



Heritage Fine Arts Guild Newsletter

April 2026



April 8, 2026, Meeting Information

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.

Location: Ascension Lutheran Church, 1701 W. Caley Ave, Littleton 80120, Room 106. Enter the parking lot off of Stern Blvd on the north side of the church. Meetings are normally held in the small room just to the right of the lobby when you enter the Church from the parking lot.

DEMO

The April demo on 4/8/2026 will be a preview of the Kelly Almer's "Using Colored Pencils" workshop on 5/16/2026





President's Message
April 1, 2026

Hello members!

At last, spring is making its presence known. The days are stretching a little longer, fresh green is beginning to peek out from the ground, and once again we find ourselves throwing open the windows to let in light, fresh air, and new energy. After the quiet, inward months of winter, it feels good to hear the world wake up again—and for many of us, that includes the music that fills our studios and homes. Music has a way of shaping our mood, setting a rhythm for our work, and gently nudging us back into a creative flow as the season turns.

With warmer days ahead, many of us are feeling the pull to step outside—sketchbook or camera in hand—to rediscover familiar places with fresh eyes. New growth, shifting light, and changing colors offer endless inspiration, and simply being outdoors can spark ideas that have been lying dormant all winter. Whether it's painting plein air, photographing textures

and patterns, or gathering visual notes for future work, spring invites us to look again and look closer.

This time of year is also a gentle reminder of how much we've missed one another. After months of retreating indoors, it feels good to reconnect—lingering in conversation, sharing ideas, and renewing communication not only within our Guild, but with our broader community as well. These connections, nurtured through simple interactions and shared experiences, are what strengthen our bonds and keep our creative community thriving.

As artists, we understand the importance of renewal. Just as nature refreshes itself each spring, so do we—by exploring new subjects, trying new approaches, and allowing fresh influences into our work. I encourage you to embrace the season fully—open the windows, turn on some music, step outside, strike up a conversation, and let all of it feed your art.

Thank you all for the warmth, creativity, and encouragement you bring to this Guild. It is a joy to be part of such a supportive and engaged group, and I look forward to seeing how we continue to grow together in the months ahead.

Grow your skills. Find your people. Fuel your art.

Warmly,
Sue Connors
President

March's Highlights

March Demo

"Creative Color: A Painting Adventure" with Sheryl Wasinger



For anyone who missed the demonstration at our March meeting, Workshop instructor, Sheryl Wasinger displayed her dynamic technique to develop abstract landscapes. Her process involves using acrylic paint with a variety of mark making tools and providing an inviting opportunity to create a variety of textures, and forms using composition and color choices to push your painting to new levels. Come to the workshop to learn more!

Thank you Celeste for the nice write up and photo.

March 21, 2026, Workshop

"Expressive Watercolors Using Wet-On-Wet Technique" with Susan Corser



Thank you Lisa Urbach for your nice review.

I was concerned that Susan's wet on wet watercolor workshop would be too advanced for me. I had not painted in a very long time. My concerns were unnecessary as the group was really supportive. They told me I didn't to make a masterpiece, which definitely helped. I think before my next workshop I will come to the class with some ideas.

I enjoyed the day!

Join or Renew Your Membership

If you haven't already, please join or renew your membership! We need your support now to continue all of our great demonstrations, workshops and shows. Your membership includes these benefits:

- Workshops given by local and national professional artists
- Multiple shows each year to present and sell your work to the public
- Reduced fees for workshops and shows
- Helpful critique sessions conducted by accomplished local artists
- Opportunities to learn new techniques at monthly demonstrations
- A community of supportive artists

Please register now for your 2025-26 membership at

<https://www.heritage-guild.com/apply-and-pay-for-membership.html>.

Questions? Contact the Membership Coordinator at nashpa@icloud.com

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!

Workshops

"Creative Color: A Painting Adventure" with Sheryl Wasinger

Saturday, April 18, 2026 -- 9am - 3pm



How to paint realistic subject matter using non-realistic color and non-traditional painting techniques with acrylic paint.

Ability Level: Intermediate to Advanced experience in drawing and painting.

Description: In this program, you will learn how to work from a photo of a landscape and turn that subject into a creative, expressive acrylic painting using non-traditional color and painting techniques.

"Back to Childhood: Colored Pencils as a Useful Art Medium & Experience"
with Kelly Almer

Saturday, May 16, 2026 -- 9am - 3pm



Remember colored pencils when you were in school? Have you considered using them in your collages, paintings, or even as single medium for artwork? Colored pencils have come a long way since school days and have tremendous potential!

This is your chance to find out all about them in a fun workshop! Kelly Almer will be offering an in-depth look at colored pencils as timeless and foundational medium. She will introduce participants to the “world of colored pencils” through a lively demonstration while sharing insights and practical tips and tricks along the way. Workshop participants will be working alongside her to create a delightful small, finished piece.

Shows



Keep your eyes peeled for the Call for Entry for the upcoming Member Show. The Best of Heritage Bemis Library Show will be June 1-30, 2026. The theme for this year's Best of Heritage at Bemis Public Library is:

Our Vision: Our Joy

We are looking for your best work showing the places, people, and images that reflect your joy. During the activity of painting and creating our art, we are engaged in bringing our perspectives and zest for life to the paper or canvas and communicating that joy to the viewer.

This theme is meant to encourage us to consider our personal vision with renewed clarity and intention. Let's show off our Heritage Fine Arts talents and hard work. More details and the full Call for Entry will be available shortly.

Stay Well and Keep Painting!
Celeste Hodges

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<https://www.celestehodges.com/>

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A little tidbit that might interest you

For years I have been reading eBooks from the library on my phone or tablet in the Libby app. I just figured out that I can subscribe to magazines from the library to read on my tablet. The newest issues just appear in Libby every month. So, I read *Southwest Art*, and three others I had never heard of but enjoy - *Create Art*, *Art Journaling*, and *Simple Things*.

Carolyn Moershel



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 Betsy Shepardson at shepardson.betsy@gmail.com for more information.

*“Art is to console
those who are
broken by life.”*

VINCENT VAN GOGH



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