



# FAA Newsletter

January 2026

## Musings from the President:

Hello Members and Friends of the Franklin Art Association,

Happy New Year! As we begin another year together, I want to thank you for the creativity, energy, and support that make our association such a special community.

I'm looking forward to a year filled with fresh ideas, inspiring art, and opportunities to connect and create together. Thank you for all you do to keep the arts thriving in Franklin.

Wishing you a joyful, creative, and colorful year ahead.

Cheers,

Nicole



## FAA upcoming events:

- **Wednesday Jan. 7th:** [Katie Kindilien](#) will do a painting demonstration. See image upper right.
- **Wednesday Feb. 4th:** [Brendan Sullivan](#) will discuss his sculpture work. See image lower right.
- **Saturday, April 4th, 10:15-11am:** Drop-off for Spring Show at the Norfolk Library. No pre-registration required. [Preliminary prospectus here.](#)
- **Saturday, April 11, 12-2 pm:** Spring Show Opening Reception at Norfolk Library.
- **Saturday, May 2nd, 10-11am:** Pick-up for the Spring Show at the Norfolk Library.



We are currently **in need of 2 volunteers** to bring goodies to the January, February, March, April and May meetings you can [sign up here.](#)

# Call for Entries, Workshops, Classes...

- [The RI Watercolor Society](#) is hosting numerous classes and workshops including [Capturing the Beauty of New England Coast](#) May 29-31.
- [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 numerous classes and workshops including Mixed Media Tree Cards, Procreate for Beginners, Painting with Coffee, Spontaneous Symmetry and much more.
- [The Post Road Art Center](#) is hosting numerous classes.
- [The Hopkinton Center for the Arts](#) is hosting numerous classes including Intro to Japanese Indigo Shibori, Beginning Still Life Drawing, Expressive Watercolor and much more.
- [The Danforth Art Museum](#) in Framingham is hosting numerous classes and workshops in a variety of media including Exploring Mixed Media with Lee Ball Tuesdays in January, and Museum Inspirations on Thursday in February and March.
- [The Trescott Gallery](#) in Taunton is hosting several classes and workshops.
- [Workshop 13](#) is hosting a [Winter themed exhibition](#) deadline Feb 12. As well as Live Model Mondays, Watercolor Painting Tuesdays and much more: in addition to numerous other classes. They are also hosting workshops including; Sculpting Human Heads Jan 10 & 11, Foundational Color Jan 10, Foundational Composition Jan 24.
- [Arts Wayland](#) is hosting an online exhibition called [Freedom in Flux: Artistic Reflections on Democracy](#) deadline is rolling.

## Local opportunities:

- The ICA (Institute of Contemporary Art in Boston) now offers a free Artist's Pass [sign up here](#).
- Seeking a passionate and experienced **art teacher** for private lessons for my adult son on the spectrum. The lessons will take place in his studio in Franklin, MA. Must have expertise in painting, drawing, sketching and the ability to tailor instruction to his skill level. Please refer to his website [www.roonsgallery.com](http://www.roonsgallery.com) to see his art work. Experience with Digital art would be nice but not required. Send your resume and portfolio to [ashim.das@prodigy.net](mailto:ashim.das@prodigy.net)
- **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 Tuesday 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.
- **Creative Corner Art Studio: Franklin, MA** is looking for local artists to sell/hang/display their artwork at the studio. Now through the end of 2025 100% of the profits will go to the artist, no commissions or fees. They are open to a great diversity of work and currently showcase paintings, jewelry, floral arrangements, candles, and more. For more information please email [marycreativecornerartstudio@gmail.com](mailto:marycreativecornerartstudio@gmail.com)

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## Members News

It is with a heavy heart that we share the obituary of [Kathy \(Kathleen\) Kirchmyer](#) former FAA member from earlier this year.

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## Treasurer's Report

NOTE: Deposits 11/24/2025 not cleared and not included below in this report - will be included next report  
+ \$35.00 Membership Dues  
+ \$100.00 Donation from Sue Watt in memory of Kathe Kirchmyer (copy of note below) - I'll send a thank you note  
+ 1750.00 Cultural Grant

As of December 26, 2025, the Treasury consists of **\$5,100.93 (General Fund = \$ 2,977.94 Scholarship Fund = \$2,122.99).**

General Fund

Starting Balance September 25, 2025: **\$2,977.94** (General Account plus Cash on Hand)

**Cash on Hand:** \$200.00

**Income:** + \$0

**Expenses:** - \$0

Ending Balance \$2,977.94

Scholarship Fund

Starting Balance: **\$2,122.99** (Scholarship Account)

**Income:** + \$0

**Expenses:** - \$0

Ending Balance: \$2,122.99

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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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