



FAA Newsletter

March 2025

Musings from the President:

Dear members and friends,

As I approach the end of my term as President, I've spent some time reflecting on how much the Art Association has given me over the past 25 years. When I first joined, we were having our meetings and shows at what is now the Franklin Historical Museum. I remember how wonderful it felt to get my first ribbon! How wonderful to make so many friends with like interests! And over the years, so many wonderful demonstrations, workshops, painting trips, and ultimately serving in every volunteer position possible! Why did I devote so much time to these activities? For many, many reasons.

I think we all agree that the visual arts play a crucial role in enriching a community in so many ways. They bring people together, and enhance public spaces, making them more vibrant and engaging. (Think about the murals downtown, the public sculptures, the Ladybugs, the creative yarn installation at the library, and the Sculpture Park.) Our programs, scholarships, and exhibitions encourage creativity, inspire dialogue, and provide educational opportunities for all of us. Our shows and our fundraising efforts have contributed to the local economy by supporting artists, and related businesses. We are forever indebted to the Cultural Council and the Cultural District for their support over the years.

My hope is that the FAA remains a strong vibrant organization, whose members continue to advocate for the visual arts in Franklin. Don't be shy! Let your town representatives know that you believe artists deserve a place in our community for all the reasons I have listed, plus many more. We had a beautiful gallery, and it saddens me to think about how that all went down. And as supportive as the Norfolk Library has been, I miss having our shows in Franklin. But... hope springs eternal! Never give up the goal of having another art space, perhaps as part of the Davis/Thayer redevelopment. I truly believe we have the support from the Town and the community to make this happen. May it be so.

Warm regards,

Sue Sheridan

FAA upcoming events:

- **LOCATION CHANGE!!! Wednesday March 5th @ the Franklin Historical Museum: 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 foresee possibilities, striving for simplicity and focus, and the ability to discard what doesn't

Call for Entries, Workshops, Classes, etc.

- **The Town of Franklin** is hosting Michael Bobbitt, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, Emily Devlin, LICSW, Head of Strategic Partnerships & Clinical Innovation at Art Pharmacy, for a Community Conversation on how the arts can play a vital role in supporting health and well-being in Franklin. Event Wednesday March 5th, 12-2 at the Black Box Theater [RSVP here](#).
- **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 Beginning Watercolor and Thing Spring Saturday's starting March 8th, Using Your Intuition on Fridays in March, Water Water Everywhere Thursdays in April/May and Paint a Winter Fairtale workshop on Silk Feb. 8th, Lorraine Watry: Hummingbird in Motion 3-day workshop May 30- June 1.
- **Arts Wayland** is hosting
- **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
- **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, Expressive Drawing: Models on Friday March 9, Quilling for Beginners Wednesday March 12, Quick Study: The Ear Saturday March 15, Drawing Techniques Thursdays in March and April, Watercolor Techniques Thursday in March and April, and Discovering Gouache Saturday March 23, 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 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.

"Look Up" Gallery Opening Event

March 7th, 3:45-4:45pm
@ Franklin Public Library



Come view some art, meet the artist Ali Rheume, and hear her speak about how sustaining brain injury lead her from being an elementary PE teacher to becoming an award winning artist!!

The gallery will be displayed from March 1st-29th during library hours.

Learn more about Ali at <https://alirheume.com>



Member's News

Ali Rheume 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

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."

Anthony George had work in the Morse Institute in Natick in January and February. "It's half retrospective with a variety of sizes, subjects and prices."

Franklin High School Arts Academy students "will be running an art show On Sunday, March 2nd from 5-7 PM, the [Franklin Arts Academy](#) hosted at [Hunakai Studio School of Fine Arts](#) in Foxborough. The show will feature stunning 2D and 3D visual art created by FAA students and is open to anyone at no cost! It will be a fun night for artists and supporters to come together as a community to support both the program and the studio, as well as enjoying beautiful works of art. Free refreshments will be provided to attendees, so make sure you stop by!

Treasurer's Report

As of February 25, 2025 the Treasury consists of **\$3279.18**. (General Fund = \$2027.19; Scholarship Fund = \$1,251.99).

General Fund

Starting Balance January 26, 2025: \$ 3422.57 (General Account plus Cash on Hand)

Income: \$1140.00

- Show Income \$45.00

- Workshop Income \$95.00

- Transfer from Scholarship Fund +\$1000.00

Expenses: -\$3175.38

- Storage -\$149.00

- February Artist Demo Fee: -\$250.00

- Scholarships: -\$2000.00

- Ribbons: -\$176.38

- Workshop Fee: -\$600.00

Ending Balance \$ 1387.19

Not included above

- Workshop income: +\$570.00

- Membership Fees: +\$70.00

Ending Balance after including items not included: \$2487.19

Scholarship Fund

Starting Balance: \$2241.99 (Scholarship Account)

Income:

- None

Expenses: Transfer to General Fund -\$1000.00

Ending Balance: \$1241.99

Not included above

- Members Raffle: \$10.00

Ending Balance after including items not included: \$1251.99

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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, 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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