



FAA Newsletter

February 2023

Musings from the President:

Dear members and friends,

Winter is a good time to get out those art books and magazines and spend some time perusing! I've been reading some books by Hazel Soan, a British watercolorist. Wow! She has mastered the unique qualities of watercolor which to my mind is one of the most difficult mediums. I would highly recommend her books to you!

The Board has been busy this month. Along with making sure our monthly meetings go smoothly, we also meet to plan next events and share ideas. This past week we made a few decisions which I'll share with you now. The Board on behalf of the FAA made a donation to Dana Farber in memory of Helen Novak who left us way too early. She was an officer of the FAA and an enthusiastic member and will be missed. The Board also granted Dale Hoopingartner a Lifetime Membership in the FAA. Dale has been our webmaster and has managed our website for many many years as a volunteer. We thought he should be recognized for his longtime commitment to the FAA. We also made a decision to devote all money raised through our raffle sales toward the scholarship fund for the foreseeable future. The FAA is in a better financial position that we were in a few years back, and we believe that we do not have to devote any money toward our operating costs at the present time.

Hope to see you on February 1st when our very own Dennis Sardella will be presenting an informative program on "Russian Icons". Also come to the paint-in at the Escape into Fiction bookstore on February 4th. More information will be shared as we get closer to the date!

Warmly,

Sue Sheridan
President



Visible Image
of the Invisible God



A Guide to Russian and Byzantine Icons



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FAA upcoming events:



- **Wednesday February 1st: Meeting & Demonstration** 6:30 - 8:30pm at the Franklin Senior Center. Art historian and published author [Dennis Sardella](#) will give a lecture on Russian and Byzantine Icons.
- **Thursday February 16th** 3rd FAA Gallery @ Escape into Fiction exhibition **opening!** 6-8pm Please share [this flier](#) on Facebook or [this flier](#) on Instagram!
- **Wednesday March 1st: Meeting & Demonstration** 6:30 - 8:30pm at the Franklin Senior Center. Demonstration given by still life and landscape painter [Robin Wessman](#).
- **Saturday February 4th: Paint In - Hands on group paint time** 10-1pm, at Escape into Fiction, a still life will be set up. Artists should bring their own materials. Coffee will be available for purchase from Escape. Chairs, drop cloths and wash water will be provided. (Snow date February 18)
- **Wednesday April 5th: Meeting & Demonstration** 6:30 - 8:30pm at the Franklin Senior Center.

Members willing to bring **refreshments** to upcoming FAA monthly meetings can [sign up here](#). Please note that those who have already signed up in person on paper have been added to this virtual sign up sheet already. Thanks in advance to Madeleine and Margaret for bringing snacks to our February meeting.

The FAA has just been granted \$1,200 by the Franklin Cultural Council for upcoming programs. We are very thankful for the local cultural council's support in helping us to bring our programs to Franklin and the wider community.

Membership List - [Linked here](#) is a list of current Franklin Art Association members and their contact information. This list is being provided so that members can share art exhibit, workshop and social event information. Please be considerate of members' confidentiality when using this information and do not share the information with any 3rd party individuals or organizations.

The Franklin Downtown Partnership's next general meeting will be held February 2nd, at 8:30am in the Dr. Paula Rooney Student Center on the 2nd floor, at Dean College, in the Golder Room. The general meeting will discuss public art in downtown Franklin and beyond!



Call for Entries, Workshops, Classes, etc.

- The Franklin Cultural District is embarking on an exciting project painting the utility boxes in downtown Franklin. Artists are invited to submit their utility artsy box design proposals **by Wednesday Feb. 15th**. [Utility boxes](#) will be painted in April.
- Foxborough is looking for a few crafty folks who would like to paint, adorn, and decorate a 4ft fiberglass fox sculpture to be displayed this summer in uptown Foxborough around the common. A \$500 honorarium will be paid to accepted artists to help cover supply costs. [Applications](#) are due **February 3**.
- Workshop 13 in Ware, is hosting [Sculpting the Figure](#) a 2 day attentive figure sculpting workshop working with a live model February 4 & 5th.
- The Rhode Island Watercolor Society is hosting [Spring Break](#), a virtual exhibit open to all 2D media. Deadline to enter February 17.
- The Trescott Gallery in Taunton is hosting [S'capes](#) an art exhibit featuring landscapes, seascape, cityscapes, all scapes in all media. Drop off February 27 & 28.
- The Friends of the Agawam Library are hosting their [3rd Open Juried Photography exhibit](#).

Categories: Creative, Nature, Photojournalism, Pictorial, \$25/entry. Deadline February 15, 2023.

- Hopkinton Center for the Arts is hosting [Pastel Painting](#) on Wednesdays starting in January.
- The W Gallery is hosting [Mosaic Tapestry Workshop](#) Sat. Feb. 18th 9:30-4:30. In addition to a [Watercolor](#) class starting in February.
- Darla Bostick is hosting a 10-day [Art Adventures Abroad](#) in Umbria in May.
- The Post Road Art Gallery is hosting a variety of in-person and virtual [art classes](#).

Local opportunities to show your work:

- Coldwell Banker Realty office at 220 Franklin Village Drive in Franklin. If you would like to hang your work there, especially large pieces which may exceed the size limitations of the gallery, contact Cindy Gleichauf at 508-541-6200 or Cindy.Gleichauf@CBRealty.com.
- The Franklin Public Library also has gallery hanging space in the Community Room. Follow the links at the library's website to find the application.
- PhysicianOne Urgent Care has opened next door to Starbucks in Franklin MA. They are interested in partnering with local artists' to exhibit photography and other Franklin specific artwork. Contact Lindsey Holland at lholland@p1uc.com, 978-886-5995.

Treasurer's Report

As of January 25, 2023 the treasury consists of \$ 4,002.86. (General Fund = \$ 1,968.96; Scholarship Fund = \$ 2,033.90).

The first of two \$ 1,000.00 student scholarships was paid. Transcripts from the second recipient have not yet been received. Both Federal and State Non-profit tax returns were filed. Seventeen artists are participating in the FAA's

third gallery show, paying an entry fee of \$ 25.00 each. Gallery show flyers were printed for distribution. The January demonstration artist was paid, as were the January storage and gallery rental fees. There were two new memberships during January. Finally, in memory of Helen Novak, the FAA made a donation to Dana Farber towards pancreatic research. (Helen was a current member and former VP of the FAA who passed away this month.) Storage and gallery space rental fees for February are still due.

As a reminder, the Franklin Cultural Council / MA Cultural Council has awarded a \$ 1,600.00 grant for paying our monthly demonstrators during calendar year 2022. Payment is now expected to be received in February.



In Memoriam

It is with a heavy heart that we share that Helen Novak, long time FAA member and board member, passed away this week. Her obituary can be found [here](#). We all have her husband David and the Novak family in our minds this week. The FAA has made a donation to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute for Pancreatic Cancer Research in Helen's memory.

Member Volunteer Opportunities!

Looking for anyone comfortable with Wordpress! FAA needs someone who can update our website and keep the information presented current. Please get in touch with Sue Sheridan at suesheridan@comcast.net, or call her at 508-654-9277.

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Newsletter Contributions:

The corresponding secretary seeks:

- *Important Member Announcements: exhibitions, workshops, events, etc.*
- *Local Art Happenings*
- *Local Call for Entries*

Please share your news with the FAA members by sending images & information to faasecretary@gmail.com, so they can be included in the next newsletter!

Unless otherwise noted the FAA Newsletter deadline is 5 days before the start of the new month.

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