**FEBRUARY 2015 NEWSLETTER**

Dear Members and Patrons,

Winter is definitely here. Hopefully the weather won't be too bad. The good news is we will be indoors and that will give us more time to paint or do crafts. Also we can paint the snow from a window while still being warm. Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 3, 2015, at 7:00 pm. Our speaker/demo will be inspiring and will help put a flame under us to paint. I will be in Florida, so my wonderful capable vice president, Louise Jackson, will be conducting our meeting. The Board will meet at 6:00 pm.

Please come to the meeting, bring a friend, enjoy an evening out with good friends, and wonderful food.

Sandy Kinnamon, AWS

President

**JANUARY SPEAKER—KEVIN BUNTIN**

Kevin Buntin will demo the painting of one of his sculptured characters. These days Kevin works full time out of his studio bringing to life, through his figurative sculptures and art dolls and stories, all of the creatures and denizens that inhabit the myriad worlds that exist inside his mind. His work has been featured in *Fairie Magazine*, *Dolls Magazine*, The encyclopedia of “Polymer Clay Techniques,” “Pretty Toys,” “Pretty Fairy Land,” as well as the Russian hard cover book of *Men’s Dolls*. He has served as juror for Rosewood Art Center’s sculpture show and teaches workshops. Join us for this unique experience. Submitted by Louise Jackson

**IN THE GALLERY**

Fairborn Art Association’s featured artist of the month for February is award-winning Springfield artist, Rebecca Graves. She was born in Dayton, Ohio, and graduated high school from Richmond, Indiana. She began painting in earnest in 2006 when she returned to Wittenberg University to pursue a BFA and to study psychology. She has participated in many group and several solo exhibits. Her work is included in Wittenberg’s permanent collection and in private collections across the nation. Studio 14 Fine Art Center in Tipp City, Ohio, represents her work.

Rebecca describes herself as a reflective story-teller. Her works include two distinct series. Both show a masterful use of color and are vibrant, lively, playful, and joyful. Large oil still lifes seem to be stories waiting to be told and are indulgently full of glass and metal, revealing her fascination of reflection and refraction. Her story telling is even more evident in the surreal portrait series. These intriguing paintings are done in the style of Magritte and Dali and are reflections of who the person is instead of what they look like. Every detail describes something about the person. She has developed these portraits further by turning some into wooden relief sculptures which will be displayed alongside the oil paintings. The exhibit is open on Sundays, February 1, 8, 15, and 22 from 1-4 pm at the Fairborn Art Association Gallery, 221 North Central Avenue, Fairborn, Ohio.  Rebecca will be in attendance each of these afternoons to meet the public and discuss her work. Rebecca's website is [rebeccagraves.fineartstudioonline.com](http://rebeccagraves.fineartstudioonline.com/) .

**MEMBERS HOLIDAY FINE ARTS AND CRAFT SHOW**

Robert and I would like to give a very big thank you to all of you who worked and helped set up the Members Holiday Fine Arts and Craft show. I would like to give a special thanks to Larry Hawkins for coming in early and setting up the room for the party, and to Yuki Hall who stayed without being asked and helped me take down the gallery after the show was over. It is people like you who help keep FAA going. I would also like to say thanks to Barb  Arnold and her helpers on the good job done on our Christmas tree.

Robert and I are asking if there is anyone who would like to learn the job of working the shows. I'm hoping to find someone who would like to someday take over this job. Submitted by gayle Beireis

**FAA ART SCHOLARSHIPS**

This is the time of year when FAA solicits applications for its college scholarships. Each year, FAA awards two $1,000 scholarships to area high school seniors who plan to pursue a college level art education. Robert Beireis has mailed applications out to area high schools. If any FAA members know of a high school senior from our area who plans to major in art in college, please have the student complete an application. The deadline for submission is April 10, 2015. For additional information, contact Robert Beireis at [artwoman@att.net](mailto:artwoman@att.net) or call 937-390-1992.

**GALLERY UPDATE**

Between Christmas and New Year, the gallery has been cleaned and painted, the carpet was cleaned (twice, to get as much of the stains and paint out), some changes were done to the backroom, and the kitchen was cleaned and re-organized some. Chairs should not be stored in the hallway anymore. There are a number of coats/jackets hanging on the hallway hooks; if you have a chance at the next meeting check and see if any of these may be yours. Your help and assistance in keeping the gallery looking nice, would be greatly appreciated.

Submitted by Larry Hawkins

**MEETING CANCELLATION**

At the November meeting, the Board discussed procedures for cancelling a meeting in case of inclement weather. We decided that our only option was to follow recommendations of the media weather reports. When they say travel would be dangerous, we will cancel our scheduled meeting. The Board will communicate with each other by phone and you will be notified by email as soon as a decision is reached. Be sure to check your email before starting out if the weather is bad. If you do not have email access, please call one of the Board members or a member you know who has email access.

**FRIDAY PAINTERS**

All Fairborn Art Association members (and prospective members) are invited to bring your own work and paint in a supporting, encouraging environment on Fridays from 10 am to 2 pm. There is a small charge of $2 per visit, or $5 per month that is paid to FAA. We paint for a couple hours, break for lunch, and get back to work for another couple hours. Very informal, but we critique each other’s work (if requested), share and learn from each other, and some fast friendships have been formed. Contact Rose Schultz at 937-866-8862, or Billie Dickson at 937-427-7525 to confirm we are painting on any particular Friday. Submitted by Billie Dickson

**WATERCOLOR FAST & LOOSE with Frank Francese, NWS, TWSA-Master**

Join us in this exciting workshop with Frank Francese, where Frank will show and teach us his signature way of painting watercolor - Fast & Loose approach. Frank will be demonstrating a variety of subject matter, showing us the time tested method of creating an eye-catching composition with brilliant color and interesting shapes. Plenty of individual help will be provided. All skill levels are welcome. Frank Francese is a signature member of National Watercolor Society as well as Transparent Watercolor Society of America, Master Status. He has been awarded 50+ national awards for his watercolor painting. His recent awards include: Colorado Watercolor Society Annual Exhibition, Best of Show 2013-14; Watercolor West International Watercolor Exhibition, Signature Members Award 2013; Third Invitational Exhibition of Complementary International Water Media Masters, Nanjing, China 2012; Shenzhen Biennial International Exhibition of Watercolors, Shenzhen, China. You can learn more about Frank by visiting his website at [www.ffrancese.com](http://www.ffrancese.com). This will be a 4-day watercolor workshop from May 4 to May 7 (Monday through Thursday), 9 am to 4 pm. The cost is $260 for a FAA member, $280 for a non-member. Contact Yuki Hall, 937-426-7229, [yukihall@woh.rr.com](mailto:yukihall@woh.rr.com). A flyer with application form is attached to this article on our website [www.fairbornart.org](http://www.fairbornart.org).

**WATERCOLOR LANDSCAPE WORKSHOP with Bong-Gil Jeong**

Watercolor landscape painter from Korea, Bong-gil Jeung, will present a three-day workshop **March 9-11, 2015, Monday through Wednesday, 9:30-4:00 pm at the Fairborn Art Association Gallery.** He will lead the class with his masterly wet-on-wet method to portray his beloved countryside landscape over four seasons. Bong-Gil Jeong was born in South Korea and studied art from high school through college. He has been painting watercolor for the past 35 years and serves important positions in the Korean Watercolor Society and various educational associations. He has been teaching and serving as a juror for many art competitions. He also is regarded as a respected watercolor artist in China and he has held many exhibitions in various Chinese cities. He lives in Jae Cheun City, South Korea. Misuk Goltz took a one-week private lesson from him in Jae Cheun City from January 2-8 this year and she will be hosting his stay in the US, translating, and assisting with his presentation. The tuition will be $200 for the three-day workshop for FAA member and $220 for non-members. The workshop needs at least 20 participants to cover the artist’s air fair and lesson fee. If you are interested in this workshop, please register by sending a non-refundable $50 deposit by the first week of February to Misuk. As of today, there are 11 spots available**.** In the event the workshop is cancelled, you will be fully refunded your deposit. Please send your registration with your name, email address, and phone number to: Misuk Goltz, 2489 Sherbourne Way, Xenia, OH 45385. Contact Misuk, [mgoltz@woh.rr.com](mailto:mgoltz@woh.rr.com), 937-352-6711, for any questions.

**PAINTING POETRY with Rosie Huart**

Rosie Huart is conducting an innovative workshop exploring intuitive painting and creative writing as effective tools for self-expression. Your journal pages will be personalized with texture, paint, and collage. Brushes, nibs, and other tools will assist you in your personal mark-making. You will take home a distinctive journal book made out of a single sheet of watercolor paper reflecting your inner sanctum. The workshop will be held at Studio 14 Fine Arts Gallery, 115 W. Main St., Tipp City, OH 45371, February 28 to March 1, 2015, from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. For additional information, contact Rosie Huart at 937-256-6050.

**FAIRBORN FUNDRAISER**

On Saturday February 21, the Fairborn Lions Club and Abiding Christ Lutheran Church will partner with Terri Lynn Art Studios. Terri will be teaching a painting while guests enjoy appetizers and drinks. The proceeds will go to the Fairborn Homeless Liaison Endowment. This 501c(3) has been established under the Greene County Community Foundation operated by Green Giving. The issue we are running into is that we are limited on easels for this event. In speaking with Paul Newman of the Fairborn Chamber and Lions Club, he suggested that I reach out to your organization. That being said, would you be willing to lend us easels for this fundraising event? If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Submitted by Mary Reaster, Fairborn Lions Club

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**MEMBER NEWS**

Rosemary Kienle received an honorable mention award at the winter WOWS exhibition that was held at the Hayner Cultural Center in Troy.

Yuki Hall’s painting, Rainy Day Venice, was selected to be one of the paintings that will be exhibited in A Century of Ohio Watercolor, 50th anniversary milestone exhibition of the Ohio Arts Council. The exhibition spans the years 1915-2015 and showcases about 45 Ohio artists working in the versatile medium of

watercolor. The exhibition will run from January 29 through April 15 at the Riffe Gallery in Columbus.

**Donna Zeller Obituary**

We lost a long-time member and past president when Donna Zeller passed away on December 10, 2014. Donna was president of FAA in 1982-1983 and was very involved with the Sweet Corn Festival. At her passing, she was 86 years old and resided in Tipp City. Arrangements were by Fisher Cheney Funeral Home in Troy. There were no services.

**EXPLORING WATERCOLOR ART EXHIBIT AT HITHERGREEN CENTER**

Hithergreen Center watercolor painters, members of many Dayton area art organizations (including the Fairborn Art Association), are showing their work at the center from Monday, January 19, through Friday, March 30, 2015. The class meets on Mondays at Hithergreen, where they explore a wide variety of subjects and techniques in a fun and friendly atmosphere with their instructor, artist and author Nita Leland. Students at all skill levels in the Exploring Watercolor class organize their paintings into eye-catching compositions as they develop skills in watercolor techniques, color, and design. The “Exploring Watercolor" Art Exhibit at Hithergreen Center, 5900 Hithergreen Drive, Dayton, Ohio, is free and open on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm and on Tuesday from 8:30 am to 8 pm. For more information, call Rick Lewis 937-435-2415.

Submitted by Sylvia Dugan for Nita Leland, [www.nitaleland.com](http://www.nitaleland.com/)

**REMINDERS**

The following people signed up to bring refreshments to the February meeting: Clarice Moore, Evelyn LaMers, Doris Alexander, Margaret Brooks, Roger Browning, Billie Dickson, Cass Barth, and Nancy Draves. Thank you for volunteering.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, at 7:00 pm. The deadline for submitting articles to be included in the March Newsletter is Monday, February 16, 2015. Please email your articles to [Albright10@msn.com](mailto:Albright10@msn.com) or call Jackie Albright at 937-233-7532.