



Heritage Fine Arts Guild Newsletter

January 2025



Wednesday 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.

Wednesday January 8, 2025,

DEMO

Behnaz Ahmadian



Behnaz Ahmadian was born in Iran and raised in the United States. She is currently living and working in Colorado. She is an artist and an art instructor. She likes to work with many different mediums but the main medium she works in is acrylic. Behnaz is very fascinated with pattern and color and incorporates them in her paintings.

Behnaz grew up in the family of creatives and had always loved art and being creative as a child. Behnaz is a self-taught artist always making art as a child in her spare time. She obtained her bachelor's degree in biology wanting to go into medicine but her love for art and design made her pursue her career in interior design. While working as an interior designer, she was led to create unique paintings full time. Her sense of color and pattern creates pieces that are truly unique which she drew from her experience as a designer. Her designs are recognized for their vibrant colors, details and patterns.



President's Message
January 2025

Welcome to a new year, 2025. New resolutions and new drive to become better at anything you want. Lose weight? Paint more? Make a new friend? Compliment someone? Volunteer? Send a thank you note? All are rich things that can be done this year.

I for one have been very spoiled with our warm December and am not looking forward to cold and snow, except to ski, maybe some cross country

or downhill? Perhaps it will encourage me to get painting. Our St Andrew Art Show is right around the corner. See this newsletter for more information.

This past year we have been very busy with many art shows; Bemis Library in June; This is Colorado at ACC in August; Healing Arts at Littleton Hospital, Oct-Dec. We participated in the Littleton Museum Craft Fair at Ketring Park in Oct selling art and Christmas ornaments. I hope those people who signed up for our mailing list will join us at our meetings.

Since Sept we have had some wonderful demos at our meetings including Michael Dowling doing a portrait in oil with a squeegee in Sept, Pat Barr Clarke did a painting evaluation in Oct and Elisabeth Strunk did a watercolor technique demo in Nov.

And our workshops have been terrific too: In Oct. Lee Wasilik did Gelli print making and in Nov. Michael Dowling did a portraiture workshop. In Dec. we did our third card making party. This year our cards were sent to a nursing home in East Palestine, Ohio. (Note from Lynn, this happened to be my father's hometown, born there and buried there, grandparents, aunts and uncles too. It also was the town that had the terrible train crash and fire in Feb. 2024.)

Our winter and spring line up looks interesting, and I hope for good participation. See you there. Best wishes for a healthy and fun New Year.

Lynn Hegstrom
President

December Holiday Card Making Event

We made 102 cards. The Heritage Guild sent them to the two places given to us by the Brighten a Day Foundation -- a nursing home in East Palestine, Ohio and a rehab facility in Elkton, Maryland.

Everyone one had a wonderful time.







Workshops



Behnaz Ahmadian - *"Winter Landscape"*
Saturday, January 18, 2025 -- 9am - 3pm
Ascension Lutheran Church
1701 W. Caley Ave.
Littleton, CO 80120

Embark on a captivating journey into the art of mixed media with paper collage and a special focus on painted papers. This workshop, **"Winter Landscape"** invites participants to explore the synergy between paint, paper and mixed media as they create a stunning landscape appropriate for the season. This workshop is designed for artists of all levels, offering a unique opportunity to combine the expressive qualities of both painting and paper collage.

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"Paint Your Pet in Pastel" with Linda French
Saturday, February 15, 2025 -- 9am - 3pm
Ascension Lutheran Church
1701 W. Caley Ave.
Littleton, CO 80120

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!



Please go heritage-guild.com for the artists bio, supply list and to register.

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!

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 to join our team and make a difference in our art community!

Shows

[Apply for the 2025 Inspirational Art Show](#)

Are you working on your entry for our next show?

Deadline for entries is January 31, 2025!

In this show, we are looking for *your* perspectives on:

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 plan and participate in a larger community? Artists will explore connection and compassion for their communities of diverse beings, environments, and histories.

Our juror this year is [Kathy Beekman](#), a fine artist who works primarily in

pastel. She is also a life coach and mentor. Kathy creates and leads travel excursions that are curated to provide an immersive and connected experience.

The show runs February 21, 2025, through April 2, 2025

Hosted by St. Andrew United Methodist Church

This show is open to Heritage members as well as non-members. The entry fee for Heritage Guild members is \$20.00, Non-members \$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 show: [2025 Inspirational Art Show Entry](#)

Images From Past show



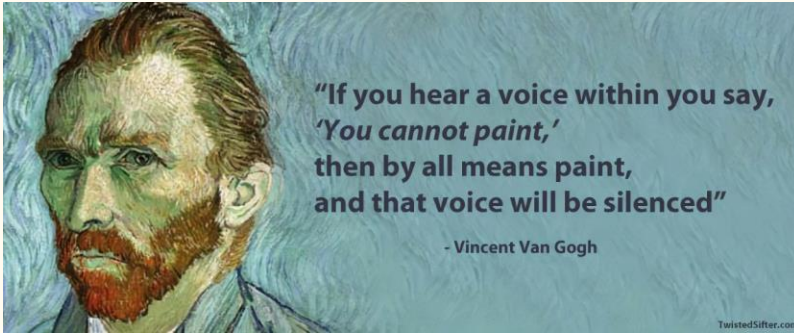
"Wild Horses" 18x24 Oil by Alan Voss

If you have any questions or concerns, contact Celeste at chodges4finearts@gmail.com and she will help you with the application process!



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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We're very pleased to announce that the Guild has been awarded generous operating grants for 2025 by the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD) and by the City of Littleton Arts and Culture Awards program



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