

FAA Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2021



Don't forget to add our upcoming virtual meetings to your calendar, on the first Wednesday of the month as usual:

- **March 3, 2021, 6:30pm:**

FAA member Dennis Sardella will present "Science and Modern Art".

Someone comparing a medieval and modern artwork may find themselves puzzling, "How on earth did we get from there to here?" Art experienced two revolutionary periods that radically changed how artists saw and depicted the world, and that paralleled two revolutionary periods in which science underwent similar changes. This talk will be a visual exploration of how those two ways of seeing the world developed, and how they led from the "there" of medieval art to to the "here" of modern art."

Dennis Sardella has been a docent at the Museum of Russian Icons in Clinton since 2012, where he leads gallery tours and introduces visitors to the world of Russian icons. He also writes about icons, and speaks regularly to civic and church groups on the topics of religious icons and the role they play in Eastern Christian spirituality.

From 1967 until 2012 he was a tenured Professor of Chemistry at Boston College. In 1990 he became the founding director of the Boston College Presidential Scholars Program, a university-wide co-curricular honors program, and directed it until 2010. For 17 years he and his wife Marjorie, a fine art photographer, led groups of Boston College Presidential Scholars on month-long study trips to France, and it was during those trips that he began to speak to students about science and modern art.

- **April 7, 2021, 6:30pm:**

FAA member Marjorie Sardella will talk about her approach to photography.

A sampling of Marjorie's photographs can be viewed in her 2021 calendar as well as at her web-site. She has created a yearly calendar for six years, "choosing each month's image to help awaken a feeling, memory or a sense of place, inviting you to enter a peaceful space." You can view a video preview of the calendar at her web-site www.beaux-regards.com.

Beaux Regards Photographic Art ~ 2021 Calendar



If you haven't already done so, don't forget to download the free app Zoom to your devices (phone, laptop, ipad etc.) and practice using prior to our "first Wednesday of the month" meetings. There are "how to" instructions on the Zoom website as well as YouTube. FAA now has its own Zoom account, with its own Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82181910922?pwd=ME9aTGtvRVJFVlg2aDBlMlVT1ZZdz09>

We'll also send out the Zoom link to FAA members a few days prior to each meeting.

***** FAA Members: Is there an artist you know whose work is inspirational and would make an exciting Demo Artist for a future FAA meeting? If so, please email FAASecretary@gmail.com!**

FAA Virtual Galleries!

Add images of your artwork for FAA Virtual Galleries on Social Media

We currently have **four Virtual Galleries** featuring work by FAA members on the FAA Facebook page, All About Franklin, and Instagram. The Facebook posts alone have *reached over 4000 people and had over 1800 views.*

Here's the link where you can see them:

<https://www.facebook.com/FranklinArtAssoc/videos/319831605942696/>.

You can also access them by going to Facebook, searching on Franklin Art Association, then clicking on "videos". Please take some time to check them out, to "Like" them, and if you haven't done so yet, to "Like" the FAA Facebook Page. If you are not on Facebook, you can still view them on that link.

Dennis Sardella, our Virtual Gallery guru says *"If you have three pieces I can include, just send me the files (jpg, ca. 700-1000 kb), along with title, medium, size, and price (if for sale). They do not have to be recent works."*

Send your images to **Dennis Sardella at sardelld@verizon.net** if you would like to participate.

Call for Art:

- **The NCC's Annual Juried Art Show:**

The Norfolk Cultural Council (NCC) is pleased to announce the 2021 Norfolk VIRTUAL Juried Art Show! The NCC's Annual Juried Art Show will take on a new format in 2021 – it will be virtual!

In this annual show, previously held at the Norfolk Library, the NCC aims to showcase the work of artists from Norfolk and surrounding communities and celebrate their artistic accomplishments. This year, we are inviting artists to share their quarantine creations virtually with the community.

Because the art show will be online, there is no limit to the type or size of art that can be submitted (although there is a limit of two submissions per artist). Art can be in the form of 2D in a variety of media (painting, drawing, photography, printmaking, collages, flat textile/fiber art, etc.) or now also in 3D (sculpture, reliefs, carvings, etc.). All work must be original.

There is no cost to enter. And cash prizes will be awarded for top artworks. The **deadline to submit artwork for consideration is February 28**. The show will be viewable online from April 1 to July 1. A virtual reception and awards ceremony will be held on Thursday, April 8 at 7 p.m.

Artists can learn more and fill out the online application by visiting <http://norfolk.ma.us/boards-committees/ncc.htm>.

- **The National Wildlife Federation's National Wildlife Photo Contest:**

The NWPC opens at 12:01 am North American Eastern Standard Time (EST) on January 13, 2021 **and the final date for submitting photos is March 28, 2021**, at 11:59 pm North American Eastern Daylight Time. Check out their web-site for details. Here is an overview description:

Welcome to the 2021 *National Wildlife* Photo Contest!

The *National Wildlife*® Photo Contest, which began five decades ago, celebrates the power of photography to advance conservation and connect both photographers and viewers with wildlife and the outdoors. The most compelling nature images can help protect wildlife in profound ways. This year, the *National Wildlife* Photo Contest is two contests in one, though you need to enter only once. All entered photos are viewed by NWF judges, and winners receive the recognition and prizes listed. All entered photos are also eligible for the People's Choice Award contest, and if allowed by entrant will be viewable in the [public gallery](#) and sharable with family and friends through social media.

We are excited to announce the following nine categories for entry in our 2021 contest:

NEW Portfolio Category: A submission of up to 10 images built around a common theme related to nature and conservation

Birds: Portraits and behavior

Mammals: Portraits and behavior

Baby Animals: Portraits and behavior of young animals of any species

Other Wildlife: Portraits and behavior (includes underwater life, reptiles, amphibians, insects, spiders, macro and more)

Landscapes & Plants: Scenic views and plants from backyards to wild places

People in Nature: People enjoying the outdoors or connecting with nature and wildlife

Mobile: Nature, wildlife and people outdoors photographed with a mobile device (phone or tablet)

Young Nature Photographers: For photographers age 13-17

Our FAA Members in Shows:

Do you have art work displayed in galleries? Please share your good news with the FAA members by sending images & information to faasecretary@gmail.com, so they can be included in the next newsletter!

Our FAA Newsletter:



Dear FAA Members,

*Do you have any contributions or ideas for our next FAA Newsletter?
Remember- this is your newsletter!!*

- *Important Member Announcements*
- *Our FAA Members in Shows*
- *Art Happenings*
- *Call for Art*

*Please send any items or suggestions for our next newsletter to:
FAAsecretary@gmail.com.*

If you haven't already sent in your FAA dues for 2020-2021:

Annual dues for 2020-2021 will be \$15 to cover the demo artists fees plus pay for an FAA Zoom account.

Note: Students can join for free this year!

As a dues-paying FAA member you will also have the opportunity to virtually display and sell your art work via the FAA Facebook page, as well as the All About Franklin Facebook page, Instagram and if possible, on the FAA web-site. (Also, per prior email, don't forget to send any news re local art exhibits, etc. that you are participating in for the FAA Newsletter!)

Please print and fill in the membership form below, and mail, along with your check for \$15 or more. Any amount over \$15 will be considered a donation to the FAA Scholarship fund!

Mail to: **Treasurer, Franklin Art Association, 279 East Central St., PMB #289, Franklin, MA 02038**

Franklin Art Association 2020-2021 Membership Registration Form

This is a membership renewal and my contact information has remained the same: YES__ NO__

I am a student: YES__ NO__

Name:

Address:

City: State: ZIP:

Phone:

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Website: