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| Newsletter - APRIL 2013 |  Farmington Art Foundation |
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Classes & Art PlacesBirmingham Community House[http://www.communityhouse. com/](http://www.communityhouse.com/)**Visual Arts of Livonia**<http://vaalart.org/>**Farmington Hills Parks & Rec**[http://www.ci.farmington-hills.mi.us](http://www.ci.farmington-hills.mi.us/)**West Bloomfield Parks & Rec**[http://www.westbloomfieldparks.org](http://www.westbloomfieldparks.org/)**Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center**[http://www.bbartcenter. org/](http://www.bbartcenter.org/)Next MeetingWednesday, April 10, 20136:45 - 8:45 PMin the Farmington Hills Library Conference RoomVisit Our Websitehttp://www.farmingtonartfoundation.orgContact UsGlenna LivingstonFarmington Art Foundation, Newsletter Editor248-681-6083Email: glwriter@sbcglobal.net | From the President… Janet HallI am sorry I missed the last two meetings. A big thank you to Kathleen Rodak for presiding over the meetings in my absence. The Spring Show is almost here. Make sure you sign-up to work either in unframed or the gallery. Help is also needed for set-up and take-down. We also need a few more people for demonstrations on Friday and Saturday. Please see me if you can help. Also I can coordinating the volunteers for the Festival to work with the 4th graders on Thursday and Friday mornings, again see me if can help.We had a great jury night with a lot of great art work. Congratulations to all the winners. The Board has re-confirmed that members need to have attended three meetings to place paintings into the unframed section in addition to the juried or open shows. If you have not attended the required meetings and there are special circumstances, please see me at the meeting. We still need a replacement chair for the Art Smart Program. It, along with the Senior Painting Program, allows us to keep our non-profit status. Marilyn Rollinger has done an outstanding job for the past few years on this program but now she wants to work on something else. One suggestion was to form a committee that will handle the Art Smart program so that one person does not have the entire load for this program. Please give that some thought. The biggest task is in September when the schools come to the Costick Center to pick up the portfolios and they have to be sorted by school. I am willing to work with someone on this task if they are willing to be the school contact. Please let me or Marilyn know if you are willing to help. One common misconception is that you have to store the portfolios during the summer. The Costick Center stores them and gets them back out prior to the distribution to the schools. |
| Minutes from Last Meeting… March 13, 2013Vice-President Kathleen Rodak called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m. and mentioned that  Janet Hall is presently up north with her recuperating husband who had recent heart surgery.The minutes were approved with no correction from the last meeting.General information:For the Festival of the Arts Spring Show, art demonstrators are still needed for both Thursday and Friday. So far, Pat Langner and Ann Klearey  have stepped up to help out. The children, 4rth graders, will be making rectangular buttons and copying flags of their own nationalities those 2 days. The doors open at 10a.m. sharp. Jan Corrigan mentioned we need a couple more art demonstrators for Saturday as well. Much of the information is available in the flyers. Also, postcards are being passed around to send out to local residents of the community which must be sent out by April 1rst (2 weeks before the show). Page 1 |
| Jan mentioned the rules for the show are: bring in paintings on Monday, March 18th, (Jury night) by 6:15 - 7p.m.Jurying will take place from 7 - 9p.m.Unframed is .50 cents per piece.Kathleen said she will take in any forms not already turned in today; last chance!Linda Shewbridge announced Wednesday, April 17th, is drop off, the time being from 4:30 - 5:30p.m. at Shannon Hall. Set-up starts at 4:00p.m. for screens, but, need clarification on this.Kathleen Rodak said the hooks must be turned in after the show.KickstART had free art available this past Friday. Pictures were shown on easels around the community in different locations. It was announced on March 23rd, a silent auction will take place and donations are needed. Artists who sell their work will get 50% of the proceeds, the rest goes to KickstART.Art can be framed or unframed as long as there's a: * Name
* Title
* Type of medium used, and
* Sell Price

The bid will start at one third of what the picture is actually going for, and escalate from there.Drop off for the pictures will be at Ginger's Cafe, behind Dress Barn. Art will be accepted up to March 16th. The auction will take place from 6 -9p.m. and hors d'oeuvres will be served.The Treasury report from Shirley Senko reported a beginning balance of $1,550.69 and an ending balance of $18,074.43.Thursday evening, March 14th, at the Costick Center Gallery, the paintings of Robert Atkins showing airplanes from an earlier time, mostly WWII, will be on display for the general public.Membership report by Ann Carlson showed we had a total of 51 members and 7 guests tonight. | Also, membership is currently $40.00 and covers the total year from present May to May the following year.It is unclear whether attendance of 3 or more meetings will qualify an artist to participate in the Spring Show, and will be researched for the next meeting.Library Exhibits: It was mentioned that Sharon Blake has her artwork at the Farmington library this month. Please stop in and view her work!Sunshine: It was agreed that a small donation be sent to John Cowley's choice of charity. Joanne Leavy also sent a card out from us to Helena Lewicki who is, or will, undergo cataract surgery.Historian: Annetta Lind mentioned the reason for having the Open Section verses the Juried Section is the fear of rejection on the part of the artist. She will have the Historian book at the Spring Show Exhibit which contains all the FAF artists and their work.It was announced there will be a new exhibit on April 4rth at the Costick Center.Mentobe' Cafe will be showing the artwork of Sue Mallick in April. Everyone is welcome to stop in and see it!Seniors: Fran Seikaly mentioned everything is going great, and that 2 weeks ago, a videographer videoed 2meetings and showed the video to her group today. This video will run on the community TV as well as in the lobbyof the Costick Center showing all of the senior art work.The 50/50 Drawing brought in a total of: $56.00; $28 of which went to 1 lucky winner.The move to adjourn the meeting was made by Jim Patterson, and seconded by Beverly Schroll at 7:32 p.m.The guest speaker tonight will be Armin Mersmann.Respectfully submitted,Recording Secretary,Lisa Barette |
| Art on the Grand We are planning to be part of the summer show, Art on the Grand, in downtown Farmington the first weekend in June, still working on finding a good location where we can use the big tent.  There is one 3 hour work requirement and a small entry fee, probably $10.  Each artist can bring 4 or 5 paintings to show and sell.  There will be a signup sheet available at the April and May meetings for those who would like to participate.Pat LangnerLinda ShewbridgeJanet HallPage 2 |
| Next Month's Guest Speaker… Wednesday, April 10, 2013***Kendra Anderson***Farmington Artist in Residence, Embroiderer's Guild of AmericaKendra Anderson is a very talented Japanese Silk and Metal Embroiderer who has won many awards with her needlework.  In September 2012 she was juried into the Fiber Forum of the Embroiderer's Guild of America.  Her work is original and stunning and keeps alive the ancient art of silk and metal needle art.  |
| **Member News** | **Sue Mallick**A one-person art show in the Mentobe Cafe from April 1st to  April 30th, 2013.Mentobe Café33336 Grand RiverFarmington, MI 48336The reception will be on April 11th from 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM, open to public. | I will have a one-person art show in the **Farmington Downtown Library** from May 1st to May 31st.23500 Liberty, Farmington, MII will have a one-person art show in the **Ann Arbor Downtown Library** in the Malletts Creek Branch from June 18th toJuly 31st.3090 E.Eisenhower ParkwayAnn Arbor, MI 48108 |
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| **Dean Rogers Art News** **DU ALL'S DRAFTING AND ART SUPPLY COLORED PENCIL CLASS**April 8 and 15 (Mondays), 12 -3pm31431 John R RdMadison Heights, MI 48071Call 248 583 9158 to register **THE VINES FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOP** (art on display for sale)33245 Grand River AveFarmington, MI 48336248 478 5544**STUDIO WEST IN BRIGHTON** (art on display for sale)Tues-Sat 12-8 p.m111 SW StBrighton MI 48116810 534 6200 **MAIN STREET ART** (art on display for sale)Tues - Sat 10am - 6pm432 N Main StMilford, MI 48381248 684 1004 **FARMINGTON ART FOUNDATION SPRING SHOWFESTIVAL OF THE ARTS** (4 pieces, 1 Award)April 18 - 20 (Awards ceremony April 18 at 6:30)Thurs & Fri 10am - 9pm, Sat 10am - 4pmWilliam Costick Center28600 W. 11 Mile RoadFarmington Hills, MI(248) 473•1857 | **Fran Seikaly** Spring, late spring and summer classes:**Farmington Hills**: **Drawing** - Thursday, February 28-April 25,  10-12pm**Pastels** -  Monday, March 4-April 8, 10 - 12 pm  and Saturday, July 13-August 17,  10-12:30pm**Colored Pencils** - Monday, April 22-June 3,  1-3pm (CLASS FULL)  **Painting** - Thursday, May 2-June 13, 1-3:30pm **West Bloomfield**: **Colored Pencils** - Wednesday, May 29-July 3,  10-12pm **Pastels** - Thursday, July 18-August 22, 10 -  12:30pmFran Seikaly currently has a pastel portrait "Richard" in the **BBAC Student Show** and it sold. Yippee skippee! |
| **Lindy Shewbridge** On April 12, 2013 Linda will be showing her art work at the **Red Bull House of Art** opening from 7:00  to 11:00 p.m. at 1551 Winder Street, Detroit, MI  48207 |
| Kathleen Rodak Will exhibit at **Picasso's Cafe** on Grand River just west of Haggerty Road during the month of April.Page 3 |
| **Cynthia Eusebi**My picture *Early Spring* was juried into the Spring, **Detroit Female Artists** show .  This is the down river show.  April of next year in honor of 110 years in Detroit, Detroit Female Artists hope to be at the Detroit Historical Museum.     |  Mary KehoeWill exhibit her watercolor paintings for the month of April at the **Farmington downtown library,** on Liberty Street and at the **Livonia City Hall** in the Artifacts Show. |
| Please refer to [vaalart.org](http://vaalart.org/) to register for class**Janis Madias** will be teaching at the **VAAL** classroom on 5 Mile and Newburg in Livonia.The class is Thursday, April 26, 27 and Monday the 29th.  10-3pm  Bring your lunch. Creativity and fun is the foundation of the paintings we will build, sculpt, collage and paint.  Using canvas sizes of your choosing, we will consider  composition using abandoned watercolors, fabrics, fancy napkins and paper mache' to define your painting.  We will use molds of flowers and fish etc. to design a bas relief painting, a shallow 2 dimensional sculpture.  As we share our materials and ideas, you will delight in the discoveries of texture, line and color.  Using both watercolor and acrylics, you will define the design or subject, abstract or subjective, graphic or non objective.  It will be fun and relaxing and a bit messy.  This technique can be applied to a box or form.  We have Sunday free to let sculptures dry and Monday will paint them.  We can leave our supplies in the classroom instead of packing up every day |
| Upcoming Classes, Events, Shows & OpportunitiesPlanning is underway for the **2013 Troy Garden Walk**, Gardens, Past and Present.  The plein air artists are a mainstay of this annual event and we hope you will be able to participate in this year's walk on Wednesday, July 10.   Preview days will be Thursday, June 27 and Friday, June 28.  On preview days, artists will have an opportunity to tour the gardens and select where they wish to paint.  Mark your calendar with these important dates and watch for further information in the spring.     Chair persons of Gardens, Past and Present are Karol Carter and Yolanda Tenorio Thomas.If you have any questions, please email or call Karen Brant 248-879-9908., Liaison to Plein Air ArtistsThe Detroit Chapter of the Colored Pencil Society of America (CPSA) is extending an invitation to all artists in the area who produce colored pencil art. The Chapter is sponsoring Colored Pencil Plus 2013 (a non-juried, colored pencil exhibition) at the Birmingham Unitarian Church. Please see the attached prospectus for details. |
| Also, our **Detroit Chapter of CPSA** is inviting all area artists to participate in a two-day workshop focusing on creating landscapes using colored pencil. We are proud to be bringing in Debbie Hook from the Cincinnati area to teach this workshop. While the workshop is geared specifically to colored pencil, many of the concepts (composition, use of color, etc.) presented would be useful when working in other mediums. http://www.cpsadetroit.com |

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