



Franklin County Art Alliance Officers:

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### **Message from the President**

Greetings! The holidays are coming, and everyone is busy, but I hope you will include the November meeting in your plans. Our meetings keep us informed and are a wonderful way to see other artists. You also won't want to miss this year's Christmas party: games, music, good food and good friends - what more could you want! Read about it below. Happy Holiday Season!

*Jean Harshman*



**The Alliance's November meeting will be held on Saturday November 8, 1-3pm** (12:30 social time) at Grove Family Library (101 Ragged Edge Road South). The business meeting will begin at 1pm and the program will follow, featuring a demonstration by artist Jeanney Wharton of her multi-media painting and printing techniques. She will demonstrate how to add interest to a painting in progress by using collage papers. Jeanney will show us how we can use methods such as Gelli printing to create visual variety and interest.

Jeanney Wharton is originally from the bayous of southern Louisiana but has made Carlisle, Pennsylvania her home. She has a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree with a Specialization in Graphic and On-line Design from Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania. Her career path has been very diverse: from computer programmer and barge dispatcher to custom framer and gallery owner; but her work today concentrates on teaching and creating art. Jeanney has skills in many mediums. "The story I create is not from a still life or a photo

but a feeling that comes from my life experience, my subconscious, and the quest for discovering my truest authentic self. My hope is that the viewer can see or feel their own stories through my work!"

### **Holiday Gathering!**

The Alliance will hold its annual Christmas party from 2-4pm on Sunday December 14 at St. John's United Church of Christ, 1811 Lincoln Way East in Chambersburg. (Come see the site of our monthly meetings, starting in September 2026!) There will be food, games and prizes. Please bring finger foods to share - similar to what we have at the tea - and a white elephant gift to share! **RSVP to Jean Harshman by December 1**, by texting or calling and leaving a message with your name and the number of guests: 717-809-6245.

### **Save these dates!**

**Saturday January 10**, 1-3pm (12:30 social time): FCAA monthly meeting, painting demonstration by Claudine Jackson

**Saturday February 14**, 1-3pm (12:30 social time): FCAA monthly meeting, critique by Kate Keely

**Saturday March 14**, 1-3pm (12:30 social time): FCAA monthly meeting, watercolor demonstration by Janessa Travis

**Saturday April 11**, 1-3pm (12:30 social time): FCAA monthly meeting, portrait painting demonstration by Scott Meier

**Saturday, April 18**, 8:30-3pm, **Business of Art**, conference for artists, presented by the Foundry FCVB at 15 S.Main St. Chbg.

**Saturday May 9**, 1-3pm (12:30 social time): FCAA monthly meeting, program TBA

**June 5-11**: FCAA Annual Exhibition at Calvary United Methodist Church, 150 Norlo Drive, Fayetteville.

**Check out the Alliance online!** Danielle Riseley (danielleriseley@gmail.com) has redesigned, and will maintain, our website: [www.franklincountyartalliance.org](http://www.franklincountyartalliance.org). Please contact her with suggestions and questions!

**Alliance Notes:** If you are a paid-up member of the Alliance, you should be receiving occasional emails from the club. We only use these for messages we feel are important, so if you are not receiving them, please let Dee Henry know by sending her an email at [deehenry@gmail.com](mailto:deehenry@gmail.com).

**The Alliance dues - \$30 per year** - are due between July 1 and April 15, for the membership year of July 1 through June 30. Dues support the club by paying for our speakers, newsletter and donations to the Library and Church, which generously host our meetings and our show. If you have any questions about your membership status, please call or text our Treasurer Linda Gottfried at (973) 768-3186, or send her an email at [linda.gottfried2010@gmail.com](mailto:linda.gottfried2010@gmail.com). **Members are encouraged to pay their dues now, for the 2025-2026 year: one lucky member who pays before January 1st will win a free membership for next year!**

**News of our members:** If you have news to share about your art activities, please send it to FCAA Newsletter Editor Linda Best at [lmb402@comcast.net](mailto:lmb402@comcast.net) or call her at 717-369-2249.

**ON VIEW**

- Oct.-Nov.** **"Fall Into Art", Artworks by Foundry members**, Denim Coffee, 15 North Main Street, Chambersburg, Mon-Sat. 8am-3pm, Sunday 9am-1:30pm.
- Oct.31-Nov.23** **"It's a Colorful World"**, Valley Art Association Members at Mansion House Art Center & Gallery, 480 Highland Ave., Hagerstown. Fridays & Saturdays, 11am-4pm and Sundays 1-5pm, Free. 301-797-2867.
- November** **Pastels by Laurie McKelvie**, Grove Family Library, 101 Ragged Edge Road S., Chambersburg, Mon.9-5, Tues.12-8, Wed.& Fri.9-1, Thurs.9-8, 717-264-9663.
- Nov.1** **First annual Greater Waynesboro Art Studio Tour**, 9am-3pm, 14 artists including Alliance members Andrea Finch, Leslie McEntire and Anne St. John, in 6 locations within the Waynesboro School District, 717-655-2500 or <https://artsalliancegw.org>
- Nov.28-Jan.25** **"A Creative Celebration"**, Valley Art Association Members at Mansion House Art Center & Gallery, 480 Highland Ave., Hagerstown. Fridays & Saturdays, 11am-4pm and Sundays 1-5pm, Free. 301-797-2867.
- Nov.-Dec.** **"Photography by Foundry artist Jim Sabiston"** at Falafel Shack, 9 North Main Street, Mon.-Thurs.11-6, Fri.& Sat. 11-8, 717-404-8282
- Nov.-Dec.** **Paintings by Viktoriya Hoover**, Chambersburg Hospital, 112 N. 7<sup>th</sup> St., Main entrance, 8am-8pm.
- Nov.-Dec.** **Artworks by Wilson College students**, Coyle Library, Mon.-Fri. 9am-8:30pm, Sat. 9am-5pm, 717-263-1054
- Nov.1-Jan.25** **"Anything Goes"**, paintings & photography by 11 artists including FCAA members Leslie McEntire, Cindy Baker, Jean Frey, Maura Satchell & Marti Yeager. Gallery 50, 50 W. Main St., Waynesboro, Opening reception with live music and refreshments, Fri. Nov.7 5:30-8pm. Gallery hours Fridays 5--8, Saturdays 11:30--2:30, live music every Friday from 5:30-8pm 717-655-2500.
- Nov.8-Jan.2** **"Annual Winter Wonderland Exhibition"**, Nisei Gallery at Fort Ritchie, 14370 Reckord Ave, Highfield-Cascade, MD. Reception Sat. November 8, 6-8PM. Gallery hours: Thurs.-Sat.10-4. For more details visit [niseigallery.com](http://niseigallery.com)
- Nov 22 & 23** **18<sup>th</sup> Annual Foothills Studio Tour**, Saturday and Sunday, 10am-5pm, 14 artists including Alliance members Andrea Finch and Anne Finucane, at 8 home/studio locations around Fairfield PA. [www.foothillsartists.net](http://www.foothillsartists.net)
- December** **Photography by Jayne Shord**, Grove Family Library, 101 Ragged Edge Road S., Chambersburg, Mon.9-5, Tues.12-8, Wed.& Fri.9-1, Thurs.9-8, 717-264-9663.
- Through Dec.2** **"Painted On"**, photographs by Art Alliance member George Owens, Washington County Arts Council, 34 S. Potomac St., Hagerstown, MD. For more information call 301-791-3132.
- Dec.4-Jan.6** **"Annual Community Art Show: The Best Local Art of 2025"**, Washington County Arts Council, 34 S. Potomac St., Hagerstown, MD. Opening Reception Thurs. Dec. 4, 5-7pm, Gallery hours Tues.-Fri.11am-5pm, Sat. 10am-4pm, 301-791-3132 [www.washingtoncountyarts.com](http://www.washingtoncountyarts.com)
- Dec.6 & 7** **4th Annual Artists Studio Tour at Penn National**, 20 artists at 9 different home/studio locations in Penn National and beyond, Sat. & Sun. from 11am-3pm. **Alliance members include Donna Crissman, Andrea Finch, Anne Finucane, Jean Frey, Linda Gottfried, Janette Koons, Jim Mackey and Gloria Walker.** Works include paintings & drawings, fused glass, jewelry, photography, ceramics, woodworking, and decorative gift items. 973-768-3186
- Dec.-Feb.** **Artworks by Barbara Randall, Holly Strayer and Foundry members**, Denim Coffee, 15 North Main Street, Chambersburg, Mon-Sat. 8am-3pm, Sunday 9am-1:30pm.
- Through Jan.4** **"In Nature's Studio: Two Centuries of American Landscape Painting"**, Washington County Museum of Fine Art, Hagerstown, Tues.-Fri. 10am-5pm, Sat. 10am-4pm, Sun. 1pm-5pm (301) 739-5727 .

**Opportunities for learning****Washington County Museum of Fine Arts, 401 Museum Drive, Hagerstown, MD.**

Call 301-739-5727 for more information or to register.

**Oil Painting Class: Hudson River School Inspired Oil Painting with Chris Madden, November 6 from 10am-3pm**

Explore techniques of the Hudson River School painters as you create your own luminous oil landscape under the guidance of Chris Madden. \$90 members / \$100 general. Advance registration required. Supplies provided.

**Watercolor Class: Watercolor Winter Scene Card Making with Seth Holmes, November 29, 10am-12noon**

Create seasonal watercolor cards to share with loved ones. Artist Seth Holmes will guide you through techniques to capture winter beauty on paper. All materials provided. \$75 members / \$80 general. \$250 group-of-four rate.

**Valley Art Association, 480 Highland Avenue, Hagerstown, MD. (301) 797 – 2867****Bilateral Drawing Basics with Jessie Bunk, Thursday, November 6, 12 - 3 pm. Cost: \$35 for VAA members and Washington County Museum of Fine Art members and \$45 for non-members.**

Bilateral Drawing is the unique practice of using both hands simultaneously to create art! By engaging both hemispheres of the brain, this technique encourages artistic exploration and naturally induces bilateral stimulation, which can promote relaxation, reduce stress, and enhance creative thinking. We invite you to explore new art techniques—from simple to complex—and discover the profound connection between mind and body through this innovative and inspiring approach to creativity! Bring your own supplies; large sketch book and drawing materials recommended. Please bring lunch, water, and snacks! The deadline for registration is Oct.27th. To register, please contact Jessie Bunk at [Jessiebunk@gmail.com](mailto:Jessiebunk@gmail.com)

**Open Studio: Fulton County Library, 227 N 1st St, McConnellsburg, Wednesdays, 12:30-3. Call 717-485-5327 for details.**

There will be no instruction, just bring your own materials and join other artists in working together.

**Howard's Art & Frames, 1256 Dual Highway, Hagerstown; 301-733-2722; [howardsart@aol.com](mailto:howardsart@aol.com)****Airbrush classes with David Monet, cost \$70 plus supplies & \$25 registration fee (will be applied on first day)**

Morning class: Tuesdays, 10am-12noon, November 4th-December 16th (except Nov.25)

Evening class: Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:30pm, November 5th- December 17<sup>th</sup>, (except Nov.26)

David starts these 6-week classes by teaching the fundamentals of airbrushing by teaching lessons that will provide you with the necessary techniques to airbrush skillfully, plus going over basics of cleaning and maintaining the airbrush. Students will be offered assistance based on individual interests such as model building, illustration, cake decorating, etc.

**Watercolor Workshop with Seth Holmes, Saturday Nov. 22, 10am-12:30pm**

Cost: \$100 (includes supply kit) or \$65 (for workshop only)

"Plenty of students have told me they 'couldn't even draw a stick figure' yet ended up creating a unique painting they were genuinely pleased with in a class—and you can too—I guarantee it! I'll give you the tools to view things in a new perspective and teach you techniques that will help you capture the essence of an image through your own lens. My goal isn't to help you create something 'perfect', it's to equip you to create something that uniquely reflects you.

Email me at [info@holmeswatercolors.com](mailto:info@holmeswatercolors.com) with any questions."

**Watercolor Holiday Card Painting Workshop with Paul Berryhill, 10am-1pm, Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup>**

Cost \$65, all materials provided

Join us for a 3-hour watercolor workshop where you'll bring the creativity and Paul will provide the supplies. You will be creating original greeting cards to take home, using professional watercolor techniques such as blending, layering, and texture techniques. No experience needed — just bring your creativity and enjoy a relaxing afternoon of painting!

**Stained glass classes with Chris Parker****Chambersburg Rec Center, Third St., Chambersburg.**

All classes run 5:30-8:30 pm; cost: \$55 (\$50 if Boro resident). call CRC at 717-261-3275 to reserve your spot.

November 6: Pumpkin or Votive Holder

December 11: Holiday designs

**Furnace Run Park, 2244 Lindsay Lot Road, Shippensburg**

Call 717-230-7101 or 717-530-0261 or sign up at <https://shipparkrec.recdesk.com/Community/Program>

December 3: Winter theme #1

December 10: Winter theme #2

**More opportunities for learning**

**Adams County Arts Council** presents classes at their 125 S. Washington St., Gettysburg location. Call (717) 334-5006 or email [aa@adamsarts.org](mailto:aa@adamsarts.org) for more information.

**Painting Techniques using Acrylics or Oils with Elsie Shackleton, Wed. November 5-26, 10am-12noon, \$106 (\$96 members)**  
Learn about applying color techniques to canvas using acrylic paint while covering brush techniques, mixing and understanding color, methods of composition and more. You will design a mixing color chart and also have a fun painting challenge! Instructor demos, and hands on instruction. Materials list provided. A canvas is provided.

**Winter Landscape Watercolor Workshop with Nancy Groves, Saturday, November 15, 10 am – 3 pm**  
**Cost: \$85 (\$75 members). We will have a supply of all necessary materials, though you may bring your own if you prefer.**  
This workshop is a perfect entry point for beginners. Instructor Nancy Groves will help you develop a basic understanding of how to paint a winter landscape with watercolors! Students will learn about watercolor papers, different types of paintbrushes and tools, color mixing, and application techniques. During the class, you'll apply watercolor washes, create a winter cabin, and capture shadows on snow.

**Holiday Stained Glass Designs** with Chris Parker, Thursday, December 18, 5:30-8:30 pm. Cost: **\$55 (\$50 members)**  
Choose from a variety of holiday designs to create beautiful ornaments for your home or to give as gifts to loved ones. Join stained glass enthusiast Chris Parker, and choose from stained glass star, stocking, candy cane, or string of light designs. Create your piece using colors of your choice. You will learn cutting techniques, as well as the copper foil method, and leave with an amazing piece you created with the guidance of your instructor. These designs will create a beautiful sun catcher! No experience necessary.

**Classes at Grove Library**, 101 Ragged Edge Road S., Chambersburg, 717-264-9663.

Brief descriptions below: email Carol Rinehart for details: [crinehart@fclspa.org](mailto:crinehart@fclspa.org)

**Star book class** with Carol Rinehart, November 3 to 17, Monday mornings, 10am-12n

**Paint Your Own Welcome Sign**, Holiday Edition. Thursday, November 20th from 2 to 4 pm. Follow the demo or create your own design using acrylic paint. All materials will be supplied, and no experience necessary. A free program. To enroll, email [crinehart@fclspa.org](mailto:crinehart@fclspa.org) or call Grove Family Library, 717-264-9663, ext 1207. Class size is limited.

**Open Studio**, first and third Fridays in November and December, 10:30am-12noon, except for holiday weeks.

**Classes at Nisei Gallery**, 14370 Reckord Ave, Highfield- Cascade, MD 21719, 301-414-8790, or [Curator@niseigallery.com](mailto:Curator@niseigallery.com)

**Clay and Chardonnay: Hand-built Christmas Tree** with Lucinda Leaman, November 13, 6-8pm, \$65

Celebrate the season with a hands-on clay workshop where you'll create your very own festive Christmas tree! Perfect for beginners, this class will walk you through shaping, adding texture, and personalizing your tree so it's ready to bring holiday cheer to your home.

**Carlisle Arts Learning Center (CALC)**, 38 .W. Pomfret Street Carlisle.

Registration and supply lists at 717-249-6973 or [carlislearts.squarespace.com/adult-programs](http://carlislearts.squarespace.com/adult-programs).

**Creative Collage with Sue Marrasso**, Saturday Sept. 27, 11am-3pm. Cost: \$120 for the 4-hour class.

In this one-day workshop of collage art explorations, Sue will share her design knowledge and unique take on collage. Students will be guided step-by-step and create a distinctive, original collage artwork.

**Small Mixed Media Works of Art, with Sue Marrasso, Nov. 12, 10am-2pm. Cost: \$120 (\$135, non-members).**

Students will create small mixed media works of art. Great for gift-giving.

**Eraser Prints: Holiday Cards & Tags with Abria Donato, Dec. 6, 12-2:30pm. Cost: \$30 (\$45, non-member) + \$10 materials fee**

Learn how to carve an eraser, to make a stamp you can use to print cards and tags to use this Holiday Season! Students may create their own design or use a template provided by the instructor

**Figure Drawing, ongoing group:** This is a group meeting without instruction on Mondays from 10am-1pm at the Mansion House Art Gallery in Hagerstown. The usual session begins with gesture poses/sequence of brief poses, followed by 20-25 minute poses with short breaks every half hour. The professional model fee is \$20/hour split among four artists, that would be \$15 each. Because of increased gasoline costs, we have, on a voluntary basis, paying more than that. We pay the model in cash. If you are paying by check, the check would be made out to the model. Call Elaine Wolfe: (304)261-9583 (no text) with questions or to confirm attendance.

### ***Opportunities for showing your work***

**Carlisle Arts Learning Center (CALC)** welcomes entries in its 2026 Member's Exhibit, "Dandelion", with the theme of the color yellow! The show will be on display at their gallery at 38 West Pomfret Street in Carlisle from February 13-March 14, 2026. 2 pieces per member will be accepted, with a \$10 entry fee per piece, with delivery dates Tuesday Jan 27 through Tuesday Feb 3, during regular gallery hours, Tuesday-Friday 10am-5pm, Saturday 10am-3pm. Awards will be made by media and theme categories. For more information or to join CALC, call them at 717-249-6973 or go to [www.carlislearts.org](http://www.carlislearts.org)

**Chambersburg Hospital:** Alliance members can display their art in the busy hallway of the Chambersburg Hospital. Grateful thanks to Sharon Holoviak who organizes these shows, working with Jean Harshman and Barb Petrucci to hang them in this great location! Please contact Sharon at 717-658-6555 or [skbh53@gmail.com](mailto:skbh53@gmail.com) to sign up for a 2-month show; the space requires approximately 20 works. No commission is taken, but a 20% donation to the Hospital Auxiliary is requested.

**Chambersburg's Coyle Library** is open Mon.-Fri 9am-8:30pm & Sat. 9am-5pm, and exhibits there are possible for 1, 2 or 3 months. Lou Cowles, who organizes the exhibits in the 2nd floor gallery area, is looking for artists interested in displaying their work. It's a good space, with excellent lighting! Call Lou at 717-263-1054 or send her an email at [lcowles@fclspa.org](mailto:lcowles@fclspa.org) . Several months in 2026 are still available.

**Grove Family Library:** "Opportunities abound to display artwork at Grove Family Library in 2026. One great advantage to showing your work in a library is that many people will see it who are not inclined to go to a gallery, so the art gets exposure to a wider audience. If you have not seen our display space, it is a welcoming area located in the Library's senior center. Please call the library at 717-264-9663, extension 1207, or email me, [crinehart@fclspa.org](mailto:crinehart@fclspa.org). Thank you. Carol Rinehart".

**Chambersburg's artists' co-op, The Foundry Art Market**, is located at 54 Lincoln Way West, just ½ block west of the Square. The gallery continues to welcome applications from new artists. Visit [www.FoundryArtMarket.com](http://www.FoundryArtMarket.com) and scroll down under Home, or better yet, just stop by and meet a Foundry Artist. Many are members of the Art Alliance who enjoy the networking and collaborative aspects of Foundry membership – and having their work in a gallery with a growing audience. The shop is a busy place, open Friday through Sunday 11am-3pm, with additional hours during holidays and festivals.

**Fulton County Library**, 227 N. 1st St., McConnellsburg. Contact April Leese at 717-485-5327 or [aleese@fclspa.org](mailto:aleese@fclspa.org) for more information. The library welcomes artists to display their work for month-long exhibits.

**Want to just click on the links instead of typing them out? Go to our Newsletters at [www.franklincountyartalliance.org](http://www.franklincountyartalliance.org)**



#### **Gems Online:**

Take an online trip to the National Gallery of Art at [nga.gov](http://nga.gov) . Their website not only allows you to view works of art but contains links to listen to art stories, look up particular artists, or generate an AI gallery of art using simple phrases. There are links to many museums online such as [metmuseum.org](http://metmuseum.org) (Metropolitan Museum of Art) , [moma.org](http://moma.org) (Museum of Modern Art), or [artbma.org](http://artbma.org) (Baltimore Museum of Art) to name a few. So, sit back and take a trip to an art museum this winter. No bus trip required!

#### **FCAA Annual Workshop**

14 lucky artists participated in the Alliance's annual workshop. Presenter Linda Benton McCloskey lead the group in an exploration of acrylic abstract mixed media, focusing on color harmony and abstract composition. We'll hope to see lots of work in the abstract category of the 2026 Alliance annual membership show!

FRANKLIN COUNTY ART ALLIANCE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Member since (estimate ok!) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

ADULT \_\_\_\_\_ (\$30) HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT \_\_\_\_\_ (\$15) LIFETIME (60yrs & older) \_\_\_\_\_ (\$175)

Would you like to contribute to our FCAA Membership Award, funded by members, and awarded by judges to an outstanding work displayed at our annual exhibition? (any amount ok!) \_\_\_\_\_

Mail form and appropriate dues (payable to FCAA) to:

FCAA ATTN: Treasurer

P.O. Box 1341, Chambersburg, PA 17201

Note: If membership card is desired, please include a SASE

Membership year: July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026



Franklin County LIBRARIES The Franklin County Library System supports the Art Alliance not only with meeting space at Grove Library, but with their community art spaces open to all!

ZOELLER REAL ESTATE COMPANY Zoeller Real Estate supports the Alliance with storage space for our exhibition display racks

“The creative flow is ever-present. If you don’t feel it, breathe, walk, meditate—smile at the universe, and it will smile back.” Laura Jaworski

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