



Creative Strokes

Farmington Art Foundation

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Here we are at the start of a new season. As I write this it is the first day of fall. I can't believe the end of the year is in only three months way. I hope you had a great summer and produced lots of art. Members will have an opportunity to exhibit the works they have produced at the Bennett Civic Center in the Livonia Library in July of 2024. This will be a return of the first juried art show since the cancellation of the Spring Art Show. Perhaps as an artist you have used this time to change or narrow your creative focus or maybe you have used this time to work with a new medium. Like some members perhaps you are looking for inspiration to get back to making art again. FAF is grateful for your membership. We would like to celebrate your accomplishments with you. This will be the first opportunity to exhibit in a new space in a juried show. We will have a call for art soon, please be thinking of art that you can share! Also please consider how you can assist in the planning and execution of this show.

I would like to thank each of you for contributions that you made to the solo show, "These Things That I've Seen" of my work at Farmington Hills City Hall,

which is a rotating exhibit. Many of you attended the opening, some of you helped with set up and some offered advice or shared dates and time with others to increase attendance. Farmington Art Foundation's members were well represented at the Artist Talk. There were more than fifty guests at the Friday night opening. Thanks to our artist members for representing our club so well. Both Rachel Timlin and Karla Aren attended. Thanks to them for their efforts to make the event possible. The show closes November 17, 2023. I hope that FAF can partner in other events with Farmington Hills. One of the guests complemented Farmington Hills for their support of visual art by exhibiting so many works. I am very proud to be a member of this community since 1977.

Many thanks to new member Fred Keebler for his efforts to update the Farmington Art Foundation's website. Fred has been able to remove many dated parts from our website. Fred has begun to update and add information to the website. He was able to add the September front page of Creative Strokes. We owe Fred a huge thank you for his work. Please view the changes to the site!



FAF would like to request members to step up for current chairperson positions, workers and planners for the upcoming juried show. This spring will be the biannual election of officers please consider being a candidate or be part of the search to identify candidates. Please join the club's activities, your support makes a difference to the club. Reach out to any officer if you are interested in any of these positions, this would be a good time to start a new role to contribute to your club.

With members help, I look forward to a bright and creative future for the club. Thank you for your membership and participation in Farmington Art Foundation.

Richard Adams,
President
Farmington Art Foundation



The Farmington Art Foundation meets September-May at the 12 Mile Farmington Community Library, 32737 W 12 Mile Rd, Farmington Hills, MI 4833, on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:45pm

Looking Ahead: 2023-24

October 11: Wendy Evans Ancient Mesopotamia: Cradle of Civilization	January 10
November 8	February 14
No Meeting in Dec.	March 13
	April 10
	May 8

Many of programs are currently TBD.

Updated information will provided when available.



ART BIOGRAPHIES

After four years, we have almost reached the end of publishing FAF members Art Biographies in our monthly newsletter Creative Strokes. Our members have enjoyed reading about their fellow member artists, how they started making art, their favorite subject and working medium, etc. and seeing pictures of their beautiful art. Every member who was interested in submitting their biographies has done so. However, if a new artist joins or rejoins FAF and they wish to submit their Art Biography, they can contact Mary Kehoe, Chairman of Art Biographies, mdkfarm@aol.com (put FAF on the subject line), 248-478-3998. Beginning in 2024 we will start a new member series, "Creating a Work of Art." See page 3 for this article.



IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER AND THE FARMINGTON SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED, THE FAF MEETING THAT EVENING WILL BE CANCELED.

COSTICK CENTER EXHIBIT PHOTOS



This painting was SOLD from the Summer show as we we putting up the Fall show!



The ladies from the yoga class admiring the new show.

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE PHOTOS



Liberty Street Library Downtown Exhibit



Three members are
displaying in October:

**Cathy Szumlinski, Marci
Baker and Sally Gyokeres**

*FAF library art participants please
email me if you care to show your
work at Liberty Street Library any
month in Spring, 2024. There
is no commission on sales.*

– Kathy Boettcher
Katmb@att.net



Everyone needs a little Sunshine Now & Then

Please email me if
you know of a
member who would
appreciate hearing
from FAF. Get well,
sympathy, thinking
of you, and any happy
occasions too.

An appropriate
card will be sent
from our organization
by our Sunshine Chair,
Sharon Daitch.

Be sure to put FAF
sunshine in the
subject line. email:
kramerdaitch@aol.com

Creating A Work of Art (Starting January 2024)

FAF artists/members, you have all at one time or another produced a work of art that was a joy to work on and soon became one of your favorite creations. We are asking you to write about it and share this event with our members in our monthly newsletter, Creative Strokes. Your descriptive essay can be about any art medium and can be any length. Just provide the information listed below.

We would like to know what your inspiration was, research done, medium used, (was this a new, to you, art method, explain) and your personal feeling on the finished results. Reading about these techniques can be an artistic learning moment for our members.

This does not have to be a recent work; we just want you to provide a good photo of the finished work to go along with your above information. When submitting your information please include your name, the name of the art, size and medium of the artwork.

Required, if you want to participate, you need to sign up for a selected month.

We need to know in advance who will be submitting an article. Because this

presentation in the news letter is new to us, for the first few months, we request that two artists/members per month signup. Depending on the length of the presentation, some might be moved to a different month. Our Newsletter coordinator, Karen Reasoner has free reign to publish these articles where and when she has room in the Newsletter. Also, members are not limited to just one presentation. Karen will print your second contribution in a future Creative Strokes issue. Signup sheets will be on the front table at meetings, or contact me at the information below. Further instructions and reminders will be emailed or mailed to members who have signed up.

Mary Kehoe,

FAF Vice-President,

Chairman of Creative Strokes, Special Articles,

Email: mdkfarm@aol.com (put FAF on the subject line) | ph: 248-478-3998



Our speaker for October 11, 2023 is going to be one of our favorites, Wendy Evans.

She is going to be speaking on *Ancient Mesopotamia: Cradle of Civilization*. The wars there that are causing a wealth of history to be lost or destroyed in Iraq, Syria and other countries in the region. Mesopotamia is called the birthplace of civilization and Wendy will talk about the museums, heritage sites, and archaeological areas.

MEMBER GALLERY AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fran Seikaly has three pieces in
the Livonia Fine Arts Competition.



Hydrangea | Watercolor
– **Geri Near**



Flying High | Watercolor
– **Margaret Platte RSM**



Aruba Lacewing | Colored Pencil
– **Karen Reasoner**



Wandering of the mind
– **Geri Near**