



# FAA Newsletter

February 2026

## Musings from the President:

Hello Friends and Members,

Art doesn't have to shout to be powerful.

Choosing to make art is a quiet kind of rebellion. It's a way of saying I'm still paying attention — to beauty, to feeling and to one another. Every sketch, stroke, movement, or experiment pushes back against the idea that everything must be efficient and profitable.

At the Franklin Art Association, we believe art is both a joy and a civic act. It builds connection, invites curiosity, and reminds us that imagination is a renewable resource. Making something, anything, together is how we practice hope. So keep creating.

With gratitude and optimism,

Nicole Horsman  
Franklin Art Association



## FAA upcoming events:

- **Wednesday Feb. 4th:** [Brendan Sullivan](#) will discuss his sculpture work. See image lower right.
- **Wednesday March 4th:** [Rachel J. Diamond Calow](#) will join the FAA for a discussion and demonstration in urban sketching.
- **Saturday, April 4th, 10:15-11am:** Drop-off for Spring Show at the Norfolk Library. No pre-registration required. [Prospectus here](#). Please share the [show flier](#) via email and social media!
- **Saturday, April 11, 3-5 pm:** Spring Show Opening Reception at Norfolk Library. See prospectus here.
- **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](#).

# FAA Scholarship

The FAA awards a scholarship to a qualifying **high school senior** residing in Franklin or attending a school in Franklin, or who is a current member of the Franklin Art Association, or a senior whose parent, grandparent or legal guardian is a current member of the association. Deadline to apply March 30th, 2026. [Application here.](#)

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## 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, and [Land, Sea and Sky in Watercolor](#) Nov. 13-15th.
- [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 [Imagine That!](#) an open abstract show, deadline to enter Feb 25th. They are also 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 Museum Inspirations on Thursday in February and March. As well as Creativity Club FREE for those 50+ years of age! They are also looking for [art teachers](#) for their summer youth programs!
- [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.
- [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 March 7th.
- [The Levitate Foundation](#) will award up to 10 emerging visual artists a \$5,000 grant to support continued education—through higher education, a residency, or a retreat of their choosing—or to bring a self-directed passion project to life that they might not otherwise have the opportunity to pursue. Deadline to apply March 1st.

## 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)



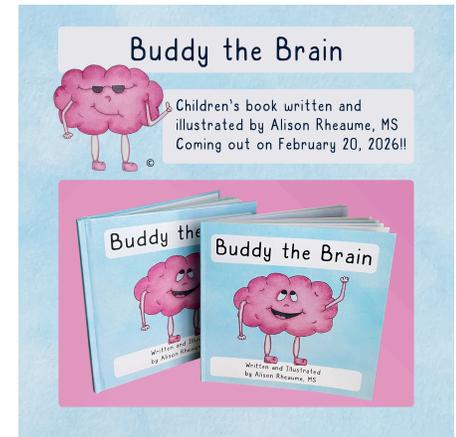
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## Members News

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

Those interested in writing to long time member **Gail Eckberg**, who is struggling with health issues she is receiving mail at this address - Gail Eckberg Ferguson, c/o: Shawn O'Neill, 70 East Central St. #202, Franklin, MA 02038.

**Ali Rheume** excited to announce that I am releasing "Buddy the Brain", a children's book that I wrote and illustrated, on February 20th. For anyone that wants to learn more or follow along, they can visit <https://alirheume.com/buddythebrain>



## Treasurer's Report

As of January 25, 2025, the Treasury consists of \$5,682.82 (General Fund = \$ 4,559.83 Scholarship Fund = \$1,122.99).

### General Fund

Starting Balance September 25, 2025: \$2977.94 (General Account plus Cash on Hand)

Cash on Hand: \$200.00

Income: + \$1918.81

\$1750.00 MCC Cultural Grant

\$100.00 Donation

\$68.81 Membership Dues

\$1000.00 Transfer from General Fund for Scholarship (Isabella Brown)

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Expenses: - \$336.92

\$1.19 Paypal Fee

\$50.00 Gift Card for Wayne Toyer

\$35.73 Tax Filing Fee

\$250.00 Artist Demo Fee

Ending Balance \$4,559.83

### Scholarship Fund

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

Income: + \$0

Expenses: - \$1000.00 Transfer to General Fund for Scholarship (Isabella Brown)

Ending Balance: \$1,122.99

## FAA Board Members

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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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