

## Heritage Fine Arts Guild Newsletter April 2024



## April 10, 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** 



Jo Anne Nelson

Demo theme: Getting ready for great Mixed Media Art: how to build a substrate. Jo Ann will demonstrate the steps to take for creating an exciting mixed media/acrylic piece. This will include a demonstration of how to prepare a sturdy, versatile substrate that goes beyond simply using a ready-made canvas or similar. The meeting demo will be an introduction to/preview of the planned Mixed Media/Acrylic Workshop on May 18.



President's Message April 2024

Spring has sprung, the grass is riz, I wonder where my paint brush is. It is finally spring and I'm sure you all love to paint winter scenes with snow but now it is time to paint flowers, green grass, and leaves. And the warmer weather is certainly welcome.

We have a great line-up of workshops and demos coming up and I'm sure you won't want to miss anything. With our new venue at Ascension Lutheran Church there is plenty of room for attendees so be sure to sign up.

We are now in the process of looking for new Board of Director's for next year, Sept 2024- June 2025. Please, can you help out with your guild. We have a wonderful group at present but sometimes things do change for us all, and some members have been doing the same jobs for a long time, which is OK, but new blood is always a good idea. Come join us! The work is not hard nor too time-consuming. Openings include Publicity, Workshop Co-Director, and President.

Enjoy our spring weather and new growth, love those flowers!

Lynn Hegstrom, President



2024-2025 Membership Renewal

It's that time again. The 2024-25 Heritage Fine Arts Guild year starts July 1 so please renew your membership. The annual dues are \$45.00. Continue to enjoy access to member-only art shows and reduced fees for workshops.

Go to <u>www.heritage-guild.com/apply-and-pay-for-membership.html</u> to rejoin for next year.

## **March Highlights**

# 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



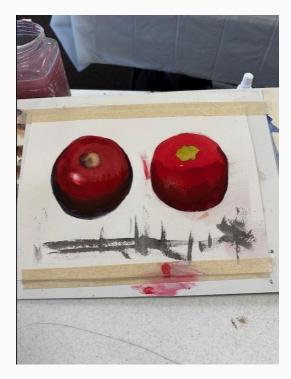
Lee Wasilik's workshop "Everything You Need to Know About Watercolor," was for beginner and experienced watercolor artists. Lee began the workshop with a short bio, followed by a discussion on the importance of using good supplies. Lee showed some of his paintings, while talking about the most common mistakes watercolorists make. He demonstrated the different consistency of watercolor, and washes like wet into wet, wet on damp, wet on dry, along with various gradient washes. Followed by attendees trying the techniques for themselves.

After the basics, Lee continued by demonstrating how to paint loose flowers, using the techniques learned in the workshop, while being mindful of the hard and soft edges. The last demonstration was painting the human form in watercolor, from stick figures. Then the class, using their own references, were able to create their paintings, using what they had learned in the workshop.

Throughout the workshop, Lee walked around the room, reviewing the attendees' progress, and offering suggestions on improving the techniques and paintings. This was a very informative and fun workshop, and the one I wished I had, when I began my watercolor journey.

Thank you, Frank Weaver, 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 <u>Our Artists</u> 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 <a href="https://forms.gle/berBgguF7MTTDR947">https://forms.gle/berBgguF7MTTDR947</a>, 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

For more information about these great workshops, supply lists and how to register please go to <a href="heritage-guild.com">heritage-guild.com</a>.

Click on the button to register for a class.

## "From Substrate to Story Telling: Steps to Creating Exciting Mixed Media Art" with Jo Ann Nelson

Saturday, May 18, 2024 -- 10am - 3pm
Ascension Lutheran Church
1701 W. Caley Ave.
Littleton, CO 80120



In a fun and relaxed environment, learn how to create one (or two, for artists who tend to work fast) mixed media pieces. Jo Ann will take students step by step through the process—from preparing the substrate to applying texture, working

out a good composition, and adding paint—everything it takes to create intriguing, expressive artwork that speaks to the viewer. Her mixed media techniques combine acrylic paint with a variety of materials she is bringing to share with the class.





**Register** 

#### **Shows**

#### **April Newsletter - Upcoming Shows**

Please enjoy this beautiful spring and tend the garden of your artistic endeavors to bloom this summer and fall with exquisite blooms, new productivity, and great art growth!

Here is the list of upcoming shows for our Guild -

Best of Heritage Fine Arts - Bemis Library Show - Members Only - June 1 - 30th, 2024.

(See below.)

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

Healing Arts at Centura Littleton Hospital - October through December 2024.

Inspiration Art Show - Saint Andrew United Methodist Church - February 21- April 2025.

#### Call for Entry

Best of Heritage Fine Arts - The Bemis Library Show Members Only June 1 - June 30, 2024

Members may submit up to three entries! Get your work viewed and reviewed by a celebrated juror. Cash and prizes will be awarded!
Online Registration deadline: Wednesday, May 15, 2024
Acceptances Sent: Sunday, May 19, 2024
Full details are coming soon! Check the Heritage Fine Arts Website



Thank you to all that responded to the Heritage Fine Arts Guild Survey! Your answers were discussed at the last Board meeting and several concerns were noted in the online application, presentation, and processes critical for Guild sponsored shows.

As the Show Coordinator for many of the shows, I think that application challenges:

- -documentation and taking images of your pieces,
- -naming and submitting the images online for the application, and
- -matting and framing your piece for display.

These are difficult but should not be a roadblock to our artmaking, and art sharing life! (No matter how limited my technology skills.)

I am not a master at any one of these processes, but I have a good deal of experience problem-solving and wrestling with my tech skills to enter competitions! Please help us to create excellent shows using your art! In prep for our summer and fall/winter season of shows, I would challenge every one of us to enter several shows this year and I will be happy to work with art guild members to practice and learn these skills.

If interested, please reply to:
Celeste Hodges at
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## **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 <a href="mailto:kmr68@q.com">kmr68@q.com</a> for more information.





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