



# NEWSLETTER

February/March 2023

*Hanover Area Arts Guild*  
**55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! 1968-2023**

## Dates To Note:

Jan 27-28: Drop off art for *Fine Art Photography & Digital Art Show*; pick up old work

Jan 31: Gallery committee, 9am

Jan 31-Mar 3: *Fine Art Photography & Digital Art Show*

Feb 20: Board meeting, 7pm

Mar 3-4: Pick up photography & digital art, and older work

Mar 5: **Member Meet & Greet, 2-5pm. Refreshments!**

Mar 7-31: *42<sup>nd</sup> School Student Show*

Mar 11: Student Show Reception, 1-3pm

Mar 20: Board meeting, 7pm

Mar 31-Apr 1: Drop off entries for *Spring Show & Sale*

## Guild Information

Hanover Area Arts Guild  
32 Carlisle Street  
Hanover, PA 17331

### Gallery Hours

Tuesday thru Saturday:  
noon to 5pm

Sunday & Monday: Closed

### Website:

[www.hanoverareaarts.com](http://www.hanoverareaarts.com)

### Contact Us:

Phone: 717-632-2521 or Email:  
[info@hanoverareaarts.com](mailto:info@hanoverareaarts.com)

The Hanover Area Arts Guild is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

## Happy Anniversary Guild!

2023 marks the 55<sup>th</sup> year that the Hanover Area Arts Guild has served the artists, art supporters, and art consumers in the Hanover area. Throughout the year the Guild will celebrate this milestone. Watch your email, the newsletter, website, and social media as details emerge. Do you have great ideas for celebrations? We are specifically anticipating a member event in the fall. Share any ideas you have with a board member, or send an email to the Guild.

## February Focus: Fine Art Photography and Digital Art

Attention photographers and digital artists – February is your time to take the spotlight. You are welcome to bring in up to four pieces for display from January 31 through March 4. Deliver the pieces on January 27 or 28. Plan to pick them up March 3 or 4. There's no limit on subject matter, techniques, or creativity!

## Please Remove Work Ahead of March Show

In preparation for the Annual School Student Show in March, followed immediately by the Spring Show and Sale in April, all members are asked to remove their work from the walls and storage areas at the Guild on March 3 or 4. Both the March and April shows consume the entire display space in the gallery. Work left at the Guild is moved to storage. A significant amount of (forgotten?) artwork is languishing in the storage room. This is a problem because space is at a premium, and the more and longer work is stored, the greater the possibility of damage. Please do your artwork, and the Guild, a favor and remove your work!

## You're Invited!

What better way to shake off the winter doldrums than spending a Sunday afternoon with fellow artists! You're invited to a social, "meet and greet" event at the Guild on **Sunday, March 5**, from 2 till about 5-ish. This will be a great opportunity to meet fellow members, chat with them and with board members, visualize the upgrades being planned for the classroom, and talk about the Guild of the future. Oh, yes, and enjoy wine and other refreshments!

As the Guild enters its 55<sup>th</sup> year, we – members and leadership – need to look even further ahead, and make sure the Guild is on a path to retain existing members and attract new ones. This event, in a casual, relaxed format (this is not a business meeting!), will enable everyone to offer ideas and suggestions while enjoying the company of Guild members you may not see regularly. Please mark your calendars now for March 5. Hope to see you there!

## Area School Students Return in March

For the 42<sup>nd</sup> time, March will highlight the art programs in local middle and high schools as we celebrate Youth Art Month with the Annual School Student Show. Check out this perennially amazing exhibit of the creativity of teenagers exploring art in their schools. A reception is scheduled for Saturday, Mar. 11, from 1-3pm.

## 2021-2022 Board of Directors

### Officers:

Carla Long - President  
Justin Wantz - Vice Pres.  
Anna Miler - Treasurer  
Julie Miller - Secretary

### Members:

John Jurasic  
Jennifer Longo  
Robert Marchio  
Eric Miller  
Marie Smith  
Ed Wargo  
Doug West  
Jane West

The Board meets on the third Monday of each month, now beginning at 7:00pm in the gallery. Any member can ask to have an issue brought to the Board for consideration. Contact any officer to raise such an issue, or send an email to the Guild.

## Looking Ahead: What's Coming Up

### APRIL

*Annual Spring Show & Sale* – see above right for more information

### MAY

*Primarily Primary Colors* – will highlight works that celebrate the “building blocks” of all colors: yellow, red, and blue.

### JUNE

Anything goes! There won't be a theme for June, just display of new art by members to give the gallery a fresh look.

## Miss the Cartoon?

Have you enjoyed seeing a cartoon in the newsletter over the past several issues? As space permits, a cartoon will be included, if a member creates and submits an original one to use.

Email your original cartoon to the Guild, or drop off a hard copy, attention Julie Miller. You'll get credit when it's published.

## Get Ready for the Spring Show & Sale

The Annual Spring Show & Sale returns in April. Members are invited to enter new, not previously shown work that will be judged for cash awards. Plan to deliver the registration fee of \$25 and up to three entries to the gallery on March 31 or April 1. This year's judge will be **Anne Finucane**, a well-known artist from Chambersburg. Details about the show will be mailed to all current members in early March. The reception and awards presentation will be on **Sunday, April 16**, from 2-4pm. Note: this is a change from the previously published Saturday date.

## Classroom Upgrade: Putting Grant Funding to Work

Announcement of a \$5000 grant from the Rice Family Foundation appeared in the last newsletter. Since then, the board moved to replace the existing uneven, worn, wooden flooring with tile-design vinyl flooring, at a cost of approximately \$3000, with installation targeted for April.

The remaining \$2000 will fund cabinetry that will replace some of the existing wooden shelving in the classroom. All of the existing wooden shelves will be removed, both because they're inadequate (and unattractive) and removing them will free up space. Most supplies and equipment used in classes will be moved to the storage room at the back of the classroom. Classroom walls will need a coat of paint when the shelves are removed, before installation of new cabinets and flooring.

Additionally, blinds to be installed in the three classroom windows will enable significant darkening of the room when needed. The Guild has also received generous offers of donations of a flat file for paper storage and a drying rack for student work. Watch this newsletter or your email for additional updates on this exciting project to renovate our classroom.

## Live Art Palooza

Creative York, in partnership with the Guild, will host Live Art Palooza on Saturday, February 11, 2023, from 3 to 5:30pm. At this interactive event, artists participate in a one-hour live art-making session. The public is also encouraged to attend and will have the rare and exciting opportunity to watch artists create in real time and then bid on their pieces.

Live Art Palooza will be held at the Guild. The event is FREE and open to the public. Members were notified by email of the opportunity to participate by contacting Creative York by January 28.

This project is supported in part by the National Endowment for the Arts and The Cultural Alliance of York.

## Board News

Strategic Plan Updates: Back in 2019, before anyone even heard of COVID, the board conducted a survey of the membership. The results of the survey were incorporated into a strategic plan. Many actions were completed or started before the pandemic hit and everything slowed down. The board is in the process of updating that strategic plan, eliminating some of the original recommendations and revising some that still must be completed. If there is any facet of Guild - membership, education, the gallery, or finance/business - that you have ideas or opinions about, please share your thoughts with any board member, or capture them in an email to the Guild at [info@hanoverareaarts.com](mailto:info@hanoverareaarts.com). If you would like to see the plan as it currently exists, contact any board member.

Seeking Board Members: Each year, the terms of one third of the board members end. Several board members whose terms are ending have indicated they will not seek reelection. The nominating committee is seeking members who are willing to serve the Guild by taking a three-year term on the board. If you are interested, or would like to suggest someone for a board position, please contact any board member. If you are contacted about serving, please consider helping the Guild in this important way.

## Artist of the Month: February



Teacher, artist, spiritual guide, and speaker **Carole Thomassy** is the Artist of the Month for February. Carole came to Hanover from the UK, via Connecticut, where she lived for many years.



After a multifaceted life of world travel and varied careers, Carole was introduced in 2012 to an online and in-person acrylic painting course focused on Intentional Creativity and Divine Feminine archetypal images. Previously a writer of poetry but not a painter, Carole's experience resulted in her becoming trained as a certified teacher and coach in Intentional Creativity. This has an overall focus of creating a portal with intention and mindfulness, allowing shifts in consciousness, connecting to your Muse, remembering childlike freedom to be at play, and deepening listening to your soul's voice messages, entailing healing, and opening to fun and joyfulness.



## Artist of the Month: March



**Melissa Libertini** is Artist of the Month for March. Melissa works in acrylic, oil, watercolor, mixed media, and colored pencil, and is always up for the challenge of exploring new and alternative means of painting and drawing. Having inherited her parents' and grandmother's love of birds, much of Melissa's artistic efforts focus on birds and animals, but she will try her hand at anything.

Although she has not had formal art training, she has enjoyed this kind of creative expression since drawing her first squirrel in the third grade. Melissa says, "I appreciate being able to lose myself in art as it quiets my mind and allows me to solely focus on that one thing. I love surprising myself and others when I create beautiful, complex works of art, whether they be flowers, creatures, landscapes, or stills.

A member of several regional arts organizations, Melissa exhibits her work in various venues and shows.

Melissa enjoys traveling and learning languages thanks to the exposure she and her family had while hosting over 40 foreign exchange students. She taught business English in Ukraine in 2001 and spent time in Japan in 1988. Melissa now lives in Gettysburg with her two cats and an occasional friendly ghost.



## Members Out & About

❖ **Jim Mackey** received a 2nd place award at the Art Association of Harrisburg's Figuratively Speaking Show. He also has a piece in the traveling show Insights V, currently at the Surovek Gallery in Palm Beach, FL.

❖ **Eric Miller** has a painting in the Carlisle Arts Learning Center's "Green Energy" members' exhibit.

❖ **Andy Smith** had a solo exhibit at York's Gallery at 227 in December and January, featuring his clay monoprint works.

## Welcome New Members

New adult members **Kathy Miller** and **Anna Mills**

New student members **Mark Benedict** and **Joann Larrimore**

New supporting member **Jennifer Dameron**

## 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Classes are Here – Sign Up Today!

A great variety of classes and workshops are now available at the Guild! Here's a summary of those you can still register for. Please see the Guild website, Facebook page, or the front desk for details of each one. Members receive a discounted price. This project is being supported, in whole or in part, by federal award number FAIN SLFRP0252 awarded to York County, Pennsylvania by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

### CHILDREN'S CLASSES

#### **Pet Portraits (Grades 2-6) - Nicole Osborne**

Mondays 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 6-8pm  
Member Discounted Price: \$80 (others \$100)

#### **Clay Creatures (Grades 2-6) - Nicole Osborne**

Mondays 3/6, 3/13, 3/20 and 3/27, 6-8pm  
Member Discounted Price: \$80 (others \$100)

#### **Tree Painting (age 10 & up) - Justin Wantz –**

**1 Evening Workshop** Tuesday, 2/23, 6-8pm  
Member Discounted Price: \$28 (others \$35)

#### **Spring Rabbit "Paint with Me" - Tanya Miner**

Sat. Mar.25, 1-3pm. Paint alone or with a friend (children up to 6th grade must come with an adult).  
Member discounted price: \$20 for 1 board / \$16 for 2 (others \$25/\$20)

### CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS FOR ADULTS

#### **Yoga Flow - Tanya Miner**

Tuesday Evenings in Jan., Feb., & Mar. 6:30-7:30pm  
Member Discount \$22.40/month (others \$28/month)

#### **Basic Photography & Editing - Roxanne Dean**

Wednesdays 2/22 and 3/1, 6-8pm  
Member discounted price: \$44 (others \$55)

#### **Basic Acrylic Painting - Sue Greenfield**

Saturdays 3/4 and 3/11, 1pm-3pm  
Member discounted price: \$60 (others \$75)

#### **Beginner Upholstery - John Lansing**

**Rectangular Footstool w/ Tapered Wooden Legs - John Lansing (all materials provided)**

Wednesday, 3/8, 6-8:30  
Member Discounted Price: \$108 (others \$132)

#### **Paint Night - Marie Betlyon Smith – all materials provided**

Tuesday, 3/14, 7pm  
Member Discounted Price: \$30 (others \$40)

#### **Old Frames Look New with Metal Leaf - Eric Miller - materials provided**

Saturday, 3/18, 1-4pm  
Member Discounted Price: \$30 (others \$40)

## Spring & Fall Reception Date Changes

When the 2023 schedule was set, the Guild coordinated reception dates with monthly downtown activities under Main Street Hanover's Second Saturday program. Those activities have been scaled back to just a few months. The board decided to return the receptions for both the Spring Show and the Fall Show to our traditional Sunday afternoons, from 2-4pm.

Please update your Guild schedules to show:

Spring Show Reception – Sunday, Apr. 16, 2-4pm

Fall Show Reception – Sunday, Nov. 5, 2-4pm

## Parking in Downtown Hanover

Members who frequently visit the gallery have no doubt noticed the increase in parking rates at downtown meters. Public feedback to the Borough resulted in some adjustments.

If you use coins, you will now be able to get 15 minutes for each quarter (rather than a \$1 minimum). Quarters are required for the first 15 minutes; a mix of coins is okay thereafter. You can also download the electronic platform Passport Parking (from the App Store or Google Play) with a required minimum of \$1.00 for the first hour and a 25¢ service fee per session. Sunday parking is still free.

The new rates – and the increased fines for ticketed cars – are now fully in effect. Please plan accordingly!

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### **Our Mission Statement**

*The Hanover Area Arts Guild provides an open and welcoming venue for artists and artisans who want to display their work and offer it for sale, and also extends opportunities and encouragement for everyone to explore art, learn about art, and develop one's creativity.*