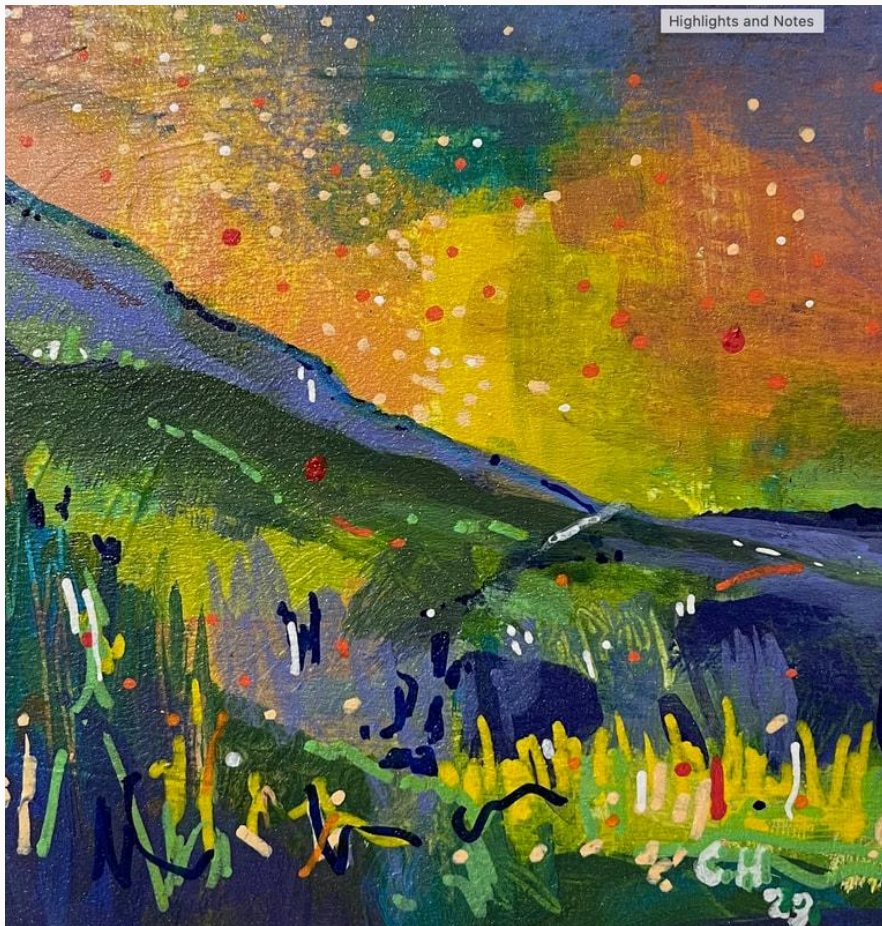




Heritage Fine Arts Guild Newsletter

March 2026



"Morning Light"
Celeste Hodges

[March 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.

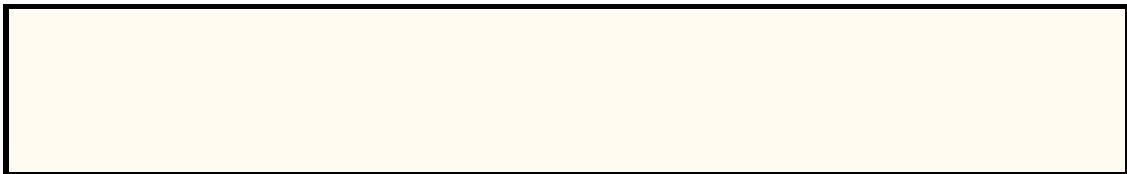
DEMO

"Creative Color: A Painting Adventure" with Sheryl Wasinger



"When the Mountain Breathes"

Sheryl Wasinger





President's Message
March 2026

Hello fellow members!

I can't believe it's already March—perhaps because we barely had a winter! Tulips are coming up; we've been watering the lawn... crazy! I'm almost afraid to say it, but I'm hoping we still get our "usual" March snowstorms. As we always say, we need the moisture.

The Guild has been busy! Our February workshop with Amelia Furman was a great success. We explored analog collage and were thrilled to welcome several new faces. We've also been getting wonderful publicity in the Littleton Independent, and it really seems to be paying off.

Looking ahead, our next workshop is March 21 with Susan Corser, who will be teaching watercolor with pen and ink. In April, Sheryl Wasinger will guide us through abstract landscape—I personally can't wait for that one! Then in May, our own Kelly Almer will teach colored pencil illustrations. Be sure to mark your calendars so you don't miss any of these fantastic opportunities.

Our 2026 show schedule is set, so keep an eye out for the CFEs:

- Best of Heritage: June 1–30 – Bemis Library

· This Is Colorado: September 29–October 28 – ACC Gallery of the Arts

· Healing Arts Show: October–December – AdventHealth Littleton Hospital

We're also adding a new community outreach event in July. We'll be hosting another card-making party to provide birthday cards for several local nursing homes. More details will be coming as the date gets closer.

As always, we would love to see all your smiling faces at our monthly meetings. We invite our workshop artists to give a demo the month before their workshop, which is a wonderful way to experience a new medium and decide if you'd like to participate. I know I've benefited greatly from both the demos and the workshops—please join us!

Thank you all for being such an engaged, creative, and supportive community. Your participation, whether through meetings, workshops, shows, or outreach—continues to make this Guild a place where artists truly thrive. I'm excited for what's ahead this spring and summer and grateful to share it with such an inspiring group of people.

Grow your skills. Find your people. Fuel your art.

Warmly,

Sue Connors

President, Heritage Fine Arts Guild

February Highlights

"Collage Design Workshop" with Amelia Furman

Saturday, February 21, 2026 -- 9am - 3pm

As anticipated, the analog (meaning totally non-digital!) collage workshop with Amelia was fantastic, and everyone had a great experience learning about design/composition, and Amelia's many tried-and-true collage techniques, including using heavy gel matte-medium **on both sides** of the collage paper to get everything perfectly glued down. We all came away with a wonderful piece (or two) to take home. Turns out, **storytelling through visual design** really is a great—and positively, therapeutic—way to loosen up and express yourself creatively!

Thank you, Beatrice, for the great writeup, and Sue for the photos.



Heritage Members Spotlight

This is Kelly Almer.

I'm proud to say one of my pieces, "Afternoon Tea", is in the Showcase issue of 2025 colored pencil artists magazine!

My piece is with other artists in this issue. I'm in the "professional" category. Anyone can purchase an electronic copy of the magazine for \$5.

Here is the link to the magazine issue:

Carrie-Lewis.com

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) when you have accomplishments to share!

WORKSHOPS

"Expressive Watercolors Using Wet-On-Wet Technique" with Susan Corser
Saturday, March 21, 2026 -- 9am - 3pm

Using wet-on-wet techniques, with florals as our subject, this workshop will encourage us to focus on the more expressive aspects of painting, starting with

value sketches to visualize the overall composition. We then begin the painting on heavy watercolor paper, applying a layer of clear water before adding paint to create soft edges for the painting's major shapes. We gradually add more layers of water and paint to develop the image, adding harder lines where needed to create the desired composition. Other media such as pen and ink, oil pastels, etc., can be added if desired to create texture and interest. Classes are suitable for beginners as well as more advanced painters.



"Creative Color: A Painting Adventure" with Sheryl Wasinger

Saturday, April 18, 2026 -- 9am - 3pm

How to paint realistic subject matter using non-realistic color and non-traditional painting techniques with acrylic paint.

Ability Level: Intermediate to Advanced experience in drawing and painting.

Description: In this program, you will learn how to work from a photo of a landscape and turn that subject into a creative, expressive acrylic painting using non-traditional color and painting techniques.



"Mountains of Life"
Sheryl Wasinger

"Back to Childhood: Colored Pencils as a Useful Art Medium & Experience"
with Kelly Almer

Saturday, May 16, 2026 -- 9am - 3pm

Come and attend the Saturday workshop with Kelly and meet others wanting to know more of this old and basic medium. She will share her world of colored pencils with all participants, whether or not they have attended the April demo. Watch her demonstrate a fun piece, sharing tips and tricks, while working alongside her to create a wonderful small piece.



Information on upcoming workshops can be found at 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.

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



"Flower Cart"

Reta Ness

There are lots of exciting workshops and shows and community outreach activities planned for 2026 and 2027 for members of the Heritage Fine Arts Guild! Be sure to come to the demos and workshops to hear all of the latest! Come to the meeting and demo on Wednesday March 11, 2026 to hear about the news and theme for our Annual Best of Heritage Show!

2026

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

2027

Stanton Gallery at Littleton Town Hall - February 15 2027 - April 13, 2027

St. Andrew United Methodist Church - tentatively June 25 to August 4, 2027

This is Colorado at ACC - Sept - October 2027

And more to come!

Celeste Hodges, Show Director

<https://www.celestehodges.com/>

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Here are other Community Art Guild Shows you may be interested in that Heritage members let me know about.

The Littleton Fine Arts Guild

Guild Members,

Please help us get the word out that the call for entry to the 41st Best Of Colorado at the Depot Show is now open.

Please invite any art groups that you are involved with (CWS, Pastel Society, Plein Air, Photo Club, etc.) to consider entering our show. There are \$1500 in cash prizes!

The call for entry can be found at:

[41st Best of Colorado at the Depot](#)

Thank you,

[Merrie Wicks](#)

Show Chair

Watercolor Basics Workshop with Sheila Monzon

- When
14 Mar 2026
- 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- Location
Lakewood Cultural Center, 470 S Allison Pkwy, Lakewood, CO 80226
- Spaces left
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Registration

- **CWS Member – \$75.00**
Current members of the Colorado Watercolor Society, up-to-date with their dues.
- **Non-Member – \$100.00**
Not a member of the Colorado Watercolor Society, or member with lapsed membership dues.

Watercolor Basics Workshop with Sheila Monzon



Littleton based Watercolor artist, Sheila Monzon, is a creative and passionate artist with 9 years' experience in watercolor painting. She started taking classes in 2017 and quickly became fascinated with watercolor's magical quality. She draws inspiration from the changing moods and colors of nature throughout the seasons and enjoys the challenge of varying composition and

perspectives.

With a career background in medicine, Sheila strongly believes in the importance of the creation of art for emotional wellbeing.

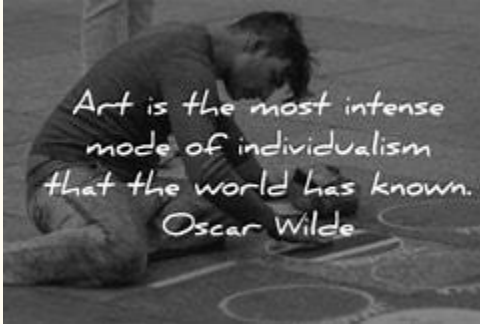
Sheila has been teaching locally for the past three years and loves sharing her passion with students of all levels of experience. Her art is currently displayed in galleries across Colorado.

When Sheila is not painting, she loves hiking, skiing, and spending time with her large family. She enjoys quiet time in nature allowing for inspiration from the natural Colorado beauty.



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.



The Heritage Fine Arts Guild is supported by a grant from the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District.



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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