**FEBRUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER**

Dear FAA Member and Patrons,

As we finish out January, I am grateful for very little snow. I hope you have had some time to paint even without being snowed in. Keep your cameras handy because February may change all of that. We are looking forward to seeing you all at the meeting on February 7th. Our presenter will be Nita Leland. I am sure you will find her to be informative and motivating. We also hope you will come early to shop or sell your extra art supplies. Read more about this below. Meeting is at 7:00 on Feb. 7th. Sale starts at 5:30. Board meets at 6:30. Stay warm.

Your President,

Louise Jackson

**BAD WEATHER MEETING CANCELLATION**

We will follow recommendations of the media weather reports. When they say travel would be dangerous, we will cancel our scheduled meeting. The Board will communicate with each other by phone and you will be notified by email as soon as a decision is reached. Be sure to check your email before starting out if the weather is bad. If you do not have email access, please call one of the Board members or a member you know who has email access.

**SPEAKER FOR FEBRUARY MEETING—NITA LELAND**

Nita Leland will be presenting a slide show to illustrate her use of color and her own color wheel designs. Nita is a native of Dayton and a graduate of Fairview High School. She obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree from Otterbein College and has continued her studies in "more than 70 classes and workshops in watercolor, drawing, design, and applied arts. …” Nita started her art career in 1970 in a YMCA watercolor painting class, and now she travels throughout the United States and Canada as a professional artist, teacher, author, lecturer, and juror. Locally, she was an instructor at Riverbend Art Center from 1973-1995 and has been teaching at Hithergreen Center from 2002 to the present. She was an advisor to the North Light Art School home study course from 1986-1992. She was an instructor in Watercolor Painting at Sinclair Community College from 1991-1993. She has been a consultant to manufacturers of art materials and schools from 1983 to the present.

Designer and manufacturer of Nita Leland™ Color Scheme Selector and a featured artist in *Exploring Color Workshop* videos, Nita is the author of or contributor to more than 13 books and videos. Her latest book, *Exploring Color Workshop, 30th Anniversary Edition, with New Exercises, Lessons and Step-by-Step Demonstrations,* was published byNorth Light Books in 2016. She is also the author of many articles on color and collage which have been published in artists' magazines and newsletters. Nita has had numerous solo shows as well as small group shows for over 20 years. She has had more than 200 paintings accepted in juried shows since 1973 and won more than 40 awards. Her work is in many hospitals and private homes and in several corporations throughout the U.S. and abroad. An expanded biography for Nita is available on our website at [www.fairbornart.org](http://www.fairbornart.org).

**MEMBERS’ ART SUPPLY SALE COMING IN FEBRUARY!**

Your home or studio is awash in art supplies – paints, pencils, pens, brushes, sketchbooks, papers, brayers, easels, books, DVDs, framing materials, etc. – that you don’t use and are unlikely to use in this lifetime – or they make you pause and ask, “Why did I buy this?!” – or you’ve advanced beyond them – or used them and thought, “Yuck. What was I thinking?!”  If this sounds familiar, a remedy awaits.  FAA is scheduling an “art supply sale” for February 7, starting at 5:30 and ending just before the FAA meeting.  If weather forces cancellation of the February meeting, the sale will move to March’s meeting date, same time.  So, gather all the art supplies you can bear to part with, price them, and bring them to the sale. We’ll have tables set up for your stash – please RSVP if you plan to sell, so we have enough tables.  You are responsible for selling your own stash – bring small change – and decide whether you will accept checks!  Art (framed, unframed, card sets, etc) is not part of this sale. Questions?  Contact Peggy Bowman, [pegbowman@icloud.com](mailto:pegbowman@icloud.com) or 937-427-2191 (home) or 937-654-6313 (cell).

**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

**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 will be ready in March, but 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

**COLORED PENCIL/PEN & INK with Tom Kinarney**

Need a change of pace? Explore a couple of mediums that might surprise you with their ease of use and dramatic, beautiful results. This 8-week session at the FAA gallery begins Tuesday, February 7 thru March 28 from 9:30 am to 12 noon. Cost is $70 for the session. Tom also has a class Friday mornings in Vandalia. If interested in any of these you may contact him at 236-1959 or at [ktomjulie@yahoo.com](mailto:ktomjulie@yahoo.com)

**PAINTING ATMOSPHERE IN WATERCOLOR with Yuki Hall**

Yuki Hall will be teaching an 8-week long watercolor class Painting Atmosphere in Watercolor at FAA Gallery starting March 1. The class will meet every Wednesday from 9:30–12:30 until April 26. In this 8-week course, you will learn how to transform an ordinary scene into an atmospheric watercolor painting which will deliver an emotional impact to the viewers. Yuki will guide you through the way to paint boldly, bringing out the true quality of watercolor, such as spontaneity, freshness, and fluidity. The fundamental concepts and techniques of watercolor will also be covered. Strong emphasis will be placed on the importance of a pre-planning stage as well as effective use of strong tonal value pattern and edge qualities. Yuki Hall is an impressionistic watercolor artist known for her spontaneous and loose approach to working with the medium by emphasizing simplified compositions and economy of brush strokes. The cost for this 8-week session is $105. To learn more about Yuki, visit her website at [www.yukihallfineart.com](http://www.yukihallfineart.com)***.***  A registration form is available in the Gallery or on our website at [www.fairbornart.org](http://www.fairbornart.org).  For any questions regarding this course, contact Yuki at [yukihallfineart@gmail.com](mailto:yukihallfineart@gmail.com), or call 937- 426-7229.

**ONE-DAY WORKSHOP with Yuki Hall**

Decorative Artists Guild of Southwest Ohio (DAGSO) will be hosting a 1-day watercolor workshop with Yuki Hall on March 18th at We Care Arts in Kettering. By completing an impressionistic Venice scene, students will learn how to simplify a complex subject matter and work with an effective tonal values pattern. The importance of expressive edge quality and various techniques for creating depth will also be covered. To register or for more information regarding this workshop, please contact Barbara Olekas at 937-855-6590,  [bolekas@fairpoint.net](mailto:bolekas@fairpoint.net).

**LIBBY RUDOLF WATERCOLORS AT WHEAT PENNY**

Libby will have watercolor paintings on display from December through March at Wheat Penny Oven and Bar. She will be showing scenes from nature and town and imagination. Location of Wheat Penny Oven and Bar is 515 Wayne Ave., Dayton, OH 937-496-5208. For additional information, contact Libby Rudolf at 937-767-1068 or email [Rudolf@gmail.com](mailto:Rudolf@gmail.com).

**NANCY DRAVES SHOW**

Perhaps you all know already, but in case not, Nancy Draves had the reception for her art show at the Miamisburg Art Gallery Saturday, Jan. 21 starting at 1pm. The show runs through January.

**MARY JO WHITE POETRY BOOK**

Congratulations to Mary Jo White on the publication of her book of poetry, *How the Universe Says Yes to Me.* The book (by MJ Wertham White) will be available in April 2017 from Main Street Rag online bookstore. Featured on the cover of the book is a painting on Yupo Mary Jo did in Louise Jackson's class in June 2016. You can contact Mary Jo at [mjwhite@woh.rr.com](mailto:mjwhite@woh.rr.com). Right now, the book is available for pre-ordering online at quite a savings. Here’s a link directly to the author’s page where, if you wish, you can pre-order (or go to *Samples* to read a fewpoems): <http://mainstreetragbookstore.com/?product=how-the-universe-says-yes-to-me>.

**ARTICLES ON ARTISTS NETWORK**  
Interesting article about Vincent van Gogh,"How Van Gogh Saw the Color Wheel," on Artists Network Week in Review (email dated January 14, 2017). Also, on Artists Network.tv Instruction (email dated January 15, 2017), a new DVD by Anne Abgott, "Watercolor Techniques for Daring Color."

**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.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We need some volunteers to bring snacks to the February meeting. Please call Clarice Moore at 937-879-7640. We usually have 50-60 members in attendance, so please plan accordingly,

**REMINDERS**

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 7, at 7:00 pm. The deadline for submitting articles to be included in the March Newsletter is Monday, February 20, 2017. Please email your articles to [albright10@msn.com](mailto:albright10@msn.com) or call Jackie Albright at 937-233-7532.