



# FAIRBORN ART ASSOCIATION

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## APRIL 2019 NEWSLETTER

Hello all,

Just like that, April is upon us. I hope you are putting the finishing touches on your art work for our Member Show in May! The prospectus for the show is on our website, so you will be able to just click the link elsewhere in our newsletter. Our show chairs Connie Gifford and Maggie Vance have everything in place to get the show up and ready to open on Sunday, May 5. Awards will be presented at our meeting on Tuesday, May 7.

All members should be receiving a Member Information Sheet by snail mail any time now. It includes a reminder to pay your dues (payable by June 1, 2019). You may mail them in, pay them when you bring your artwork for the show, or pay them at the May meeting. Please include the Information Sheet with your dues—it lets us verify your current information (very important!) and gives you the opportunity to let us know your interests. Your interests are important as we are deciding on speakers for our meetings and for contacting potential volunteers for our various events. If you did not receive your letter it probably is because we do not have correct information for you, so be sure to pick one up from the desk when you come to the Gallery, or contact Lori Luckner to update your information and receive one in the mail.

We will be taking nominations for our Officers (President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer) in April, and will vote in May. If being a leader at Fairborn Art has ever interested you, please let me know and I will forward your name to our Nominating Committee. I'm sure some of our longtime officers would love to be training new people to take over their positions.

Our April speaker is Mike Elsass, a very popular local artist who will talk about "Brush Before Brain." He paints abstract paintings in acrylic, and is a very entertaining speaker. Meeting is Tuesday, May 7 at 7 pm. Board meets at 6 pm.

Billie Dickson  
President

### **APRIL SPEAKER—MIKE ELSASS**

At the April FAA meeting, members will enjoy an artistic demonstration by Dayton artist, Mike Elsass. Instead of canvas or paper, Elsass' medium is weathered steel. About 19 years ago he left the business world, intent on becoming a writer, and took a detour into art after being inspired by Dayton Artist Roger Sayre.

On Elsass' web site, his art is described: "Mike is fascinated by the medium of weathered steel. Inspired to constantly experiment, Mike's artistic vision yields contemporary abstracts inspired by his vision of nature and time, perfection and imperfection, joy and suffering an aspects of the human condition, mixed with the beauty of nature."

Elsass works out of the artist cooperative on Front Street on Dayton's near east side. Again the web site describes the venue: "Inspired by the potential for color against industry, Mike Elsass pioneered the untapped frontier of the buildings, creating an artistic urban renaissance in Dayton."

It is exciting to enter the old warehouse building into Elsass' vast workroom and observe the old steel, the rusted, bent, tangled old metal, sitting around the room. But then your attention turns to the brilliant color on the walls and work tables, yes, an artistic renaissance, of old junk, and be visually thrilled and in awe at the artistic pieces he created.

***"Promoting Art Education, Art Appreciation, and Community Service"***

But Elsass isn't just an artist, he's also a force to improve the greater Dayton community. He works with nonprofit groups using his art as a therapy medium, and he supports missions efforts throughout the greater Dayton community.

Members will not only enjoy his work but his outgoing and entertaining personality and presentation.

...Submitted by Jim Gifford

### **2019 MEMBERS' SPRING FINE ART SHOW**

FAA Spring Show paintings will be accepted on Tuesday, April 30, from noon to 5 pm. The show opens on Sunday, May 5, 2019. Prizes awarded on Tuesday, May 7 at the FAA meeting. Please bring your art ready to hang, and we do not accept saw tooth hangers or ring hangers. The prospectus has all the information needed to prepare your art for the show. A prospectus for this show is available in our Gallery or on our website at [www.fairbornart.org](http://www.fairbornart.org).

**Registration:** Tuesday, April 30 from Noon to 5 pm

**Show Opening: May 5, 2019 from 1:00 pm till 4:00 pm**

**Prizes Awarded:** Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 7 pm at our May meeting

**Gallery Hours:** Sundays, May 5, 12, and 19 from 1 pm to 4 pm

**Pick Up:** Sunday, May 19 from 4 to 6 pm

If you signed up to sit with the FAA gallery, please bring light snacks. We will assign one person in your group to have access to the gallery so you can get in and lock up when you leave. Please check with us when you register your art to make sure who will have gallery access. Light snacks could be cookies or cheese & crackers, or chips & salsa, and a punch or lemonade or something similar. Feel free to bring your artwork to work on while you are there.

Please invite your friends and family to come see the show, and hopefully find a piece of art they would like to hang in their home or office. Remember to share this information with your friends on Social Media such as Facebook.

If you have questions or if you need to deliver or pick up your work at a different time, please contact Connie Gifford at [gifford.connie@gmail.com](mailto:gifford.connie@gmail.com) or (937) 270-7359 or Maggie Vance at [mbv831@hotmail.com](mailto:mbv831@hotmail.com) or (937) 527-8919.

Looking forward to seeing all your beautiful art work!

...Submitted by Connie S. Gifford & Maggie Vance

### **SOON Y. WARREN WORKSHOP**

The Fairborn Art Association will present the Soon Y. Warren Workshop May 6-9, 2019, 9:30-4:00 pm, located in their Gallery in the rear of the Fairborn Senior Apartment Building, 221 N Central Ave. Fairborn, Oh 45434. (Please note the change in dates from May 6-10 to May 6-9. This is a 4-day workshop.) Soon Y. Warren is a full time artist and teacher. She has an Associate degree in commercial art from Thomas Nelson Community College in Hampton, Virginia. Soon Y. has had numerous exhibitions, earned numerous awards, and has published two books. She is a signature member of National Watercolor Society (NWS); American Watercolor Society (AWS); Transparent Watercolor Society of America (TWSA); Southern Watercolor Artist (SW/LM); Texas Watercolor Society, Purple Sage Brush (TWS); Honor Society of Watercolor USA; Rocky Mountain Watermedia; Society of Watercolor Artist (SWA).

Soon's favorite subjects are those found in nature: people, an animal, trees, a tangerine, pear, oriental poppy, iris or something of intrigue at the moment. She is known for her spectacular renderings of everyday objects. Soon likes subjects that are pretty and make her happy. She always looks for interesting compositions created by natural form or light and often uses subject matter from still lifes. Flowers from her gardens often become models

for paintings. She says that, "I'm inspired by the beauty and complexity of nature and our surroundings. I try to paint the essence of subjects and my sincere feeling for nature."

A registration form is available in our Gallery or on our website at [www.fairbornart.org](http://www.fairbornart.org). To register, please send a non refundable deposit of \$40 along with the registration form to Pat Dunker, 30 Innisbrook Close, Xenia, Ohio 45385. Make checks payable to Fairborn Art Association. Final payment must be made by 4/29/19. For questions, call Pat Dunker at (937-562-3014) or cell (937-271-4798); or email [pwdunk@gmail.com](mailto:pwdunk@gmail.com). Cancellations after 4/22/19 will forfeit entire payment.

### **FAA LOGO CONTEST**

The Fairborn Art Association was established years ago to join a community of artists together to enjoy many art forms. What is the essence of art? Almost every form of art has COLOR! The original logo for our association is a paintbrush with a splash but it is in black and white. I think that we should update the logo to make it colorful and reflect the association today. The Board has been trying very hard to make our association appear more modern. We would like to hold a contest to design a new colorful logo. Everyone is encouraged to create a new logo. We can display the designs during the People's Choice Show. We can all vote to choose the logo we like the best. So, I challenge you all the get busy with color and create logos! ...Submitted by Sheryl Scott

### **ROSE SCHULTZ EXHIBIT**

Rose Schultz, an FAA member, is showing her artwork in the Centerville Art Gallery during the month of April. Rose works in watercolor, pastels, and mixed media using rice paper collage. About twenty pieces representing her work in these media will be on display. The Art Gallery is located in the lobby of the Centerville Police Headquarters at 155 W Spring Valley Road. The Gallery is staffed 24-hours per day and artwork may be viewed free of charge at any time. Rose invites all FAA members to see the show in April.

### **YUKI HALL ACCEPTED TO TWSA**

Yuki Hall's painting "Charleston Rain" was accepted into the 2019 Transparent Watercolor Society of America National Exhibition. This is her 3rd time being accepted by TWSA. She will be traveling to Kenosha, WI this summer to receive her signature membership to the organization. Congratulations to Yuki.

### **YUKI HALL WORKSHOPS**

#### **Outdoor Sketching Workshops**

Yuki Hall will be teaching outdoor sketching workshops "Fun with outdoor sketching" from May 21–May 23, 2019 (Session 1) and June 11–June 13, 2019 (Session 2). These are two independent sessions and students can register for either one or both. We will be sketching at Cox Arboretum, Carriage Hill Farm as well as The Greene. In this workshop, students will learn about the variety of sketching supplies available, how to select and simplify a complex subject by extracting the most important feature of the subject while leaving unnecessary details out. You will also learn how to steer away from illustrative 'coloring-in' sketching style, but to paint in painterly fashion and add finesse to your sketching. We will be sketching mainly with watercolor, with additional use of both permanent and water-soluble pens. All levels are welcome. The cost for this workshop is \$140 (the cost includes two types of pens). For more information or/and to register contact Yuki at (937) 679-2464, [yukihallfineart@gmail.com](mailto:yukihallfineart@gmail.com).

#### **3-Day Indoor Watercolor Workshop**

Yuki will also offer a 3-day indoor workshop, "Watercolor – Painting Loosely" at the Fairborn Art Association Gallery from June 24 to June 26, 2019. In this workshop, students will learn how to break away from coloring-in painting style and start painting watercolor with confident brush strokes and expressive edge qualities for more spontaneous and impressionistic appearance. In addition, effective use of eloquent calligraphy will be discussed. This workshop is designed to help students gain insight in discovering the true quality of watercolor so that he/she can create paintings with maximum visual and

emotional impact. The cost for this workshop is \$140. For more information or/and to register, contact Yuki at (937) 679-2464, [yukihallfineart@gmail.com](mailto:yukihallfineart@gmail.com).

A brochure/registration form for each of Yuki's workshops is available on our website at [www.fairbornart.org](http://www.fairbornart.org). ...Submitted by Yuki Hall

**CALL FOR ARTISTS**

Yellow Springs Village Artisans has released a call for artists for the next Village Artisans Open Community Show. Applications and artwork are due by May 11 or 12, 2019. A prospectus/registration form is available on our website [www.fairbornart.org](http://www.fairbornart.org). ...Submitted by Theresa Mayer

**JACQUELINE SULLIVAN SCHEDULE**

- Plaza Artist [Cincinnati OH] On The Horizon, March 20, 27, Apr 3 Preston Art Center [Louisville KY]
- On the Horizon: Abstract Painting with Acrylics, March 30-31
- Plaza Artist [Cincinnati OH] Drips, Skins + Marks in Abstract Painting, April 10, 17, 24
- Gahanna Bead Studio [near Columbus OH] 2 classes: Gellin-Monoprinting with Gel Plate + Framed-A hanging collage, April 12-14

**LANDSCAPES 2019 JURIED ART COMPETITION UPDATE**

The Landscapes 2019 juried art competition is underway. The juried competition's Opening Reception will be held on Sunday, July 14, from 2 to 4 pm; with prizes awarded at 3 pm. Please note this is a corrected date from previous notices. The gallery will also be open on July 21 and 28 from 2 to 4 pm for the community to enjoy.

Each year since 2010, B-W Greenway Community Land Trust and the Fairborn Art Association have sponsored the art competition to heighten the community's awareness of local greenspaces and the need to preserve them. The Landscapes 2019 location is the Garland Wetland Reserve, a City of Fairborn Park located at 1271 Commerce Center Blvd., Fairborn; at the intersection of Commerce Center Blvd and Garland Avenue.

The juried competition is open to all artists 16 years and older, living within 200 miles of Fairborn, OH. Work may be oil, acrylic, pastel, watercolor, print, drawing, mixed media, photography, or 3D hanging art less than 10 lbs. in weight. Size may not exceed 30 x 40 inches. A non-refundable entry fee of \$20 for a total of 3 works must accompany the entry form. All entries will be received at the Fairborn Art Association Gallery, 221 North Central Avenue, Fairborn, OH (in the rear of the building) on Saturday, June 29, 2019, during the hours of 1-4 pm. For additional information, please contact Pat Higgins at [pmhiggins32@gmail.com](mailto:pmhiggins32@gmail.com).

**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.

**REMINDERS**

The following people signed up to bring refreshments to our April meeting: Lucille Burns, Carol Edsell, Cheryl Miracle, Terri Caprio, Carol Collett, Barb Olekas, Linda Woods, Lois Kuck, Mike Snyder, Sue Seitz, Stephanie Hauser, April Coppess, and Jada Keplinger . We usually have 50-60 members in attendance, so please plan accordingly.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 7, 2019, at 7:00 pm. The deadline for submitting articles to be included in the May Newsletter is Monday, April 22, 2019. Please email your articles to [Albright10@msn.com](mailto:Albright10@msn.com) or call Jackie Albright at 937-233-7532.