



# FAA Newsletter

February 2025

## Musings from the President:

Dear Members and Friends,

Every now and then, I pull my volume of Robert Genn's "Letters" off the bookshelf. You can literally flip it open to any one of its 855 pages and find interesting musings on all things art-related! The letters in this book were written over a 10 year period from 1999 to 2009, which is now almost 25 years ago. But they are still just as relevant today as they were then.

A letter written on May 30, 2000 described the benefits of belonging to an art club. Robert wrote "Clubs engage speakers, teachers and demonstrators, and sometimes set up exhibitions in malls and church halls where members' work - which would not normally find its way into galleries - is profitably sold. Apart from the growth and learning potential plus mutual critiquing and support, clubs give people the opportunity to conduct meetings, prepare budgets, run galleries, buy wholesale and otherwise hob-nob with their fellow wizards." This has certainly been the case for me, and I hope for you as well!

In this newsletter you will find many exciting events coming up this spring coordinated by your Board and run by FAA volunteers. Hope to see you there!

Warm regards,

Sue Sheridan

President

## FAA upcoming events:

- **Wednesday February 5th: Monthly Meeting & Demo** [Erin Spencer](#) who will discuss her landscape painting techniques.

**Franklin Art Association  
Art Show and Sale**

Exhibit Open: March 31 - April 25, 2025

Opening Reception  
Thursday, April 10th 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Hosted at the  
Norfolk Public Library,  
139 Main Street, Norfolk MA

- **Saturday February 8th 9:30-4pm: Gouache Workshop** with prior guest demo artist Kim Weineck. To be held at the Franklin TV station. Member cost \$95. For more details see this [flier](#). Spaces are limited, to sign up contact Susan Plume at [susan\\_plume@yahoo.com](mailto:susan_plume@yahoo.com).
- **Wednesday March 5th: Monthly Meeting & Demo** [Christine West](#), mixed media artist and she will demo how she makes her materials and how she composes her collages.
- **Saturday March 29th, 10-11am: Drop off for Spring Norfolk Library exhibit.** No pre-registration required. [See prospectus here.](#) Participants are asked to contribute to set up, opening or tear down by volunteering! [Sign up here.](#)
- **Thursday April 10th, 6:30-8:30pm: Opening for Spring Norfolk Library exhibit.**
- **Saturday April 26th, 10-11am: Pick up for Spring Norfolk Library exhibit.**
- **Wednesday April 2nd: Monthly Meeting & Demo** [Kris Occhino](#) will do a watercolor demonstration.



- **Saturday May 25th: Registration deadline for Fakes & Forgeries, an exhibition** of master copies by FAA artists and others, to be held at the Franklin Historical Society in conjunction with the 250th Birthday of Massachusetts. [See prospectus here to register.](#) Saturday June 7th. Participants are asked to contribute to set up, opening or tear down by volunteering! [Sign up here to volunteer.](#)

- **Friday June 6th 10-11am: Drop off for Fake & Forgeries exhibit.**

- **Saturday June 7th 12-6pm: Opening Fake & Forgeries exhibit.** Opening will run in conjunction with [Franklin Porchfest](#). [Sign up here](#) to help with the reception.

- **Sunday June 22nd 4-pm: Pick up for Fake & Forgeries exhibit.**

Thank you to Patti and Chris for bringing snacks to our February meeting. We are [currently in need 2 more volunteers for our March meetings](#) you can [sign up here](#).

## [FAA Website](#) Member Artist Gallery

It is time to update our members only Artist Gallery on the Franklin Art Association website. Please complete [this Google Form](#) to provide the **FAA with 5 samples of your work as well as a bio statement that can be added to our site.** If you need help writing an artist's statement/bio see the links attached to the form. [ALL members are welcome and encouraged to participate!](#) Members who do complete the form in order to provide images and text for our Artist Gallery will get a **free ticket** for the painting raffle held during monthly meetings (raffle will be drawn at the end of the 2024-25 meeting year.)

See a sample here ---->

### [Dick Fotland](#)

Dick Fotland received science degrees from Case Western Reserve University. During his professional career, he conceived and developed a number of technologies for forming images on paper. He started watercolor painting in 1997, switching to oil in 2000. He reasons that conceptual engineering and art share many attributes: both require vision to

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# Call for Entries, Workshops, Classes, etc.

- **The Franklin Cultural District** is hosting [Fairy Trails & Tales](#) at the Franklin Sculpture Park. An exhibition of environmentally friendly fairy houses open to all. Deadline to register March 1.
- **The Norfolk Cultural Council** is hosting a Juried Annual Exhibit May 3-31. [See call to entry flier here.](#)
- **[The RI Watercolor Society](#)** is hosting numerous classes and workshops including Paint a Winter Fairytale on Silk Saturday February 8, Still Lives Thursdays starting February 13, Acrylic or Watercolor Feb. 6 - March 6th, Beginning Watercolor and Thing Spring Saturday's starting March 8th, and Paint a Winter Fairytale workshop on Silk Feb. 8th, Lorraine Watry: Hummingbird in Motion 3-day workshop May 30- June 1. They are also hosting Unusual Views, an online exhibit, deadline to enter February 14th.
- **Arts Wayland** is hosting [Learn to Draw from Life](#) workshop Thursday in January, [Painting with Watercolor and Oil Pastels](#) Mondays starting in January, [Glass Painting](#) on Saturday February 8th.
- **[The Arlington Center for the Arts](#)** is hosting numerous classes in a variety of media including ceramics, drawing, painting, textiles, printmaking, and mixed media for adults and youth. See their [full course catalog here.](#)
- **[The Plymouth Center for the Arts](#)** is hosting A [Mardi Gras Mask Making workshop](#) February 18th, in addition to numerous classes in a variety of media including watercolor, acrylic, oil, ceramics, and photography.
- **[The Post Road Art Center](#)** is hosting numerous classes including Abstract Landscape, Abstract Painting, Acrylic and Mixed Media Relief Painting, Painting the Fall Colors, Mindful Mark Making, Open Figure Studio, Creative Mark Making and more.
- **The [Hopkinton Center for the Arts](#)** is hosting numerous classes in media including painting, drawing, ceramics, weaving, and photography.
- **[The Danforth Art Museum](#)** in Framingham is hosting numerous classes and workshops in a variety of media including Landscape Photography, Drawing with Stitches, Collage, and Museum Inspiration workshops and more.
- **[The Trescott Gallery](#)** in Taunton is hosting
- **[Workshop 13](#)** is hosting Live Models Mondays, Watercolor Landscapes Tuesdays, Acrylic Still Life Tuesdays, Painting with Oils Wednesdays, in addition to numerous ceramics classes.

## 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](mailto:kat@hunakaistudio.org) to get more information or to register.

- **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](mailto:lholland@p1uc.com), 978-886-5995.
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## Member's News

**Ali Rheaume** had a piece accepted into the Rhode Island Watercolor Society's online show, "Illumination". The show will be posted online on their website and Facebook page this Saturday, January 25th and there will be a virtual opening on Thursday, January 30th at 6pm. Info can be found at [riws.org](http://riws.org)

Ali will also have an exhibit at the Franklin Public Library March 1- 31 entitled "Look Up" Gallery. "For brain injury awareness month, this gallery containing acrylic paintings of clouds embodies my personal journey after brain injury that God has brought me through, amidst different circumstances and emotions. Art will be for sale with 10% donated to programs supporting brain injury."

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## Treasurer's Report

As of January 25, 2025 the Treasury consists of **\$3804.56. (General Fund = \$2,562.57; Scholarship Fund = \$1,241.99).**

### General Fund

Starting Balance 11/24/2024: \$ 2949.57 (General Account plus Cash on Hand)

Income: \$1035.00

- Membership Fees: + \$35.00

- Transfer from Scholarship Fund +\$1000

Expenses: \$562.00

- Storage \$149.00

- October Artist Demo Fee: -\$250.00

- Show Artist Fee - Paid Artist - \$28.00

- Metrowest Tourism and Visitors Bureau Annual Fee -\$100.00

- MA Office of the Attorney General PC Form Annual Report Fee \$35.00

Ending Balance \$ 3422.57

### Not included above

- Transfer from Scholarship Fund +\$1000.00

- Show Income +45.00

- Workshop Fees +95.00  
- Scholarship for Cailyn Bruno paid -\$1000.00 (check not cashed yet)  
- Scholarship for Lillian Skinner paid -\$1000.00 (check not cashed yet)  
**Ending Balance after including items not included: \$2562.57**

### Scholarship Fund

Starting Balance: \$3241.99 (Scholarship Account)

Income:

- None

Expenses: Transfer to General Fund -\$1000.00

**Ending Balance: \$2241.99**

*Not included above*

- Transfer to General Fund -\$1000.00

**Ending Balance after including items not included: \$1241.99**

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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](mailto: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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