**DECEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER**

Dear FAA members, patrons and friends,

I am hoping that you have had a wonderful Thanksgiving and are looking forward to the Christmas season. Do any of you do paintings that are just for the holidays? Years ago I started with some poinsettias and have added angels, Santa’s, a nativity. and a few other things. I love to take down some of the regular paintings and change them out for the holidays. If you need some inspiration, just look around at some of your own decorations. You may find some interesting subjects. I hope you will join us for our annual Christmas party at 7:00 on Dec. 6. There will be no Board meeting this month.

Louise Jackson

President

**DECEMBER HOLIDAY PARTY**

Come join us on Tuesday, December 6th for the Annual Holiday Party. Bring a guest if you want. This is a time for food, fun, and fellowship. If you are interested in participating in the Holiday Gift Exchange, please bring a wrapped gift (no more than $10 value) and plan to have a great evening.

The way the Gift Exchange happens is: Each person participating will draw a number available at the desk. The person with number 1 will open a gift; the person with number 2 can either steal the gift or open another one; number 3 can steal or open a gift; etc. After each person gets a choice, 2 steals are allowed and then the third person must go back to the tree. Also, in each round the same gift cannot be stolen more than once. Once everyone is done, the person with number 1 can exchange their gift with anyone they choose. If you plan on participating, plan on staying the entire time because you cannot participate if you need to leave early. It is unfair to the others that you leave with a gift before the game is over.

Also, plan on bringing a food dish to share with everyone. We always have a great time and enjoy watching the items change hands and enjoy the many delicious foods. …Submitted by Lori Luckner

**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 will be forthcoming and a registration form for Suzanna's workshop will be available on our website at [www.fairbornart.org](http://www.fairbornart.org). …Submitted by Pat Dunker

**SWEET CORN FESTIVAL**

The Sweet Corn Festival Committee will meet Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Gallery. Please come to this meeting to help plan this event. Volunteers are always needed and appreciated to make the Festival a success.

**THURSDAY PAINT-IN WATERCOLOR ARTISTS**

Due to the holidays, the Thursday Paint-In Group will not meet until after the holidays and is scheduled to resume January 5, 2017 unless weather conditions prevent us from meeting. If the Fairborn schools are closed, we will not meet. Our meetings take place at the FAA Gallery and doors open about 9:00 am with painting from 9:30 am till 12:30 pm. Casual painting time includes all levels of watercolor artists, each working on their own painting. Our group have a wide variety of different skill levels and everyone is happy to help together to provide support for each other. Occasionally a group critique is held in which everyone is asked to participate with one painting or value sketch to receive help. For each 8 weeks, we collect $20 to help pay for the FAA fees for use of the beautiful gallery and the purchase of snacks to help jump start the creative juices. If you are interested in meeting with a watercolor group, please contact Shirlee Bauer or Connie Gifford for more details.

…Submitted by Connie Gifford

**FRIDAY PAINT-IN GROUP**

Our Friday FAA paint-in group is looking for people who would enjoy working once a week with other artists. Any medium is welcome. We meet at 10:00 am, break for lunch at noon (mostly brown bag), and wind up around 1:30 to 2:00 pm. Fee is $2.00 per week which goes to FAA to pay for heat and lights. Call Rose Schultz at 937-866-8862 or me, Billie Dickson, at 937-427-7525 to verify we are painting on a given Friday. Looking forward to seeing you there. …Submitted by Billie Dickson

**IN THE GALLERY**

The Fairborn Art Association is available to members to exhibit their artwork as Artist of the Month for the months of February, April, September, October, and November during 2017. The show may be a single artist or a group of artists. You must be willing to set up your own show and sit with the show whenever the Gallery is open for the show (usually on Sundays from 1 to 4 pm). Please contact gayle Beireis at [artwoman2@att.net](mailto:artwoman2@att.net) or 937-390-1992 for information and scheduling a show.

Also, Any teachers planning to have classes in the Gallery, please contact gayle Beireis so she can get you set up.

**LOST ANNE ABGOTT BOOK**

Someone picked up Anne's *International Artist* book with the article about her at our November meeting.  We assume they thought it was one of the magazines that they could take, but Anne would like to have it back.  Will you please return it to FAA, no questions asked, so we can get it back to her. She's been very gracious about it but really would like to have it.

**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 permission to display your artwork and/or any photo of you (individually or in a group) on the website.

**LOCAL NEWS**

**Libby Rudolf Exhibiting in Springfield**

Libby Rudolf's exhibit "Watercolor Delights" continues through December 4, 2016, at the Seasons Bistro and Grill in Springfield, OH. Libby paints primarily watercolors and is especially drawn to nature, light and color, water and townscapes. All are welcome to visit the show which is hung in keeping with the host space. Libby studied art in college and regularly attends watercolor and oil workshops to continue to build skills. She has exhibited paintings in Yellow Springs and surrounds for about 20 years. Libby is a member of FAA.

**Special Christmas Open House** Sunday, December 4 from 1-3 at the 1854 Hertzler House (located in George Rogers Park).  *One Starry Night* features a clever quiz using angels, lots of holiday decorations, and heavenly refreshments served while listening to beautiful harp music.  Come and enjoy - it's free (but donations are appreciated). …Submitted by Barb Arnold

**Dan Knepper** is featured in *Watercolor Artist* magazine's 2016 "Ones to Watch" in their December 2016 issue. The issue just came out and this is quite an accomplishment. Dan is a local artist; his website is

<http://www.danknepperart.weebly.com/> …Submitted by Connie Gifford

**REMINDERS**

For our December party, each person attending is asked to bring a food dish to share with everyone. Please remember that our parties are well attended (about 50-60 members and guests) and plan accordingly.

We do not meet in January. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 7, at 7:00 pm. The deadline for submitting articles to be included in the February Newsletter is Monday, January 23, 2016. Meanwhile, if you have any news you would like to announce to our members, it can be posted on our website anytime. Please email your articles to [Albright10@msn.com](mailto:Albright10@msn.com) or call Jackie Albright at 937-233-7532.