

SAG NEWSLETTER

SPRINGFIELD ART GUILD

Our Guest Speaker this month will be Gwynne Mason

Professional Fiber Artist and Handmade Paper Maker

Gwynne will explain her unique paper making process for us and then do a short demo. We will have a chance to try out her hand made papers using materials of our on choice. There will be some pens, watercolors, acrylics, a few pastels, oils paint and some brushes for the members to use. You are all welcome to bring your own supplies. Everyone will have a chance to try out these one of a kind papers.

See more about Gwynne Mason on page 9.

Story by *Stephanie Bianco*

Artist Statement

My passion for making handmade papers arose from an early exposure to fiber arts, which were taught to me by my grandmother, Jessie Bloch. I have loved the texture, appearance and possibilities of natural fibers ever since. I currently specialize in making papers out of plant sources that occur naturally in the United States with a strong emphasis on plants that are bio-sustainable resources. Out of my long interest

in environmentally low impact manufacturing practices, I have adopted eco-friendly methods for gathering and processing plant fibers into paper pulp. Out of concern for the long-term sustenance of the planet's environment, I also produce several lines of paper made from post-consumer recycled paper and fabric. My papers are suitable for a number of applications ranging from stationary; usage with oil, acrylic, ink and watercolor; and collage and decoupage.

Over the years I have used fiber as a medium to express my love and appreciation for the beauty I see around me and, frequently, for the disturbing, unpleasant or out-of-the-ordinary.

SAG Will Now Host Art Receptions At the Mall

The Springfield Art Guild will now hold a reception the first Sunday of each month to showcase the monthly art exhibits at our Springfield Mall location. The doors will be open to all visitors from 2 to 4 pm. Light refreshments will be served. All SAG members are encouraged to attend any reception but especially those whose art is on display. The receptions are intended to introduce the art works on display to the public by the artists who created them. Participating artists are urged to assist with hanging the show and/or assisting with the reception.

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Our next meeting will be on

Wednesday February 10th -7 PM

in the Springfield Mall Community Room
6500 Springfield, VA 22150

on the lower level close to JC Penney's

<http://www.springfieldartguild.com>

From Our President's Desk



Welcome to the new year! We've all been busy already planning for events for 2011. We are having our 3 Dimensional and Photography show this month. Our first reception will be held on February 6 from 2:00-4:00 P.M. with several of our members giving demonstrations that day. We plan to have receptions for each of our shows and will be seeking members who would like to demonstrate those days. March will be our student show, hosting Saratoga Elementary School, April may be a guest show month, May is themed 'Around Town in Spring'

for our members with a Member's Choice vote and prize at the May meeting and to wrap up the first half of 2011, we will have our traditional juried show in June. Springfield Days will be held again this year and we will have more information from Skeeter to come on that event.

We're getting closer to the start of our art program for the Wounded Warriors at Walter Reed. Tom Kollins is ready to go and is projecting a March-April beginning of his 8 week class. We are grateful to Tom for donating all his time and his original class design to this outreach program. We extend many thanks to those who donated funds to help purchase the art sets necessary for this class.

We are still hoping that some of our members will schedule classes. There is a real need for those willing to do Saturday classes for children. Contact a board member for information about teaching tuition or non-tuition classes!

We are now being advertised on the Springfield Mall web page, and are seeking other avenues to 'get the word out'.

Our membership continues to grow, making our current number over 100!

We urge each of you to schedule a day or two this year, only a few hours each time, to be a Gallery Attendant to have the doors open to the public more often. Be sure to bring your calendars to the meeting on February 9 so you can have your first choice of days!

Spring is just around the corner! Time to get started on that work for the May show!

Looking forward to seeing you at the February 6th reception and the February 9th meeting at 7:00 P.M.. As usual, both are held at Springfield Mall Community Room.

By Gloria Benedetto

Springfield Art Guild Calendar

February

- 9th - Monthly Meeting 7:30PM
(Guest speaker-Gwynne Mason)
- 14th - Board Meeting 7:30PM
(Springfield Mall - Community Room)

March

- 9th - Monthly Meeting 7:30PM
(guest speaker- Judy Wengrovitz)
- 14th - Board Meeting 7:30PM
(Springfield Mall - Community Room)

April

- 13th - Monthly Meeting 7:30PM

(guest speaker TBA)

- 18th - Board Meeting 7:30PM
(Springfield Mall - Community Room)

May

- 11th - Monthly Meeting 7:30PM
(guest speaker TBA)
- 16th - Board Meeting 7:30PM

June

- 8th - Annual Meeting and Art Competition
7:30PM
- 13th - Board Meeting 7:30PM

Ruth Ensley at Green Springs Garden



Ruth Ensley is showing her watercolor work at Green Springs Garden in the Historic House
from Feb. 28, 2010 to April 25, 2010.

The title for the exhibit is:

EXOTICS ET CETERA

Her show will consist of approximately 25 watercolors.

Ruth Ensley: rensleyart@yahoo.com

Congratulations
to our members
who juried in at the
Treasury of the Arts show
Vienna Art Society.



Judy and Sy Wengrovitz
Donnalynne Lefever
Betty Ganley
Ruth Ensley
Stephen Gawarecki
Carolyn Gawarecki--
(honorable mention)

SAG Welcomes Our New Members

Rosner, Robin

medium: oil

Robin can be reached at:

E-mail: rmrosner@verizon.net

You can check out her work on her web site at:

<http://www.robinrosner.com>

Ginny Monacelli

medium: three dimensional crafts

Ginny can be reached at:

E-mail: ginnymona@verizon.net

Sally Coler

of Alexandria, Va.

medium: Mosaics

Sally can be reached at:

E-mail: sallycoler@hotmail.com

The Franconia Government Center Show will be taken down on Saturday February 5th starting at 9am. If you are unable to remove your work please have a representative available to accept it on your behalf.

When sending e-mail regarding Springfield Art Guild business to any member please include, "SAG" in the subject line. If you do not your e-mail may be identified as SPAM and automatically deleted.

The Manassas Art Guild presents

Watercolor Workshop

The MAINE Event!



Journey thru photographs to the Maine coast with Michele Frantz.
For adults, all skill levels. View Michele's work at www.mycadia.8m.com.
More info at www.manassasartguild.org/

Saturday, March 19 ♦ **10 to 4**

at Manassas Baptist, 8742 Sudley Road, Manassas

\$45 members & seniors ♦ \$60 non-members

Send form to: Watercolor Workshop, c/o MAG, PO Box 3565, Manassas, VA 20108
For more information, contact Laura Lavanway, 703-369-1081, laura.lavanway@ngc.com

FRANTZ WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM • MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO MAG.
Deadline to register: March 11, 2011. 15 seats; first come, first served.

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

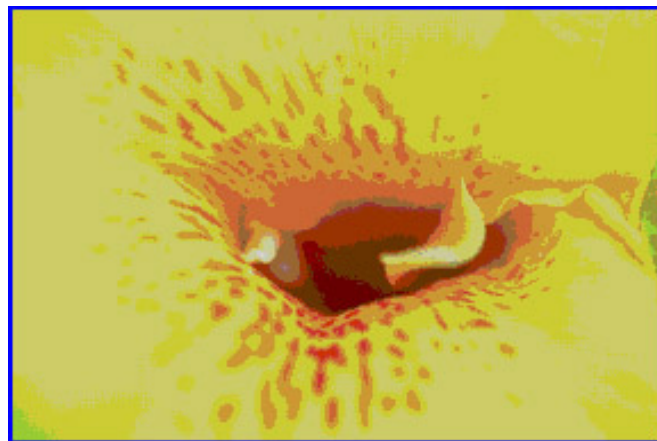
MAG member? Senior? Non-member? Registration fee of \$ _____ enclosed.

SAG Board of Directors

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The honor of your presence
is requested at the
Opening reception for

“Captured Light Rays”

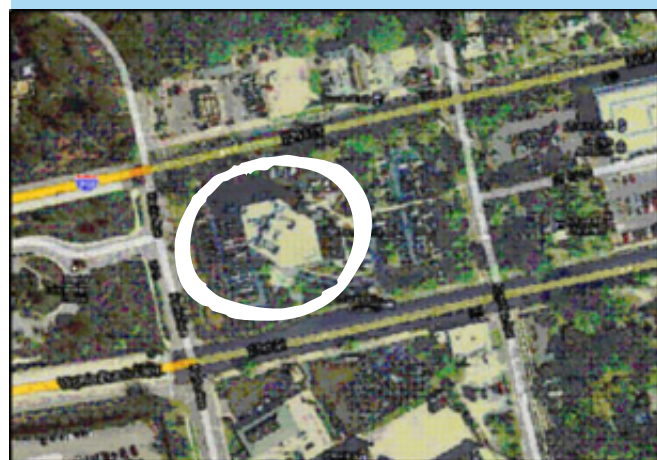
Photographic art by
Jon D. Strother

**The lobby and five floors at
Towne Pavilion Center I**
2101 Parks Avenue, Virginia Beach
(At the east end of I-264)

Thursday, February 3rd, 2011
5:00 – 6:30 PM

Refreshments will be served

Viewing February 3 – April 1
9:00 AM – 5:30 PM Monday - Friday



Party Crashers at Artisphere

Comic Book Culture Invades the Art World



Saturday, December 11, 2010 - Sunday, February 13, 2011

A collaborative exhibition between Artisphere and the Arlington Arts Center. The exhibit at Artisphere in the Terrace Gallery, examines the ways in which comic art's influence is evident in the pieces and working methods of fine artists. Bold black lines, flat expanses of solid color, sequential storytelling and the joining of literature and imagery are common facets of artworks made today. Whether consciously or unconsciously, fine artists co-opt this powerful pop culture idiom's history, formal elements and narrative devices to tell their own stories.

The sister exhibit at the Arlington Arts Center features the work of alternative comic artists, including published works, original pages and pieces in a variety of media made specifically for the gallery.

Exhibiting Artists: D. Billy (NYC); iona rozeal brown (NY/DC); Eric Cheevers (DC); Anna U. Davis (DC); Nekisha Durrett (DC); Jim Houser (PA); Tim Kerr (TX); Matt Leines (PA); Thom Lessner (PA); Ryan Nelson (MI); Oura Sananikone (VA); Zach Storm (DC/MD). Curator: Cynthia Connolly

Terrace Gallery

@ Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22209

Free parking after 6 pm & weekends

703-875-1100

arlington arts

<http://www.arlingtonarts.org/>



SAG Artist of the Month Opportunity

If you would like to be considered for the Springfield Art Guild, Artist of the Month please send a note expressing your interest and at least 2 jpg images of your work to SAG Newsletter Designer, Reggie Garrett at: reggiedrew@aol.com

A new roster is currently being developed for 2011 and all SAG members, regardless of tenure, will be considered. You could be a featured artist. We will fill the 10 slots and an additional 5 slots as alternates by random drawing.

This year for the first time each artist of the month will be featured on the front page of our website. His or her work will also be given a place of prominence at our mall location to display those works chosen. A ribbon distinguishing the works as the month's honored artist will be placed on each piece. A full page spread in our well distributed newsletter will be produced providing a permanent recording for your scrapbook of accomplishments. The Springfield Mall website will feature the artist's name along with the announcement of reception information-- Check out Events Calendar at <http://www.springfieldmall.com/events.aspx/> now to see the February SAG events listed!

There are still a few slots available for this year, so do not delay. We will let you know as soon as all the slots are filled if you have been selected.

Good luck to you all!

Reggie Garrett

SAG Newsletter Designer

Announcing Our SAG Members Show for May 2011

"Around Town in Spring"

**This show is open to all members
using any medium you choose.**

Although this is not a juried show, we are going to have a Members' Choice Award with a prize! The voting will take place before the May meeting, between 7:00 and 7:30. Two works per artist will be accepted on a first come first served basis. Our entry cutoff will be the allotment of available space at our Mall location. Hanging works should not exceed 15 lbs., dimensions limit is 30 inches per side.

The drop off date for this show will be Saturday, April 30th and the take down will be Saturday May 28th. There will be a member's choice voting at the May meeting with a prize for the winner.

There will be a reception for this show at the Springfield Mall SAG gallery, near Penney's on the lower level; on Sunday, May 7th from 2 to 4 pm. Participating artists are urged to assist with hanging the show and/or assisting with the reception.

SAG Artist of the month

Charlotte Landis

Childhood memories of weekends in the garden with my parents most likely led to my enjoyment of gardening as an adult. As a master gardener, I am intrigued with the patterns in nature. My love of the natural environment has been the inspiration for my watercolor paintings. I like to bring attention to small things that we take for granted and invite the viewer to take a closer look.

Painting was a natural transition with my academic scientific background. The chemical elements, their properties, and their reactions with one another can be seen in the reactions of watercolor paints on paper. Natural designs uplift my spirits and I search for the same peace and tranquility that I experience in my garden. Time spent in the studio is an opportunity to express subject matter with emotion and interpretation.

I started to exhibit works in 2007 at “Young at ART” and have since shown at Green Spring Gardens, Lorton Arts Foundation, City Hall, Art League, Del Ray Artisans, Gallery West, and Metamorphosis.

I am a member of Potomac Valley Watercolorists, Virginia Watercolor Society, Springfield Art Guild, Alexandria Art League and Del Ray Artisans.

Works are currently shown in Alexandria at the Bin Gallery in the Art League Gallery, Kelly’s Art & Frame, Show of Hands, Frame Factory and on the internet at www.springfieldartguild.com www.kellysartandframe.com, www.metartshow.com, and www.ashowofhands.biz.



Fatal Attractions



Changing Seasons



From the Market



Jack’s Sermon



On Reflections

The Franconia Government Center Reception



Photo by Deane Allen



Photo by Deane Allen



Photo by Deane Allen

Representative Jeff McKay hosted a reception on January 22, 2011 at the Franconia Government Center in Springfield. Our Springfield Art Guild participated in this annual event by providing an art show with People's Choice voting and a raffle for donated art works. Reggie Garrett was lead on this endeavor guiding the preparations, drop off and installation of the show. In addition, he donated a painting to go along side the donated works of Skeeter Scheid and Donnalynne LeFever. In all, 7 wonderful, original works of art went home with 7 very pleased guests! Carie Cole assisted a staffer from Representative McKay's office in greeting guests, handing out and collecting the People's Choice ballots. Deane Allen was the guild photographer of the day. We were all immensely proud of the high quality and skill of the art representing our guild in this show. There were inquiries about purchasing and becoming a member! Our many thanks to Reggie for his hard work and donation, Skeeter and Donnalynne for their donations and our members for sharing their work. Great job, everyone!

By Gloria Benedetto

First place for People's Choice went to:
Sy Wengrovitz 'Denim Jacket'
Second place: John Fratta 'N'oreaster'
Honorable Mention: DonnaLynne Lefever
(tie between 2 of her works)
'Peaceful Moment' and 'Starburst'



Arts Council News

Beginning this year the Arts Council will coordinate and support the Fairfax County portion of two national surveys - the Arts & Economic Prosperity IV and the Local Arts Index. Both surveys are conducted by Americans for the Arts. These surveys are very important to the Fairfax County arts community as they will provide the information everyone needs to support advocacy and fundraising efforts, and will also help gather information from which to set the foundation for the County's master arts plan. If you are a Fairfax County arts organization you should plan to participate in these surveys. We will provide additional information on our website as we move forward.

Linda S. Sullivan
President & CEO
Arts Council of Fairfax County
<http://artsfairfax.org/about/staff-directory/contact>

A Paper Invitation

By Stephanie Bianco

“A couple of stems on my mulberry tree were just perfect,” Gwynne was saying. “We cut the stems and peeled the fiber off. There was just enough. We pounded the woody pulp to the point where it would form easily into a sheet inside the deckle box.” Sitting in my family room, Gwynne was recounting an experience with her teacher, Elizabeth Dyak.

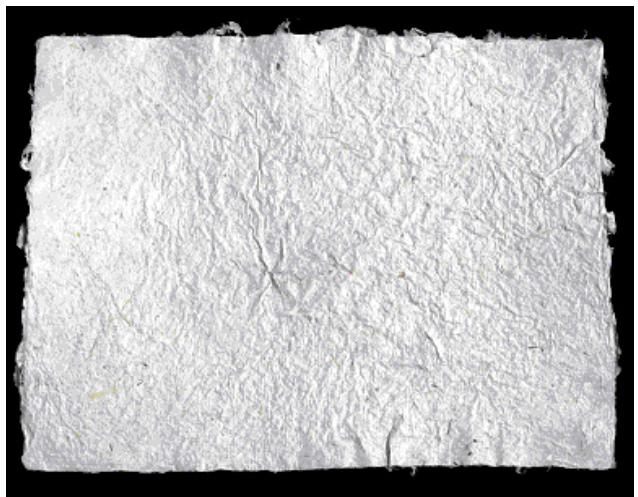
Gwynne Mason is a locally based paper maker. Each piece is carefully hand crafted. She experimented as long as 25 years ago with making paper, but encountered Elizabeth, who taught her thoroughly, about four years ago.

Since then, she’s made hundreds of pieces. She’s a one woman show. It takes about six weeks and some intensive labor to create full artisan quality pieces of paper.

“When the piece of mulberry paper dried, the end product yielded the most beautifully pearlescent paper lace. You could see the fiber peeking through when you held it up to the light and the paper itself was a work of art,” she recounted with a glowing face.

Top photo: Gwynne creating paper in her back yard. (She is not putting kitty litter into it; just repurposing the container.) Bottom photo: one of the pieces of paper made from the mulberry pulp that day. She also uses a variety of domestic grasses, denim, cotton, silk, and recycled waste papers, and never uses any Asian imported components.

Of course I thought of our extensive group when Gwynne mentioned she “would love to have artists to try my papers with their various media and techniques.” Any takers? She envisions dry watercolor, tie dye with weak concentration of pigmented ink or rubbing the textures with Shiva oil paint sticks. Maybe you have additional ideas? Think it over as Gwynne Mason is our featured speaker at the February meeting, and will sell the first sheet of paper for under two dollars.



To learn more details about her types of paper, visit
www.jessiesfibrenomicon.com .

And I’d love to hear of your adventures with this, and perhaps relate them in a future article.
I’m at: sbianco@hotmail.com.

Helen Barsalou

Last Months Guest Speaker



Our thanks to last month's guest speaker Helen Barsalou. Helen critiqued our annual members only event for the first time. For those who brought in a completed work Helen provided a fresh perspective and an objective eye. I was personally struck by her ability to deliver criticism without offense. As an artist it is sometimes difficult to have birthed a creation only to have it met with a lack of appreciation for your artistic vision. Helen's approach was pointed and constructive. She offered up some solutions to perspective, placement, and color options for those who expressed indecision or dissatisfaction with their own work.

Helen Barsalou was a genuine treasure as an art critic who did not seem to be put off by the diversity of mediums and varying levels of ability of our members. I look forward to her return as critic for our next annual members only event.

By Reggie Garrett

A little about our guest speaker: Helen Barsalou is a national award winning watercolorist who lives and paints in Annandale, VA. She is a former art director for a design studio and a research and development firm. Her paintings now are primarily watercolor and water media/collage. Helen taught watercolor for Fairfax County Adult Education and collage for The Art League in Alexandria. She frequently gives demonstrations for various art groups.

Her webpage:
http://web.mac.com/dilleyarts/Site/___Helens_Home_Page_.html





The Manassas Art Guild CALL FOR ENTRIES

The Manassas Art Guild is announcing a call for entries for its largest annual exhibit: eARTh 5. Artists working in all media are invited to enter. Both individual artists and groups are welcome. Art must relate to the themes of nature, gardens, the environment, recycling, life or other “earth-friendly” topics.

This year eARTh will be taking place on April 23. Once again we will be part of the greater “Spring Cleaning” festival, which draws thousands of potential customers into town every year.

The entry form can be found on the Manassas Art Guild website,

www.manassasartguild.org/events.

For more information, contact the show coordinator,

Michele Frantz, at myarcadia@juno.com,

703/791-5767.



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