



Creative Strokes

Farmington Art Foundation

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KICKSTART ART GALLERY



The latest display at Kickstart starts in early October and the tentative date for hanging is October 7th. This display will last through the month of November. Attached to the newsletter is the form for submitting artwork to be included in the display. Please note that this month the entry forms are to be mailed to Cathy Szumlinski: cathyski@mac.com

LIVONIA CITY HALL

Please plan to attend the next meeting to congratulate the winners of the show at the Livonia City Hall. Certificates and checks will be awarded at the September meeting. For any additional information, contact Jan Hall at (248) 921-3939 or janhall46@sbcglobal.net

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Volunteer Bench

Hello fellow artists and members!

We're putting together something new and exciting at Farmington Arts Foundation—and we could use your help! Introducing our "Volunteer Bench" – a flexible no commitment list of members who are willing to step in occasionally to help with: Hanging artwork or taking it down at FAF exhibits when the curator team is shorthanded.

Exhibit locations are:

- Downtown Library
- Costick Center
- Kickstart
- Additional exhibits that we may acquire.

Volunteer to do discovery and research of new ideas and events presented to the club.

We know life gets busy... even if you're only available occasionally, we would love to include your name on the Volunteer Bench. This is an opportunity to be involved in the club without an ongoing commitment. Please sign up at the September meeting or reach out to me.

Thank You

Richard Adams
Farmington Art Foundation President



ART, COMMUNITY, AND YOU!

This past year has been an exciting one for the Farmington Art Foundation with growing attendance, member artwork featured in community exhibits, and a variety of inspiring art programs and guest speakers at our monthly meetings. We love seeing our members share their talents and passion with the community!

As we head into a new season, we'd love to see even more familiar faces back at our meetings. If you haven't joined us in a while, consider this your invitation to reconnect. And if you're new and simply curious about art, you're warmly welcome to attend as our FREE guest! Come experience an evening art program, meet fellow creatives, explore how you can get involved, and discover why so many enjoy being part of FAF.

Want to stay connected? Sign up for our monthly e-newsletter, *Creative Strokes!* Just email our coordinator, Karen Reasoner, at k.reasoner@gmail.com with "FAF" in the subject line. Don't forget to mark the address as SAFE so you won't miss out on updates, reminders, and news.

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Join us for our next meeting: Tuesday, September 10 at 6:45 PM! We hope you join us!

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: 2025-26

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| September 10: Jill Wheaton from the DIA presents "Artists: Self-Portraits" | January 14 |
| October 8 | February 11 |
| November 12 | March 11 |
| | April 8 |
| | May 13 |

No Meeting in December

Many of programs are currently TBD.

Updated information will be provided when available.

Program Announcement: Jill Wheaton Wednesday, Sept. 10: Artists: Self-Portraits

Jill Wheaton, docent at the Detroit Institute of Arts, will guide us through how artists across history have chosen to portray themselves and the creative choices behind these fascinating works. – Linda Shewbridge, Program Chairperson



**Liberty Street
Farmington
Library Exhibit**

The Liberty Street Library
is currently showing the
work of **Kevin Grow**.

**September, October
and December are open!**

If you wish to show your
work call : 248-471-5563 or email
me, Kathy at: katmb@att.net
There is no commission on sales.



Pathways to the Self

Four artists share their creative
quests to discover why they
photograph what they do.

Each presents a unique portfolio
of images that reveals their
personal, inner journey.

Joel Geffen Pollyanne McKillop Pamela Sayre Tim Haber



Aug 29 – Sep 24, 2025

The Gallery at Westland City Hall
36300 Warren Rd., Westland, MI

**We are excited to invite
you to our next "Pathways"
photography exhibition!
This is our third and final
exhibit for 2025.**

"Pathways" is a group of four
emerging photographic artists: **Joel
Geffen, Tim Haber, Pollyanne
McKillop, and Pamela Sayre.**

"Pathways," short for "Pathways
to the Self," is also a philosophy.

We believe that photography,
ultimately, is self-portraiture.
Pathways is founded on the
proposition that if we can determine
why we photograph what we do and
why we care about certain subjects,
we can better create compelling art.

Each "Pathways" artist has given
much thought, often soul-searching,

devoting themselves to explore a
subject of great personal meaning.
It is from this foundation they
have developed a photographic
project of professional quality.

Please stop by and experience our
"Pathways" photography exhibition:
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A reception in which you could
talk with each of the artists has,
unfortunately, not been possible
for this exhibit. Regardless, our
images and artist statements are on
display for your enjoyment and at
your convenience. Whether you've
experienced our previous Pathways
exhibits or this will be your first –
welcome! We're excited to share
our work – ourselves – with you.

Our sincere THANK YOU to The Three Cities Art Club for hosting our exhibition.

SUNSHINE CARDS FOR ANY OCCASION

**ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE TO
BE SENT TO FAF MEMBERS
FROM OUR ORGANIZATION.**

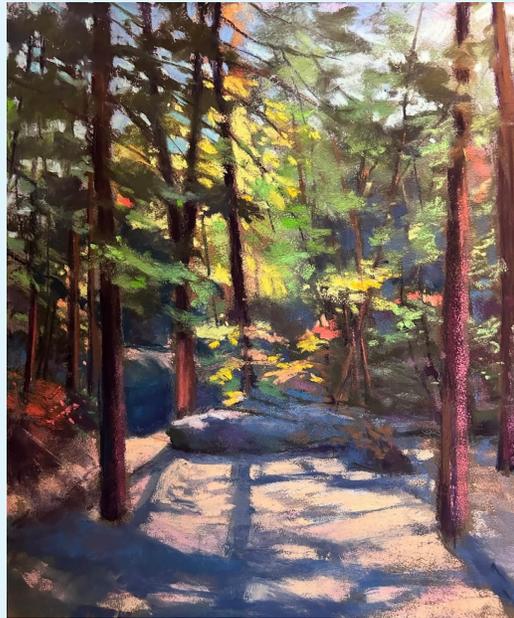
Just notify Sunshine chair Sharon
Daitch at KramerDaitch@aol.com

Be sure to put "Sunshine"
in the subject line.



MEMBER ART & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Linda Pelowski currently has a dual show at the Susan Haskew Art Center in Milford, running through September 10. The reception had a great turnout with many sales! She received an Honorable Mention award for her pastel *Hocking Hills* (top below) at the Great Lakes Pastel Society Members Show in Frankfort this summer. In August, she also participated in the Dexter Plein Air event, no awards, but she sold three out of her four entries.



Dexter Plein Air event



Grow Love | Acrylic on canvas 2025 | 16 x 20
– Yevgeniya Gazman

Costick Center Display

DATE: September 8, 2025

Please pickup
paintings on
this date:

**Monday,
September 8th
9:30 – 11:00 a.m.**
Setup will be at the
same time & day.

To be considered for
the show, please
submit request to:

**Mary Clappison:
248-470-4793
or submit an
email response to:
dec1105@aol.com**

I will contact you to remind
you of the previously
displayed work by email or
phone. Please have label on
back giving your name,
picture name, medium used
and price wanted. Please
advise by September 1, 2025.

Thank you.



Young Buck Feeding | Watercolor
– Margaret Platte RSM



Picking Flowers | Watercolor | 11x14
– Mary Kehoe



Defiance | Acrylic on canvas | 30x40
– Anna Carbonell

Teri Pattison has three paintings displayed in the summer exhibit at UM Matthaei Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor called "An Ode to Nature: Michigan Made". *Untamed* (pictured below) and *The Wild Ones* have sold, but all submissions will be hanging through Sunday September 14 when they hold a reception from 2-4PM.

