



FAA Newsletter

October 2023

Musings from the President:

Dear members and friends,

Robert Genn was a Canadian artist who wrote twice-weekly letters to a large following of artists on a multitude of subjects. I have his book which includes his letters from 1999 to 2009. He is no longer living but his letters are still worth reading. They can be found at www.painterskeys.com. I came across an interesting one recently about making photographs work for you as an artist. I quote him here: "Why is it that some people can take photographic reference and make it exciting, while others only succeed in reproducing a photo? A lot of it has to do with the analysis that an artist gives to the reference prior to picking up the brush. Here are a few ideas you might find useful: When you're looking at a photo that you think might be made into a painting, clarify in your mind what was the main area or interest in the photo that attracted you in the first place. Will this focus area make the transition into paint? Which areas are worth keeping and which are to be left out? Will other elements need to be added? How and where can more "spirit" be added to this reference material? How can the final work be made to sing?"

Questions all worth pondering if you're using photos for your reference material. Check out Robert's letters - they are a wealth of useful and inspiring information.

Looking forward to the Harvest Festival show this coming weekend! Hope to see you there..

Warmly,

Sue Sheridan

President

[2023-24 Membership Renewal](#)

[Form](#) < save time & postage, click here, print and deliver your renewal to our Oct. 4th meeting!

You must renew your membership in order to participate in any of our upcoming exhibits!

Opening show: September 30th 12-5pm	*Art will stay up for viewing through October 14th	Escape into Fiction 12 Main St. Fanklin, MA
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Art created by local artists!

FAA upcoming events:

- **Wednesday October 4th: Monthly Meeting & Demo** with guest artist [Charlie Guay](#). From 6:30-8:30pm at the Franklin Senior Center.
- **Saturday September 30th: Harvest Festival Art Exhibit @ Escape into Fiction.** NOTE: This is different from our 5th FAA Gallery exhibit, and is a 2 week to run in conjunction with the Franklin Downtown Partnership's popular [Harvest Festival](#) event. See [prospectus](#) for details. **No pre-registration required**, drop off 11am Friday Sept. 29th, pick up Saturday October 14th 10-11am. **Participants are kindly asked to help out with the show in some way, sign up [here](#).** (Rain date for Harvest Festival: Saturday 8/30)

Click on the link to access and share the fliers [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [Print Flier](#)!

- **Saturday October 7th: Deadline** to enter the 5th FAA Gallery @ Escape into Fiction exhibition. Please complete [this form](#) to register. [Prospectus](#) here.
- **Saturday October 14th: Drop off** for 5th FAA Gallery @ Escape into Fiction exhibition, and pick up for 4th exhibition which began in May.
- **Wednesday November 1st: Monthly Meeting & Demo** with guest artist Brittany Hayes. Hayes is a realist painter fresh from a residency in Europe! From 6:30-8:30pm at the Franklin Senior Center.
- **November 9th: Opening** for 5th FAA Gallery exhibition.
- **Wednesday December 6th: Monthly Meeting Show & Tell Potluck!** Bring current/in-progress work for feedback from your peers and a food contribution to share! From 6:30-8:30pm at the Franklin Senior Center.

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 Hannah Close to bring goodies to the **Wednesday, October 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.



Member's News

Peg Munson is having a solo show of her art and photography at the Artist's Studio and Gallery at 266 Patriot Place in Foxborough. Peg will be there and working on some new artwork during the show. Come by to say hello and see her show, and all the other fabulous artwork in the gallery. Friday October 27, 5-9 pm, Saturday October 28, 1-9 pm and Sunday October 29, 12-6 pm. (*Gray's Beach II*, left)

Diane Bell, Franklin watercolorist, is hosting an outdoor sale offering local scenes and more on September 30th from 10am to 3pm at 70 Pleasant St., Rain date Sunday, Oct., 1st. Matted works and some framed paintings as well as original notecards will be offered at reasonable prices. (image right)

Walter Spencer and several other FAA members who have pieces in the upcoming Small Stones Festival of the Arts in Grafton in late October. Walter's piece titled *Keep Me In Your Heart* was accepted into the show.



Call for Entries, Workshops, Classes, etc.

- The Hopkinton Center for the Arts is hosting [Drawing Comics for Adults](#) on Mondays, as well as [Drawing and Sketching for Adults](#) on Mondays.
- The Post Road Art Center is hosting numerous [classes](#) including an Open Studio class Wednesdays, Watercolor on Thursdays, Painting with Gouache on Thursdays, Drawing, Abstract Landscape, and Figure Drawing and an Abstraction class.
- The RI Watercolor Society is hosting [Follow the Light](#) an online exhibit focused on light, deadline to enter October 6th. [Watercolor Basics](#) in October and November, [Watercolor Nest painting](#) 4-weeks in October.
- Arts Wayland is hosting a [Watercolor and Oil Pastel](#) Mondays in October, [Polymer Clay Tile](#) workshop Oct. 21st, [Mosaic Mirror](#) workshop Nov. 5th and [Mosaic Jewelry](#) Dec. 8th. The [Wayland Arts Expo](#) will be held Saturday from 1-7 on the Town Common. They are also looking for artists for their [Holiday Arts Marketplace](#).
- Trescott Gallery in Taunton is hosting [Show it Off](#) an open exhibition, drop off October 2nd and 3rd. As well as [Photography Class: Thoughts about Understanding Light in Photography](#) Sept. 29th.
- [Workshop 13](#) is hosting the following classes: Live Model Mondays, Hand Building October - December, and Intro to Acrylic Painting October - November. They are also hosting [Beautiful Little Things](#) a juried exhibition of small works deadline to enter Oct. 26th.
- [The Plymouth Center for the Arts](#) is hosting numerous fall classes including Portrait in Color, Watercolor Painting for Pleasure, Watercolor Painting for Beginners, Painting & Drawing, Photography at Dusk, Wheel Throwing and Hand Built Pottery.
- [The Danforth Art Museum](#) in Framingham is hosting numerous classes and workshops this fall including Techniques of Embroidery, Botanical Watercolors for Beginners, Intro to Photoshop Elements, Indian Folk Art and Art Quilts.

Local opportunities:

- Hunakai Studio of Fine Arts in Foxboro is offering a new opportunity: **Open Studio for Area Artists!** The new administration and the Board of Directors of Hunakai Studio of Fine Arts, Inc. in accordance with our mission to support fine arts education and artists in the community, is announcing a new program designed to support area artists as well as any aspiring artists. Many artists' are without studio space find it inconvenient to set up in their home living areas while working on their own. Hunakai Studio is offering monthly Open Studio workspace for artists to work weekly alongside other artists while providing group support in a social setting. The open studio will be scheduled on Thursday mornings 11am -2pm. Bring your supplies, lunch, as well as your friends. Preregistration by the month is required to assure there is space. Potential exhibition space may be provided in the future. 508-543-5665 or e-mail kat@hunakaistudio.org to get more information or to register.
 - 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.
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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.

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- *Local Art Happenings*
- *Local Call for Entries*

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