: **Jo Ann Billiu, Ann Wheeler Carlson, Daria Fileta, Alison Kardell, Mary Kehoe, Sue Mallick, Linda Shewbridge, Rose Marie Starke, Cathy Szumlinski, and Rick Van Over.**

This exhibit will be in the back corridor during our FAF Spring Exhibit in April, take a look at the exhibit while your attending our art exhibit.

Pick-up date for the paintings in this exhibit will be Thursday, July 5, 2012 between 9 – 10:30 am.

The FAF Gallery, William Costick Activities Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills

Jim Patterson - 248-661-1088 or jpatterson@hotmail.com

Farmington Art Foundation – Senior Painting:

Check out the seniors permanent display at the Costick Center located outside of Wexford Hall. Come out and see what great things are being done! Visit the senior exhibit at the Spring Art Show.

Darl Papple, 734-968-2247 or daripa924@gmail.com

Art at the Downtown Farmington Library:

April: **Sue Mallick**, May: **Janet Hall**, June: **Mary Schmidt**, July: **Arlene Evans**, August: **Pete Sylvain**, September: **Paula Imirzian**

Kathleen Spellman, Chairman - 248-473-8864 or spell831@aol.com

Spring Art Show:

Spring Exhibit timetable:

Wednesday, April 18th - set up starts at 3 pm - dropping off paintings between 4:30–5:30 pm

Thursday, April 19th, 10 am – 9 pm

Friday, April 20th, 10 am – 9 pm

Saturday, April 21st, 10 am – 4 pm (Pick up painting from 3:45-4 pm)

Awards:

1st place = Rosemarie Simonton (pastel) GRANDMA'S GIRLS

2nd place = Dean Rogers (colored pencil) CASTING A SPELL ON YOU

3rd place = Ann Carlson Wheeler (watercolor) GUARDIAN

4th place = Robbie Best (watercolor/collage) NARRATOR

Honorable Mentions:

Annetta Lind (mixed) IRIDIASON-IR-77

Darl Papple (oil) GLEN CANYON

Carol Hubbard (pen/ink) COYELL BOATHOUSE

Alison Kardell (watercolor) SUNDAY BOUQUET

Billie Thompson (mixed) SANDS OF TIME

Kathleen Montgomery (pastel) YOUNG'S DAIRY

June Fox (watercolor) LISA

133 PIECES IN JURIED and 28 PIECES IN OPEN: Congratulations to all!

Shirley Senko, Chairman - 248.851.1765 or senjeep@hotmail.com

Plein Air Society:

Find the complete schedule at our website www.Farmingtonartfoundation.org. Season starts May 9 at Farmington Shiawassee Park - Shiawassee Rd. east of Farmington Rd., south side. See Darl for a schedule or to be put on the email list of activities. Come any time of day and bring a lunch.

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A friendly reminder to all artists - sign our member attendance sheet at every meeting that you attend.

*Ann Wheeler Carlson, 248-645-9423 or anncarlson@mac.com or
June Fox, 248-647-4182, j.c.fox@comcast.net*

Call for entries:

Covenant's Fine Art Gallery: Is looking for artists to have their own show or a small group or class to display for the month of May. For more information please contact Glenna Livingston at 248-681-6083 or email at glwriter@sbcglobal.net. Covenant Baptist Church, 5800 West Maple Rd. West Bloomfield, MI 48322. 248-855-9191. www.covenantbaptistchurch.org

Art at the Brighton District Library: Deadline is June 12. Six week exhibit. \$30/\$20 non-member jury fee. 3-5 images on CD or photo. 2D/3D. 20%/30% commission. Brighton District Library, 100 Library Drive, Brighton. Contact Pamela Stoddard, 810-225-1665 or stoddard.pamela@gmail.com with the subject line: AAL Jury.

St. Joseph Mercy Oakland New Patient Tower - Call for Artists: Paintings and sculpture desired for purchase and commission. Artwork should follow the guiding principles of healing art and evoke messages of peace and healing for the viewers. Proposals accepted. Please send all questions directly to Leah Goodwin - goodwin@aesthetics.net or Pam Nickell - nickell@aesthetics.net. Please contact Pam Nickell for project drawings and for assistance with any questions you may have about the CFA.

Strokes of Genius 5, The Best of Drawing: Drawing category only. Deadline: April 16. \$30/1st then \$25 ea. Enter on-line or CD. Prospectus: www.artistsnetwork.com

4th Annual Watermedia Showcase: Watermedia only. Deadline 7/16. \$20/image. Enter on-line or CD. Cash prizes and published in 2/2013 *Watercolor Artist Magazine*. Watermedia Showcase, 8469 Blue Ash Road, Suite 100, Cincinnati, OH 45236. www.artistsnetwork.com

University of Michigan - Gifts of Art: Proposals accepted for August 2012 – August 2013. Exhibit 8 weeks. 12 images/CD or 24 images/Group Show. 2D/3D. Images to reflect proposed exhibit. 35% commission. 9 galleries/50 exhibits a year. Entry on-line or mail. Mail: Gifts of Art, Call for Entries, NI-5E06, NIB, 300 North Ingalls, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-5470. Info or On-line entry: www.med.umich.edu/goa.

Grosse Pointe Art Center: *Faces/Portraits*. Exhibit for 5 weeks: April 27 - June 2. Intake: April 17 – 21. 16900 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230. 313 821-1848. www.grossepointeartcenter.org

Call for entries: (continued)

Oakland Community College Womancer: Women's juried art show: *From Our Perspectives: A National Women's Art Exhibition*. Deadline 7/20 on-line only. 2D/3D. 3/\$25. Exhibit September 27 - October 26 in the Smith Theatre Gallery. Mail on-line application and fee: OCC Womancer Art Exhibition, Oakland Community College Womancer, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, 48334-4579. www.oaklandcc.edu/womancer/artshow.htm

Midland Art Center: *51st Annual Greater Michigan Art Exhibition*: Deadline April 27. On-line or mail. 2D/3D. Members: \$20.00/\$25.00 for 3. Second jury: deliver paintings May 25, 26. (Guaranteed one if passed 1st jury). 30 % + 6% tax. Exhibit June 16 – Aug 18, 2012. Alden B. Dow Museum of Science & Art / GMA, Midland Center for the Arts, 1801 W. St. Andrews Rd., Midland. 48640. www.mcfta.org

South Lyon Fine Arts Society: *33rd Annual "Spring Into Art" Art Exhibit and Sale* - April 16 – 21. April 10 deadline. Take in 4/16 for jury. Members' \$20/5 or \$30/3. 10% commission. Salem-South Lyon District Library. Entry form and checks should be made out to: South Lyon Fine Arts Society, c/o Diane Baker, 11862 Greenway Circle, South Lyon, 48178. 248-437-9814. Info: Patricia Dombecki at 248-767-9711 or at P.Dombecki@sbcglobal.net

Workshops:

Edee Joppich: *Flowers That Bloom In The Spring, Wet On Wet*: (3 d), 4/13-15, Friday, Saturday, & Sunday. 4/13-14: 9:30am - 3 pm & 4/15: 12-3 pm. VAAL, Livonia. 734-838-1204. www.vaalart.org

Marjorie Chellstorp: *Painting Abstract Watercolor*. (2 d), Friday - Saturday, 5/18-19, 10 am – 2 pm. Visual Art Association of Livonia (VAAL), 37653 Five Mile, Livonia. Contact Diana Jamrog for a brochure, 734-838-1204 or valart@yahoo.com.

Kathleen Spellman: *Watercolor - April Workshop*: It's spring and let's *Paint Poppies!* Time: 9:30 am - 2:30 pm. Place: Salem United Church of Christ in 33424 Oakland Blvd., Farmington 48335. 248-474-6880.

Fran Seikaly: *Oil Painting*: (6 weeks) Monday, April 23 – June 4, 1-3:30 pm. *Drawing*: (9 weeks), Friday, April 13 – June 8, 10 am – noon. *Pastels*: (6 weeks), Saturday, July 14 – August 18. Stables Studio, Heritage Park, Farmington, 48336. (248) 473-1859. <https://recreg.fhgov.com>,

Private lessons and group workshops – Info: (248)681-9755.

West Bloomfield Parks & Rec: *Oil Painting*, Thursday, 10-12:30, 6 weeks, May 3 - June 7 and *Pastels*, Friday, 10-12:30, 6 weeks, May 11-June 15. (248)451-1900.

Don't forget the stop in at the Covenant Church on 15 Mile to see and enjoy the fabulous art work by the students of Fran Seikaly. The work includes oil paintings, pastels and drawings. The students attend her classes at West Bloomfield Parks & Recreation and Farmington Hills Cultural Arts Department. New classes are beginning at both locations. Check out website at www.FSRealArt.com for dates and times.

Janis Madias: *The Year of the Dragon and Other Fantasies*: (6 weeks) April 19 – May 24, 9am - 12pm. Using watercolor wash techniques and textures, splatters and stamping, we will create a fairy-tale setting for the habitants of our tale. We will create a visual narrative of our character(s) be they fairy, elf or creature. Legends and myths, or your own story is welcome. Tree-top or ocean, rabbit holes or floorboards, explore your past and your favorite bed-time stories and bring them to the canvas. Mixed media and collage are welcome. Come with your own supplies and paper. VAAL, 37658 5 Mile Road, Livonia, 48154. Call 734-838-1204. janiyola@aol.com



Shows:

Fran Seikaly: *Students of Fran Seikaly Art Show:* Show Dates: March 27 – April 30. Gallery: Monday - Thursday, 10 am – 4 pm. Covenant Baptist Church, 5800 West Maple Rd. West Bloomfield, MI 48322. 248-855-9191.

Marilyn Alvey, Kathleen Boettcher, Kathleen Montgomery and Nancy Slutsky: *Michigan Fine Arts Competition* exhibit: March 30 – May 4. Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, 1516 South Cranbrook Road, Birmingham, Michigan 48009. 248-644-0866 • BBArtCenter.org

Dean Rogers: Interviewed for the Colored Pencil Society's March-April 2012 newsletter. www.cpsadetroit.com. Artist featured in *CP Treasures: Colored Pencil Masterworks from Around the Globe (Volume 1)* which is now available on Amazon.

Ann Carlson and Nancy Slutsky: *Michigan Watercolor Society 65th Annual Exhibition:* May 4 – June 29. Lansing Art Gallery, 119 N Washington Square, Lansing 48933. 517-374-6400. www.lansingartgallery.org

Daria Fileta: Exhibiting in two artist group shows in April. *Tuesdays at Mary's* are at *Picasso Cafe* in Novi and *The Wooden Spoon* in Brighton during restaurant hours. www.woodenspoonmarket.com

Things to see and do for Artists:

Mentobe Café Update: **Darl Papple** will be displaying his art during the month of April. Please stop by the Cafe and visit his show. **Kathleen Rodak**, 248-474-8407

American Frame: Attention - Rebates 5% of member purchases every quarter to member – new policy 2012. Use code: ALLIANCE12_5%. Make a note of this code if you are a customer here. (800) 893-3553 or on the web at www.AmericanFrame.com

MI Arts: Opportunities and Exhibitions - Gallery Listing, Art Clubs and Call for Artists web page: created by Candy Brancik, a local artist. Opportunities updated daily: www.semarts.info

The Grosse Pointe ART Center Lecture Series: **Bill Murcko** – Artist. Paints summers in his studio on Mackinac Island and winters in his studio in the historic Scarab Club in Detroit, Michigan. April 28, 1 pm. **Gregory Lashbrook & Kathy Johnson** – Film and Artists who have owned and operated a fine arts based business for over 25 years. August 4, 1 pm.

Ann Arbor Workshops: Watercolor and Pastel Workshops – Nationally known artist instructors. Dawn Emerson and Jean Grastorf workshops. Contact Debra Zamperla – idezamperla@gmail.com

Shooting Your Artwork Workshop: Eric Law is a former FAF speaker, professional photographer, and photographer of the artwork of many of our members. If you would like to learn to do it yourself, here is the workshop to learn how. Starts Saturday, April 14 (9:30 am - 12:30 pm) and runs for four weeks. Registration starts March 19 online at BBArtCenter.org or by phone at 248-644-0866.

FAF Website Available: The newsletter is available there along with other information about the club. The password for the newsletter's **Member's Area** is **forusfaf** – make a note. Find it under the **Membership** tab. www.FarmingtonArtFoundation.org.

Art Prize Grand Rapids - Artist Registration April 23 – May 24. ArtPrize 2012 will be held September 19 through October 7. A total of \$560,000 in prizes will be awarded in October. artprize.org

More to do:

2012 Circle of Art: Donate up to two small works of art no bigger than 9x11” or 2D smaller than 9x9x11” and it will be sold at a silent auction event at *Saline Picture Frame Co.*, 7641 N. Ann Arbor Street, Saline, 48176. Mail or drop off art for donation to the *Food Gathers* charity in Ann Arbor. Original work will be matted by the frame shop for exhibit day, Sunday May 20. 100% goes for food – they have raised \$120,000 in the past to feed children. 734-429-3352. Salinepictureframe.com or [Circle of art.net](http://Circleofart.net)

Holland Area Arts Council: CHEAP JOE MILLER WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP! 8/13 (9 am – 4 pm) to 8/16 (9 am - 3 pm). Mary Sundstrom, Program Director, Holland Area Arts Council, 150 E. 8th St.. Holland, MI 49423. Call: 616-396-3278 ext. 15 work or 616-638-4468 cell/home.

Plymouth Library seeking artwork: Painting desired from a Michigan artist - Stylistically traditional, image of children reading or a mother reading to a child, already completed, framed and ready to hang, \$1000 or less (including frame), and must be able to provide images or possibly the piece in person to the Library for the donor(s) to view. If you have such a piece in your current inventory (or know of someone who does forward this) please contact Susan Stoney - 734-453-0750, ext. 242 or via email: [sstoney@plymouthlibrary.org](mailto:ssstoney@plymouthlibrary.org)

DIA Event: I am coordinating the *Inside: Out* program, where the DIA is bringing replicas of paintings to the streets of downtown Farmington. Looking for Art Clubs that may want to sponsor an event during the 3 month stay of the artwork .It could be a pop-up show, art demo, or hang your work in a downtown business. We also have the Farmers market where some art could be set up on a Saturday. We have 3 Friday night art events scheduled for April 13, May 11 and June 8. Contact Mary Burck at 248-471-0144 with your ideas or feedback for involvement. We will try to promote whatever you decide thru our website and Facebook sites at the Downtown Development Authority office.

The D.D.A. (Downtown Development Authority) has posters from the D.I.A., calling for artists to sell their art work, or do pop-ups, in downtown Detroit, and the Farmer's Market in downtown Farmington, 3 Friday nights; for the months of April, May and June. Marc A. Schwartz – 248-933-8898.

Milford Watercolor Workshop: *Keys to Awesome Landscape Paintings* with Rolland Lee. Plein air landscape artist. Keys: planning, using photo's, sketching, saving lights, shadow and reflections, depth, value vs. color, negative spaces, water and sky's. (5 day) September 10 – 14. Presbyterian Church, 414 Main Street, Milford. Contact Dorothy Koliba - dekoliba@hotmail.com or Janice Sparks - frazzelbug@hotmail.com for application or questions.

2012 Edition of Detroit Gallery Week: Midtown Detroit on Friday + Saturday, October 5-6 and run through Saturday, October 15. *Midtown Detroit, Inc.* will be the producer of the event. An Art Advisory Committee, organized by *Art Detroit Now* with representatives from all the major institutions in Metro-Detroit including the DIA, DSO, MOCAD, CCS, Charles Wright, Oakland University, Cranbrook, Detroit Artists Market and Wayne State will collaborate and have curatorial responsibility for the project. We expect to have 30 projects in total. Some top works will be placed in marquee positions along the Woodward Corridor. 25 projects will be selected by a Call for Entry, and then will be strategically located to complement other works and in consideration of traffic patterns. Each participant selected in the Call for Entry will receive a stipend of \$1000 and up to another \$2500 for out-of-pocket expenses. We expect to announce the Call for Entry within the next two weeks. Applicants will have approximately six weeks to submit their applications, and there will be at least one information session to assist with the process. info@artdetroitnow.com





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