



Fairborn Art Association

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DECEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

Greetings Fellow Artists!

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends! My family has our big celebration on the Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving at our daughter Kelsey's home, where she prepares the best dinner ever!!! I made some pies and apple crisp which were pretty good, if I do say so myself! On Thursday, we take all the family to Cracker Barrel for breakfast and then they travel to their respective in-laws to celebrate some more. I love this holiday and am thankful for my many blessings, and, I'm thankful for all of you and to be involved in such a wonderful organization. I have so enjoyed getting to know so many of you and look forward to meeting even more!

One way to get to know each other better is to come to our Christmas party on Saturday, December 10, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm at our gallery. Food will be provided so please get your reservations to Debbie Cosenza by December 3, and, if you want to participate in our gift exchange, please bring a gift between \$10 and \$15. We are having the party on Saturday this year as an experiment for those who don't like to drive after dark. I know some of you won't be able to attend and you will be missed!

We won't have a meeting in January, so you can all stay in and stay snugly and warm but be sure and set aside the first Tuesday in February for another fun-filled, interesting meeting and demo!

Don't forget that we are still looking for a new Commander-in-Chief for the Sweet Corn Festival. Our fearless leader just turned 80 in October and wants to turn over the helm to someone new so please consider taking on this vital position.

Well, as my dad would say, "That's it, Fort Pitt!" Enjoy this special time of year and keep creating!

Linda Brandenburg
President

FAA EVENT 2022

December 10 Christmas party (3:00–5:00 pm)

FAA DEMO ARTISTS AND WORKSHOPS 2023

January No Meeting

February 7 Dr. Hyacinth Paul, acrylic

March 7 Trish McKinney, multimedia

April 4 Louise Jackson, watercolor

May 2 Keiko Tanabe, watercolor (Workshop May 1–3)

June 6 Social

...Submitted by Carol Edsall

Promoting: Art Education, Art Appreciation, and Community Service

B-W GREENWAY COMMUNITY LAND TRUST TOUR OF HEBBLE CREEK RESERVE FOR ARTISTS

A walking tour of the Hebble Creek Reserve has been scheduled to assist artists to experience the beautiful features of the reserve for the B-W Greenway/Fairborn Art Association 2023 Juried Art Competition. A tour will be held on **Wednesday, November 30 at 11:00 am.**

The Hebble Creek Reserve is a beautiful park in the Greene County Parks & Trails. The Hebble Creek Reserve's entrance is located on Spangler Road, between Ohio Route 235 (E. Xenia Avenue) and Dayton-Springfield Rd., (N. Broad Street) in Fairborn. Parking is available in the grass area along the road.

Please wear comfortable walking attire including boots. For additional information regarding the juried art competition, visit: www.bwgreenway.org; or call 937-281-1313.

...Submitted by Pat Higgins

HOLIDAY PARTY

Please join us for our annual Christmas Party on December 10 from 3:00–5:00 pm. FAA will cater the food but you **MUST** make a reservation for yourself and your guest with our greeter, Debbie Cosenza, by December 3. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a wrapped item, \$10–\$15 value. We hope to see you there.

FAA MEMBERS IN 2022 AREA ART EXHIBITION AT MIDDLETOWN ARTS CENTER

Congratulations to these FAA members who were selected to participate in the Middletown Arts Center Area Art Exhibition!

President's Award: Brendan Higgins – “Natural Bridge”

Drawing Second Place: Brendan Higgins – “Foggy River Banks”

Watermedia Honorable Mention: Tessa Kalman – “Rainy Day on Front Street”

Watermedia Honorable Mention: Connie S. Gifford – “Early Morning Ride”

Accepted into the show:

Shirlee Bauer – “Here Comes the Kids”

Sherry Lily Cai – “Peace in the Noise”

Billie Dickson – “Flowers for M’Lady II” and “Catching Some Rays”

Connie S. Gifford – “Early Morning Ride”

Brendan Higgins – “Natural Bridge” and “Foggy River Bank”

Diana Hoke – “Walking the Dogs”

Tessa Kalman – “Rainy Day on Front Street”

Bonnie Kuntz – “A Muddy Day at the Track” and “Kissed by the Sun”

Rose Schultz – “Grenada”, “Shady Sojourn” and “Sittin’ Pretty”

M. J. White – “Zaza”

The Exhibition will be open to the public during regular business hours through December 14, 2022 at 130 N. Verity Pkwy., Middletown, OH 45042.

SAD NEWS OF A LONGTIME FAA MEMBER

We have just learned that longtime FAA member Mary Hart died on January 7, 2022. She had been in the care of her niece in Greenville, OH since the pandemic began. Mary was 94 years at the time of her death. Many members will remember Mary and her husband Charlie, who were both active in the organization. Mary was an oil painter and painted regularly with the Friday painters, and Charlie was a woodworker and active volunteer (building our original outdoor furniture and flower boxes). Many members will fondly remember celebrating Charlie's 90th birthday at a meeting a few years ago.

...Submitted by Billie Dickson

MAY 2023 WORKSHOP WITH KEIKO TANABE

Coming in May 2023 is a wonderful watercolor workshop with well-known artist Keiko Tanabe as the instructor. Keiko was born in Kyoto, Japan. As a child growing up in an art-loving family, she always enjoyed drawing and painting and won many awards in children's art contests. However, art was not her chosen field of study later on. She earned a B.A. in intercultural communication (International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan) and an M.A. in international education (UCLA, California). She then worked in international relations positions in a Japanese government trade organization in Tokyo, at a large law firm in San Francisco and at a private consulting firm in San Diego. For decades, she has traveled extensively, mainly in European countries, Asia and North America.

Through all these years, Keiko knew there was in her heart the growing desire to someday become an artist. That, fueled by her love of travel and strong interest in other cultures, eventually found its way out in 2003. After learning basic drawing and watercolor painting skills at a local community school in San Diego, she took on her first project as an artist together with her father, a renowned scholar of French literature in Japan. Through the Azure Sea and Sky of Provence: A Tribute to Her Joie de Vivre (Kosei Publishing, Osaka, Japan) was published in August, 2003, authored by her father and illustrated by Keiko. From then on, she intensely taught herself to be fluent in watercolor painting, just as one would do to master a foreign language.

Mostly self-taught, Keiko embarked on a professional art career in 2005 and started exhibiting publicly. In the same year she took a workshop from Alvaro Castagnet and discovered the joy of plein-air painting. Since that year her paintings have been juried into many exhibitions across Americas and in Asia and Europe. Her work has been purchased by private and corporate collectors from all around the world. She also had her paintings published in leading art magazines in the U.S., Europe and Japan. Additionally, she self-publishes her art books and nine books have been completed to date. She's also a sought-after workshop instructor. Since 2011, she has been invited to and completed successfully more than 400 workshops and numerous live demonstrations around the world. She has served as a juror in a number of art exhibitions including some major watercolor shows around the world such as the Transparent Watercolor Society of America, the International Watercolour Masters, the Northwest Watercolor Society, the Utah Watercolor Society and the New Mexico Watercolor Society. In 2015 she was named an official Ambassador for Winsor & Newton. In 2018, she was appointed to the advisory board of the American Watercolor Weekly. In 2018 and 2019, she was invited to be a faculty member for the Plein Air Convention & Expo, the world's largest plein-air painting event. Keiko currently lives in San Diego, California.

The registration form for the May 2023 Workshop is available at the end of this newsletter, in the Gallery, and on our website.

...Submitted by Pat Dunker

WEBSITE NOTES

If you have access to the internet, please go to our website at <https://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 first meeting in 2023 will be on February 7. The deadline for submitting articles to be included in the February Newsletter is Monday, January 16, 2023. Please email your articles to April Coppess.

Please note that, for privacy reasons, the Fairborn Art Association will not post personal email addresses or phone numbers in the newsletters or on our website unless we have the respective member's permission. Consult your FAA Directory for contact information for members. For non-members, we will provide the contact information we are given for them.

MAY 2023 WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

To register for the Workshop to be held May 1–3, 2023, please send a NON-REFUNDABLE deposit of \$40 along with the following form to:

Shirlee Bauer, 5620 Brinsted Avenue, West Carrollton OH 45449

Make checks payable to Fairborn Art Association. Final payment must be made by 4/25/23. After that date, tuition is non-refundable.

For questions, contact Shirlee Bauer at bauershirlee@gmail.com .

***** **Please return this form with non-refundable deposit or full payment** *****

FAIRBORN ART ASSOCIATION REGISTRATION FORM

WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP MAY 1–3, 2023

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____ EMAIL _____

3 DAY CLASS: \$350 MEMBER [], \$385 NON-MEMBER [] Amount Enclosed _____