



Heritage Fine Arts Guild Newsletter

January 2026



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**

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President's Message
January 2026

Happy New Year, Heritage Fine Arts Guild Members!

As we start another new year, it is commonplace to look at where we have been to get to where we want to be. We make resolutions to work out more, lose weight, try a new hobby or visit with friends. Activities that we could have done at any time, but when the new year ticks over, we are reminded that sometimes life moves fast and gets in the way of achieving all our goals, and that's okay. The important part is the introspection and the interest in growing, learning, and changing.

Let's carry this spirit of renewal into our Guild as well. Our community thrives when each of us brings our energy, ideas, and talents to the table. Have you visited our website lately? It's sporting a vibrant new look and improved features—and while it's still 'under construction,' we're excited for you to explore and discover everything you need to stay informed and inspired. Your feedback and engagement are what make our digital home flourish, so don't hesitate to share your thoughts!

In addition, I would really like to stress that we need all of you to submit to the 'Our Artists' page. Promotion of our members' work is integral to the life of the Guild. It's easy to do too, submit 5 jpgs of your work (just like submitting to a show) and an artist's statement through the form and our webmaster, Bon Stahlin, will do the rest. Check out the artists that we have!

This year let's challenge ourselves to make a group resolution: don't let life's distractions keep us from participating and sharing in the creative energy that makes the Heritage Fine Arts Guild so special. Whether you're a longtime member or just starting out, your unique perspective and artistic voice matter. Let's encourage one another, showcase our talents, and keep the Guild vibrant and welcoming for all.

Keep Creating and Happy New Year!

Sue Connors

Last month's Highlights

Our Guild's Heart-Warming Holiday Tradition

"What a happy way to celebrate the holidays," said one guest after the Guild's card making party on December 6th. "I left feeling wonderful!" said another. It was a delightful combination of making art, celebrating with friends, and giving to the community. Twenty-two long-time and new Guild members, friends, and family gathered to make holiday cards to be given to local care homes. Together we produced a record 287 cards – each one a small, handmade, individual work of art. Special kudos go to Mary Kay Jacobus, who made 50 cards at home before the event, and then came and made some more. Her secret? - Cutting up some old

watercolor paintings to create ready-made backgrounds for her designs. We ended the party with a late lunch of pizza and salad and good conversation.

Thanks to Mary Kay for delivering over most of the cards to the Cherrelyn Health Care Center; to Cheri Green for taking a bundle to Homestead at Gardens Care and to Marsha Gilbert and Celeste Hodges for delivering to Chateau Des Mons Care and Assisted Living Center. We also gave 20 cards to Ascension Lutheran Church to deliver to members of their congregation.

We received many enthusiastic promises to join the party again next year. We will put it in the schedule again for the first Saturday in December, and we hope everyone will mark it in their own calendars now.





Heritage Members Spotlight



Marsha Gilbert will have on display one painting and two photographs in the Smokin' Fins gallery in Littleton from January 12 - April 13, 2026.

Heritage Members, the Board feels that it is important to recognize our members when you have your artwork accepted into shows or displayed in a gallery.

Please let me know or a board member so I can add it to the monthly newsletter.

Cheri Green

My email is cherig60@msn.com.

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



Pat Barr Clark

Happy New Year and I am hoping that you and your communities and family are staying healthy during these warm winter days! We had a busy year in 2025 and this year we have a bit of a respite before we gear up for the spring, summer and fall Heritage Fine Arts Guild shows. Last year many Guild members took up the challenge to finish, frame and show your work and I was thrilled with the work. This year,

I challenge you to set yourself a new task of beginning and completing a new work (or more than one work), using familiar and unfamiliar methods and materials.

You might consider taking a novel workshop, (Like the January 31st, Abstract Painting Workshop by Homare Ikeda) or play with combining media: watercolor and collage. You might want to take more sketchbook classes or use pen and ink to draw your emotions. Whatever it is that you push yourself to produce, you will have taken a step into the unlimited possibilities that are part of your artistic journey. Let's keep creating!

Current calendar of art shows:

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

This is Colorado - Fall 2026

Healing Arts at Adventist Littleton Hospital - October - December 2026

Celeste Hodges

<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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