FAA Newsletter

November 2026

Musings from the President:

Hello everyone,

Happy Autumn! I hope you have all been enjoying the changing leaves and crisp air as much as I have.

I'm so looking forward to our next meeting, where we'll gather for our Potluck and Show and Tell. Think of it as our very own Franklin Art Association Thanksgiving, a chance to share good food, good art, and good company.

I hope every one of you will bring something to share. It doesn't need to be finished or framed. A sketchbook page, a work in progress, a new technique you're trying, or a favorite dish all count. Some of the most inspiring things we see come from the pieces people almost left at home.

To keep Show and Tell a welcoming space for everyone, here are a few things I'd love for us to keep in mind:

- Share your work with pride. Skip disqualifying language such as "it's just a sketch" or "I still need to fix the shading." We want to see your work exactly as it is! Be proud of what you have created.
- Let yourself be inspired! Everyone has a different perspective, so come with an open mind to hear what people love to create.
- Ask questions! Curious about someone's tools, process, or methods? Ask! It's one of the best ways we learn from each other.
- Celebrate one another. A kind word goes a long way. This is also a great way to get to know one another better.

Please fill out this Google form if you would like to share your work. Bring your art and/or your dish to our meeting on Wednesday, November 4th, at the Franklin Senior Center. Newcomers and first-time sharers are especially welcome!

I can't wait to celebrate with you all.

Cheers,

Nicole

FAA 2026-27 Membership Renewal

Franklin Art Association Membership allows participation in all exhibitions and provides full communications; email reminders and monthly newsletters as well as an invitation to share an artist biography and sample work on our website. The Franklin Art Association website features Artist Galleries for members. If you would like to have your bio and artwork featured on our website complete this Google Form.
Please complete this membership form and mail to our post mail box or submit in person at our meeting.
Note: membership is required to participate in the Fall Show November 14-December 19.



FAA upcoming events:

- **Wednesday November 4th:** The FAA will host a **Show & Tell** of member art. Members are invited to share for discussion current or past artwork with the community. Each person will be given 5 minutes and can opt for discussion or critique. **Sign up here.** This meeting will also feature a **pot luck dinner & dessert.** Members are invited to bring a savory or sweet contribution to share.
- **Saturday Nov. 14th 10:15-11am:** Drop off for Fall Exhibition at Norfolk Library, see details in prospectus. Please share the show flier far and wide! Member help will be needed to hang and tear down the show please sign up here.
- **Wednesday December 2nd:** The FAA will host Alona Popova. Alona specializes in the Ukrainian art of wax-resist egg decorating.
- **Saturday Dec. 5th:** Reception for Fall Exhibition at Norfolk Library 2:00-4:00pm. Sign up to bring reception snacks here.
- **Saturday Dec. 19th 10-11am:** Tear down for Fall Exhibition at Norfolk Library.

We are currently **in need of volunteers** to bring goodies to the December, January, February, March, April and May meetings. You can sign up here.

Artist Trading Cards

Our Artist Trading Cards have been installed in the Micro Gallery at the Franklin Sculpture Park! YOU are encouraged to continue adding your artist trading cards to the micro gallery and



exchange them with others as a collaborative town art initiative. Remember that Artist Trading Cards are 2.5" by 3.5" - same size as a baseball card/ pokemon card etc. Happy Trading!

The Micro Gallery is located in the Franklin Sculpture park by the Goat/Ram Sculptures and Horseshoe bench. Check out all the other incredible sculptures while you are there!

In collaboration with the Franklin Department of Arts, Culture and the Creative Economy, Franklin Art Association members will have the opportunity to display and share Artist Trading Cards at the Franklin Sculpture Park as an installation in the Micro Gallery this coming summer.

Artist Trading Cards (ATCs) are small, 2.5" x 3.5" pieces of original art that are created for, and traded among artists rather than sold. The artist trading cards will be displayed in the Micro Gallery and visitors will be encouraged to share and swap cards.

Featured Artist: Elizabeth Surette



A 50 year interest in art began in high school. While enrolled in AP Art courses I was encouraged to participate in The Boston Scholastic Art show. Receiving awards for my work in contour pencil/pen drawing, still life, abstract design, decoupage, portrait sketches, and photography.

My mother, (now deceased) was a brilliant artist in watercolor and other mediums which has been at the core of my inspiration. This lead to the development and passion for watercolor painting. She was a great teacher. I learned so much from her!



Throughout the years, art has always been an integral part of my life. I've enrolled in art lessons, demonstrations and coarse instruction, with my focus on drawing and watercolor. I've attended multiple art workshops from some of my favorite artists, which have inspired and helped me learn, grow and develop my skills.

I am now a retired nurse and will continue creating art. Holding memberships in multiple art associations. I truly enjoy meeting and learning from other talented artists. Painting, drawing and photography bring me joy and I'm so grateful for the joy it brings to others.

Thank you for your appreciation of the arts!

Call for Entries, Workshops, Classes…

- **Franklin Cultural District** is A-Wreath-of-Franklin Artisanal Market event December 12th 11-4 at the Black Box Theater. Inquiry form here.
- **The RI Watercolor Society** is hosting, Land, Sea and Sky in Watercolor Nov. 13-15th, Full Bloom: Exploring Florals Using Alcohol Inks Nov 20th, Color Theory for Watercolor: Focus on Triads Nov. 20th, .
- **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 a workshop day that includes Intuitive Mark Making, Artful Seeing, Natural Light Portraiture, Color and Light in 3D Design, Modified Majolica Underglaze Technique, John Singer Sargent, Mixed Media: Holiday Tree, Beginner Phone Photography all on November 7th.
- **The Post Road Art Center** is hosting numerous classes.
- The **Hopkinton Center for the Arts** is hosting numerous other classes including
- **The Danforth Art Museum** in Framingham is hosting numerous classes and workshops in a variety of media including a Fine Craft: Jewelry Makeover Workshop Nov. 14, Embroidered and Beaded Brooch Workshop Nov. 21 and Woodcarving 101: Jam Spreader Workshop Nov. 7th. As well as Creativity Club FREE for those 50+ years of age!
- **The Trescott Gallery** in Taunton is hosting several classes and workshops.
- **Workshop 13** is hosting numerous classes including Carve into Clay Nov. 7 and Silly Mugs Nov. 21.
- **Arts Wayland** is hosting an online exhibition called Freedom in Flux: Artistic Reflections on Democracy deadline is rolling.

Local opportunities:

- **The Medway Cultural Council** is looking for area artists interested in teaching 1-2 hour introductory ADULT art classes (watercolors, clay, ink, calligraphy, collage etc.) at the Medway Library. The Council would provide a grant to the artist to cover teaching and supplies. Our goal is to introduce art and spark interest in creativity for adult learners. Artists interested should contact Karyl Wong at karyl.wong16@gmail.com.
- **The ICA** (Institute of Contemporary Art in Boston) now offers a free Artist's Pass sign up here.
- **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 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, 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

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Member News



Marjorie Sardella has just finished creating the 2027 Beaux Regards Photographic Art wall calendar. This marks the 12th edition of the calendar, which is available for purchase, both online at her website, and directly from her. She will also be bringing copies to the upcoming November 4th, FAA monthly meeting. A video preview is available on her website. Here is a look at the cover right.

Treasurer's Report

As of September 26, 2026, the Treasury consists of $6,616.01 (General Fund = $4219.06 + Scholarship Fund = $2,196.95 + Cash on Hand = $200.00).

General Fund
Starting Balance: $ 4434.06 (General Account)
Income: + $35.00
Memberships + $35.00
Expenses: - $250.00
Artist Demo - 250.00
Ending Balance $4219.06
Not included above $105.00 Membership fees. Deposited but not cleared.
Scholarship Fund
Starting Balance: $2,196.95 (Scholarship Account)
Income: $0.00
Expenses: $0
Ending Balance $2,196.95

FAA Website: Member Pages

The Franklin Art Association website features Artist Galleries for members. If you would like to have your bio and artwork featured on our website complete this Google Form.

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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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