



Heritage Newsletter February 2021



February 10, 2021 Meeting Information

The meeting will be held via Zoom. The Board meeting begins at 6 pm. The general membership meeting starts at 7pm. However, you may join the call at any time because the call-in information is the same for both meetings. Zoom log on details will be sent to members by email shortly before the meeting.

Meeting Demo with Steve Griggs

Follow the Leader – Steve Griggs Style



Remember playing follow the leader as a kid? How about *painting* Follow the Leader – Steve Griggs Style! Steve will start by introducing a painting and showing how he breaks down the shapes and organizes the painting. After that, he will demonstrate how he moves through the process to create a loose, moving, and evocative painting as you paint along with him. Questions, jokes, and joyful spirits are welcomed!

Please go to <https://www.heritage-guild.com/demonstrations.html> for materials to use to paint along with Steve.



President's Message

Hello Heritage Members,

January was an eventful month with political divisions grabbing headlines, the swearing in of a new President, and increasing distribution of the Covid

vaccine. Things moved so quickly sometimes I felt like I had whiplash! My art studio was definitely a welcome respite from the constant stream of news.

We have a lot planned for the Guild in February, as you'll see in this newsletter. A demo by watercolorist Steve Griggs will take place during our meeting on Feb 10 and an online workshop with collage artist Amelia Furman is planned for the 13th. We are also in the planning stages for an online Heritage member show to be held in March. The theme for this show is a word of your choosing that represents your hopes or goals for the new year. You can illustrate your word in a painting using any medium and style you like. This idea will be the subject of Amelia's workshop, so I hope many of you can join us for some inspiration. She works in collage, oil and acrylic and her work is always thought-provoking.

Stay well and keep in touch with the Guild.

Patty Nash

President



SCFD News

The Heritage Fine Arts Guild is funded in part by a grant from the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD), which supports organizations in 7 counties across the metro area. In October 2020, the SCFD surveyed funded groups, including ours, to learn about the impact of the pandemic on operations and future viability. Seventy-five percent of funded organizations “reported being only moderately confident or not confident at all that their organization would survive”. Furthermore, almost 50% of organizations had 4 months or less of financial reserves.

In light of how so many arts groups are struggling, I am thankful that Heritage is doing so well with its programs and finances. Since our board is all volunteer, we didn't have to worry about making payroll or laying off staff. And thanks to the efforts of our Treasurer Carolyn Moershel and grant preparation by Vice President Joyce Kramer, we continue to have a solid financial footing. Our membership is also very close to the same as last year, which is thanks to all of you who continue to support the Guild. With your ongoing participation, we plan to be around well after the current public health situation is a distant memory!

January Highlights

Art Challenge

While we've been unable to meet in person recently, we've been reinventing the ways we connect and share our art. We offered a number of challenges to the art community throughout the current Guild year to keep us engaged with our creative spirits and our fellow artists. In January, the task was to arrange a number of irregular shapes into a composition. If you missed seeing the paintings that resulted, you can view them at <https://www.heritage-guild.com/jan-2020-paintings.html>. We had a lively discussion of these paintings at the meeting.



Laura O'Donnell

Thanks to **Phyllis Vandelaar** for her great Art Challenge ideas.

Workshops

Amelia Furman - Mixed Media Workshop via Zoom

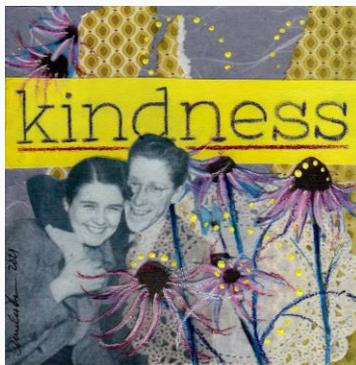
Saturday, February 13, 2021 -- 9am - Noon

HFAG Member - \$25

Non-HFAG Member - \$30



Join mixed media artist, Amelia Furman, in creating a piece to help you focus on your word of the year. Amelia will walk you through her collage process, including design and gluing techniques, and paint and pencil embellishing techniques so that by the end of the workshop, you have a beautiful, mixed media piece that helps you keep your word of the year in clear focus all year long. Amelia will provide instruction and demonstration throughout the 3-hour workshop. Each student will be supplied with printable downloads to supplement their own collage collection.



To see the supply list and register, go to <https://www.heritage-guild.com/current-workshops.html>.



Paint Day Thursdays

Paint Day is currently suspended until our meeting site reopens.



To practice any art, no matter how well or badly, is a way to make your soul grow. So, do it."

Kurt Vonnegut

Thank you, **Carolyn Moershel** for the quote.



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