



## Heritage Fine Arts Guild Newsletter March 2024



### **March 13, 2024, Meeting Information**

We have moved our meetings and workshops to Ascension Lutheran Church, located at 1701 W. Caley Ave, Littleton 80120, Room 106. This is the same location that we hold our paint days. Enter the parking lot off of Stern Blvd on the north side of the church. The church is located on the northwest corner of Caley and Windermere.

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.

**Demo**



**Jo Anne Nelson**

**Demo theme:**

**Getting ready for great Mixed Media Art: how to build a substrate.**

Jo Ann will demonstrate the steps to take for creating an exciting mixed media/acrylic piece. This will include a demonstration of how to prepare a sturdy, versatile substrate that goes beyond simply using a ready-made canvas or similar. The meeting demo will be an introduction to/preview of the planned **Mixed Media/Acrylic Workshop** on May 18.



## **President's Message**

**March 2024**

Our year is well under way and February sure went past in a flash. Does it feel like spring to you? It does to me! But remember March is our snowiest month, so don't be fooled.

We have some fabulous shows coming up this year, dates and descriptions can be found in this newsletter with thanks to Celeste Hodges for her work setting these up. Also, thanks go to Jennifer Bird for all the workshops she has arranged. I hope you can take advantage of all our offers. Our monthly meetings have not had very good attendance, yet we have had some great programs, guest demos and recently Lee Wasilik performed an evaluation of members' artwork.

We are sad to report that our long-time member, Bob Yackel, passed away on Feb 22 following an illness. He was a member, prior treasurer and frequent painter on Paint Day. He will surely be missed by his family as well as those who knew him in the guild.

Items that have been brought to my attention are opportunities to further your knowledge and/or promote your art. The first is a FREE workshop with Nick Wilton, March 4-8th to learn, become enthusiastic about your own art, and have fun. His workshop is called Art2Life. The Art2Life FREE workshop was brought to my attention by Celeste Hodges, email her for more information on this program. The second opportunity is from the Downtown Littleton Merchants offering artists the opportunity to be a guest artist at a downtown venue. This is called Cityscape Artists Littleton. Cheri Green has sent out the information regarding this so if you missed the email, please let a board member know.

A questionnaire will be sent out shortly to poll our membership regarding your interests and entice you to become more active in our guild. Thank you in advance for your feedback.

Lynn Hegstrom, President

## February Highlights

### February Demo An Evaluation with Lee Wasilik



Lee's insight to our artwork was enlightening.  
His friendly evaluations will help us be better artists.  
Thank you, Lee.

### Behnaz Ahmadian - "Petals and Paper" Workshop Saturday, February 17, 2024 -- 9am - 3pm

As you can see, everyone had a fun and creative day at Behnaz's workshop.





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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!

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## Heritage Guild Social Media

We are pleased to announce that our new Publicity Director, Kim Dwyer, is going to substantially increase our social media presence this year. **She needs your help** to make the most of her efforts to boost membership and encourage participation in our workshops.

Share your unique journey and experiences by completing the testimonial form at <https://forms.gle/berBqguF7MTTDR947>, giving a personal touch to our guild. Join us on Instagram (@heritagefineartsguild), where you can like, comment, and share our posts. Share the magic of our exhibits and workshops by tagging us in your photos and using hashtags like #ThisIsColorado and #HeritageFineArtsGuild. Not familiar with tagging? Simply add

"@heritagefineartsguild" in your post or comment to connect. Let's showcase our creativity and inspire others to become a part of our wonderful guild!

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## Workshops

Click on the button to register for a class.

**Lee Wasilik**  
***"Everything You Need to Know about  
Watercolor"***

***Saturday, March 16, 2024 -- 9am - 3pm***

**Ascension Lutheran Church**

**1701 W. Caley Ave.**

**Littleton, CO 80120**



This is a hands-on workshop designed for the beginning watercolorist but can be a valuable review for the more experienced artist as well. It will stress the importance of good supplies, paper, paint, and brushes.

At the beginning, we will look at some examples of good and bad watercolors and point out the most common mistakes made by beginners.

Participants will explore the various ways of applying paint to paper; wet on

wet, wet on damp, wet on dry, etc. We will look at the various brush strokes and learn how to combine them to form recognizable objects. We will look at the difference between hard and soft edges and how to create them.

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Finally, we will look at some special watercolor techniques. Using reference of their choice, students will apply what they have learned to create their own masterpieces.

Last, there will be an evaluation of the finished work by the instructor and the students.

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## **Candace French - *"Painting Aspens with Palette Knife and Acrylics"***

***Saturday, April 20, 2024 -- 9am - 3pm***

**Ascension Lutheran Church**

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Learn how to use a palette knife to create a beautiful aspen landscape in your own artistic voice. This workshop is fun and exciting as you practice palette knife painting techniques with acrylics.

Artists will be guided from start to finish through group and individual attention by beginning with painting a background of skies, fields, or mountains. Then,



add aspens with a palette knife for an amazing acrylic landscape artwork. Composition and how to know when your artwork is complete will be included.

Candace's teaching style is engaging, inspiring, and most of all fun!



For more information about these great workshops, supply lists and how to register please go to [heritage-guild.com](https://heritage-guild.com).

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***- "From Substrate to Story Telling: Steps to Creating Exciting Mixed Media Art" with Jo Ann Nelson***

***Saturday, May 18, 2024 -- 9am - 3pm***

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From Substrate to Story Telling: Steps to Creating Exciting Mixed Media Art

with Jo Ann Nelson



In a fun and relaxed environment learn how to create one (or two, for artists who tend to work fast) mixed media piece(s). Jo Ann will take students step by step through the process—from preparing the substrate to applying texture, working out a good composition, and adding paint—everything it takes to create intriguing, expressive artwork that speaks to the viewer. Her mixed media techniques combine acrylic paint with a variety of materials she is bringing to share with the class.



[Register](#)

## Shows



Juror and Show Winners of the 2023 Bemis Library Show

### **Upcoming Art Show News**

Hello all, I hope that you are all enjoying the winter days and are busy working on your new and outrageous artwork for upcoming shows. As you know, June, August, and October will be busy months with the Bemis Library Show, This is Colorado Show, and The Healing Arts Show at Littleton Hospital, respectively.

This year, we would like everyone to participate in and enter one (or two or three) of your favorite pieces for at least one show. I know, I know, it can be daunting to finish a piece and then consider all the work that is required to enter it in a public competition, but a show helps me see my work with new eyes and challenges me to change and grow. As a Guild buddy, I would be happy to help anyone to take pictures of their work for submission, and help you plan for framing and hanging your work.

The Call for Entry for Bemis Library Show (possible new name - "Best of Heritage Fine Arts Guild") will go out at the beginning of next month, so finish up some of your best work and get ready to show your art and win big prizes!

Celeste Hodges [chodges4finearts@gmail.com](mailto:chodges4finearts@gmail.com)

Bemis Library 2024 - June 1-30, 2024

This Is Colorado 2024 - Aug 22-Sept 26, 2024

Healing Arts at Centura Littleton Hospital - Oct-Dec 2024

St Andrew United Methodist Church - Feb 21-Apr 2, 2025

### **Competitions/Shows for 2024**

**Bemis Library Show** - Members Only - June 1 - 30th, 2024.

Call for Entry - late April, early May TBA.

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**This is Colorado at Arapahoe Community College** - August 22- -  
September 26, 2024.

Art drop off is August 19th with the reception on September 22,  
2024.

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**Healing Arts at Centura Littleton Hospital** - Is scheduled for  
October through December 2024. Call For Entry - TBA.

**St Andrew United Methodist Church** - Feb 21-Apr 2, 2025 Call for  
Entry - TBA.

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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 Kathy Reitz at [kmr68@q.com](mailto:kmr68@q.com) for more information.



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