



FEBRUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER

Meetings are held on the 4th Monday of the month, September through May, excluding December, at the Vestal Public Library, 320 Vestal Parkway East, Vestal NY from 7:30 to 9:00 PM. All artists are welcome. Our mission is education through monthly demonstrations, workshops, and bus trips, as well as providing exhibition opportunities for our artists.

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❖ From the Easel of Janice L. Wood, President of the Board of Directors ❖

The beauty of the winter weather is upon us and the FASST Board hopes it is inspiring you to create some nice pieces for the member show which is just around the corner. The Board has been in contact with the Oakdale Mall and based on the discussion we are optimistic that FASST will once again have a gallery at the Mall. Therefore, the 119th Member show has tentatively been scheduled to be held at the Mall Gallery during the month of May. The Reception, however, will be held at the Broome County Public Library Decker Room.

In addition, the Board made a few changes in our awards this year to promote an increased challenge to our participating artists. This year the Board has increased prize money but reduced the number of awards. Also, for those who attend the reception and do not receive an award, there will be 4 great door prizes. An information packet will be e-mailed to members. The members who are not on e-mail and are interested in participating can call Jan at 797-1719 and a packet will be mailed to you. Information will also be listed on the FASST website and placed in the March Newsletter. So look for details. The BOD is looking forward to another wonderful show this year.

Don't forget, FASST is also offering four great workshops in a variety of media with Patrick McPhee, Richard Henry, Paula Purkis and Joseph Daily. There are also two bus trips, one to the NY Botanical Gardens for the Chihuly Exhibit and one to the Philadelphia Barnes Museum. Information is listed within this newsletter.

The Board has made arrangements for some unique demonstrations/activities during our monthly meetings. Our February meeting will give artists a chance to test their skills throughout the evening as we have brought back MODEL NIGHT. Future demonstrations are Caricature night, Urban Sketching, Mosaics, Pottery and a demonstration from our very own long time Member, Robert Merwin.

Finally, the newly formed Plein Air Group met for the first time in January under the skylight at the Oakdale Mall. Interested artists can contact Lori Farist for details at lfarist32@yahoo.com.

The Board looks forward to seeing all our members at the various venues. If you have ideas for additional venues/activities, please contact any Board Member.

Sincerely,
Janice L. Wood, President, BOD
The Fine Arts Society of the Southern Tier

NO February Demonstration ~ brought back by popular demand ~ MODEL NIGHT

February is Model Night

When: February 27, 2017, 7:30 ~ 9:30 PM

Where: Vestal Library

Bring your sketch pads, art supplies and enjoy an evening of fun and socialization with your fellow artists. There will be **four** (4) stations. You can choose one or all four to try your artistic abilities: (1) still life, (1) live model, (1) positioned wooden manikin, (1) Rustic animal, and, if there is an interest, a 5th station can be set up with a work-along video.

Tables and chairs will be set up. If you are using oils, acrylics, watercolors etc., bring coverings/drop cloths for the floor and table.

REFRESHMENTS! REFRESHMENTS! and more REFRESHMENTS! will be provided.

Classes & Workshops

Glenda Blake is offering 2 classes ~ contact her at <https://glendablake.com/welcome/classes-and-workshops/>

Exploring Oil Painting

March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2017, YHPL(JC)

Oil Painting from Altered Photographs

May 18 through June 15, 2017, BCPL

New Offering: Lori Farist ~ Intro to Oils began February 11, 2017 and runs for 6 weeks ~ The Blue Egg, 173 Clinton Street, Binghamton.

Contact: Lori *at* lfarist32@yahoo.com to obtain information on future offerings

Plein Air with Richard Henry

June 3, 2017 ~ Contact: Barb Shope at blshope@aol.com
Richard continues to offer classes at BCC (SUNY BROOME)

See <http://www1.sunybroome.edu/>

Patrick McPhee

Saturday, April 29, 2017 *at* Vestal Library, 10 AM ~ 2-3 PM
Contact: Barb Shope at blshope@aol.com

Watercolor Workshop with Paula Purkis

Saturday, October 7, 2017 *at* Vestal Library, 10 AM ~ 2-3 PM
Contact: Barb Shope *at* blshope@aol.com

Joseph Daily 2017 Color Portrait Workshop

September 27, 28, 29, 2017 *at* Vestal Library
Contact: Jan Wood at benzjw1@gmail.com

Member Shows

Oakdale Mall Gallery

Jan Wood met with the new Manager, Courtney Rozen to discuss future opportunities at the MALL for FASST.

It appears FASST may have an opportunity to return to the mall in the near future but this has not been finalized. Updates will be provided as information is received.

Juried Art Exhibition

2017-SKY- Tioga County Historical Society
Entry post mark deadline March 3, 2017
<http://tiogahistory.org/juried-art-exhibition-2017/>

Willow Point Rehab and Nursing

Exhibiting Artist for January, February~Donna Cheresnowski

Community Foundation South Central

Jan and John Wood ~ Private Collection of FASST artists' pieces January through March 2017
Diane Brown indicated that their schedule for 2017 is fully

booked, however, if you are interested, she will place your name on a waiting list. Contact Jan at benzjw1@gmail.com

UHS-Binghamton General (Krembs) and Park Gallery

August 13, 2017 - September 23, 2017 ~ openings remain
Contact Jan Wood at benzjw1@gmail.com

Binghamton JulyFest ~ July 14,15,16, 2017 This is a great opportunity to exhibit and sell art. Watch for more information on their Website and in FASST newsletter.

Ross Park-Rock and Roar and Art ~ Labor Day weekend
This is a great opportunity to socialize with fellow artists, listen to great bands and use the environment for inspiration to do some great plein air paintings and sell art.

Dan Harrington Photography, Framing & Art

85 Main Street, Sidney, NY 13838

Christ Episcopal Church

First Fridays 2017 Contact: Suzanne at 222-2615

Cooperative Gallery 213 and Broome County Arts Council Members

Check out their websites and newsletters for opportunities

Gallery 41 Owego

FASSTmulti-artist show has been scheduled for September
contact Jan at benzjw1@gmail.com-space is limited

Don't forget the FASST Website Online Gallery

Contact: Christine *at* fasst.webmaster@gmail.com

Plein Air Group SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to inclement weather, FASST has made arrangements with Courtney Rozen to use the Mall Center Court (outside Bonton) under the skylights for the plein air activities
Thursdays- 2/23, 3/9, 3/23 9 AM ~ noon (chairs are provided)
If you would like to join in, contact lfarist32@yahoo.com

Bus Trips

July 2, 2017 ~ Shafer Bus

NYC Botanical Gardens ~ Dale Chihuly Glass Sculpture
Bus fare only (round trip) \$52, plus entrance to Gardens to be collected prior to date.

Pay now to reserve your seat ~ 20 seats, but **only 3 seats remain** ~ **first come , first serve!**

contact Jan Wood, benzjw1@gmail.com

September 16, 2017 ~ Shafer Bus

Philadelphia ~ Barnes Museum and surrounding venues
More info forthcoming.

FEATURED ARTISTS

JOYCE STEWART

I started painting with watercolors about 20 years ago and found I really enjoy the medium. It is both challenging and beautiful.

Previously, I painted with overglaze paints on porcelain, which is still my medium of choice, but I like using pastels and water color as well. I think that lessons learned from one medium can often be applied to others. I have taken many work shops in all three mediums.

This is a water color painted from my photos in the technique of Lian Quan. The paint is diluted and poured onto the paper. Really fun to do.

I continue to learn.



ABOVE: "FRUIT OF THE VINE," Poured Watercolor, 16"x 20" matted size

CYRENA SUMMERS



Artist/Sculptor, studied at Harpur College (now Binghamton Univ.) B. A. and M.A.S.S. degrees.

Taught Elementary School Art at C. R. Weeks, Windor, N. Y.

Represented in private collections and many local and northeastern exhibitions.

This drawing was done from an installation at my studio in Endicott. It represents an emptiness, a missing or absence of some who are no longer with us, as well as the memories we leave behind in our 'Pals.' But it can have other meanings depending on the mind-set of the individual viewer. The installation can be seen at Avenue Antiques, 114 Washington Avenue, second floor, front.

LEFT: "PALS", 24" x 30"
Ink and Wash drawing

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