



Creative Strokes

Farmington Art Foundation

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear members and artists,

As the colors of autumn begin to unfold, I find myself reflecting on the changing seasons— not just in nature, but within Farmington Art Foundation. This year has brought both inspiration and introspection, and I want to share with you thoughts on where we stand and where we hope to go.

Like many community organizations, we are facing challenges that required our collective creativity and commitment. Our membership

numbers have declined and with fewer hands, our financial stability and leadership structure are feeling the strain. We are in need of officers and committee members to help guide our future, and I urge anyone with a passion for art and community to consider stepping into one these roles.

To address these concerns, I've reached out to former members with personal invitations to rejoin our meetings. Reconnecting with past members is not only a way to strengthen our numbers, but also to rekindle the spirit that has always made the Foundation special.

I also introduced a new initiative—the Volunteers Bench. This is a flexible way for members to offer their time and talents on a one-time or occasional basis. Whether

it's helping set up an event, assisting with communications, Or sharing ideas every contribution matters. No commitment is too small.

Despite the hurdles, I remain hopeful. I believe that with your support, we can reinvigorate our community and continue to foster creativity in Farmington.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Let's move forward together.

Warm regards,

Richard Adams

President, Farmington Art Foundation



Friendly reminder: The next KickstART display starts on October 7th and entries (see entry form attached to the newsletter) are to be sent to Cathy Szumlinski: cathyski@mac.com

Reminder: Exhibit at the Liberty Street Library!

Be our featured artist at the downtown Farmington Library. December is available and all of the 2026 calendar is open!

To reserve your spot today, contact Kathy at katmb@att.net or call 248-471-5563. No commission on sales.



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

October 8	<i>No Meeting in December</i>
Kimberly Vance Owner of the "Life in the Craft Room" store	January 14
November 12	February 11
Edee Joppich Unfinished Member Critiques	March 11
	April 8
	May 13

Many of programs are currently TBD.

Updated information will provided when available.

Program Announcements:

Kimberly Vance: Wednesday, October 8 Life in the Craft Room

Kimberly has a long career in the arts and crafts world. Her store is in Farmington Hills and she teaches many classes and has various groups meeting in her shop. Also, there is a separate section for local artists to display their art which will be of interest for the FAF members who like to sell their work.

Looking ahead: Edee Joppich will host one of her famous "Critiques" for our November 12th meeting. Everyone should bring at least **TWO** of their unfinished paintings for Edee to help you with. She always has such great ideas on solving design problems. It is always so much fun with all the FAF members input.

— Linda Shewbridge, Program Chairperson



MEMBER ART



Let's Talk About Tees, Series: Season 1
Acrylic on canvas | 30 x 40
– Anna Carbonell



Let's Talk About Tees, Series: Season 2
Acrylic on canvas | 30 x 40
– Anna Carbonell



On the Lookout | Watercolor
– Margaret Platte RSM



Autumn | Watercolor | 11x14
– Mary Kehoe



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