



# *Fairborn Art Association*

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## **FEBRUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER**

**Hello, and welcome to 2021!**

**After some time off, it feels good to be getting back to meetings and art demos and looking forward to the new year. It may still look a lot like the past year, but at least it is looking ahead.**

**We will have our member meeting on February 2 at 6:30 p.m. Connie Gifford will be presenting a demo of painting on YUPO. Connie has had great success with this sometimes difficult substrate, and she will share her techniques with the group. The meeting will again require a reservation with our Membership Chair Debbie Cosenza. You can find her email in your directory. Masks and social distancing are required and there will be no refreshments provided.**

**We intend to continue with our programs as scheduled, and hope residents of our area stay healthy enough for that to happen.**

**The first meeting of the Sweet Corn Festival Committee will take place this month. It takes several months of planning to make this very important event happen, and I hope some of you will come forward to help out. Administrative help is really needed to take over some of the activities provided by Sue Red and Lori Luckner. Sheryl Scott will be working as vendor contact person, but so much more is involved in the coming months. Please let Warren Brown know of any administrative talent you have that can help us have a successful event.**

**Jim Gifford has agreed to be our Sunshine Chair and he has sent cards to several of our members who have needed support. Some have been ill with covid-19, some are recovering from surgeries and injuries. If we have missed you, I apologize, but it is because we have not known. Please let Jim know of any of our members who might appreciate a cheery card from FAA friends.**

Our policy regarding inclement weather at our meeting time has always been to follow the news for Fairborn schools. That may not apply this year, unless schools are back in session regularly. So, we will try to send an e-mail blast the day of the scheduled meeting if we need to cancel.

Looking forward to seeing you on February 2.

“No act of kindness no matter how small is ever wasted.” Aesop

Billie Dickson, President

### **REQUEST FROM B.W. GREENWAY**

To raise funds for their for the organization, B.W. Greenway will hold an online auction in April of 2021. They have asked F.A.A. artists who would be interested, to donate art for this event. All money collected would be for B.W.s operating fund. Ideally, artwork would reflect B. W. Greenway’s mission, and represent the outdoors, and natural subjects. Artwork will be collected no later than March 1st, 2021.

Those interested in donating a piece of their work, please contact Bob Coates via email at [bobctwin@woh.rr.com](mailto:bobctwin@woh.rr.com) with a photo of the artwork. He will make arrangements with artists for pick-up at their home/studio or for drop-off at his home - 33 East Hebble Ave. Fairborn, Ohio.

Artists are asked to price their work to help with setting an opening price for bidding. They would also like each artist’s contact information and a short bio to display along with the work on the online the auction site.

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

## **SCHEDULED SPEAKERS & EVENTS FOR 2021**

February 2nd Connie Gifford, Yupo techniques

March 2nd Amy Gantt, Design artist Lula Bell

April 6th Tim Langenderfer, oil painting

May 4th Workshop with Misuk Goltz

June 1st Social

July 6th No meeting

August 3rd No meeting

September 7th Nita Leland, collage

October 5th TBD Workshop

November 2nd Shirley DeLaet, watercolor

December 7th Christmas Party

## **FEBRUARY'S FEATURED ARTIST —Connie S. Gifford, Watercolor Artist**

As a child living in Dayton, Ohio, Connie was enchanted with color...the brighter, the better. Her childhood passion for drawing, painting, and art in general launched her into a 30-year profession in graphic arts and a degree in visual communication. Bright colors motivated her then, and her love has increased greatly ever since. In 2011, Connie discovered the magic of watercolor, and her childhood fiery passion was reignited.

She is inspired by all things in nature and strives to focus the bright, transparent freshness of watercolor to attract a viewer into her painting. Connie wants people to feel the life pulsing in a wild or captive animal, in the promise of a sunrise, a bright day, or the release of a day's stress in a sunset. Her limited palette, from three to eight transparent colors, is selected to intensify a mood, celebrate a moment, and make her work sing.

Connie attends workshops with nationally acclaimed watercolor artists. She studies videos on watercolor and online courses, and attends demos and lectures at local art groups. She co-chairs a Thursday Paint-In watercolor group each week with local watercolor artists. She currently teaches private watercolor lessons to a high school student and a group of younger children.

Over the past several years, Connie has exhibited her paintings in Kettering and Beavercreek; the past five years her art has been accepted into the Ohio Watercolor Society juried shows; and she has sold several paintings to private collections in the surrounding communities. Connie can be reached at **[gifford.connie@gmail.com](mailto:gifford.connie@gmail.com)**.

## **MAY JOURNALING & PORTRAITURE WORKSHOPS: May 3-5 and May 6 & 7, 2021**

Misuk Goltz grew up in South Korea and moved to the US in 1980. She studied art history and psychology along with art therapy. After her studies, she worked as a psychiatric counselor in hospitals until she retired in 2008. When she retired she began to paint. Using watercolors, she mostly paints people, trying to capture the unique and intriguing story that each individual carries within them. Misuk has studied with many nationally known artists, mostly watercolor painters. And she particularly enjoyed taking classes from local artists in the Dayton area. She is a signature member of the Ohio Watercolor Society and her works have been accepted into the National Watercolor Society International and Member's juried shows, the Ohio Watercolor Society and the California Watercolor Association. She has also participated in many other juried art shows and has won numerous awards for her watercolor paintings. She has been teaching watercolor painting classes and workshops since 2011. She was involved with Fairborn Art Association artists for many years until she moved to California in 2016. Since 2015 Misuk has been keeping illustrated journals. In her journals, she has expanded her subjects to include landscapes, animals and everything else that she comes in contact with as she journeys through her life. She has traveled worldwide and recently returned from an 8-month trip to Mongolia and other countries in the Far East. Her experiences during her travels inspire her art journaling. Misuk has been teaching

watercolor painting classes, workshops and art journaling workshops in California. She is happy and excited to come back to her former hometown and help others discover the joy of sketching and painting in a journal book; keeping a diary with sketches and paintings on a daily basis.

For registration information, contact Pat Dunker [pwdunk@gmail.com](mailto:pwdunk@gmail.com) or go to the Fairborn Art Association website at <https://fairbornart.org> to print out a copy of the registration form.

### **SUE BREZINE RETROSPECTIVE ART SHOW**

Sue Brezine, a watercolorist and member of the Village Artisans in Yellow Springs, will present a retrospective of her work in watercolors and pastels. Brezine's Lobby Show will be on display from Jan. 8 through March 4 at the Village Artisans Gallery, located at 100 Corry St., Yellow Springs. Brezine is a member and former president of the Fairborn Art Association, president of the Western Ohio Watercolor Society, and a member of Dayton Society of Painters and Sculptors. Brezine retired from a long and successful career of teaching. She has been quoted, however, as saying, "Thank goodness artists never need to really retire." The Village Artisans Gallery is open to the public from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 12-5 p.m. on Sunday.

### **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**

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 2, 2021. The deadline for submitting articles to be included in the March Newsletter is Monday, February 15, 2021. Please email your articles to [kennymoore@hotmail.com](mailto:kennymoore@hotmail.com) or call Kenny Moore at 937-313-1040.