

Dates To Note:

Apr thru May 4: *Annual Spring Show & Sale*

Apr 7: Spring Show
Reception, 2-4pm, awards at 3pm.

Apr 15: Board meeting, 7pm

May 2-3: Give Local York day of online giving

May 3-4: Remove some Spring Show art

May 7: Gallery committee, 9am

May 7-Jun 1: Four artists group exhibit – Becky Bequette, Jerry Gadd, John Sokolovich, Gail Mancha

May 20: Board meeting, 7pm

“What art offers is space – a certain breathing room for the spirit.”

- John Updike

Guild Information

Hanover Area Arts Guild
32 Carlisle Street
Hanover, PA 17331

Gallery Hours

Tuesday thru Saturday:
noon to 5pm

Sunday & Monday: Closed

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

Spring Show Opens!

The Annual Spring Show and Sale is now on display throughout the gallery. This year features work by 35 members totaling 89 individual pieces. Although those numbers are lower in both members participating and entries over the 2023 Spring Show, the quality of entries remains high! The show will be open to the public through May 3. The opening reception will be Sunday, April 7, from 2-4pm. Awards will be presented at 3pm. Bring family and friends to the reception or encourage them to stop in and see the show throughout the month!

Members will be able to pick up their work on May 3 or 4. All entries should remain in the show until that time. You are welcome to leave some work on display, or swap out Spring Show entries for some new work.



This year's judge of awards is well-known artist **John Fawcett**. John was born and grew up in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. His family lived kept horses nearby. In tandem with his passion for horses was a desire to draw and paint. "I was always really interested in art and my parents were very supportive, but I didn't have any formal art training." Instead, he studied pre-veterinary medicine at the University of New Hampshire and received his doctorate at Iowa State University. After working for both an equine and small animal veterinarian, he opened his own practice in 1980 in

Hanover. As his practice grew, so did his passion for art; he sold his practice in 1996 to paint full time and pursue his dream.

John started out painting mainly in watercolor but has introduced oils to his repertoire. "It depends on the subject matter and what medium I feel like painting with at the time. There is a certain softness and fluidness with watercolors, while oils provide rich color and textures and a buttery feeling." He has been invited to participate in some of the most prestigious Western art shows in the country and has developed relationships with the top galleries. He has been featured in Art of the West, Southwest Art, Western Horseman, Cowboys and Indians, The Equine Image, Informart, and US Art magazines. He and his wife Elizabeth, their three Labrador Retrievers, and four Quarter Horses divide their time between a farm near Hanover and a ranch in northern Colorado.



Give Local York
is coming May 2! See page 3 of
this Newsletter for details.

2023-2024 Board of Directors

Officers:

Julie Miller – President
Jane West – Vice Pres.
John Jurassic – Treasurer
Justin Wantz – Secretary

Members:

Gail Wine Mancha
Robert Marchio
Eric Miller
Dori Rogers
Dave Sharp
Natasha Tipler
John Walker
Doug West

The Board meets on the third Monday of each month, 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.

Stan Gilmore recently resigned his position on the board. At its March meeting, the board appointed **Natasha Tipler** to fill the unexpired term.

The nominating committee is currently working to identify board and officer candidates for the next fiscal year. Election of board members will take place at the All-Member Meeting on June 24, 2024.

May Will Feature a Quartet of Members

The artwork of four members with distinctly different styles and media will be on display in the west gallery in May:

Rebecca (Becky) Bequette works primarily in acrylic paint. Her work extends from abstract to representational.

Jerry Gadd is a watercolor artist whose paintings reflect his background as an illustrator. He takes a traditional approach to subject and style.

John Sokolovich creates works in metal, crafting objects that delight with their use of unexpected materials and often whimsical subjects.

Gail Wine Mancha often paints with oils, but also works in other media, selecting a variety of subjects, from portraits to landscapes and more.

Looking Ahead to June

The popular art of longtime member Kirby Heltebridle will be highlighted in June. Kirby's acrylic paintings run the gamut from landscapes to fun, imaginative "portraits", to futuristic, fantasy scenes and themes. Kirby plans to be in the gallery on several Saturdays in June. Watch your email and social media for the specific Saturdays. Anyone who would like to meet Kirby and talk with him about his art is welcome to stop in the gallery on one of those days.

Student Show Reception in the Dark

The 2024 School Student Show in March once again filled the gallery with work by local middle and high school students. The reception held March 10 was, as always, well attended, though this year brought a whole new experience: a power outage! The entire downtown lost power just after 2pm, which was also when the reception opened. The strong winds that day kept the power out until long after the reception ended. Everyone who attended took the outage in stride; work was viewed by the flashlights of many cell phones, as well as occasional breaks of sun through the clouds. Kudos to students, families, and visitors alike for making the most of the situation. A memorable show, in many ways!



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Contacting the Guild

Use these addresses when emailing the Guild:

info@hanoverareaarts.com for general questions and info.

president@hanoverareaarts.com for email directed to Guild leadership and the board.

newsletter@hanoverareaarts.com for questions or information for the newsletter.

treasurer@hanoverareaarts.com for email about finance-related business.



Spring Cleaning

Many members are unaware that behind the classroom in the gallery is a warehouse that extends to the alley out back. Like many of our homes' attics, the warehouse over time accumulated a LOT of stuff. The 2024 spring cleaning week tackled the "stuff buildup" and restored the warehouse to usability once again. It took a dumpster, but mission accomplished! That effort was, of course, in addition to the general housecleaning the gallery, classroom, storage room, and kitchen area received ahead of the Spring Show.

What a difference a week and the hard work of volunteers makes! This was the perfect example of how much can be accomplished by a group of people giving a bit of their time and effort to the benefit of all.

Many thanks to the crew who made it all happen: **Tim Gaspar, Stan Gilmore, John Jurasic, jim mackey, Gail Mancha, Carol Mentzell, Eric Miller, Julie Miller, Mary Moores, Julie Mosebrook, Juliann Perrin, Deb Ruths, Dave Sharp, John Sokolovich, John Walker, Jane West,** and **Sherry Withers.**

Members Out & About

- **Tim Gaspar** and **Mike Jordan** will have artwork on display at the Dillsburg Public Library in May and June.
- **Chris Fowler** had his work on display at the Philadelphia Sketch Club in March. He also had a photo juried into the Washington County Fine Arts Museum Cumberland Valley photographer's exhibit, and work in the Melange II show at Circle Gallery in Annapolis.
- **jim mackey** has work in two online exhibits: the Maryland Federation of Art's Online Curve Gallery, 4/15 to 5/31, and the Artsy Show by Emerge Gallery, through 4/21 at www.artsy.net/emerge-gallery-ny. He is also in the Melange II show at Circle Gallery in Annapolis.



Thanks to **Kirby Heltebride** for making a "point" with this issue's cartoon.

Do you have an original cartoon to share? email it to newsletter@hanoverareaarts.com. It may appear in a future issue!

New Member

The Guild welcomes new adult member:

Wayne Butler

April is National Volunteer Month

President George H.W. Bush launched the 1000 Points of Light campaign in 1991 and established April as National Volunteer Month. As is true of so many organizations in the country, the Guild is incredibly dependent on its volunteers to be able to function. If you are already a volunteer, *thank you!* your time and effort are sincerely appreciated. Not yet a volunteer? It's never too late to help make the Guild a better, more active, more interesting place to belong and visit. Email, phone, or stop in the gallery and get on board!

24 Hours of Online Giving!



The annual online giving event called Give Local York starts at 9pm on Thursday, May 2, and ends 24 hours later on Friday, May 3. Last year, 330 non-profits in York County shared in the \$4.64 million raised, including the Guild. This is an important, and easy, way for members and friends to show their support for the Guild. All donations received during this event help increase the share of "pool" funds that are distributed based on direct dollars raised. Please consider making a donation to the Guild during this event, and ask your friends and family members to do the same, by giving at www.givelocalyork.org.

This year, by participating in the GLY event, the Guild is also eligible to receive donations online through a new website, <https://www.gly365.org>. This is a year-round hub for online donations to area non-profits. This new capability may take some time for people to learn about and use, but the possibilities are exciting!



Fire Final Report

It took nearly 10 months, but the second and third floor apartments of the Guild's building that were impacted by the fire in June, 2023, have been repaired and are now ready for occupancy! The fire caused significant damage, but fortunately the Guild had very good insurance coverage. In the almost final accounting, insurance paid a total of \$401,477, of which \$14,433 came directly to the Guild for lost rent. The balance went for initial emergency services, disposal of the contents, and rebuild/restoration of the damage. The Guild paid a \$500 deductible. The board authorized spending an additional \$3525 for some much-needed upgrades, mostly in the third-floor apartment. That additional expenditure will be recouped within the first year once the apartments are rented. There are just a few outstanding expenses still to be wrapped up in the next month or so.

President's Message:

In the months before the Covid pandemic hit, it felt as if the Guild was gaining momentum in terms of interest and involvement by members. Recapturing that momentum has been elusive in the years since the pandemic. In any volunteer organization there seems to be a core of committed people who make things happen. The key is to expand that core to a broader group with ideas and the willingness to help make them realities. Recently, I've noticed a spark of interest in the Guild that's starting to grow, especially with some of our newer members, and maybe spreading a bit. That's a spark we must encourage to flourish!

As the president of the Guild, I would very much like to have your opinion as a member about what it would take for you to become involved – what you would find sufficiently interesting or worthwhile to entice you to participate in more than monthly exhibits. You can email me directly at president@hanoverareaarts.com with your thoughts, suggestions, or criticisms. All inputs are welcome!

Here's a Peek at the Spring Show!



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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.