



FAIRBORN ART ASSOCIATION

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APRIL 2018 NEWSLETTER

Dear Members, Patrons, and Friends,

We have several inches of snow on the ground right now. Hopefully that will be gone by the time of our next meeting. Spring is coming, believe it! Meanwhile, keep producing your artwork. Join one of our groups that meet on Thursday for watercolor or on Friday for any media. Or, sign up for one of our classes (see articles below). We also have a great workshop coming in May. See you at our next meeting on Tuesday April 3 at 7:00 pm. The Board will meet at 6:00 pm.

Loren Red
President

APRIL 2018 SPEAKER—DIANA MARRA

Ms. Diana Marra will be demonstrating her art techniques at the regular meeting of the Fairborn Art Association, Tuesday, April 3, 2018. Marra loves the elegance and simplicity of the Chinese Brushstroke. Marra said, “Each stroke can represent a leaf, a wing, an emotion. So much can be said with so little. A simple elegant piece transitions into all cultures and fits every décor.”

For as long as she can remember, Diana has wanted to be an artist. Yet for whatever reason, she felt she had to do something scientific and did not pursue art professionally. With a dual major in Chemistry and Psychology from Ohio University, she began a 33-year career with Formica Corporation, primarily in Engineering, Design, and Global Product Development. Being able to visualize the end result as an artist, and develop and implement production steps as an engineer, was a unique and vital combination to her success.

Marra turned a 20-year, sideline pursuit of art into an in-depth investigation into Art History, Designs of the Masters, Color Theory, PhotoShop, Faux Finishing, Botanical Drawing, and Chinese Brush Painting. And there she found her niche: the ancient art of Brush Painting, with such elegance in its simplicity, captured her heart. 2010 began a year of global travel and artistic study, to capture the cultures and landscapes for future paintings, from jungle-trekking and cave-tubing in Belize to the International Crane Foundation in Wisconsin. She also toured and studied in Italy and from the Mediterranean to Hawaii.

Marra’s Brush Painting education included the Art Academy of Cincinnati, private study with Karl Feng, and a three-week tour and study with Ning Yeh in China including the New China University in Beijing, climbing The Great Wall, Yellow Mountain and Zhangjiajie, which was the inspiration for ‘Avatar’... old China as seen through an artist’s eyes. Her style includes both Traditional, using Chinese ink and watercolor, matted and framed, and a new Contemporary style using acrylics on gallery-wrapped canvas.

SWEET CORN FESTIVAL

Time is passing swiftly and soon it will be time for the Sweet Corn Festival - third weekend in August - and a lot still needs to be done. If you can help, please attend our next committee meeting on April 24 at 7 pm. Loren Red is still looking for replacement for him to mark fields.

Our group that handled parking the last couple of years is moving on so we will need a group to take over this task - it takes 10 to 15 people during each day depending on how they want to assign people. It would be about 10

“Promoting Art Education, Art Appreciation, and Community Service”

am till 5 pm on Saturday 8/18 and 10 am till 4 pm on Sunday 8/19. We will supply safety vests, water and radios, and a tent for breaks during the day. The Fairborn Police Department will be available to provide some guidance on the process. There is an honorarium provided for these efforts. Please contact Warren Brown at warren10@ix.netcom.com for any questions.

SPRING WORKSHOP WITH LIAN QUAN ZHEN

Get your application form in for this spring workshop soon or we may have to cancel for lack of interest. This is a must if you enjoy watercolor painting.

Mark your calendars for May 2-4, 2018 when Lian Quan Zhen, a very popular watercolorist and Chinese Painting artist will be the featured artist at a workshop at Fairborn Art Association. He will also be the demo artist for the May 1st FAA meeting and be the judge for our Spring Members Show. Lian Quan Zhen is a sought-after watercolor and Chinese painting artist and teacher in the US and abroad. He is one of the most popular authors of North Light Books. He started sketching and painting in his childhood and continued as a hobby while practicing medicine as a family physician in Canton Province, China. After immigrating to the US in 1985, he obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree from University of California at Berkeley in 1992 and a Master of Architecture Degree from MIT in 1996. He has had many shows in the US, Hong Kong and China and developed an international following. His paintings hang in numerous institutional and private collections including the MIT Museum which has collected 14 of his paintings. His art teaching credentials include at the University of California at Berkeley where he taught watercolor outdoor sketching for 8 years; watercolor and Chinese painting workshops nationwide in the US, and other countries in Europe, Canada, Mexico, Bahamas, China, South Africa and Australia. (See <http://www.lianspainting.com/workshops.htm> for additional information on his workshops and a list of art supplies.) Also, Lian has been an invited juror for California, Colorado, New Mexico, Georgia, Arizona and Kentucky Watercolor Societies' exhibitions and other local shows. His paintings have been featured in magazines such as Watercolor 94 Spring, Splash4, Collectors (Hong Kong) and books of Landscape on Watercolor (UK), Finding Your Visual Voice, and Painter's Quick Reference books by North Light Books: Flowers and Blooms, Dogs and Cats, Birds and Butterflies, Landscapes, and Drawing and Painting Animals - the Essential Guide.

A flyer/registration form will be available in our Gallery and on our website www.fairbornart.org. Please contact Pat Dunker at pwdunk@gmail.com for registration and more information.

B-W GREENWAY LANDSCAPE SHOW

B-W Greenway has published its flyer for the Landscapes 2018 competition. Copies will be available in our Gallery and on our website www.fairbornart.org. The location this year is Oakes Quarry Park, a City of Fairborn park located near the intersection of Interstate 675 on State Route 235. Some guided tours of the park are being planned for our painters. Watch our website for additional information.

TIMELINE:

Until June 30, 2018, Visit Oakes Quarry Park and produce artwork.

Saturday, June 30, 1-4 pm, Work accepted at Fairborn Art Association Gallery.

Exhibition open to the public, Sundays, July 15, 22, and 29, 2-4 pm.

Opening reception, Sunday, July 15, 2-4 pm, with prizes awarded at 3 pm. Cash prizes total \$300.

Sunday, July 29, Final Day of Exhibition. Artists may pick up work at FAA Gallery, 4-5 pm.

For more information, please contact Bob Coates at bobctwin@woh.rr.com.

YUKI HALL WATERCOLOR CLASS

Yuki Hall will be teaching an 8-week watercolor class titled "Watercolor Working with Perspective" starting March 26. The class will meet on Monday mornings from 9:30 to 12:30. In this 8-week course, students will learn fundamental concepts and application of both aerial and linear perspective. Perspective is by far the most important tool to create a sense of 3-dimensional depth in a 2-dimensional picture plane. Used effectively, it

allows us to inject a powerful mood and atmosphere in your paintings. However, many students are intimidated about the term “perspective,” thinking it is only understood by artists with some architectural or engineering background. Nothing is farther from the truth. Perspective, discussed and demonstrated in simple, step-by-step fashion with practical examples, can be easily understood and utilized by students of any background and any skill level. A generous amount of class time will be spent on drawing lessons using various perspective tools, as well as other design concepts that are important for creating paintings with strong visual impact. Yuki’s highly organized, friendly, and non-intimidating teaching style has been well received for years by students of all levels. The cost for this 8-week class is \$105. To register, please send the payment and the registration form to Yuki Hall, 4136 Fox Fern Ct. Beavercreek, OH 45432. For any questions regarding this class, please call or email Yuki at 937-679-2464, yukihallfineart@gmail.com or www.yukihallfineart.com . Registration forms are available in the Gallery or may be printed out from our website www.fairbornart.org .

LOUISE JACKSON WATERCOLOR CLASS

Louise Jackson will teach a one-day class on April 24 which is a Tuesday at the FAA Gallery. This is a 16 x 16, on 300 lb. cp paper. \$40 covers teaching fee and all of your paint. Class is 5 hours plus a half hour for lunch. It will be 10 am till 3:30 pm. If you would like to join us, simply email Louise or call at 937-886-5238. Snow will be gone by then. Hope you can come. A photo of the subject will be available in our Gallery or on our website www.fairbornart.org

YUKI HALL WORKSHOPS

Yuki Hall has scheduled several workshops in various Ohio locations. If interested check her website for locations and subjects at <http://yukihallfineart.com>.

MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

Lori Luckner has taken over the job of maintaining the membership records and she will be producing the new 2018/2019 Directory to be available this autumn. Membership dues must be paid by the June 5th meeting for your name to be included in the Directory. Membership forms will be available in the Gallery and on our website. Please fill out a Membership form and send it with your dues. Be sure to check all squares that apply to you on the form. We use these check marks to help us select demo artists. Also, if you have changes to your address, phone number, or email address at any time during the year, please let Lori know at loriluckner@att.net or 937-235-2513.

WEBSITE NOTES

If you have access to the internet, please go to our website at 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 to check the squares on the Membership form to acknowledge your permission to display your artwork and/or any photo of you (individually or in a group) on the website.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The following people signed up to bring refreshments to our next meeting: Jean Lutz, Jim Brooks, Libby Rudolf, Theresa Mayer, and Evvie Moore, Clarice Moore, Evelyn LaMers, and Lucille Burns. Thank you for volunteering. We usually have 50-60 members in attendance, so please plan accordingly,

REMINDERS

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 1, at 7:00 pm. The deadline for submitting articles to be included in the May Newsletter is Monday, April 16, 2018. Please email your articles to albright10@msn.com or call Jackie Albright at 937-233-7532