FRANKLIN COUNTY Art Alliance

Franklin County Art Alliance Officers:
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Message from the President

We are heading into the holiday season and our days will get busy! Remember to take a little time to slow down. I think working on a simple painting or sketch is a perfect "me time" activity: 15 to 20 minutes can really help reset your energy. The FCAA Christmas party is another great way to unwind: see details below. Happy Holidays!

Jean Harshman

Meetings – remember, we'll be at our new location - a more spacious room than in the past: St. John's UCC, 1811 Lincoln Way E, Chambersburg, Parking Lot B.



The Alliance's November meeting will be held on Saturday November 14 from 1-3pm (12:30 social time) at St. John's UCC, 1811 Lincoln Way East – Follow signs for Parking Lot B.



The business meeting will begin at 1pm and the program will follow, featuring a demonstration by artist Emily Frey. Emily Frey has been a member, student and instructor for the York Art Association for over 25 years. Her work has been recognized with Awards of Excellence in various shows and featured in York Arts-Artist Market Place, Bistro 71 Chambersburg, PA and The Framers Gallery in York, PA, Garth Gallery in Columbia, PA and is currently represented by The Switchboard Gallery and Studios in Columbia, PA. Emily is a retired middle school art teacher from Central York School District in York, PA, and earned her associate's degree of technology from the Art Institute of Philadelphia and a bachelor's degree from Shippensburg University. Through post graduate work, Frey obtained her teaching certification at Millersville University and a master's degree from Wilkes University.

"I paint because I love to watch an image reveal itself onto the surface as I work," she says. "I am attracted to a variety of subject matter from animals to still-life including abstract design. It is the shapes, forms and textures that intrigue me rather than the subject matter for its own sake. I like to get lost in the internal dialogue of questions and solutions on how to achieve various effects. For me, creating an image is like solving a puzzle or mystery."

The Alliance's Christmas Party will be held on Sunday December 13, from 2 til 4pm, at St. Johns Church room 116. Games will again be conducted by Dee Henry, promising a wonderful time. The food will be catered by The Carving Board and provided by FCAA. Please RSVP to Jean Harshman ASAP at jeanhrocky@gmail.com or text 717-809-6245.

Save this date:

Saturday, January 9, 1-3pm (12:30 social time): FCAA monthly meeting, sketchbook journaling demonstration by Nicole Troup.

Alliance Website News!

On our website we are creating a page with links to our paid members websites/social media artwork pages to help provide exposure. We are also interested in sharing your work on our instagram and facebook during the year. Please email the following information to Danielle (danielleriseley@gmail.com)

1. Your preferred name
2. 3-5 words that describe you or your work as an artist - like pastel artist, abstract multi-media artist, all mediums bird artist
3. Your website link, or social media handle if you use something like a dedicated Instagram page - if you do not have or do not wish to share your internet presence that is okay
4. An image that defines your work or your favorite piece - all images will be portrait orientation in display, will be resized or cropped to around 310x250 pixels
5. Title the email with this "Member Showcase- your name"

If you are willing to have 3-5 pieces shown on our instagram and facebook at somepoint during the year please send these with the artworks fully visible- I may need to adjust for posting but will only add empty background/framing - at minimum 720x1280 size images [portrait or landscape]

You can see fellow member artists at this page on our website - https://www.franklincountyartalliance.org/members-showcase

ON VIEW

November **"Fall into Art", Artworks by Foundry members,** Denim Coffee, 15 North Main Street, Chambersburg, Mon-Sat. 8am-3pm, Sunday 9am-1:30pm.

November **Watercolors and ink drawings by Judy & Tom Stenger,** Coyle Library, Mon.-Fri. 9am-8:30pm, Sat. 9am-5pm, 717-263-1054

November **Paintings by Doretta Wisler**, 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 **Nature Photography Display and Awards,** Charles Brightbill Environmental Center, 4773 Fort Loudon Road, Mercersburg, 2-4pm, 717-328-2126.

Nov.1-7 **Waynesboro Studio Art Club's 1st Annual Miniature Art Exhibition,** Mon.-Sunday 1-4pm, Artist Meet & Greet Thursday Nov. 9, 6-8pm, Gallery 35 East, 35 East Main St. Waynesboro. 717-729-7125.

Nov.6-Jan.30 **"Baker's Dozen"**, paintings & photography by 13 artists including FCAA members Seth Holmes, Leslie McEntire, Maura Satchell and Gloria Walker. Gallery 50, 50 W. Main St., Waynesboro, Opening reception with live music and refreshments, Fri. Nov.6 5:30-8pm. Gallery hours Fridays 5--8, Saturdays 10:30-4:30, 717-655-2500.

Nov.7-Jan.8 **"Annual Winter Wonderland Exhibition",** Nisei Gallery at Fort Ritchie, 14370 Reckord Ave, Highfield-Cascade, MD. Reception Sat. November 7, 6-8PM. Gallery hours: Thurs.-Sat.10-4. For more details visit Niseigallery.com

Nov.12 **Holiday Open House at the Foundry**, artworks by 35 local artists, Thursday 4-6pm, 54 Lincoln Way West, Chambersburg.717-816-7568.

Through Nov.15 **Nancy Horton Heefner Memorial Art Show**, Cofrin Gallery, Burgin Art Center, Mercersburg Academy, 100 Academy Drive, Mercersburg, 8:30am-4:30pm, Free. 717-328-6206.

Nov 21 & 22 **19th 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

Nov.21-April 28 **"American Animalier: Human and Animal Entanglements, 1751 to Present",** Washington County Museum of Fine Art, Hagerstown, Tues.-Fri. 10am-5pm, Sat. 10am-4pm, Sun. 1pm-5pm (301) 739-5727 .

Through Nov.29 **"Wonderful 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.

Nov.-Dec. **"Paintings by Foundry Artist Pam Bartl"** at Falafel Shack, 9 North Main Street, Mon.-Thurs.11-6, Fri.& Sat. 11-8, 717-404-8282

Nov.-Dec. **Paintings by Nicole Troupe**, Chambersburg Hospital, 112 N. 7th St., Main entrance, 8am-8pm.

December **Artworks by Wilson College students,** Coyle Library, Mon.-Fri. 9am-8:30pm, Sat. 9am-5pm, 717-263-1054

December **Paintings by Donna Crissman**, 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.

Dec.3-Jan.25 **"Annual Community Art Show: The Best Local Art of 2026",** Washington County Arts Council, 34 S. Potomac St., Hagerstown, MD. Gallery hours Wednesday-Saturday 11am-7pm, 301-791-3132 www.washingtoncountyarts.com

Dec.4-Jan.24 **"What's Your Favorite Color?",** 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.

Dec.5 & 6 **5th 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. Works include paintings & drawings, stained glass, jewelry, photography, ceramics, woodworking, and decorative gift items. Visit the Facebook page: Penn National Artist Studio Tour

Dec.-Feb. **Artworks by Foundry members,** Denim Coffee, 15 North Main Street, Chambersburg, Mon-Sat. 8am-3pm, Sunday 9am-1:30pm.

Through Jan.3 **"Kindred Spirits: Artists in the Tenth Street Studio Building",** Washington County Museum of Fine Art, Hagerstown, Tues.-Fri. 10am-5pm, Sat. 10am-4pm, Sun. 1pm-5pm (301) 739-5727 .

Want to just click on the links instead of typing them out? Go to our Newsletters at www.franklincountyartalliance.org

Opportunities for showing your work

Art on ICE: The Franklin County Visitors Bureau invites area artists to participate in the 2nd Annual Art on ICE, a winter art exhibition celebrating creativity, community, and the spirit of the season. The exhibit will be on display at the Franklin County 11/30 Visitors Center from January 15 -February 15, 2027. Open to artists aged 16 through adult, Art on ICE welcomes up to two original works in any medium. Two-dimensional pieces must be wired for hanging. Personally created digital art is accepted; however, AI-generated digital art is not eligible. There is no entry fee, and artists may choose to offer their work for sale. The Visitors Bureau will take no commission on sold pieces.

Key dates include:

- Entry Form Deadline: January 8, 2027
- Artwork Drop-Off: January 12-14, 2027, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
- Exhibit Dates: January 15 - February 15, 2027
- Artwork Pick-Up: February 16-18, 2027, 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Artwork will be displayed in the Visitors Center lobby, with additional space in the hallways if needed based on the number of submissions.

Participating artists are invited to engage with the public during four **IceFest receptions** at the Visitors Center:

- Thursday, January 28, 2027 — 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM
- Friday, January 29, 2027 — 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM
- Saturday, January 30, 2026 — 9:00 AM to 7:30 PM
- Sunday, January 31, 2027 — Noon to 4:00 PM

These IceFest receptions offer artists a chance to share their work, connect with visitors, and celebrate Chambersburg's vibrant winter arts tradition.

The Washington County Museum of Fine Art's annual Cumberland Valley Artists exhibition will be held June 19 thorough October 10, 2027. Entry information is not available yet but check their website: wcmfa.org/news-listing/call-for-entries

Winter Wonderland: This winter, the Barns of Rose Hill – a non-profit art center just over an hour south of Chambersburg - invites artists from across the region to share their interpretations of the season in their Winter Wonderland exhibition Nov.13-Dec. 24. "Whether your work captures the magic of the holidays, the beauty of a snowy landscape, or the simple pleasures of a winter day, we want to see it!" Artists working in all mediums and styles are welcome to submit their work; there is no entry fee if artwork is for sale, with 30% commission taken on sales. Deadline for submission: 5pm on Wednesday, November 4. Drop off of accepted artwork: Saturday, November 7, 3-8 p.m., or Sunday, November 8, 12-4pm. For more information or to apply: www.barnsofrosehill.org/call-for-art .

Carlisle Arts Learning Center (CALC) welcomes entries in its 2027 Member's Exhibit, "Tangled Up in Blue", with the theme of the color blue! The show will be on display at their gallery at 38 West Pomfret Street in Carlisle from March 26-April 24, 2027. 2 pieces per member will be accepted, with a $10 entry fee per piece, with delivery dates March 9-16 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

Chambersburg Hospital: Alliance members can display their art in the busy hallway of the Chambersburg Hospital, with openings available in 2027 for May/June, July/August, September/October and November/December. 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 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 . Several months in 2026 are still available.

Grove Family Library: "There are openings to show your work at Grove Library in July & August of 2027. 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. Thank you. Carol Rinehart".

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

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 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.

Opportunities for learning

FCAA member Sheila Druist offers one-on-one art lessons at her home studio in Spring Run, PA. Examples of mediums students can work in include acrylic, mixed media, gel printing, and floral relief sculpture. Students can bring their own ideas to class, or can work with Sheila's inspiration for the session. (Students should check when scheduling to ask if she has the skills for the specific project they wish to tackle!) Classes can be booked in 1-hour increments and can involve multiple hours if desired. Sheila can offer weekly classes or one-time classes depending on the student's needs. Subject matter we can explore include landscapes, florals, abstracts, animals, etc. Classes start at $35 and vary slightly depending on what materials we are using. Contact Sheila at wildflowerwhisperstudio@gmail.com or (717) 504-3585 and learn more about her at www.wildflowerwhisperstudio.com .

FCAA member Nicole Troup is offering a "Sketchbook Adventures in Italy" Art Retreat September 10-17, 2027 at Hotel Leone in the medieval hilltop village of Montelparo, Italy. Participants will learn how to create their own travel sketchbook journal by combining writing and sketching in watercolor and ink, gouache techniques, graphite, sketchbook journaling methods, design layouts, quick observational drawing/ painting skills, portable sketching methods and improving economics while painting on location, tips for packing and organizing art supplies for travel, best practices for working outdoors and on location and more. Find more at: www.nicoletroupmasterpiece.com/workshops and contact Nicole at nfntroup6@gmail.com .

Miniature Painting workshop with award-winning artist Beth de Loiselle, November 14th, 10 am - 2 pm at the Capitoline Center, 8360 Court Ave., Ellicott City, MD**.** Cost: $85. Students will learn the history and techniques of miniature painting with Artist Beth de Loiselle. Beth will share visual examples at various stages of completion, along with practical tips on this detailed painting process. Students will have ample time to begin their own piece(s) in acrylic or oil while gaining insight into composition, materials, and technique. Beth's unique technique stems from the fundamentals of the old masters taught to her at the Schuler School of Fine Arts. Since her graduation in 2005, she has taught at the Schuler School and Mitchell School. She conducts workshops in Animal art, Floral painting, scratchboard, and the art of miniature. Beth's artwork can be found throughout the United States and in France, England and Switzerland. She is an award-winning artist who has been lauded in International Artist Magazine and the Artist Magazine. Learn more about her art at www.bethdeloiselle.com and register by emailing mpsgspub@gmail.com **.**

Carlisle Arts Learning Center (CALC), 38 .W. Pomfret Street Carlisle. Registration and supply lists at carlislearts.squarespace.com/adult-programs or 717-249-6973 .

Printmaking: Reduction Linocut with Kristine Ferg, Saturday November 14, 10:30am-3pm. Cost: $135 & $10 material fee. In this process, students will draw a design, carve 2 different layers, and print the final piece.

Pen & Ink Basics with Sue Lowther, Wednesdays Nov. 11 & 18, 10am-12noon, $75 + $10 materials fee for 2-week class, Students will learn about different kinds of pens, paper, mark-making, creative line shapes and color.

Block Printed Holiday Ornaments & Cards with Abria Donato, Fridays Nov. 13 & 20, 6-8pm. Cost $95 + $20 materials fee. Students will combine printmaking and ceramics, carving a block print and then impressing it into round clay ornaments.

Alliance Notes: **Our dues are still only $30 per year - are due between July 1 & April 20, for the membership year of July 1 through June 30.** Dues must be paid to enter the annual show, and support the club by paying for our speakers, newsletter and donation to Calvary UMC, which generously hosts our show. **If you have any questions about your membership status, or would like a copy of a membership list, please call or text our Treasurer Linda Gottfried at (973) 768-3186.**

Important: 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 deejhenry@gmail.com .

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 or call her at 717-369-2249.

Gems Online: Check out artistsnetwork.com/free-art-instruction/ to see tutorials on lots of different art mediums. They also have courses for sale but why not look at the free stuff!



FCAA Workshop with Lynn Farris, Oct. 5-7

Opportunities for learning, continued

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

Small Mixed Media Works of Art with Sue Marazzo: Wednesday, November 4, 10am-2pm, $132 for 1-day workshop. Students will explore all-new mixed-media projects designed for artists of every level, while experimenting with different materials and techniques—ideal for gift giving or keeping as treasured creations.

Painting Techniques using Acrylics or Oils with Elsie Shackleton, Wed. November 4, 18 & Dec. 9, 10am-12noon, $106 for 4-day workshop. 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.

Make a Stained-Glass Pumpkin, Paw Print or Gnome with Chris Parker, Thursday, Nov.12, 5:30-8:30 pm. Cost: $66. Choose from a variety of designs to create beautiful ornaments for your home or to give as gifts to loved ones. Students will create their piece using colors of their choice, learning cutting techniques, as well as the copper foil method, and leave with an amazing piece that can be finished as a garden stake, nightlight or sun catcher. No experience necessary.

Introduction to Linocut Printmaking with Spencer Dofflemyer, Fri., Nov. 13, 5-8 pm, $67, all supplies included. Students will be guided through the entire process, from creating a simple design & safely using carving tools to inking & pulling their own prints.

Intro to Chalk Pastels with Emma Edwards, Fridays, November 13 & 20, 5:30-8 pm. $89 for 2-day class. Discover the colorful and expressive world of pastels in this beginner-friendly class! Students will work with soft pastels to create vibrant colors, blend smooth transitions, build layers, and add highlights and details to their artwork, guided step-by-step through a simple composition while learning the basic techniques needed to create depth, texture, and dimension. No previous experience is necessary—just come ready to experiment with color, learn something new, & create your own finished artwork!

Make a Stained-Glass Santa, Tree or Star with Chris Parker, Thursday, Dec.10, 5:30-8:30 pm. Cost: $66. Choose from a variety of designs to create beautiful ornaments for your home or to give as gifts to loved ones. Students will create their piece using colors of their choice, learning cutting techniques, as well as the copper foil method, and leave with an amazing piece that can be finished as a garden stake, nightlight or sun catcher. No experience necessary.

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

Classes at Grove Library, 101 Ragged Edge Road S., Chambersburg, 717-264-9663 or email Carol Rinehart for details: crinehart@fclspa.org . **Open Studio for Adults:** First and third Fridays, from 10 am to noon. Gather your supplies and your projects and come work in any art medium. Students get help and advice from the instructor, and everyone works on their own projects at their own pace. It's a nice group of supportive people who are progressing with their arts. No preregistration is needed and the program is free.

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.

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 19: Gnome or PawPrint or Pumpkin
December 3: Holiday designs

Furnace Run Park, 2244 Lindsay Lot Road, Shippensburg. Call 717-230-7101 or 717-530-0261 or sign up at shipparkrec.recdesk.com/Community/Program
November 5: Gnome or PawPrint or Pumpkin
December 3: Holiday designs

Valley Art Association, 480 Highland Avenue, Hagerstown, MD. (301) 79– 2867. Fall Watercolor Classes with Barb Weiss and Patricia Boyst, Fridays: November 6, 13, 20, December 4, 11, 18, 2026, 1 - 3 pm, Fee TBD. Some of the techniques demonstrated will be painting wet on wet, wet on dry, masking to protect the white of the paper, lifting paint from highlights, and transferring reference images to the watercolor paper to paint

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
Membership year: July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027

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Franklin County LIBRARIES

The Franklin County Library System supports the Art Alliance with their community art spaces open to all!

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"The chief enemy of creativity is good sense." **Pablo Picasso**

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