



FAIRBORN ART ASSOCIATION

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MAY 2015 NEWSLETTER

Dear Members and Patrons,

Boy, spring is speeding right by or so it seems. After a long cold winter we deserve a nice spring. It's time to get out of the house and get a great start on painting. The Frank Francese workshop is very soon. He is an amazing painter and it would be a great chance to learn something new. I know each of you will enjoy the May Meeting as he will start and finish a full sheet watercolor. Hope to see you at the meeting. Our next meeting will be May 5, 2015, at 7 pm. The Board will meet at 6 pm.

Sandy Kinnamon, AWS
President

MAY SPEAKER—FRANK FRANCESE

Frank Francese, who is conducting our May Workshop, will be our featured speaker for our May 2015 meeting. Frank is a landscape artist who uses brilliant color and eye-catching composition in his watercolors. Frank is a signature member of the National Watercolor Society as well as Transparent Watercolor Society of America, Master Status. He has won enumerable awards for his artwork, both here and abroad. Frank recently had a painting accepted by the American Watercolor Society for a landscape he painted during a trip to Guatemala to teach children. We hope he will tell us about that trip.

2015 MEMBERS' SPRING FINE ART SHOW

You must be a paid member of the Fairborn Art Association to be eligible to enter this Show. A non-member may enter the show by paying dues for the coming year (2015/2016) plus the prorated amounts for the months of April and May 2015. (See article in this newsletter "Membership Dues.") Registration for the 2015 Members' Spring Fine Art Show will be Monday, April 27 from 9 am to 12 noon and from 1 to 3 pm; and on Wednesday, April 29 from 10 am to 12 noon. The Show will be open to the public Sundays, May 3, 10, and 17, from 1 to 4 pm. Please have your sales information, entry forms, and fees ready when you come for registration. The awards will be given at the May meeting; best of luck to all of you. To those of you who have volunteered to help set up and sit in the gallery, I thank you and will see you there. **But we still need some help** — We need someone to bring snacks for all three Sundays. We need volunteers to sit in the Gallery on Sunday, May 17 from 1 to 5 pm for the show and pickup of artwork; and on Monday, May 18 from 10 am to 12 noon for pickup of artwork. The Prospectus for the Show (which includes the entry forms) is available in the gallery, on the FAA website, in this newsletter, or from gayle at 937-390-1992 or artwoman2@att.net.

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

Frank Francese is one of the most recognized names in watercolor painting in the United States. We have an excellent opportunity to host his workshop and keep the fee reasonable. Come on, folks. This is a great workshop and you will be missing it if you do not sign up soon. We currently have 14 artists signed up for this workshop. We do not expect to make any profit on our workshops, but we would like to show the visiting instructor that it is worth his/her time to visit Fairborn, Ohio. We need at least 4 or 5 more to sign up.

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

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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. 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. A flyer showing examples of Frank's artwork with an application form is attached to this article on our website www.fairbornart.org.

FAIRBORN SWEET CORN FESTIVAL

The next Sweet Corn Festival meeting is May 21 at 7 pm at the Gallery. Anyone interested in volunteering, please let us know. We are looking for people to help in many areas including marking the field on Thursday; checking vendors in and working the vendor's gate on Friday, Saturday and Sunday; working in the Information Booth on Saturday and Sunday; working in the Watermelon Booth Saturday and Sunday; and working in the Fine Arts Tent on Saturday and Sunday. Please remember that this is the only fundraiser that we do and we need everyone's help. The money raised from this event helps to keep your membership costs low, pays for the rent and utilities for the FAA Gallery, goes to scholarships, and goes to help the community.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of Officers to serve on the 2015/2016 Board of the Fairborn Art Association will be held at the May meeting. We will welcome nominations from the floor at the May meeting of anyone who would like to serve in any position. There are also several committees which will welcome your participation to keep the Association running smoothly. Our Nominating Committee will present the slate of Board officers for the coming year:

President: Sandy Kinnamon	Treasurer: Sue Red
Vice President: Louise Jackson	Recording Secretary: Sheryl Scott
Corresponding Secretary: Jackie Albright	

MEMBERSHIP DUES

As May approaches, it is time to renew your club membership. Membership fees are due June 1 for 2015/2016. A membership form is attached to this newsletter and is also available on our website www.fairbornart.org. We request that you fill out the form completely so that we can update your information if necessary. You may bring the membership form and your check (or cash) to the May or June meeting and submit them as you sign in at the door. Or you may send them to Fairborn Art Association, P.O. Box 1231, Fairborn, OH 45324. The cost is \$25 for Individual membership; \$15 for Seniors; \$30 for Family membership; and there is an optional donation line if you choose to contribute to FAA as a tax exempt organization. You may also want to check on the form to have your email address printed in the members' directory. All members who pay by the June 2nd meeting will be included in the new Directory.

The Board of Directors voted in 2014 to make a change to the By-Laws of our Constitution regarding the collection of dues. By-Law #1 will now read as follows:

1. The FAA membership dues will be a fee set by the Board of Directors at the February board meeting. Memberships will run from June 1st to May 31st of each year. Starting on February 1 of each year, the Fairborn Art Association will prorate membership dues for the current year in the following manner: the membership dues for the current year will be prorated to \$2.00 per month for the remaining months of the year, to include the current month through the month of May. The prorated amount will be accepted only if membership fees for the following year are paid at the same time.

EN PLEIN AIR 2015 JURIED ART EXHIBIT

En Plein Air is a juried painting exhibition presented as a collaboration between B-W Greenway Community Land Trust & Fairborn Art Association. The show is held in the Fairborn Art Association Gallery at 221 North Central Avenue, Fairborn, OH 45324. It was established in 2009 to heighten public awareness of our local greenspaces and the need to preserve them, as well as to foster an interest in painting from nature.

Each year a different location in the Fairborn, OH, area has been chosen as the subject of the paintings. The 2015 location is Lower Valley Pike Scenic Byway, which begins at Rte 40 in Springfield, OH, and continues to Rte235/Rte4 just south of I-70 south of Medway. (A map is provided in the Prospectus.)

The juror for En Plein Air 2015 is Mr. Kevin Harris. Kevin Harris teaches Drawing and Printmaking at Sinclair Community College. He is a graduate of Hampton University and the University of Cincinnati. (For more about Kevin, see the Prospectus.)

This show is open to artists 16 years and older, living within 200 miles of Fairborn, OH. Work must be original 2D, created by painting outdoors from March until July 4, 2015. Painting may be created in oil, acrylic, pastel, or watercolor, and can include mixed media within the painting. Cash prizes totaling \$300 will be awarded at the Opening Reception July 12, 1-4 pm.

For more information or a prospectus, please contact: Bob Coates, 937-689-4855, bobctwin@woh.rr.com or Marti Riddle, 937-879-0725, mriddle1286@gmail.com. You may also obtain a prospectus in our Gallery or on our website www.fairbornart.org.

WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP with Mark Mehaffey, AWS, DF, NWS, TWSA Master

This watercolor workshop, presented by the Fairborn Art Association, will be Monday through Thursday, November 2 to 5, 2015, from 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 Ave., Fairborn, OH. In this 4-day workshop, participants will create paintings using the elements of shape, line, value, and color to simplify subject and use a variety of color plans to create emotion and mood. Discussion of content, the importance of color schemes and line quality will also be discussed. Participants will also work intuitively with shape, color, line and especially texture to produce an abstraction with a personal focus and a representational work based on personal reference choices. All levels are welcome as long as everyone is comfortable with their materials. Nationally and internationally recognized artist Mark Mehaffey is a signature member of the American Watercolor Society, DF, National Watercolor Society, Transparent Watercolor Society of America, Master, and the Watercolor West. Mark has won many major awards in juried exhibitions across the world, including Beverly Green Memorial Purchase Award from the National Watercolor Society, the Silver Medal of Honor and the Arches Paper Co. Award from American Watercolor Society. He is also an author of *Creative Watercolor Workshop*, published by North Light Books, and many instructional DVDs by Creative Catalyst Productions as well as Artists Network Productions. Fees for this workshop are \$230 for FAA member; \$250 for non-member. To register, please send a non-refundable deposit of \$40 along with the registration form to Yuki Hall, 4136 Fox Fern Ct., Beavercreek, OH 45432. Make checks payable to Fairborn Art Association. The final payment must be made by August 20, 2015. For questions or more information, call Yuki at 937-426-7229, or email yukihall@woh.rr.com. Flyers with the registration form are available at the Gallery or on our website at www.fairbornart.org.

MEMBERS NEWS

David Yarnall has a major show at a gallery in Columbus in May. The Art of David Yarnall, Watercolors at: The Mac Worthington Gallery of Contemporary Art - *in the heart of Columbus' art district* - 749 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio, thru the month of May. Congratulations, Dave.

Libby Rudolf will teach a workshop Sunday, May 17, 2–5 pm at the Yellow Springs Arts Council called "Fun with Watercolor." We will experiment with different ways to create with watercolor as well as play with watercolor pencils, crayons, sprays, wet into wet, etc. The fee is \$20. Sign up by calling YSAC at 937-679-9722 or email ysartscouncil@gmail.com.

Libby will also teach a "Flowers in WC" class at the YS Senior Center on Friday June 5, 2:45–4ish. Donations appreciated—materials furnished by Libby.

Monday Morning Artists group will have an exhibit "Reflections" at the Yellow Springs Arts Council July 17 through August 16 with an opening 6–9 pm on Friday, July 17. Several artists are FAA members, Libby Rudolf, Sandy Kinnamon, Mary Cargan, Theresa Mayer, Toni Larrichiuta, Yuki Hall, Kari Tulecki, Marti Davenport, etc. We will be manning the gallery Saturdays, 1–4 pm and the gallery is open Wed–Sun 1–4. Many mini-workshops will be available too on Saturdays – Libby on July 18, Sandy on July 25, Mary on Aug. 1, Yuki on Aug. 8/8 song with a children's class by Clara Rose, 'Finger Knitting'. We will have sign-ups at the opening or you can contact the artists directly for more info. We will be featured on the YSAC website closer to the date - ysartscouncil.org. Class fees will probably be \$10?

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

We received an email request from a former Fairborn resident. If you have any information you would like to convey to Mr. Shapiro, please respond to his email address:

If possible I would ask that you inquire of the membership to see if anyone can provide information on Roger Middleswart and Sam Davis as follows:

Full Name

Date of Birth - Date of Death

Place of Birth

Where and with whom did they receive their artistic training.

Any specializations in types of works created.

Awards or recognition they might have received.

Any known works held by museums or other collections.

Any help that the membership can provide would be greatly appreciated.

Brian Shapiro, shapiro@ohio.edu

REMINDERS

The following people signed up to bring refreshments to the May meeting: Clarice Moore, Jan Lendino, Ellie Ditmer, Bonnie Rashilla, Lana Kim, Virginia Roche, Sherry Li Cai, Cass Barth, Billie Dickson, Sheryl Scott, Kathy Robertson, Jim and Margaret Brooke. Thank you for volunteering.

Our next meeting will be our Spring Social on Tuesday, June 2, 2015, at 7 pm. The deadline for submitting articles to be included in the June Newsletter is Monday, May 18, 2015. Please email your articles to Albright10@msn.com or call Jackie Albright at 937-233-7532.