



FAA Newsletter

AUGUST 2021

A few words from the FAA Board:

Dear members and friends of the Franklin Art Association,

Do you want to benefit by seeing professional artists share their techniques, inspiration and artworks with you? Do you want to make new friends who share your interest in the visual arts? Do you want to support this wonderful organization which is finishing out its 50th year of providing continuous art education programs in Franklin? Do you want to help Franklin keep its Cultural District status by keeping the visual arts alive in Franklin? Do you want to continue to financially support this organization so we can continue giving a scholarship to a worthy high school graduate?

If so, then we welcome you with open arms! And hope you will complete the membership form which is attached to this newsletter as soon as possible so we can continue to financially support the exciting programs planned for you. If you have let your membership lapse, please consider coming back. We need a strong membership to continue providing top-notch programs for you!

We will have both in-person meetings and ZOOM meetings for the foreseeable future in order to encourage full participation in a way that is safe for all. Masks will be strongly encouraged at our in-person meetings.

There will be a new slate of officers presented to you for a vote at the first meeting on September 1st. They are: President - Sue Sheridan, Vice President - Susan Plume, Treasurer - Joe Mueller, Secretary - Chris Lamb Toubeau, and Corresponding Secretary - Hanna Close. This Board looks forward to continuing the traditions of the FAA, and adding some new ones in the coming year. We thank you in advance for your support!

See you on September 1st!

The Board of the Franklin Art Association

Major announcement: *(tah dah....)* The Franklin Art Association's monthly meetings are returning to the Franklin Senior Center, starting in September! We are strongly encouraging those attending in person to wear masks. *However, for those who would like to continue joining virtually via Zoom, please see the link below.*

Here are the 2020-2021 meeting dates *(first Wed. of the month, 6:30-9pm)* for your calendar:

2020: 9/1, 10/6, 11/3, 12/1 (Holiday party!), 2021: 1/3, 2/2, 3/2, 4/6, 5/4, 6/1



Wednesday Sept. 1, 2021 6:30pm FAA Meeting at Franklin Senior Center!!! *(also via Zoom)*

Artist Karole Nicholson will do a Mixed Media/Collage Demo!

Website: karolenicholson.com

Facebook: facebook.com/karole.nicholson

Instagram: instagram.com/karolenicholsonart

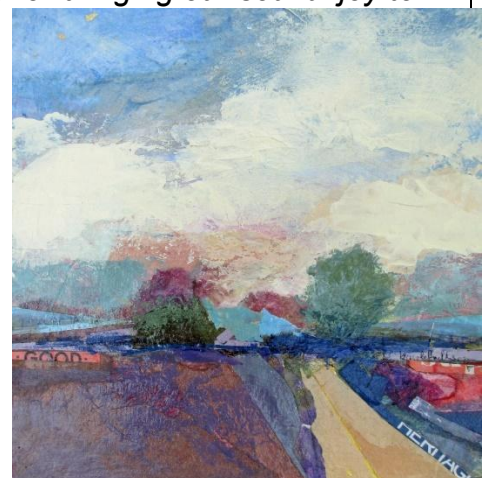
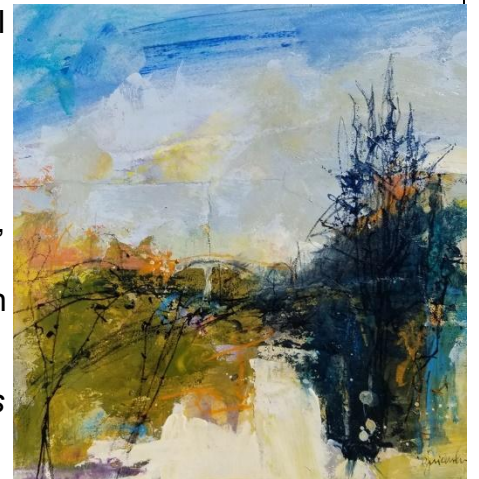
“Join me as we explore the expressive potential of incorporating collage and a variety of media in your paintings. I will demonstrate the use of an

underpainting, applying collage, adding paint, subtracting layers and finishing techniques. This mixed media process works best with water based mediums, (acrylic paints, inks, watercolor, aquarelle crayons, charcoal, pastels, drawing pencils), and collage materials (newspaper, book pages, tissue paper, old letters, fabric, blue prints, sheet music, maps, newsprint, rice paper, corrugated cardboard, magazines). Often the painting takes on a more abstracted and textural quality.”

“At this time in my art life journey, I embrace the discoveries of various mediums, textures and tools. My belief is that an artist's development is a continuing sea of change. It is a process of working hand and hand with skills gained while investigating new curiosities with the goal of bringing our soulful joy to the surface”.

Mixed media and collage are the current mediums of choice for artist Karole Nicholson. Since completing graphic and advertising design studies at the Rhode Island School of Design in 1995, she has participated in many master level workshops with esteemed instructors in the United States, UK and Europe, all in pursuit of a higher level of skill. Her paintings have appeared in many national juried exhibitions and international competitions.

She holds exhibiting artist memberships in the Collage Artists of America, Providence Art Club, the Attleboro Arts Museum, the North



River Arts Society and the Bristol Art Museum. Nicholson is represented by the Next Door Gallery in Mansfield MA and her work is often on display within the Providence Art Club galleries. Her works has appeared in Pastel Journal and most recently in the Artists Magazine's 37th Annual All Media Competition with an honorable mention in the Abstract/Experimental Category.

Texture, a gentle palette and an abstract view of the the environment are the components that draw her into developing each painting.

Wednesday Oct. 6, 2021 6:30pm FAA Meeting at Franklin Senior Center
(also via Zoom) **Artist & Illustrator Deborah Friedman will do a demo in colored pencil**

Wednesday Nov. 3, 2021 6:30pm FAA Meeting at Franklin Senior Center
(also via Zoom) **Artist Jerry Aissis will do a demo in Watercolor**

Virtual FAA monthly meetings Zoom link:

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 it 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=ME9aTGtvRVJFVlg2aDBIMlIiVT1ZZdz09>

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 Board Members slate for 2021-2022

The following individuals have stepped forward to forge the path of this **50 year old organization** into 2021-2022. We will vote for this sleight at our Sept 1st meeting:

FAA President: Sue Sheridan

FAA Vice President: Susan Plume (*moving over from 2020-2021 Corresponding Secretary!*)

FAA Corresponding Secretary: Hannah Liverant Close.

FAA Recording Secretary: Christine Lamb Toubau (*continuing from 2020-2021!*)

FAA Treasurer: Joe Mueller (*continuing from 2020-2021!*)

FAA in the news:

- **The Franklin Art Walk was a big success!**

We hope you were able to view one or more events in the **Franklin Art Walk** which began on the weekend of June 11-13, 2021, starting with the Kick-off Event at the Farmer's Market on the Town Common Friday, June 11, where the FAA had a booth on the Common.

The Mass. Cultural Council and Franklin Cultural Council's \$1,700 Grant awarded to the FAA enabled us to buy easels to display art in Franklin businesses, and to fund art packets which were included in the **Franklin Library Summer Reading Bags**. This year's Franklin Summer Reading Program has a theme of **Build Your Own Zoo** featuring a scavenger hunt to find animal art representing 12 categories of animals. The FAA partnered with the library and the Franklin Downtown Partnership for this project to distribute 700 bags! And FAA artists created animal art for which a QR code will reveal the name and contact information of that artist, and a link to their website.

16 FAA artists agreed to display their art in Franklin Businesses from June 11 through the end of July. We hope you were able to see most if not all of this art work!

- **The Flower Alley project is finished!!!**

The Flower Alley project is finished! The remaining murals were installed **August 12**. Amy Adams, Hannah Close, Peg Munson, Susan Plume, and Anne Marie Tracey are the FAA artists who have each done a mural for this exciting project!

Flower Alley is going to be included in the Ladybug Trail and will bring more public art to the Cultural District and Downtown Franklin.



FAA upcoming events:

- **Wed. Aug. 25th Franklin Mobile Vaccine Clinic**

The FAA was invited to partner with the Franklin Public Health Department to support an on-going community arts project to foster confidence in the COVID vaccine. Clinic visitors will be given an opportunity to decorate a mask. Masks will be combined into a public art piece.

To register for the vaccine clinic visit

<https://www.franklinma.gov/home/news/covid-19-mobile-vaccination-clinic>.

The free clinic will run 10am-3pm in Davis Thayer Parking Lot.

- **Sept. 12, 12-6pm Franklin Cultural Council Festival on Franklin Common**

Look for more on this in the very near future!!!

- **October 2, Franklin Harvard Festival & FAA Fall Show**

Look for more on this in the very near future!!!

Our FAA Members in the news:

Amy Adams is happy to share that she has created a community interactive display called “I Am Here”.. *I Am Here* is a community collaboration that highlights the importance of Mental Health, love, support and treatment. This scenario fits with Depression, Anxiety, PTSD, Eating Disorders (etc.) and reminds us how easily these can relate to substance use and loss. The overall purpose is to promote awareness /prevention, acknowledge our loss and bring healing to the community. The display is meant to connect people and amplify that *Mental Health connects us all*. If you happen to be near Natick please stop over to visit this very important installation. There was a short dedication event with speakers and a host to introduce the display, on Saturday 7/31 @11am First Congregational Church lawn. However, the display will remain there for the near future at: 2 E Central St, Natick.

FAA Virtual Galleries!

As a member of FAA you can 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*. Dennis reports that we now have over 400 people following us!! *He also says [“We need new material!!!”](#)* *Any FAA member can have Dennis post on our Facebook page!!*

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.

2021 Workshops, Demos, Art Shows, Art Abroad and more:

Darla Bostick’s 15th and 16th Ghost Ranch Workshop/Retreats, NM (October 2021 and June 2022) Relax, enjoy, create! Floor to ceiling studio windows. Ghost Ranch lodging/meals included. See why Georgia O’Keeffe loved Ghost Ranch. Each workshop/retreat is different. October 2021 UN-traditional Watercolor workshop—collect reference photographs and push watercolor boundaries! The June 2022 Multi-Medias workshop offers something new every day---textiles, printmaking, pouring, jewelry and more! Both have daily demos, slide presentations, door prizes and optional happy hour. Darla’s been teaching at Ghost Ranch since 2008...isn’t it time for you to see why? www.darlabostick.com email: darlabostickart@gmail.com Also, check out my Art Adventure Abroad coming this October to France!

Check my website for 2021 workshops, demos and art abroad:

Ghost Ranch UN-Traditional Watermedia Workshop/Retreat, NM 26 Sept-2 Oct

Darla's Art Adventure Abroad, Southern France 8-17 October www.darlabostick.com

The Post Road Art Center is hosting Bob Collins for classes in Abstraction, Landscape Abstract and Open Figure Drawing, as well as Open Studio classes with teacher Erin Groncki and online classes with Michele Clamp. Visit www.postroadartcenter.com

Northeast Fine Art Exhibit of Realism is accepting entries through Aug. 28th prizes awarded. Visit [Northeast Fine Art Exhibition](#) for details.

The W Gallery: Arts Wayland is hosting a Mosaic Tapestry Workshop, Sunday, September 12th 9:30 am - 4:30 pm with a break for lunch, and Magnificent Millefiori Mosaic Mirror Workshop, Sat.-Sun., October 16-17, 9:30 am-4:30 pm with a lunch break, and Mosaicking Over Collage, Paint, and Stencils, Sat.-Sun., Nov. 6-7, 9:30-4:30 pm, with a lunch break.

Additionally they are hosting *Magical* a prized juried exhibition deadline Sept. 1. These are in addition to numerous performing arts events visit artswayland.com for more details.

Hopkinton Center for the Arts has published their fall courses which include a variety of adult classes in painting and ceramics and much more visit hopartcenter.org for more details.

The National Wildlife Federation is hosting the 2021 Garden for Wildlife Calendar photography contest. Entry fee and prizes applicable. Entrance also eligible to youth 13-17. Deadline Oct. 17. Visit gfwphotocontest.nwf.org for details.

FAA dues for 2021-2022:

Please see attached FAA Membership Renewal Form!! Members are asked to renew by Oct. 25th in order to ensure uninterrupted service of the newsletter, email communications AND:

As a dues-paying FAA member you will also have the opportunity to virtually display and sell your artwork via the FAA Facebook page, as well as the All About Franklin Facebook page, Instagram and if possible, on the FAA web-site.

Also, don't forget to send any news re local art exhibits, etc. that you are participating in for the FAA Newsletter!)



Franklin Art Association

279 East Central Street, PMB #289, Franklin, MA 02038 www.franklinart.org

Purpose

The purpose of the Franklin Art Association is the advancement of the arts of painting, drawing, graphics, textiles and all creative art media in the greater Franklin area. To preserve the finest artistic traditions by means of exhibiting work, conducting classes, demonstrations, lectures, and sponsoring other activities favorable to artistic expression and for the development of friendly exchanges among artists and those interested in the arts.

Organization

The general management and policymaking powers of the organization are vested in the officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer. Their tenure extends from September to August. Elections are held each May.

Activities

The Franklin Art Association meets on the first Wednesday of the month (except July & August). Meetings are held at the Franklin Senior Center, 10 Daniel McCahill St., Franklin, MA, with a business meeting starting at 6:45pm, refreshments and socialization starts at 6:30pm, the monthly demonstration/workshop starts at ~7pm and runs until ~9pm. In addition to the monthly meetings, which include a demonstration by a noted regional artist or life drawing session, workshops and field trips are sponsored throughout the year. Art exhibitions are held each fall and spring. The Association also sponsors a scholarship competition for graduating high school seniors who plan to continue their education in an art related field.

Further Information

Additional information about the Franklin Art Association is available on our website www.franklinart.org, or by contacting the Corresponding Secretary at FAAsecretary@gmail.com. To join or renew your membership, simply detach and complete the form below and mail (with accompanying check) to:

**Franklin Art Association
279 East Central Street
PMB #289
Franklin, MA 02038**

Website

As a member of the FAA you are entitled to a bio and photos of your artwork on our website. Please send a 3 paragraph bio and up to 6 high-res photos of your work to our web guru Dale Hoopingarner at webmaster@franklinart.org.

Franklin Art Association – Membership Registration

Dues cover the period from September through the following August and are due on or before the first monthly meeting in September. Make check payable to Franklin Art Association and send it along with this form to:

Treasurer, Franklin Art Association, 279 East Central Street, PMB #289, Franklin, MA 02038

Member - \$35 (age 18+, may vote, exhibit, hold office)

Junior Member - \$10 (students may exhibit but are not voting members)

Name: _____

This is a membership renewal and my contact information has remained the same: **Yes No**

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Website: _____

Preferred art medium: _____

Do you teach art? **Yes No**

If yes, what ages, media: _____

Committee Interest:

Please circle any or all areas of interest, the FAA is a volunteer organization and we need willing volunteers to succeed!

- Archives
- Demos/Workshops
- Annual Exhibitions
- Field trips
- Publicity
- Refreshments
- Scholarship
- Special Exhibit Venues
- Newsletter
- Website Content
- Other: _____

If you would prefer that we withhold your contact information from the shared membership list, provided to members for professional publicity and social contact uses please check here: Info to be withheld: _____

Our FAA Members in Shows?

Do you have artwork 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.*