



## Heritage Fine Arts Guild Newsletter

December 2024



### **There is no December Meeting**

### **January 8, 2025, 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**

**TBD**



**President's Message**

**December 2024**

As I sit here writing this President's message, Thanksgiving has just passed, yet I am still thankful for all my artistic friends that I have met in the Heritage Fine Arts Guild, and I wanted to express my Thanks. Thank You to all!

And now we roll into another month of craziness, perhaps. Decorating, gift buying, wrapping, giving and all the things that go along with the holiday season. I, for one would like to pare down my life and simplify it. I do want to give thanks to my family and loved ones yet also act in a way that sends this message to the world. I wish for all to attend the card making gathering on Dec. 7th where we can add our artistic talent to a greeting for others. Such a lovely act of kindness.

And then on to the New Year. I need to paint more! Life seems to get in the way. And since my studio is my dining room the holidays make that difficult. But I will persevere.

My wish for the Guild members is to enjoy the holidays and relish in your traditions whatever they may be. It is a season to be happy and rejoice in life. Therefore, I wish everyone a hearty, "Happy Holiday!" See you next year.

Lynn Hegstrom, President

### Upcoming Events



### **Heritage Fine Arts Guild Holiday Card-Making Event**

**December 7, 2024**

**10am-12am**

This December, the Heritage Fine Arts Guild warmly invites everyone to join us in a heartfelt tradition of creativity and compassion. On December 7, 2024, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, we will host a holiday card-making event at Ascension Lutheran Church, where participants will craft handmade winter celebration cards for seniors and isolated individuals through Project Angel Card and Brighten a Day. This initiative, originally inspired by the passion of Guild member Cheryl Huff, continues to foster connection and kindness in our community.

Participants are encouraged to bring their own art supplies—paints, markers, stencils, brushes, and glue—and a \$10 fee will include pizza. Many attendees also bring treats and snacks to share, creating a festive and warm atmosphere that reflects the spirit of the season.

**Please RSVP to [Cherig60@msn.com](mailto:Cherig60@msn.com) if you are coming and bringing a guest to this fun event.**

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### **November Highlights**

#### **Figure Painting Workshop with Michael Dowling Saturday November 16th, 2024**

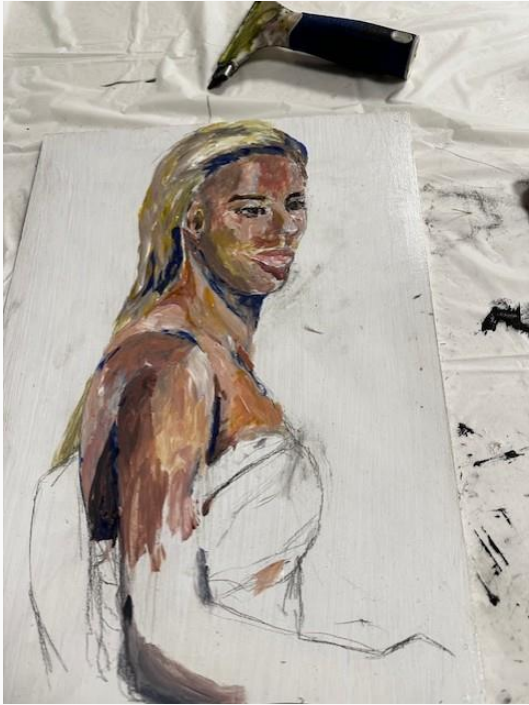
We spent a wonderful morning learning to sketch faces, learning the placement for eyes, nose, ears and mouth. How adding shadows-built depth.

In the afternoon we worked with a live model. Starting with quick sketches, them moving into more detail, leading up to painting.

Great workshop.

Thank you, Jennifer Bird, for the write up and photos.





## Workshops

January 2025 Workshop TBD

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February 15, 2025,  
Heritage Fine Arts Workshop

Paint your Pet in Pastel





**with Linda French**



Indulge your love for both art and your furry companion in this hands-on class, meant for some- or no -experience in pastels. Artists will learn essential

techniques for capturing the unique personality of their pet by blending and layering to achieve lifelike textures.

Basic information about the use of various pastels, pastel pencils, blenders and materials used for working with the pastel medium will be reviewed along with color and value. An 11 x 14 suede mat board, provided by the instructor, will be used to sketch or trace the artist's pet. Specific instruction will be given individually and through class demonstrations on the anatomical features of the face: eyes, ears, nose, mouth as well as general body structures and hair/fur types whether cat, dog, or another pet. Tricks and tips for realistic painting with pastels will be shared.

Artists will leave with a treasured pastel painting of their individual pet!

Materials:

\*Pastels- bring your own or buy a set for \$10 at time of class

All other pastel pencils, blenders, pens, suede mat board will be provided

Table easels and aprons may be brought if desired

Linda French Bio

Linda is a lifelong learner and teacher with a passion for animals. After retiring from teaching special needs students for 32 years, she has shifted to teaching pastel tips and tricks to artists for the past 16 years with an emphasis on pets.

Linda's pastel artworks have been described as being so realistic that it's hard to tell the photo from the picture; her pet portraits are so lifelike that they can "walk off the canvas". She strives to bring emotion and joy to the viewer as well as to bring out the true spirit of her subjects.

Known for her commission works nationwide, she also paints the retired K-9's for the Loveland Police Department. She has won numerous awards in shows, including 'Best Woman Artist' through the American Association of University Women.

Her works can be viewed at:

[www.lincolngallery.com/our\\_artists](http://www.lincolngallery.com/our_artists)



and [www.lindafrenchart.com](http://www.lindafrenchart.com)

**Time and cost of Linda's workshop will be available on our website soon.**

Be sure to register at [heritage-guild.com](http://heritage-guild.com).

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### **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!

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### **Heritage Guild Social Media**

The Heritage Fine Arts Guild is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to boost our publicity efforts! We need social media savvy individuals to post on Facebook and Instagram a few times a week, sharing event announcements, workshop information, meeting updates, inspirational messages, and art. We're also seeking volunteers to help us research and gather email addresses of other art guilds, galleries, and community organizations that support the arts. Each role requires no more than an hour a week and no special skills, just a basic understanding of social media and comfort reaching out via phone or email. Interested? Contact Kim Dwyer, Publicity Director, at [kimdwyerart@gmail.com](mailto:kimdwyerart@gmail.com) to join our team and make a difference in our art community!

**Shows**



**"Brotherly Love" 20x20 Oil by Mary Clark**

***Connection, Community, Compassion***

In this show, we are looking for the artist's perspectives on:

Hosted by St. Andrew United Methodist Church

February 21, 2025, through April 2, 2025

Heritage Fine Arts Guild

**Connection, Community, Compassion**

How do you define your community? Show us how the challenge to connect and show compassion in our world looks to you. How can we reach beyond our initial vision and participate in a larger community? Artists will explore connection and compassion for their communities as well as the many diverse beings of varied backgrounds, histories, and species.

This call for entry is open to Heritage members as well as non-members. The entry fee for Heritage Guild members is \$20.00, Nonmembers \$30.00. This is

a juried show with cash prizes. Two-dimensional artwork will be accepted as well as small 2 D and 3 D work will be presented in glass cases in the art hallway of the church.

- Submissions accepted: now through January 31, 2025.
- Acceptances sent by email: Friday, February 7, 2025.
- Delivery of artwork at the church: Friday, February 21, 2025, between 8-9:00 am
- Reception Date: Sunday, February 23, 2025, between 10:00-12:00 noon.
- Painting Pick-up: April 2, between 4:00-6:00 pm.

**Enter the Show at:** [\\_https://www.heritage-guild.com/2022-inspirational-art-show-entry.html](https://www.heritage-guild.com/2022-inspirational-art-show-entry.html))



### **Paint Day Thursdays**

A 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](mailto:shepardson.betsy@gmail.com) for more information



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