



Creative Strokes

Farmington Art Foundation

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

As those of you still in the Metro-area know, we have entered a full-blown Michigan winter. The last few weeks have been single digits temperatures with several days of snow. I am a little behind in writing this newsletter because of the impact of the weather. The last



Sunshine Cards are available!

Let our members know we are thinking of them.

Email Sharon Daitch at kramerdaitch@aol.com to have a FAF Sunshine card or note sent from our organization. Please put "Sunshine" in the subject line.

snow fall knocked out our power and internet. My aging laptop battery no longer holds a charge resulting in me dragging a ten-foot extension cord around the house whenever I use the computer. My attempt to write this was prevented during the power outage. Without electricity or lighting it was impossible. After this outage I should schedule a visit to the Apple store to install a new battery that will hold a charge and allow me to compose a letter without a long extension cord. My reason for the delay is, I do not enjoy visiting the Apple Store and the timing of when to be without a computer is also problematic.

I received an e-mail from Dwayne Hayes the day after our last meeting. The purpose of the letter was to ask us to restart our relationship with KickstART by renting a wall about 20 feet long, in his new facility for club artists to display their art. The cost to the club and the commission charged to the artists on sold art would remain the same. The club officers will consider Dwayne's offer this week. I welcome your thoughts on if FAF should renew our partnership with KickstART? I would like to ask if, as an artist, would you possibly be interested in participating in Kickstart if it returns?

In the last newsletter I asked for input from club members on topics that effect the club and its members. I appreciated greatly the response I

got from a member last month. Please consider sharing your suggestions on how to improve the club to fit your needs. Another way to be involved is to attend members meetings and learn about current events concerning the club.

Several things that members may want to consider sharing their opinions are on KickstART rental space, the problems members face with attending evening meetings and last is Art Smart sustainable? I would appreciate your ideas on these and any other thoughts you would like to be considered. I believe that it is not in the club's interest to have decisions made by one person without input from others in FAF. FAF has the potential to see a significant increase in involvement with several opportunities in 2024. The July artists show, Art Night at Gill school, and some others are in discussion stage. The club could use your help. Is there a way you could be of help to your club?

As I finish writing this month's presidents letter, I realized how few meetings are left before the club suspends for the summer. Perhaps if you have an open Wednesday, you will consider attending a meeting.

Richard Adams,
President FAF | readams50@yahoo.com



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: 2024

February 14:
Wendy Evans
March 13

April 10
May 8



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

Liberty Street Exhibit: Farmington Library

FAF Library exhibiting artists are: Chuck Schroeder and Deborah Brown Cage share February; and Linda Pelowski for March. Please contact me to check upcoming availability, if you wish to show your work.

– Kathy Boettcher | Katmb@att.net | 248-471-5563



Costick Center Art Show & Photos

The January 8th Art Show was set up and we have over 8 artists participating. We have a variety of art pieces. We have been selling our art pieces. The last show we sold 2 paintings.

Our next show will be on March 25th. Deadline for the show is March 4th. See Mary Clappison at the meetings to sign up or call: 248-489-5749. My email is: dec1105@aol.com

It is important to sign up, have your work framed with a wire on the back, your labels on back and give me your name, medium used and price and number of paintings. We need this by March 4, 2024. We have deadlines to be met because we type up your artist labels and a sheet with all the information. We have room for 28 paintings. If you sell a painting you can put another one in its place.

Remember there is no fee to participate. My phone number will be up on the wall. I will contact you when a person is interested in buying your painting. Then, you can make arrangements for meeting the buyer and collect your money. See you on March 25th at 9:30 for pick up of the previous show and setup. If you cannot be there at that time please make arrangements by having a friend picking them up or setting up delivery.

Thank you Beth Hull and Lynn Manzi for your help in the show.

– Mary Clappison



Photos by: Lynn Manzi

MEMBER GALLERY & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Dean Rogers is teaching a two-day workshop in conjunction with the Midwest Colored Pencil Exhibition called "**Reality, Fantasy, and Beyond: A Venture in Creativity**" **March 9 and 10 from 9:30am to 3:30pm**, at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Rd, Livonia, MI 48154. It will consist of a PowerPoint presentation focusing on creating a series, and multiple projects with a focus on creativity. For more info contact Diane Radtke at rradtke01@comcast.net

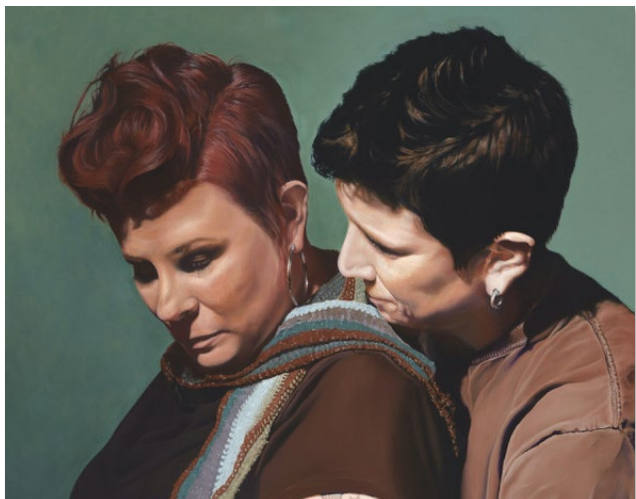


Draggin' Down the Street – **Dean Rogers**



Fran Seikaly won Best in Show at the GPAA Weather Show for the oil painting "*Eye of God*" (pictured top) Sixty artists entered 120 pieces. She also has a double

portrait oil "*Yve & Amy*" (pictured right) painting in the Lawrence St. Gallery's The Body Electric show.



True Peace Is – **Yevgeniya Gazman**



Lake Huron in Northern Michigan | Watercolor
– **Margaret Platte RSM**