



FAA Newsletter

April 2023

Musings from the President:

Dear members and friends,

Welcome to all of our new members! It is really heartening to see our membership numbers grow. We are now just shy of 60 members, a big increase since the end of Covid. I'm hoping this trend will continue and that more and more members will take advantage of the opportunity to be in the FAA Gallery. Speaking of which, the Board and Gallery Committees met recently and have decided to expand the types of art which will be accepted into the gallery shows. If you have artwork which doesn't fit into the traditional category of painting or photography, and if it can be safely hung on the gallery walls, please consider entering the next show. Or if you have a small sculptural piece and a pedestal stand, consider entering that as well. We want to make the FAA Gallery space exciting, inclusive and artistically diverse!

Our recent paint-in sessions at the gallery have been really fun. Now that spring has sprung, perhaps these sessions should move outdoors! The Board is looking for someone to take the lead on organizing plein air sessions for FAA members. If you say to yourself, "but I don't know anybody..." This is a great way to get to know your fellow members! Let me or any other board member know if you would like to be the leader of this fun activity.

There is a lot going on in the next few months! Please consider signing up for one or both of the workshops being offered in the coming months, and also, don't forget that our June 9th art show during the Strawberry Stroll event is just around the corner. More information will be coming in the next few weeks. So in the meantime, happy creating!

Warm regards,

Sue Sheridan

President



FAA upcoming events:

- **Wednesday April 5th: Meeting & Demonstration** with [Kim Morin Weineck](#) who will be working in pastels, 6:30pm April 5th monthly meeting at Franklin Senior Center.
- **Wednesday May 3rd: Meeting & Demonstration** 6:30 - 8:30pm at the Franklin Senior Center.
- **Saturday May 13th: Deadline** to enter

the 4th FAA Gallery @ Escape into Fiction exhibition. See [prospectus](#) for details, [online application here](#).

- **Saturday May 13th: Workshop** with Katie Kindilien joined us for a demo at our January 2023 meeting at Escape into Fiction. Contact VP Susan Plume to register, spots are filling up and will soon be open to those outside the FAA!
- **Saturday May 20th: Drop off** for 4th FAA Gallery @ Escape into Fiction exhibition, and pick up for 3rd exhibition which began in January.
- **Saturday June 3rd: Workshop** with Lenny Moscovitz, plein aire painting on the Charles River. Contact VP Susan Plume to register, spots are filling up and will soon be open to those outside the FAA!
- **Wednesday June 7th: End of Year Party!**
- **Thursday June 29th:** 4th FAA Gallery @ Escape into Fiction exhibition **opening!** Please share the flier on any social media or in any businesses you can! [Print version](#), [Facebook version](#), [Instagram version](#)

Members willing to bring **refreshments** to upcoming FAA monthly meetings can [sign up here](#). We are currently in need of 1 more volunteer to help Judy B. to bring goodies to the **Wednesday, April 5th meeting!**

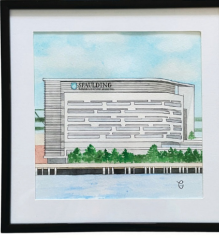
Please note that those who have already signed up in person on paper have been added to this virtual sign up sheet already.

The town of Franklin is hosting [Arts & Culture Listening Tours](#): Your feedback and ideas will be used to inform the direction of arts and culture for the next 10-15 years! April 28th, and May 19th.


To support this the town is asking residents to complete [THIS SURVEY!](#)

Member's News

SPAULDING PEACE ART GALLERY EXHIBIT OPENING: FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH



WHEN
Tuesday, March
21st 4-5:30pm

WHERE
 **SPAULDING**
REHABILITATION HOSPITAL
Spaulding Peace Art Gallery
300 First Avenue, 2nd Floor
Charlestown, MA 02129
(Refreshments will be provided)

"From Strength to Strength" Artist: Ali Rheume

Ali Rheume is an award-winning artist who began painting after sustaining a Traumatic Brain Injury. When she entered Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital at a 10% functioning level in January of 2017, Ali was unable to color even a simple children's coloring page and had difficulty choosing colors from a box of crayons.

As Ali continued to recover, she began to explore art as a pastime, as well as a medium to help improve her visual, fine-motor, and decision-making skills. She progressed from crayons and pencils, to learning how to paint with acrylics and watercolor.

Now, Ali is a member of the Franklin Art Association, and created her own art business called Embracing Unique. Her main work is "painting things that are important to people", whereas someone will give her a photo of importance, and she will create a watercolor painting of it - a house, an engagement capture, a wedding moment, family photos, and more.

In addition to art, Ali is also a public speaker and a brain injury advocate. She serves on the Brain Injury Council of Massachusetts and the Franklin Disability Commission. Ali hosts a virtual support group she created, called Life After Concussion, in addition to being a support group facilitator for the Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts. Her mission in life is to multiply hope, to encourage people to be their true selves, and to turn mourning into dancing.

Directions to Spaulding can be found here:

<http://www.spauldingrehab.org/locations/spaulding-rehabilitation-hospital/visitor-information>
Public transportation is highly encouraged. For our guests who will be driving limited on-site hourly parking will be available.

To RSVP, disability-related accommodations, or for more information
please contact Deb Margolis at dmargolis@partners.org or 617.952.6876.



www.spauldingrehab.org



Ali Rheume has an exhibition at Spaulding Rehabilitation clinic. 7 News Boston interviewed her, see the video [here](#).

The FAA has been very grateful for Ali's design work on our recent FAA Gallery fliers!

Marc Cohen is participating in an Artisan Fair hosted by Birchwood Bakery on Thursday April 20, 4-7pm.



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BAKERY + KITCHEN
17 East Central Street - Franklin, MA

Come shop our ARTISAN FAIR
on Thursday, April 20 from 4-7 pm
Featuring TEMPLE ETZ CHAIM artists!
Food and drinks will be available for purchase

Studio 29 Designs: Artist - Jo Campbell
Fluid art designs on canvas, glass and wood
Hand crafted costume jewelry

Marc Cohen Photography: Artist - Marc Cohen
Nature and landscape photography and notecards

Pottery by Andrea: Artist - Andrea Chartoff
Hand crafted pottery

Peace Bee and Rainbow Song Henna: Artist - Melissa Chartoff
Henna body art



Call for Entries, Workshops, Classes, etc.

- The Rhode Island Watercolor Society is hosting Gel Printing April 8th, Foundations of Art Marketing April 11th, and a 4 Week Monotype printmaking workshop, and more. click [here](#) for the full list.

They are also hosting the 2023 [National Watermedia Show](#), deadline April 14th.

- Lifelong Learning Institute in Franklin is hosting [Acrylic, Watercolor and Pottery classes](#) this spring.
- Danforth Art Museum in Framingham is hosting Saturday Workshops including Quick Sketch Painting May 23, Exploring Gesture May 20, Meditation and Mark Making May 13, in addition to numerous classes for adults and youth, see details [here](#).

- The MetroWest 2nd Annual Arts & Culture Symposium will be held on Thursday March 30th, 6:30-9pm. “Please join us for a riveting on-stage conversation about how arts and culture can support our local economies, even during the most trying times.” Free but limited seating details [register here](#).
- The Hopkinton Center for the Arts is hosting [Arts in Bloom](#), deadline April 3rd.
- Trescott Gallery in Taunton is hosting [Something to Talk About exhibit](#), drop off dates May 1 & 2. They are also hosting [Rivers](#) with the Taunton Area River Shed, drop off May 29 & 30.
- The Plymouth Center for the Arts is hosting [Herring Run Festival Logo Contest](#), deadline March 31.
- Workshop 13 is hosting [Altered Reality](#) exhibit deadline April 20th, and [Show Your Pride](#) exhibit deadline May 25th. Wheel Throwing classes Mondays, Thursday and Sundays starting April 3, in addition to other workshops. Details [here](#).
- Arts Wayland is hosting [In Depth Block Printing](#) 4 Tuesdays in April. They are also hosting a mosaic [Jewelry workshop](#) Friday April 28th.
- 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](#) including Painting Still Life, Acrylic Painting and Drawing with Bob Collins, Painting with Watercolor and Gouache, and Drawing with Anthony.
- Plymouth Center for the Arts is hosting [Fine Art of Photography exhibit](#) register by March 30.

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

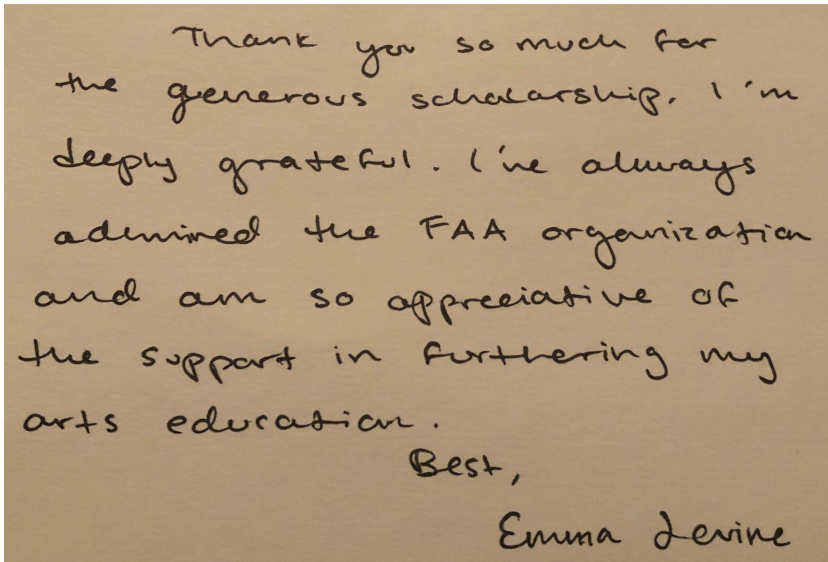
As of March 25, 2023 the treasury consists of \$ 2,943.37. (General Fund = \$ 909.47; Scholarship Fund = \$ 2,033.90).


During March the demonstration artist was paid. There were five memberships, and five workshop enrollments. The FAA has purchased a hanging system for our Gallery for \$ 985.00. This expense is expected to be fully reimbursed with a grant from the Franklin Cultural District, plus an “In Memory Of“ donation. The Storage and Gallery fees for April still need to be paid. The Gallery fee will be decreased this coming month due to art work sales during March.

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. The FAA is still awaiting payment.

Member Volunteer & Contribution Opportunities!

WANTED! Anyone with web design experience! We would like to update the FAA's website and are looking for people who are interested in working on this. Please let any board member know of your interest and thank you! Please get in touch with Sue Sheridan at suesheridan@comcast.net, or call her at 508-654-9277.



The FAA is in search of **artwork donations** to be raffled off to fundraise for our scholarship . Works can be brought to our monthly meeting or arrangements can be made by emailing FAAsecretary@gmail.com.

One of our recent scholarship recipients took the time to thank the Association in a recent note:

FAA Scholarship

Each year the FAA gives a college scholarship to a high school student planning on studying visual arts. The scholarship is open to any high school senior residing in Franklin or attending a school in Franklin, or who is a current member of the Franklin Art Association, or a senior whose parent, grandparent or legal guardian is a current member of the association. Deadline to enter is Thursday April 6th, see the [application](#) for details.

FAA Board Members

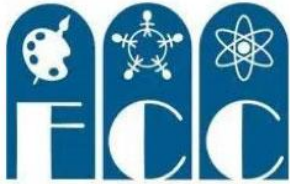
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Newsletter Contributions:

The corresponding secretary seeks:

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

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Franklin Cultural Council



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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