

Dates To Note:

Feb 3-28: *Animals!* show
 Feb 6: First Friday Art Walk, 5-8pm
 Feb 16: Board meeting, 7pm
 Feb 27-28: Remove all work
 Mar 3-21: *45th Annual School Student Show*
 Mar 6: First Friday Art Walk, 5-8pm
 Mar 8: Student Show Reception, 2-4pm
 Mar 16: Board meeting, 7pm
 Mar 23-28: Spring cleaning, gallery closed
 Mar 27-28: Drop off work for *Annual Spring Show*
 Mar 31 thru May 9: *Annual Spring Show & Sale*

"To see beauty is to see light."
 - Victor Hugo

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

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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.

Animals! in February

Everyone loves animals in one way or another, whether household pets, backyard visitors, or the critters who live in the greater outdoors. We'll celebrate the creatures we share the planet with throughout February, when the theme in the gallery is *Animals!* Drop off your entries – about 2-4 per member, please, on Friday or Saturday, January 30 or 31. While you're in the gallery, please remove any work that's been in the gallery for a while to help make room for the February show.

During the First Friday Art Walk on February 6, visitors to the gallery will be able to vote on the People's Choice entry in the show. There will also be several winners selected for modest awards by judges from the community.



March: Student Show Returns

March 2026 marks the 45th anniversary of the Annual School Student Show at the Guild! This salute to local middle and high school art programs has been a point of pride for the Guild, and a great introduction to the Guild for many area families. The student-hosted reception (March 8, 2-4pm) is typically the best-attended event of the year. March is national Youth Art Month; the Guild is proud to celebrate the art of youth in our area!

In preparation for this show, members are asked to please remove work from the gallery to make way for the student art. This includes everything on the walls, on tables, and on stands. Work inside the front gallery showcase or in the Card Corner does NOT have to be removed. Be aware that if your work has to be moved to make space for the school student art, it will be moved to the storage room.

Spring Show is Around the Corner

The Arts Guild's Spring Show is coming up fast. Member artists will drop off work March 27 and 28, and the show will be hung March 31. Detailed information about the show, registration, dates, judge etc., will come out a bit closer to the show. Briefly, members will be able to enter up to three "new" pieces (never before shown in the gallery) for a single \$25 fee. All entries must be for sale. Cash awards will go to pieces selected by the judge, and will be presented at the opening reception on Sunday, April 12, 2-4pm. This is always a popular reception, with many attending and, of course, refreshments.

The Spring Show will remain on display March 31 through May 9, a bit longer than in some years because of the 2-week South Western High School annual exhibit May 12-22.

January Demo Day

It was a wet and gloomy day outside on January 10, but in the gallery there was warmth, great company, and lots of art happening! Here's a glimpse of the Demonstration Day, and some of the 13 members who shared their talents:



2025-2026 Board of Directors

Officers:

Julie Miller – President
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Dori Rogers – Secretary

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Eric Plump
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Jane 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.

Great Holiday Season Sales

Combined November and December 2025 sales totaled \$5304, a 45% increase over the same period in 2024! Success over this period grew from a combination of factors, both external and internal to the Guild. To all members who contributed to this by offering high quality, reasonably priced, and varied art and handcrafts: *Thank you.* Let's keep the momentum going!

Flex Fund Grant Award

In December, the Guild was notified of a \$5000 grant award. The Guild received funding from Pennsylvania Creative Industries, powered by the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, a state agency funded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the National Endowment for the Arts. The grant is administered by the Cultural Alliance of York County. The funds arrived in January. This is an especially helpful grant, in that funds can be used for operational purposes as needed in support of our ongoing efforts, rather than being tied to a specific project.



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Give Local York 2026

The Guild will once again participate in the 24-hour online fundraising event on April 30 and May 1. Donations to the Guild will support the annual scholarship award. Stay tuned for more information about how you can contribute!

Members Out & About

- **Andrew Smith** had a solo exhibit, *Fiction*, at the Adams County Arts Council this January, which featured his clay monoprint works.
- **Jim Mackey** has an exhibit of collage/assemblage art on display at the Dillsburg Library through Feb. 28.

Things to Do or Look Forward To:

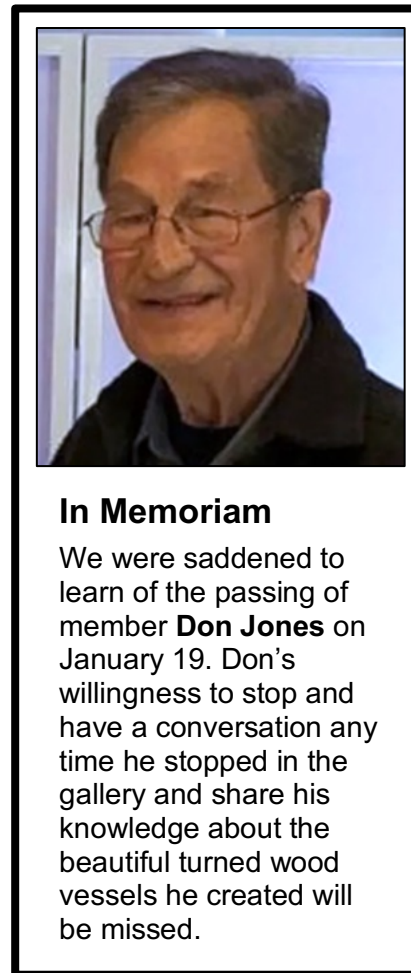
- The Carlisle Arts Learning Center's Annual Members Color Show runs from Fri., Feb. 13, to Sat, Mar 14. This year the color is Yellow and the Theme is Dandelion. Many Guild members belong to CALC; send an email to the newsletter address and let us know if your work is included!
- Exhibits at the Gallery at the Old Post Office on Broadway in Hanover include *Exhibit 26* through Feb. 26, followed by *Time* Mar. 1 – Apr. 23.
- Hanover Area Historical Society bus trips this spring – March (Harrisburg), April (Philadelphia), June (Cape Charles, VA). For details, visit <https://hanoverpahistory.org>.

First Friday and Second Saturday Events Matter!

Some of the contributing factors to the recent success in the gallery have been the increased activities in downtown Hanover on Friday and Saturday.

The First Friday Art Walks give people a reason to come downtown on a Friday evening. They circulate through the participating businesses, and see what's new in the gallery. February's Art Walk will give visitors the opportunity to vote on their favorite entry in the *Animals!* show. Second Saturdays typically see a free kids' craft activity along with story time on a related theme. This is often in conjunction with another special event sponsored by Main Street Hanover.

Volunteers are key in both Friday and Saturday activities. A special shout out goes to **Karen Davis-Solomon** and **Sue Greenfield** for their ongoing support of these events.



New Members

Our membership continues to grow! The Guild welcomes new adult members:

Don Bergman
Ed Gross
Savannah Guz
Don Keesey
Wesley Klunk
Kelly Lorenzen
Thomas Minnoia
Richard Rogers

new student members:

Matthew Harrison
Frankie Reeder

and new supporting member:

Brian Shea

Opportunity to Exhibit at the Warehouse Gallery

Late last summer, the new Warehouse Gallery at the Warehouse Gourmet restaurant on Philadelphia Ave. in Hanover opened, with wall space devoted to showing art. Owners **Keith** and **Melinda Stambaugh** are now ready to schedule exhibiting artists. Exhibits will hang for approximately two months, and can feature solo artists or small groups. Sales will be through the Warehouse Gallery (the Guild will not be involved), with commissions similar to the Guild's. Each show will have an opening reception with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

Any member or group of members interested in getting on the schedule should send an email to warehousegourmet@warehousebistro.net, or call Keith at 717-451-7370.

Contacting the Guild

Use these addresses when emailing the Guild:

info@hanoverareaarts.com for general questions and information.

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

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

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

Membership Growing = “Good” Problems

The Guild’s membership is growing, which is wonderful, and that has created some problems that are good to have, but will need the cooperation of everyone to work through. Right now, we’re experiencing expansion in the amount of 3-D art and crafts that needs to be displayed. At the same time, more art with easel backs, on blocks, and without hanging wire, is also coming in. Space is becoming very limited for art displayed on tabletops or showcase tops.

Traditionally, there has been plenty of horizontal display space to accommodate everything. The gallery committee and board are looking at the best way to expand that horizontal surface space. In the meanwhile, please follow the guidance below when bringing work in to display. This is intended to give all members a fair opportunity to show and sell their art. If needed in the interest of fairness, the gallery committee may elect not to display all work delivered.

- Whenever possible, framed art should be wired to hang on the wall or on the miniatures panels. This includes freestanding pieces that can be displayed either hanging or on a tabletop.
- Small artworks that are not or cannot be wired to hang on the wall or the miniatures panels, and rely on an easel or an easel back on the frame, as well as freestanding pieces that could have accommodated a wire, should be limited to no more than 10 items.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

Classes!

Classes for January, February, and March are underway. There is still time and space available for you to register for classes that haven’t started yet. A new class, *Beginning Watercolors*, has just been added to the schedule, starting in late February.

The schedule for Spring (April, May, and June) is being developed now. Watch your email, Facebook, or the Guild website for information as it becomes available.

Do You Do Your Own Framing?

Members who frame their work know the cost that can be associated with making sure their art is presented in the best possible light. Are you someone who does your own framing? Would you be willing to be connected with other members who need to have framing done? If so, please contact the front desk. If there are members so willing, they will be included on a list that can be made available to other members looking for framing help. Costs and payment for the framing would be handled directly between member and framer; the Guild’s role will be to maintain the list of potential framers.

Opportunity to Serve

The Nominating Committee will soon be contacting people about standing for election to the board of directors in June 2026. If you are approached, please consider taking on this valuable service to the Guild.

Spring Cleaning

The gallery and classroom will be closed during the last full week of March for the annual spring cleaning activities, except for Spring Show drop off on Friday and Saturday, March 27 and 28. As always, volunteers will be needed during spring cleaning; the amount of volunteer hours determines how much we can accomplish. Watch your email closer to the beginning of March with information about signing up to help.

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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.