

SAG NEWSLETTER

SPRINGFIELD ART GUILD



Anna Shakeeva our February guest speaker

Anna Shakeeva was named one of the superb DC area artists by The Washington Post. Anna is well-known not just in the US but around the world as well. She was raised in Russia and was mostly influenced by the Russian art culture. Anna learned from the best while developing her own original style. Over the past twelve years Anna has been working with oil-based paint, creating a unique layering effect in her monotype prints. She also works in dry-point. Anna's prints are rich in details so fine that they appear almost as small pieces of jewelry.

Anna Shakeeva says she will share her way of doing monotypes through a demonstration of her own work. She says she will tell all her secrets and that we may use her secrets in our work.

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Our next meeting will be on
Wednesday February 10th -7:30PM
 at Grace Presbyterian Church
 7434 Bath St., Springfield, VA
<http://www.springfieldartguild.com>

Springfield Art Guild Calendar

February

3rd - Burke Library open painting studio
5:30PM - 8PM

10th - Monthly meeting 7:30PM
(Anna Shakeeva - oils)

15th - Board meeting 7:30PM (place TBA)

March

10th - Monthly meeting 7:30PM
(Pat O'Neill - watercolor enamel paintings)

15th - Board meeting 7:30PM (place TBA)

April

14th - Monthly meeting 7:30PM
(Cindy Brandt - glass & fiber)

19th - Board meeting 7:30PM (place TBA)

May

12th - Monthly meeting 7:30PM
(Carol Lopatin - acrylics)

17th - Board meeting 7:30PM (place TBA)

June

9th - Monthly meeting and Annual Art Competition
(Judge - Steve Fleming)

14th - Board meeting 7:30PM (place TBA)

THE SAG ART LIBRARY



I would like to encourage everyone to check out our SAG Library as it is growing and more friendly to the updated technology of today. Barbara Aigen (our librarian) is working hard to make everyone aware of this opportunity.

Donnalynne

Check out more about what's happening at our library on page 8 of this issue.

The Board votes:

At the January 18th Board meeting, we voted all in favor, to give the Librarian \$149.46 to purchase 4 new DVD's. We also voted in favor of buying and installing the picture molding for Springfield Mall.



Does Art Speak to You?

**Do you have a creative side that wants more expression?
How about encouragement and camaraderie too!**

**The Kingstowne Area Artists' Association "KAAA"
would like to serve this part of your life.**

Membership enrolment is now open

KAAA members meet once a month and have modest dues of \$20 a year. Our purposes are to network, socialize, learn from each other, and participate in opportunities to show and sell our work. The club is non-juried, which means you don't need to be judged on your art to join. And you don't need any particular level of ability or involvement; we welcome all visual artists (including photographers), professional or hobbyist. You will gain the opportunity to sell your art at one or two day events put on by the club locally and show your work in local venues. You may post your bio and photographs of your work on the KAAA website for a very modest additional fee. Check us out: www.kingstowneartists.com.

The group meets the second Thursday of the month, at 6:30 pm, at the Kingstowne Active Adult Center located at 6488 Landsdowne Center, Alexandria VA (at the intersection Telegraph and Beulah Roads next to Kingstowne Library.)

You may contact Ginny Sywyj at duchessducky@msn.com or Nancy Hannans nancyhannans@yahoo.com should you have any questions.

Gloria Bendetto

Is now showing at the Kingstowne Library

SAG member Gloria Bendetto is showing her work at the Kingstowne Library this month until February 18th. She has a variety of oil paintings on display.

To view Gloria's work, go to the information desk and a staff member will assist you

The Kingstowne Library is located at:
6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria

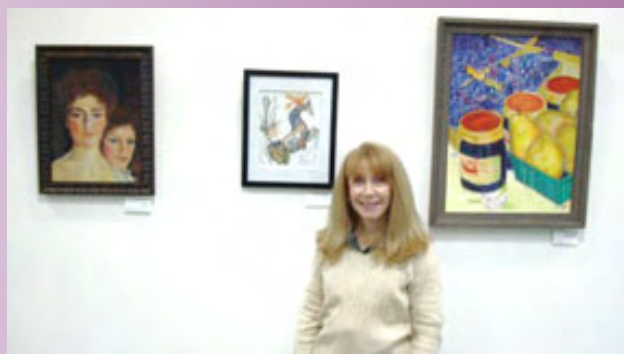
The hours of operation are
Mon-Wed, 10-8, Thurs-Fri, 10-6, Sat, 10-5

703-339-4610

To sign up for the opportunity
to show your work at the library contact

Deena Hunkler-Sanks at:
703-825-1334

or deenalynn@msn.com



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Welcome to SAG, New Member

Sandra Connelly

Sandra's medium is photography



"Wild Rabbit in a Flower Field"

See more of Sandra's work at:

<http://www.worldisround.com/home/sandra22/index.html>

Members are encouraged
to bring in their latest
art work each month.
(Show and Tell)

LYNNE HORSTMAN

February 2010

Springfield Art Guild Featured Artist for the Month

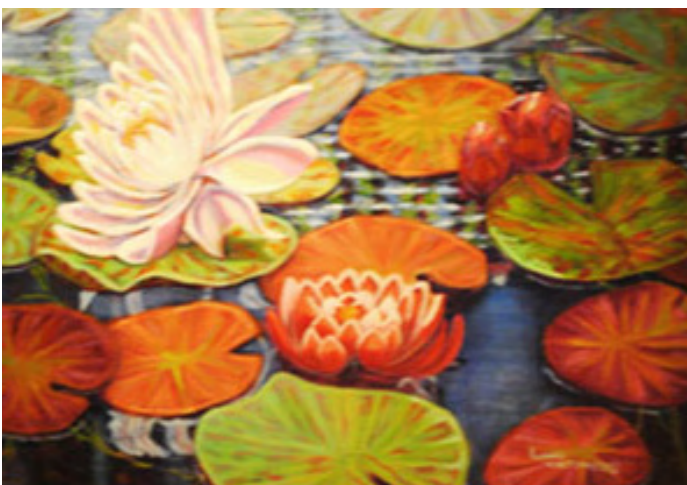
As a young girl, I was influenced by an artist, who was a teenager, and lived nearby. I used to love to watch her paint and she encouraged me to work with her with crayons she bought for me. I knew then, that I wanted to paint like her. I never had the chance to major in Art or have professional training, but another artist, along the way, told me to work on something every day, and I would see the



Change of Seasons 18"x24"

improvement grow. In the meantime, I married a Navy Officer, travelled, had 3 children, and had to wait until they were older to pursue art in a serious way. Several years ago, I joined my first art class with Susan Norman, and have been catching up on the knowlege and exposure I missed. I joined SAG and through the demonstrations and other activities I have grown more. I have exhibited many times at Green Springs, Goodwin House, Riverfarm, Franconia Government Center, Springfield Mall and other places. I love to paint scenes around Old Town and Georgetown, Florals, and Animals. I love bold colors, the play of warm and cool colors and dark and light. Art adds so much to my life and I'm grateful to be able to do what I love.

Lynne Horstman



Catching the Light 18"x24"



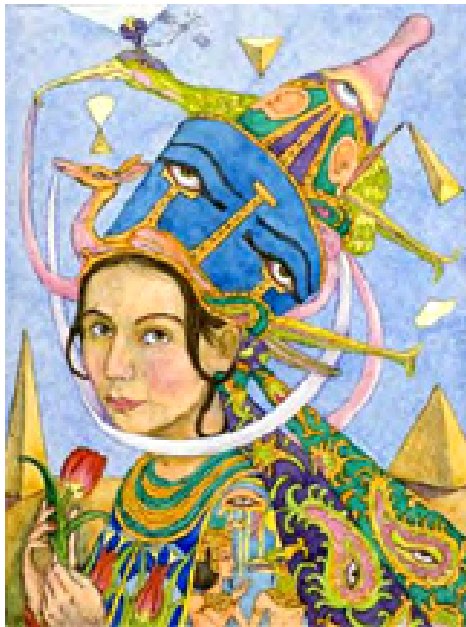
Old Pals 18"x24"

If you would like to know more about Lynne's work contact her at:
lynneh99@aol.com

Anna Shakeeva

guest speaker at SAG
Wednesday February 10th

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the Torpedo Factory Art Center, Studio 304

105 North Union Street, Alexandria, Virginia, 22314

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(703) 855-7203

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mail@annashakeeva.com

See more of her work at:
<http://www.annashakeeva.com>

THE LOFT GALLERY
BIGGEST SALE OF 2010
Sale Starts: Saturday, January 23 at 11 am!

ONE
OF A KIND SALE

Great Savings on Original Art by 20 Local Artists

SAVE UP TO 70%

Don't miss our *once a year* Inventory Sale
Paintings, Sculpture, Photography and more!

Sale Dates: Saturday, Jan. 23-Sunday, Feb. 28

313 Mill Street, Upstairs, Occoquan, VA 22125 (703) 490-1117

Open Tue-Fri 11am-4pm; Sat 11am-5pm; Sun 12pm-5pm

<http://www.loftgallery.org>

Cheap Joe's Artists Tip Library

Artist lessons updated monthly on all kinds of media. Includes downloadable PDFs of each lesson.

Cheap Joe's Artists Tip Library is an instructional resource of art information for beginning, intermediate and advanced artists. These tips are published monthly with the help of our fellow artists and delivered right here for you to download or view, So check back often!

Cheap Joe's Art Stuff

<http://www.cheapjoes.com/art-instruction/art-lessons.asp>

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1-800-227-2788

The Franconia Government Center show and reception 2010



A special thanks to all of our artists that donated their art work to be given away as Grab Bag Prizes at this event.

- Bonnie Ferguson Butler
- Donnalyne Lefever
- Reggie Garrett
- Skeeter Scheid

A reception was held for Fairfax County Board Supervisor Jeff McKay's office and other local leaders. Jeff McKay's staff and many community activists were present despite the snowy weather. The event was intended to bring the community and local government together to talk about community development in an informal setting.

The Springfield Art Guild was well represented and able to express our interest in developing a physical presence in this community. Our position is that a studio and showspace is needed in this area for artists and patrons of the arts. We strongly believe that by working with our local community leaders this ideal can be realized.

The guests at the reception (About 30 or 40) were asked to vote on their top three favorite works of art that were on display at the Governmental Center. The winners are:

First Place: John Fratta for "Rose O'Sharon"

Second Place: Yielded a three way tie – 1) Carie Cole for "Hydrangeas" 2) Nancy Parnell for "The Race" and 3) Mary Exline for "Stroll On the Canal"

Third place: Reggie Garrett for "Tranquil Trelis Pathway"

Congratulations to all our winners.

The SAG Creativity Project

Choose to interpret one or both of this month's photos

Both photos by Stephanie Bianco



Each month at our meetings our members bring their interpretations of a photo that one of our members has provided. A lot is said about the art created from the photo but little is said about the photo or the photographer that created the original art. This project is meant to provide all our members a fun and inspiring outlet. Just like the paintings and such that are brought to the meeting as unfinished experiments or works in progress so should our photographs be. Our photographers, so far, are sharing some of their best work with us. But it need not be. If you would like to share a photo that you have taken, in a class or on your new digital camera please do so. You'll get to see your work in a whole new light.

When sending your entry by email, use the words "Creativity Project" in the subject line. And, provide your name in the email.

Send email entries to:

Reggie Garrett at reggiedrew@aol.com



What's Happening With Your Lending Library at SAG

What can be more fun than sitting around with friends, brushes, paints and popcorn while watching one of the Springfield Art Guild's (SAG) library's newest videos? Your SAG monthly lending library, upon request from members, has just purchased 4 new DVDs!

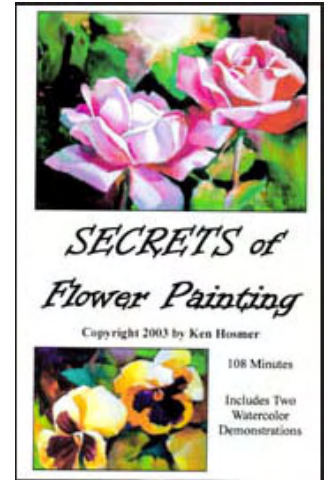
This puts us at over 75 DVDs and video cassettes in our inventory. Because many of the hot items are continually checked out, your librarian, Barb Aigen, is making the inventory list available so you can see what titles we have in our total stock. Also a clipboard will be available so you can make your recommendations as to what to buy next and where it can be found.

SAG's library began by lending only books. But as the inventory grew, the stock became too heavy to transport to the meetings and home again. Our current meeting location loans us a small cupboard on the ground floor where the books have been stored between meetings. This was a good remedy for a while until toting the books up the stairs took its toll, and the librarian, the SAG board and members decided to sell the books and concentrate only on lighter video cassettes. The old video cassettes proved so popular that they are now beginning to wear out. So the board and library are slowly replacing the videos with DVDs. Not to mention that DVDs are now the vogue form of movies.

Along with tending the ins and outs of the lending library, Barb has set up a recycle magazine and book table. You can clear your closet, basement and filing cabinet of old art (and other) magazines and books and then donate them to the SAG library. Barb will display them on the recycle book table to be resold for a minimum price. By perusing the table one can find the article that is just right for the project at hand, then purchase a single issue of magazine or book without subscribing for a whole year's worth. Enjoy a couple of books or magazines every month. The proceeds from the magazine & book table go into SAG's working budget.

Borrowing from the library is one of the perks of belonging to the Springfield Art Guild. So come over to the table, and check-it-out!!

Barb Aigen



PASTEL and/or OIL WORKSHOP With BETSY KELLUM

PSA, PSWC-DP (INSTRUCTOR)

“Reaching Beyond.....Painting from Photographs”

At Rehoboth Art League, Rehoboth Beach, DE
April 8-11, 2010

This workshop is geared to the intermediate/advanced painter, the focus is on utilizing photograph(s) as a jumping off point to create a painting. The subject matter can be whatever each student chooses. The class is for adults working either in oil or pastels who have a solid knowledge in their respective mediums.

Go to: www.rehobothartleague.org for more information
or contact Betsy Kellum at: betsykellum@gmail.com
web site: www.betsykellum.com



Rob Vanderzee was SAG Speaker of the month, January 2010



I wanted to give a quick thank you to everyone for coming out to last month's meeting with Rob Vanderzee. As expected many people came to this popular critique session. I hope everyone got something of value from his vantage point. It's so easy to get stuck in our own view point that we miss the obvious. I wanted to say how glad I am that no one brought a piece of their artwork that was visually divided in two. This time I heard more about addressing composition and editing. As a whole group, it seems our skills are improving and growing which is really great for every person. Who knows, the next time we have someone to critique our pieces, they will have to get even more nit picky.

Donnalyne



SAG Members attended the Annual Arts Council of Fairfax Meeting



On Jan 25th, several members from Springfield Art Guild gave generously of their time and attended the Annual Meeting of the Arts Council of Fairfax. A good time was had by all. The evening started with a Forum. This was a compacted information session on the directions the Arts Council is taking in the future. Basically, the Arts Council is focusing on Advocacy, at the local and state levels. Work is already in progress with the Board of Supervisors to make the arts an integral part of the county's vision. Grant monies have increased and plan language is being drafted to add the Arts as a component of future development in the County. Other parts of the new strategic plan were explained. We had an opportunity to express what we need from the Arts Council. It is encouraging to see that a county wide initiative for the Arts is taking form and that we can be a part of it. There were performances by the new Fairfax County Dance Coalition and a speech by Sharon Bulova, Chair of the Board of Supervisors. The new slate of the Board of Directors was also approved, which included Skeeter Scheid to serve for two more years. Thanks to all who attended!

Become a Member of The The Arts Council of Fairfax

The Arts Council of Fairfax County is a membership organization dedicated to fostering a dynamic and diverse local arts presence and participation. We work to ensure that artists and the arts thrive by providing vision, leadership, advocacy, funding, education and capacity building.

<http://www.artsfairfax.org/membership/membership>



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