**APRIL 2017 NEWSLETTER**

Dear FAA Members, Patrons, and Friends,

Spring is upon us and our snowbirds are returning. If you are one of them we welcome you back. I do hope you are all planning on entering our spring show. It is always inspiring to see the talent in our group. News of our demo and workshop is in this letter so we hope you will join us at these events. Lori Luckner and Sue Red are on our nominating committee. If you have suggestions or are willing to offer your services, please let them know. Our organization is run for you by volunteers. Our Board will meet at 6:00 and our regular meeting and demo starts at 7:00 on April 4th. Hope to see you there.

Louise Jackson

President

**SUZANNA WINTON WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP**

Start planning for our spring workshop. Suzanna Winton will be the instructor for our spring workshop to be held May 1–4, 2017 from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm at the Fairborn Art Association Gallery. For more than 18 years, Suzanna Winton has captured the essence of the human soul through her watercolor portraits. She is the recipient of over 30 awards and has been featured in many national publications. These publications include *Splash 6, The Artist's Magazine, American Artist, Watercolor Magic, Watercolor Basics*, and *Watercolor Artist*. The staff of *The Artist's Magazine* lists her as "an artist on the rise and one of 20 artists who we believe are destined to be master painters of the future" (01/04). Suzanna is a signature member of the Florida Watercolor Society, Southern Watercolor Society, and Watercolor West. Suzanna has become nationally known for her informative watercolor portrait workshops. Through these workshops and encouragement from her students, colleagues, friends, and family, Suzanna was lead to write *Realistic Watercolor Portraits*. It is her desire that this book will help all artists paint portraits with ease by unlocking the secrets to portrait painting. Suzanna Winton's watercolor paintings capture the personality and "Human" history of each of her carefully chosen subjects. Children's portrait commissions are also one of Suzanna's specialties. Visit her website at [www.suzannawintonwatercolors.com](http://www.suzannawintonwatercolors.com). Additional information and a registration form for Suzanna's workshop is available in the Gallery and on our website at [www.fairbornart.org](http://www.fairbornart.org).

 …Submitted by Pat Dunker

**APRIL SPEAKER—JENNIFER ROOKS WENKER**

Jennifer is a conceptual eco-artist and academic art gallery curator living in the Appalachian foothills of southern Ohio. Born during the era of the civil rights movement, the environmental movement, and the feminist movement, Jennifer was brought up at a time of both peace and protest, echoing her family’s Quaker heritage of social justice and non-violence. Intellectually and spiritually, her works reside in that *in-between space*, negotiating conflicting points of view and drawing connections.

Her home, the edge of Appalachia, a financially impoverished area rich in scrappy resourcefulness, is often reflected in her work’s thrifty DIY sensibility. Jennifer’s work is infused with a natural ecological awareness—of cycles—interrelatedness and interdependence. Her work is smart and spare in form, ripe with conceptual content and poetry, deftly moving among photography, sculpture, dust paintings, mud and manure seed bombs, video, installation, community art actions and dialogical engagement.

Jennifer is the creative director of the Herndon Gallery at Antioch College in the progressive local arts mecca of Yellow Springs, Ohio. She has served as an adjunct assistant professor of art teaching foundations drawing courses as well as a dual-level course of her own design on Art & Activism, at the University of Cincinnati’s renowned College of Design, Art, Architecture and Planning, and painting and arts survey courses at Southern State Community College.

She earned her Master of Fine Arts Degree in 2012 from the University of Cincinnati, College of DAAP and her Bachelor of Arts degree from Morehead State University. She was awarded the Isabel Meta Wolfstein Travel Fellowship in 2011 for a self-designed residency at the Sitka Center for Art & Ecology in Oregon. Her eco sculptures first received critical attention at the Phyllis Weston Gallery in Cincinnati, Ohio and at WOCA Art Projects by the juror from the Dallas Contemporary. She has been active locally with the Marianist Environmental Education Center gallery in Dayton, Ohio, *SPARK! Creative Artspace* in Greenfield, Ohio and *SOS Art: Sociopolitical Expressions for Peace and Justice* in Cincinnati, Ohio.

See our website at [www.fairbornart.org](http://www.fairbornart.org) for pictures of Jennifer Rooks Wenker.

**ARTIST OF THE MONTH—TINA HATFIELD**

Fairborn's Art Association will host a gallery showing by local artist Tina Hatfield during the month of April. An award-winning photographer, Hatfield is a native of Springfield, Ohio; a 1989 graduate of Shawnee High School and alumnus of Clark State Community College.

A broad range of interests led her to studies in the medical field as well as photography, though photography won out.  "As a child," she said, "I always loved spending summers outside and would use my grandma's old Polaroid camera to take pictures of nature scenes. I always had hundreds of photos at the end of the season."  She added that she's always loved landscape and nature photography.

In 2016 she joined Focus Photography Group in Dayton, where she's won several awards including first, second and third place awards and several Honorable Mentions.  She took first place In February this year in a black-and-white-themed competition with her photo "The Woods.”

She said she loves taking photos and printing them out as a raw photos and then as black-and-white prints.  "A photo tells a story," she said, "any type of photo.   It reminds us that, sometimes, we need to stop being so 'busy' and get outside to enjoy all the beauty of nature."

Her work, including "The Woods," will be on display in her show titled "Nature Inspiration" at the FAA Gallery Sundays in April, from 1–4 pm.  The gallery is located at 221 North Central, Fairborn, Ohio.

See our website at [www.fairbornart.org](http://www.fairbornart.org) for pictures of Tina Hatfield and "The Woods."

**SAVE THE DATES!  Our FAA Members Fine Art Show** is coming up in May. We will need all hands on deck to help take in artwork, hang the show, sit with the Gallery and provide refreshments on Sundays, and be available on pick up dates, as well as someone to place our signs around Fairborn advertising the show. We'll pass around sign-up sheets to help out at the March and April meetings. The Prospectus is available in the Gallery and on our website. Here are some dates to keep in mind:

 **Registration:**  Tuesday, April 25, 10 am to 2 pm and Wednesday, April 26 from 1 to 3 pm

 **Show Opening and Prizes Awarded:**  Tuesday, May 2, 7 pm at our May meeting

 **Gallery Hours:**  Sundays, May 7, 14, and 21 from 1 pm to 4 pm

 **Pick Up:**  Sunday, May 21 from 4 to 5 pm and Monday, May 22 from noon to 1:30 pm

Time to get your artwork ready and let your family and friends know to come on Sundays in May to see the beautiful artwork.  May 14 is Mother's Day. Take your mother to lunch or dinner and stop in so she can see your art work! ...Submitted by Billie Dickson

 **ELECTIONS**

It is that time of year again to think about the leadership of Art Association. If you are interested in running for a position, please contact Lori Luckner at loril430@msn.com or 937-235-2513.

**FAA ART SCHOLARSHIPS**

Just a reminder that the deadline for the scholarships is April 10, 2017.

**MEMBER NEWS**

Just a short note that this past Sunday, March 12, the Toledo Museum of Art featured a new anthology of poetry, "A Rustling and Waking Within" which focuses on the dynamic relationship between Art and Poetry. My poem "Spellbound" and my painting of the same title were highlighted, as well as the works of other Ohio Artists.
 …Submitted by Jim Moore

Western Ohio Watercolor Society is hosting its 43rd Annual Members show, “Watercolor Works” from March 4 through September 24 at Springfield Museum of Art in Springfield, OH. An artist reception was held on March 12, including an awards ceremony. Yuki Hall was awarded 3rd place; Shirlee Bauer received a Merit award and the James Investment Research Inc, Select Merit Award; and Connie Gifford received a Merit award. Congratulations to all.

**WEBSITE NOTES**

If you have access to the internet, please go to our website at [www.fairbornart.org](http://www.fairbornart.org) for additional articles throughout the month. We also post photographs of meetings and other events that we are unable to publish in the printed version of this newsletter. Be sure we have your written permission (check boxes on membership form) to display your artwork and/or any photo of you (individually or in a group) on the website.

**REMINDERS**

The following people signed up to bring refreshments to the April meeting: Cheryl Miracle, Jim and Margaret Brooks, Deborah Dixon, Sally Lee, Shirlee Bauer, Pat Sager, Sheryl Scott, and Roger Browning. Thank you for volunteering.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 2, 2017, at 7:00 pm. The deadline for submitting articles to be included in the May Newsletter is Monday, April 17, 2017. Please email your articles to Albright10@msn.com or call Jackie Albright at 937-233-7532.