



# FAA Newsletter

December 2025

## Musings from the President:

Hello Friends,

I am very excited to see you all at our December meeting! The Show and Tell meeting was my first meeting at the Franklin Art Association. I valued being able to learn about each other's artwork, craft, and practice throughout the evening especially as a new Franklin resident.

It was a warm welcoming environment and it was a great intro to this mighty cohort of artists.

I hope that many of you will share what you are working on or a piece you are proud of. I find it most exciting to hear about the process. Be generous with your knowledge sharing for all our sakes!

This is also the last meeting before the new year, and I hope you have a restful holiday season. So this meeting, let's make merry!

Cheers,

Nicole

## FAA upcoming events:

- **Saturday Nov. 29th:** Tear down for Fall Exhibition at Norfolk Library, 10-11am.
- **Wednesday Dec. 3th:** 5pm Tree Decorating for the Senior Center, 6:30- 8:30pm Member Art Show and Tell and Potluck. If you wish to participate in the Show and Tell please [sign up here](#) for a 5min slot. Members are encouraged to bring sweet and/or savory contributions to the potluck to share.
- **Wednesday Jan. 7th:** [Katie Kindilien](#) will do a painting demonstration. See image right.



We are currently in need of 2 volunteers to bring goodies to the January through May meetings you can [sign up here](#). The December meeting is a potluck!

## Fall Exhibition at the Norfolk Library

Judge: Charlie Guay

People's Choice: Petals of Love by Liz Surette (right)

Best in Show: Glorious Wave by Peg Munson

### Oils and acrylic:

First: Grok River by Dick Foland

Second: Best Friends by Melissa McIsaac

Third: You Say Tomato by Jayne Brown

Honorable mention: Dragon's Garden by Diana Maley

### Photography:

First: Autumn Ascent by Ali Rheume

Second: Ruby Beach by Peg Munson

Third: Sunset in Jamestown by Marc Cohen

No honorable mention

### Collage, Mixed Media, Calligraphy, Drawing:

First: Skulls by Nicole Horsman

Second: A Boy Fishing in Homer's Boat by Marcia Litchfield

Third: Stargazing Lily at Night by Rosemary Hoover

Honorable mention: Show Me the Way Pèpère by Ali Rheume

### Water Media:

First: Sole Survivors by Diane Choquette

Second: Blue Poinsettias by Beth McGaw

Third: Aerie's View by Liz Surette

Honorable mention: Boston North Shore by Diane Bell

Honorable Mention: Serenity by Walter Spencer



## Call for Entries, Workshops, Classes...

- **The Town of Franklin** is hosting A-Wreath-of-Franklin Pop Up Artisan Shopping event Dec. 13th register [here](#).
- **[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. Workshops include Gelli Plate Cards Dec 2, Beaded Earrings Dec 2, 9 and 16, Block Printing Dec 3 and 10, Cut, Paste, Paint Dec 3, 10, 17, Trace Monotype Dec 5, and many more.
- [The Trescott Gallery](#) in Taunton is hosting several classes and workshops.
- [Workshop 13](#) is hosting a Hot Chocolate Mug workshop Dec. 1 and 8th, Painting with Acrylics Tuesday in December, Live Model Mondays, Watercolor Painting Tuesdays and much more: in addition to numerous other classes.
- [Arts Wayland](#) is hosting an online exhibition called [Freedom in Flux: Artistic Reflections on Democracy](#) deadline is rolling, they are also hosting Mosaic Mirror Workshop Dec. 7, and Mosaic Jewelry Workshop Dec. 7 and 13.
- **Verve Hotel, Hampton Inn and Skybokx restaurant** in Natick is hosting a sip and shop pop up event at Skybokx for Dec 15, and is looking for vendors who would like to be involved. Contact Jennifer Pfeiffer JPfeiffer@dhghotels.com

### 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

**Ali Rheume, Deon Choquette, and Peg Munson** all had paintings accepted into the [Small Stones Exhibition](#) open for viewing from January 24th - February 1st. *Small Things Make a Big Impact* by Ali Rheume Right and *Autumn Glory* by Peg Munson right

**Ali Rheume** is also hosting a Holiday Pop-Up Shop on December 6th from 10am-11:30am at 82 West Central Street in Franklin (Franklin United Methodist Church).



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## Treasurer's Report

As of November 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: \$2,989.69 (General Account plus Cash on Hand)

**Cash on Hand:** \$200.00

**Income:** \$608.00

+ \$35.00 Membership Dues

+ 330.00 Show Income

+ \$121.00 Show Income including Artist's Fees

+ \$122.00 Donations

**Expenses:** \$619.75

- \$50.00 Transfer to Scholarship Fund

- \$4.45 PayPal Fees

- \$96.80 Show Artist's Fees

- \$18.50 Annual Report Fee

- \$250.00 Artist Demo Fee

- \$200.00 Show Judge Fee

**Ending Balance \$2,977.94**

### Scholarship Fund

Starting Balance: \$2,072.99 (Scholarship Account)

**Income:** \$50.00

+ \$50.00 Transfer from General Account

**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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