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Heritage Fine Arts Guild Newsletter February 2024



February 14, 2024, Meeting Information

We have moved our meetings and workshops to Ascension Lutheran Church, located at 1701 W. Caley Ave, Littleton 80120, Room 106. This is the same location that we hold our paint days. Enter the parking lot off of Stern Blvd on the north side of the church. The church is located on the northwest corner of Caley and Windermere.

Monthly membership meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7 pm and are open to the public. The Board meeting begins at 6 pm and members are welcome to attend.

Demo

Critique with Lee Wasilik



Lee Wasilik is a Littleton-based artist whose love of the mountains and rural life can be seen in most of his paintings. His work has won numerous awards in national, statewide, and local shows and hangs in private collections throughout the United States



President's Message

February 2024

We are off and running into our new year, 2024. How are your resolutions going? Are you thinking of romance or chocolate this month, or planning what to do next summer?

We have a great slate of Art Shows coming up this year, so be sure to get some paintings ready for the shows. More details regarding shows can be found on the website.

We have begun meeting at Ascension Lutheran Church for all of our activities. I hope everyone has visited this wonderful venue. We will have our Wed. meetings in February in Room 106, just inside the front door. During Lent the church hosts a dinner every Wed night in Fellowship Hall. Starting in April we can use Fellowship Hall for our Wed night meetings. Our workshops will be held in Fellowship Hall. It is large with good lighting, adjacent to the kitchen and bathrooms. NO steps! Paint Day uses the Fellowship Hall on Thurs mornings. Please be thinking about how you can help our Guild grow. Can you invite a friend to a meeting or a workshop? Can you help by participating on the board? How can we make this the best art guild in the region?

Stay warm and keep painting!

Lynn Hegstrom, President

January Highlights

Behnaz Ahmadian - "*Petals and Paper*" DEMO



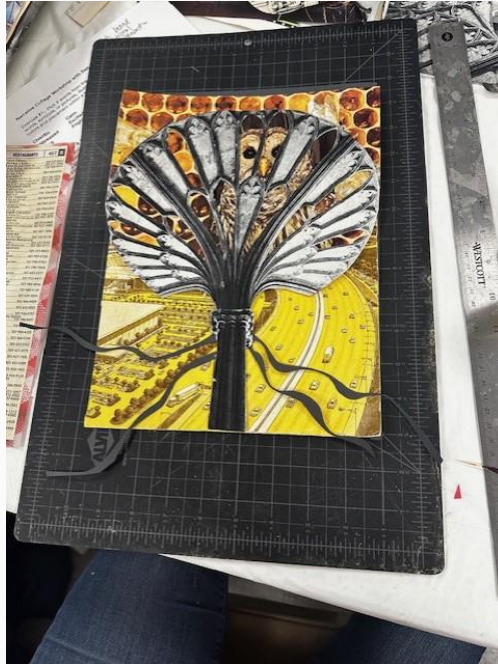


Behnaz's artwork is lovely. She will be hosting a workshop February 17, 2024.

Deb Rosenbaum - "Narrative Collage Workshop"

Saturday, January 20, 2024 -- 9am - 3pm





“Deb’s approach to collage was totally new to me. My experience with collage has always been more of an unrestrained maximalist endeavor. In Deb’s workshop, we were encouraged to think of meaningful moments and stories from our personal lives. These jumping off points were different for each of us. Every work of art was unique and helped us learn about each other. Several people recalled moments from their childhood and utilized symbols and images to express their memories. The day was a beautiful expression of creativity.”

Cheryl Huff

Thank you, Cheryl for your great review.

Join Our Artists Page

We want to highlight the beautiful, creative work our members produce by featuring all of you on [Our Artists](#) webpage. All you need to do is go to the link on the page, submit a few photos of your paintings and a brief artist statement. Our webmaster

will do the rest!

Heritage Guild Social Media

We are pleased to announce that our new Publicity Director, Kim Dwyer, is going to substantially increase our social media presence this year. **She needs your help** to make the most of her efforts to boost membership and encourage participation in our workshops.

Share your unique journey and experiences by completing the testimonial form at <https://forms.gle/berBgguF7MTTDR947>, giving a personal touch to our guild. Join us on Instagram (@heritagefineartsguild), where you can like, comment, and share our posts. Share the magic of our exhibits and workshops by tagging us in your photos and using hashtags like #ThisIsColorado and #HeritageFineArtsGuild. Not familiar with tagging? Simply add "@heritagefineartsguild" in your post or comment to connect. Let's showcase our creativity and inspire others to become a part of our wonderful guild!

Workshops

Click on the button to register for a class.

Behnaz Ahmadian - *"Petals and Paper"*

Saturday, February 17, 2024 -- 9am - 3pm

Ascension Lutheran Church

1701 W. Caley Ave.

Littleton, CO 80120



Behnaz Ahmadian was born in Iran and raised in the United States. She is currently living and working in Colorado. She is an artist and an art instructor. She likes to work with many different mediums but the main medium she works in is acrylic. Behnaz is very fascinated with pattern and color and incorporates them in her paintings.

Embark on a captivating journey into the art of paper collage with a special focus on painted papers. This workshop, "Petals and Paper" invites participants to explore the synergy between paint, paper, and mixed media as they create a stunning bouquet of flowers.

This workshop is designed for artists of all levels, offering a unique opportunity to combine the expressive qualities of both painting and paper collage.



Lee Wasilik - "Everything You Need to Know about Watercolor"

Saturday, March 16, 2024 -- 9am - 3pm

Ascension Lutheran Church

1701 W. Caley Ave.

Littleton, CO 80120



This is a hands-on workshop designed for the beginning watercolorist but can be a valuable review for the more experienced artist as well. It will stress the importance of good supplies, paper, paint, and brushes.

At the beginning, we will look at some examples of good and bad watercolors and point out the most common mistakes made by beginners.

Participants will explore the various ways of applying paint to paper; wet on wet, wet on damp, wet on dry, etc. We will look at the various brush strokes and learn how to combine them to form recognizable objects. We will look at the difference between hard and soft edges and how to create them.



Finally, we will look at some special watercolor techniques. Using reference of their choice, students will apply what they have learned to create their own masterpieces.

Last, there will be an evaluation of the finished work by the instructor and the students.

Candace French - *"Painting Aspens with Palette Knife and Acrylics"*

Saturday, April 20, 2024 -- 9am - 3pm

Ascension Lutheran Church

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Littleton, CO 80120

Learn how to use a palette knife to create a beautiful aspen landscape in your own artistic voice. This workshop is fun and exciting as you practice palette knife painting techniques with acrylics.

Artists will be guided from start to finish through group and individual attention by beginning with painting a background of skies, fields, or mountains. Then, add aspens with a palette knife for an amazing acrylic landscape artwork.

Composition and how to know when your artwork is complete will be included.

Candace's teaching style is engaging, inspiring, and most of all fun!



For more information about these great workshops, supply lists and how to register please go to heritage-guild.com.

[Register](#)

Shows

Competitions/Shows for 2024

Bemis Library Show - Members Only - June 1 - 30th, 2024.
Call For Entry - late April, early May TBA.

This is Colorado at Arapahoe Community College - August 22- -
September 26, 2024.
Art drop off is August 19th with the reception on September 22, 2024.

Healing Arts at Centura Littleton Hospital - Is scheduled for October
through December 2024. Call For Entry - TBA.

This list will be updated as additional shows are added.

As you can see from the schedule above, we will have a busy summer and fall with competitions and Calls for Entry. I challenge all members to explore workshops and push yourself to produce new and exciting work for the 2nd half of 2024! We (the show committee) want to see your creations and hope that everybody will “strut your stuff” by applying for these opportunities. If you have any questions or concerns, call me and I will help with the application process!

Sincerely,
Celeste
chodges4finearts@gmail.com



Paint Day Thursdays

Paint Day, open to both members and non-members, is held every Thursday at Ascension Lutheran Church, lower level, between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Parking is available on the north side of the church. A donation of \$1 per session is requested to help cover costs. Contact Kathy Reitz at kmr68@q.com for more information.



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