**MAY 2016 NEWSLETTER**

Dear Members, Patrons, and Friends,

Sunshine, daffodils and tulips are blooming in April. Cherry blossoms, dogwood and iris are next. Spring is wonderful for artists. You may love painting landscapes and trees or gardens and flowers. Get out with your camera and gather the gifts that spring brings. See you at our May 3rd meeting at 7:00. Our board meets at 6:00.

Louise Jackson

Interim President

**MAY SPEAKER—TOM FRANCESCONI**

Our May program will be a demo by the instructor for our watercolor workshop occurring during the week of our meeting. Tom will also be judging the Members' Spring Fine Art Show. We expect a good turnout for this meeting. Hope to see all of you there.

**WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP with Tom Francesconi, AWS, NWS, TWS**

The Fairborn Art Association is sponsoring a watercolor workshop with Tom Francesconi May 2 through May 5, 2016 (Monday through Thursday), 9 am to 4 pm daily. The workshop will be held at the Fairborn Art Association Gallery, located in the rear of the Fairborn Senior Apartment Building, 221 N. Central Avenue, Fairborn, OH. ​Tom’s energetic teaching style and his passion for painting combine to create a workshop experience that is enjoyable and informative. Any artist looking to break free of a careful, timid painting process will find Tom's direct and representational approach very inspirational. Utilizing his ability to clearly explain visual concepts, Tom will share his ​approach and methods for painting bold and interpretive watercolors. Within this process, students will learn how to create stronger, more effective visual statements. Each morning will begin with a discussion covering various topics and culminating in a demonstration that allows participants to see how Tom approaches a work from start to finish. Subject matter may include landscapes, street scenes with people, and the clothed figure. Ample opportunity is provided for everyone to paint with individual direction/guidance a priority. Each day will end with a class critique to afford students the opportunity to learn from the works of others. Tom welcomes all painters regardless of experience.  For more information about Tom, visit his website at [www.tomfrancesconi.com](http://www.tomfrancesconi.com). The fee for this workshop is $230 for FAA members, $250 for non-members. To register, please send a non-refundable deposit of $40 along with the registration form to Yuki Hall, 206 E. Holmes St. Urbana, IL 61801. Make checks payable to Fairborn Art Association. For questions or more information, Call Yuki at (937) 426-7229 or e-mail yukihallfineart@gmail.com. A flyer and registration form is available on our website at [www.fairbornart.org](http://www.fairbornart.org).

**MEMBERS' SPRING FINE ART SHOW—LAST CALL**

The Members' Spring Fine Art Show Opening is Sunday, May 1, 2016. That is coming up very soon. Registration for the show will be held Tuesday, April 26 from 9:30 am–12 noon and from 1–3 pm; and Wednesday, April 27 from 10 am–12 noon. Please bring your artwork ready to show accompanied by a completed registration form and labels from the prospectus. A prospectus for this show is available on our website [www.fairbornart.org](http://www.fairbornart.org) and in the Gallery. Volunteers are still needed to help make this show a big success. Please contact gayle Beireis at 937-390-1991 or email to artwoman2@att.net.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

You do not have to be a pro to volunteer. We are looking for a member who is willing to be our photographer. Our current photographer, Robert Beireis will assist you to get you started. We are also in need of one or two people to be in charge of the spring and Christmas shows. Gail Beireis will assist you to get you started. If you are willing to help please contact Louise at louisejacksonmda@hotmail.com or call 937-886-5238.

**2016 B-W GREENWAY LANDSCAPE JURIED ART EXHIBITION**

The 2016 B-W Greenway Landscape Juried Art Exhibition will exhibit work that has been inspired by the Community Park Reserve and the Valle View Reserve. In 2016 we will accept Paintings (any media) Drawings and Prints that have been inspired (they do not have to be Plein Air) by the two reserves that are separated by I-675 and can be accessed by Dayton Yellow Springs Road.

* Creating artwork can and has begun for 2016 until June 30th 2016.
* We will be collecting the art July 3rd at the Fairborn Art Association from 1-3 pm and 5-7 pm.
* Opening reception will be July 10th from 2-4 with awards being presented at 3 pm.
* The show will be open July 17th from 2-4 and July 24 from 2-4.
* Artists can submit up to 3 works for a $20 non-refundable entry fee
* Sales are encouraged with all profits going to the artists.
* Tess Cortes, Gallery Coordinator at Wright State University will be Juror for the exhibition.

For more information please contact Bob Coates 937-689-4855 and leave a message and phone number. Note: A formal prospectus for this show is available in the Gallery and on our website [www.fairbornart.org](http://www.fairbornart.org).

**ANNE ABGOTT WORKSHOP**

From November 1 to November 3, 2016, the Fairborn Art Association will be hosting Anne Abgott for a 3-day workshop. I recently took a class from her in Florida and found her to be an outstanding teacher with great ideas and innovations to bring a colorful, award winning touch to your watercolor painting. Cost for the 3-day classes will be $275.00. A $40.00 nonrefundable deposit is required to hold your place in the workshop. A minimum of 10 students is required. A registration form is available on our website [www.fairbornart.org](http://www.fairbornart.org).

Anne began painting in oils as a child and was mentored by Alexander Luke, one of the premier Canadian artists. She moved to Florida in 1998 and began working in watercolor. She is very influenced by the light and color she finds in Florida, and she has honed her skills with many, many hours of painting. She has found an art-rich environment in Florida and feels that the encouragement and friendship of the local artists are a big part of her success. She is an acclaimed mentor and true master teacher. She has been an “art mom” to her students, and many have gone on to become accomplished and award-winning artists themselves. She has conducted over 100 workshops and is in demand as a juror for many exhibitions. Her latest contract is with the Watercolor Art Society-Houston, or WAS-H, for a workshop and judging their upcoming National Show in 2016. Anne has achieved Signature status in seven National Watercolor Societies, not including the holy grail for watercolorists: AWS and NWS. You are invited to visit her website at [www.anneabgott.com](http://www.anneabgott.com) for examples of her work and a more extensive resume.

For additional information about this workshop, please contact Pat Dunker at pwdunk@gmail.com.

**NITA LELAND EXHIBITION**

Nita Leland will the featured artist in an Alumni Art Exhibition, "Creative Spirit: A Retrospective," at Otterbein University. Nita invites everyone to attend the reception on Saturday, April 23, 1:30–2:45 pm in the Courtright Memorial Library, 318 W. Main Street, Westerville, Ohio. The exhibition will be open from April 23–June 29, 2016. For more information, contact Nita at nita@nitaleland.com.

**LIBBY RUDOLF AND PAM GEISEL EXHIBITION**

Libby Rudolf will be showing her watercolors along with Pam Geisel with her art quilts in an exhibition called "Color and Light: Brush and Needle." The show will be at the Winds Café in Yellow Springs from May 3 through June with an Artist Reception on May 15 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Libby paints watercolors inspired by nature and the beauty of Ohio, Belize, Wyoming, etc. Pam creates art quilts, small and large, with bold colors/shapes/ textures. For additional information contact Libby Rudolf at 937-767-1068 or email to libby.rudolf@gmail.com.

**TFAC 3rd ANNUAL SQUARE FOOT SHOW**

The 3rd Annual Square Foot Show at The Fine Art Center in Centerville, Ohio is back August 1st to 31st. Painting, Collage, Jewelry, Fabric, Sculpture and Photography on 12 x 12 canvas/cradled board furnished by TFAC is accepted. Registration and entry fee is $20.00 for 1 entry or $30.00 for 2 entries. Prospectus online at [www.thefineartcenter.org](http://www.thefineartcenter.org) or if you live in the area may be picked up at TFAC in Cross Pointe Center, 101 East Alex-Bell Rd., Centerville, Ohio. Registration deadline is June 30, 2016. Contact Leonard Williams 937-293-5381 or email leonard@brokenantlerstudio.com.

**REMINDERS**

The following people signed up to bring refreshments to the May meeting: Roger Browning, Rose Schultz, gayle Beireis, JoAnne Rumple, Connie Gifford, and Sue Seitz. Thank you for volunteering.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, June 7, 2016, at 7:00 pm. The deadline for submitting articles to be included in the June Newsletter is Monday, May 23, 2016. Please email your articles to Albright10@msn.com or call Jackie Albright at 937-233-7532.