



Heritage Fine Arts Guild Newsletter

December 2025



Our December meeting is our Card Making and Pizza Party on Saturday morning December 6th.

See details below in Sue's President's Message.

We'll see you there! What's better than making art with friends and eating pizza?

January 14, 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

The January demo (1/14/2026) will be a preview of the Homare workshop on 1/31



President's Message

December 2025

Dear Guild Members and Friends,

It's that wonderful time of year again! Each year, our Guild comes together to handcraft holiday cards that are delivered to local nursing and care homes—spreading cheer through art and heart. This tradition is more than just a creative gathering; it's a heartfelt way to support local seniors who may be feeling isolated or in need of extra warmth during the holiday season. Please come celebrate with us on Saturday!

Event Details:

- Date & Time: Saturday, December 6, 10:00am – 2:30pm
- Location: Ascension Lutheran Church, 1701 W. Caley Ave, Littleton
- Start the morning with bagels, coffee, and shared treats.
- Dive into card making with a wide array of art supplies. Blank cards are provided, and you're encouraged to bring your favorite materials—markers, paints, glue, stencils, paper punches, scissors, and more. Don't worry if you're missing something—Guild artists love to share! (Please, no glitter.)
- After a creative morning, we'll celebrate with a pizza party to admire everyone's beautiful creations. Cost: Just \$10, which covers lunch. Sign up on the Guild website: www.heritage-guild.com

This event is a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow Guild members and friends, share stories, and enjoy the spirit of giving. By coming together, we not only create beautiful cards but also foster a sense of community and fellowship—making the holidays brighter for ourselves and for the seniors who receive our cards.

Whether you're a seasoned artist or just love to spread joy, we hope you'll join us for this special tradition. Let's make this year's cards the brightest yet!

Warm regards, President,

Sue Connors

Workshops

"A New Approach to Painting"
with Homare Ikeda



Saturday, January 31, 2026 -- 9am - 3pm

An act of painting is deeply about humans. It involves truly being who you are as a human to perform that act. This workshop is not about “how to”, but it is more about exploring and expanding your understanding of skills, tools, and materials you have been working with.

The participants will experiment with various techniques and methods to create marks by adjusting speeds or switching tools. I encourage students to be open to unexpected results and to accept any judgment that follows. Towards the end of the workshop, you will create a piece of artwork that differs from your usual and familiar styles.

Homare Artist’s Statement:

“Painting has become a vehicle to travel in and out of the world of the unknown. A blob of paint is daubed, scratched, scraped, and painted one layer upon another. The thickly painted surface is reminiscent of my journey into the heart of the sea where all my reflections of life are imbued. The sea is the genesis of the original form of life. I begin my painting with a simple vision. The first stages are usually kept fluid and open. As the painting progresses, I keep adding or scraping the layers of paint. I see them as a metaphor for life. The painting takes over my control at a certain point in this process. The image is transformed into a state of the unknown. There, I put down my paintbrush. My journey into the dream of the sea begins again.”

Website: www.homareiked.com

For a complete description, artist's bio and supply list, and registration information, please go to [Workshops](#).

"Collage Design Workshop"
with Amelia Furman
Saturday February 21, 2025--9AM-3PM



Workshop description: Join us for an inspiring 5-hour collage design workshop where you'll create your own imaginative narrative scene on an 8x10 canvas panel. Using analog collage techniques, you'll learn to hand-cut and layer magazine imagery, papers, and embellishments to construct a unique visual story.

This beginner-friendly class will guide you through the Elements and Principles of Design to create strong, engaging compositions with proper adhesion techniques for lasting artwork. The workshop includes instruction on cutting techniques, compositional design, layering methods, and creative embellishment. All students will leave with a finished collage piece and the skills to continue creating at home.

More 2026 Workshops

will tentatively be held on the following dates:

MARCH WORKSHOP - TBD

Saturday, March 21, 2026 -- 9am - 3pm

APRIL WORKSHOP - TBD

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

MAY WORKSHOP - TBD

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

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!

Shows



This is a big **Thank You** letter to all our members for the exciting participation in our shows this year. Wow -it's been a busy year.

Thanks to all the artists who:

- * Courageously entered your "**very first show ever**" and displayed your work for the world to admire and acquire!
- *Attended a workshop or Heritage Fine Arts Guild meeting,
- *Entered their paintings in a show this year.
- *Stepped up to help with the 4 shows this year: St. Andrew United Methodist Church, Best of Heritage at Bemis Library. This is Colorado at ACC, or Stanton Gallery at Town Hall Littleton.
- *Brought food, friends, and family to our receptions, and events, it is critical for our outreach and success!

Thank you, Thank you!

Ideas for Holiday Cheer:

*Go see the show at Lone Tree Arts Center, now through the end of December. Suzanne Connors won Second Place in Painting! Congratulations.

*Check out the Holiday Art Market at the Art Depot, Marsha Gilbert, and Mary Clark both have work in the show, and it is going fast!

*We had some good sales this year, congratulations to Mary Clark, Ron Nation, I and for the sales of their paintings during the Stanton Gallery Show!

Happy Holidays, Stay Well, and Keep Painting!

Celeste Hodges

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

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



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