



## Heritage Fine Arts Guild Newsletter

February 2026



### **"Sunsetting"**

Krista Falkenstine

### **February 11, 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

**Collage Design**

The February demo will be presented by mixed media artist Amelia Furman. She'll give us a preview of her February workshop.



**President's Message**  
**February 2026**

As winter finally settles in, I find myself inspired by the crisp air and quiet days spent indoors, surrounded by paints, canvases, and creative energy. There's something special about this season—a time to pause, reflect, and let our imaginations flourish. Whether you're busy working on new pieces or simply enjoying the comfort of your studio, I hope this winter encourages you to explore and create.

Our Guild continues to thrive, with 59 paid members as of November. It's heartening to see such strong participation and enthusiasm. We're making improvements to our website, membership application, and will be updating board member job descriptions to better serve everyone. We are still looking for someone to take over Publicity so let me know if you are interested.

For those considering deeper involvement, remember that if someone offers to lend a hand, we truly appreciate it—your contributions help build a

stronger Guild. Community is at the heart of our organization, and together, we make it vibrant.

Communication is a key focus this month. Our newsletter now features a member spotlight, so please send news of your artistic achievements along with a photo to Cheri Green (cherig60@msn.com). It's a wonderful way to connect names and faces and celebrate each other's accomplishments.

Looking ahead, mark your calendars for our upcoming art shows: the Bemis Show (Best of Heritage) from June 1-30, "This is Colorado" in the fall, and the Healing Arts exhibit from September through December. We're also planning for a possible show at Saint Andrew—stay tuned for more details.

Thank you all for your ongoing creativity and support. Let's embrace the winter months to nurture our artistry and strengthen our Guild. Stay warm, stay inspired, and keep creating!

With appreciation,

**Sue Connors**

President, Heritage Fine Arts Guild

**January Highlights**



If you missed the January workshop with Homare Ikeda, you missed an intense and mesmerizing session with a well-known, local professional abstract master. Homare began the workshop with an exercise in becoming aware of our environment and our physical being. The discussion continued with a number of exercises to experiment with various tools, (twigs, towels, brushes and brush speeds) to create a wide variety of lines and marks.

Mr. Ikeda's instruction focuses on the marks themselves and increased awareness to respond to the interactions of the elements and the spaces between. In doing this, each participant was asked to consider the use of media (ink, watercolor, pastel, acrylic paint), their tool and the ground that they were working on (paper, newsprint, gessoed or raw) for each mark that they made.

In the final hour, the artists were asked to discuss their work. He gave the artists a framework to evaluate their work not based on whether it represented an object or feeling, but "how does the line and shapes of the work move your eyes around the piece?" He told the group to "give the viewer an assignment to engage them in the work".

Ikeda's work can be seen at a variety of private and public galleries including a current show at the Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art through May 3, 2026.

## Heritage Members Spotlight



Colored pencil artist Kelly Almer will be a featured spotlight artist in the October 2026 issue of CP Magic Magazine! One of her pieces will be on the front cover, she'll be interviewed with accompanying photos of her workspace, and she will present a tutorial that artists can follow to create a similar picture! Her artwork also is featured on cards in St. Nicks store in Littleton. Congratulations Kelly!



Heritage Fine Arts Guild president Sue Connors was invited to exhibit in the Lone Tree Art Expo, which ran from October through January, where she earned 2nd place in the Painting category. She was also honored to have her piece *Calm & Chaos* sold during the show—a meaningful recognition of her work and artistic voice.

**The Guild wants to recognize our members when you have your artwork accepted into shows or displayed in a gallery. Please notify our Newsletter Director Cheri Green ([cherig60@msn.com](mailto:cherig60@msn.com)) when you have accomplishments to share!**

**WORKSHOPS**

Information on upcoming workshops can be found at [www.heritage-guild.com/workshopsevents.html](http://www.heritage-guild.com/workshopsevents.html)

### **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](mailto:nashpa@icloud.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!

## Shows



### **"Sakura"**

Kim Dwyer

Thanks again to all the members who helped with shows during 2025! It was a busy year and we really value those who participated in the shows and helped install and remove our Guild's work. I am in the process of lining up our shows for 2026-2027 and it promises to be a very busy two years. In the meantime, I hope that you are entering other group competitions and painting furiously!

At this time we have the following shows on the schedule:

Best of Heritage at Bemis Public Library - June 1-June 30, 2026

This is Colorado - September 28 - October 28, 2026

Healing Arts at Adventist Littleton Hospital - October - December 2026

St. Andrew United Methodist Church - tentatively planned for June to August 2027

More dates are coming soon!

Celeste Hodges, Show Director

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

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