



Hanover Area Arts Guild

Celebrating 50 Years: 1968 - 2018

February 2018 Newsletter

February is For the Love of Artists

Whether you are a long-time member, or have recently joined, come see some of the art that helped make the Arts Guild a constant presence in Hanover for the past 50 years. Celebrating the work of members now passed, February's For the Love of Artists show will include a reception on Saturday, February 10 from 1-3pm. This show includes work borrowed from private collections; the artwork is not for sale. The center gallery will continue to feature the work of current members throughout the month.

Artist of the Month

February's Artist of the Month **Felicity Sidwell** started painting when she came to the US with her husband in 1971. She has been studying, taking workshops and painting ever since. In 2016 they moved from the coast of Maine to an old farmhouse just north of Gettysburg to be closer to grandchildren. She finds the rolling farmland and old barns give plenty of inspiration for paintings just as did the spectacular rocky coastline and marshes of Maine. In fact the countryside of this area is very reminiscent of the farmland in Hertfordshire, England where she grew up.



To better capture the colors of a landscape caused by the light of a particular time of day or weather effect and to give a feeling of being there, Felicity prefers to paint outside "en Plein Air," sometimes using these smaller paintings later, in the studio, to produce larger work.

Wherever she has lived Felicity has sought out other artists to paint with, she is now part of the Plein Air painters group. Each week, when weather permits they love to meet on location and set up their easels to capture the colors of the landscape on canvas.

Felicity received the "Best in Show" award in November 2017 for her painting "Tidal Marsh Evening." A striking scene of fall marsh grasses in evening sunlight with dark storm clouds approaching.

Guild People

We're happy to welcome three new active members this month. **Wilmer Galdamez Sandoval**, **Bruce Schwarz**, and **Deborah Taylor** have joined our membership ranks.

School Students Return in March

Once again, in celebration of Youth Art Month, our galleries will be filled with the work of local middle and high school students. The 37th annual School Student Show will showcase nearly a dozen area school art programs in this very popular and well-attended exhibit. A **reception** on Sunday, March 5 from 1-3pm will be open to the public.

Gallery Closed for Spring Cleaning – In preparation for the Open Exhibit in April, the gallery and classrooms will be closed for annual cleaning, upgrades and repairs the week of March 26-31.

3rd Open Exhibit Entry Forms Available

April will mark the 3rd Open Exhibit held by the Arts Guild. Open to both members and non-members, this exhibit will be judged for cash prizes. Entry forms are now available, at the front desk and online. Completed entry forms are due by Saturday, March 17. Artists can enter one or two pieces. Entry fees for members are \$10 per piece, for non-members \$15 per piece.

Work must be hand-delivered March 29, 30, or 31 during regular Gallery hours (work will be accepted on these days although the gallery will be closed for cleaning). For all of the details and rules see the brochure with entry form.

Judging this year's Open Exhibit is **Rob Evans**, an artist and independent curator who lives and works near Wrightsville. He received a BFA from Syracuse University in 1981 and has been awarded numerous grants including two fellowships from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, and a prestigious fellowship from the Pollock-Krasner Foundation. Evans' work can be found in more than 30 prominent public collections across the nation including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, National Gallery of Art, Corcoran Museum of Art, Library of Congress, San Francisco Art Museums, Baltimore Museum of Art and the Portland (OR) Museum.



His paintings have been featured in numerous publications and on public radio and television. His enigmatic paintings and drawings have been showcased in more than 100 solo and curated group exhibitions at museums and galleries around the world. Evans has worked as a community arts activist for the last two decades, including in south central Pennsylvania. See more about him and his work at www.robevansart.org.

Gallery Hours: Tues, Wed & Thurs: 10 - 5 ♦ Fri: 10 - 7 ♦ Sat: 10 - 3 ♦ Sun & Mon – Closed

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Anniversary Dinner – Members Invited!



The next 50th Anniversary event after the For the Love of Art memorial exhibit will be a social gathering in April. Members should be on the lookout for

invitations to the 50th Anniversary dinner and program at Bay City Restaurant on Thursday, April 19.

Invitations for each member and a guest will be mailed to members' homes. Please plan to attend this celebration of our Arts Guild's half-century achievement with fellow members and friends.

Watch this newsletter for information about additional 50th Anniversary events throughout the year.

January's Demo Day a Success

On a chilly but fortunately dry January 13, the Gallery was filled with member artists sharing their art or craft with each other and with the many visitors who stopped in to see live demonstrations



of our members' talents. There were even opportunities to try their hands at some of the arts.

Visitors and demonstrators

were invited to enjoy a variety of homemade soups and breads. This was one of the best-attended demonstration days, both in the number of demonstrators and visitors, in recent memory, and was a great way to kick off our 50th Anniversary year.

Many thanks go to all of the members who demonstrated, and to **Becky Shorb, Barb Geesey, Sharon Benner, Jane West, Teresa Pirkey, Joanne Bast, and Julie Miller** for the homemade soups and goodies.

Sit, Sip & Share on April 11

Members: consider joining our first Sit, Sip & Share Sessions, on Wednesday, April 11. Two sessions are scheduled: 12:30-2pm and 6:30-8pm. Ending times are approximate. Feel free to bring a beverage for sipping. This will be a time for members to share their technique or craft with those with less experience. We all have our specialties and from experience we have picked up tricks of the trade and/or new ways to approach a problem that we can share. Suggestions for future sessions are welcome.

For these first sessions, host **Sara "Sam" Little** will share her knowledge and supplies of pan pastels. Come for an opportunity to try this relatively new medium. Sam will also demonstrate a new product that dramatically shortens the time it takes to render in colored pencil. Sample packets of this medium will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Plein Air Painters Meeting Despite Winter

The Plein Air Painters Group is committed to their craft regardless of the season. When it's too cold to sit and paint outside, this dedicated group of painters meets in the gallery's classroom to sustain the feeling of working with other artists outside of their studios. The group meets Thursday mornings from 10am till approximately noon. Anyone who would like to join the group is welcome. Contact **Sharon Benner** at sharonbennersart@yahoo.com by email, or by phone at 717-586-3346 to get the most up-to-date information about the group's schedule and activities.

May's Miniature Show Guidelines Available

Guidelines for the members-only miniatures show in May are now available. You may have received them by email; you can also pick them up at the front desk, and they'll be online soon. Even if you're not participating, be sure to stop in and see this show in May – miniatures are a genre of their own, and a delight to see.

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Dates to Note...

Feb 1-3: Lenders deliver work for **For the Love of Artists** show during regular Gallery hours

Feb 6: Gallery Committee meets 9am

Feb 10: For the Love of Artists **reception** 1-3pm

Feb 12: Board meeting, 7pm

Mar 1-3: Lenders pick up work from **For the Love of Artists** show

Reminder: The Gallery will be closed during the last week of March for spring cleaning.

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