



November 2023 FAAS Newsletter

Park Plaza Holiday Show

**COME SUPPORT OUR ARTISTS AND
FINE CRAFTERS!**

We have filled *ALL* spaces for our upcoming 4th annual event under the cover of the fabulous atrium in the Park Plaza Mall, located at 1800 Sullivan Trail, Forks, Township

The Holiday Art and Fine Crafts Show and Fair will take place on **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18,** from **10AM to 3PM.**

Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to shop one-of-a-kind items for everyone special in your life this holiday season.



***The FAAS Annual Holiday
Party is coming up!***

***December 13
6PM-9PM***

***Independence Townhomes
Clubhouse***

1280 George St., Easton



Come spread artistic holiday cheer with us!

The Forks Area Art Society will be hosting our annual holiday season get-together on the evening of Wednesday, December 13.

Watch your Inbox for a pot luck dinner sign up sheet.

Bring a favorite dish to share, along with a small family-friendly gift for a random exchange (value no more than \$10), plus a merry smile and warm heart.

We very much look forward to seeing you.

Next Meeting

**Wednesday
November 8th,
7PM-8:30PM.**

Faith Lutheran
Church 2012 Sullivan Trail,
Easton, PA (Rear entrance)

**Showcase Your
Art!**

Presented by

Merhan Wahby



The growing number of social media platforms has created an influx of art being shared online, leading to incredible opportunities for artists to showcase and sell their work on a grand scale.

Merhan will share how to define your personal brand and present yourself and your art in a unique and consistent way.

COME JOIN US!



Follow us on Instagram @forksartsociety or
Facebook at www.facebook.com/forksareaartsociety



COME SUPPORT OUR ARTISTS

Congratulations to FAAS artists Maryann Riker and Katharine Winchell on their art being accepted for the Banana Factory compendium juried exhibition "Small Works," now open at the Banana Factory Banko Gallery at 25 W. Third Street in Bethlehem through January 21, 2024. Come view the show and celebrate art from around the Lehigh Valley.



"A Measure of Love" and "Finding Home" by Maryann Riker, each 3" x 2 1/2" assemblages



"Incoming" by Katharine Winchell
8" x 11" 3-D mixed media



Please also come see all of the new wonderful work hung at the Cottage on Zucksville Road, thanks to our amazing member artists! Please email info@forksart.org and we will arrange a time to give you a tour. If anyone else has art they would like to see hung at the Cottage, please bring it to our next meeting!

Save the Date

**Cottage Picnic and
Garage Clean-Out Party
Saturday, May 4, 2024
Amp Up the Art
Saturday,
June 22, 2024**

ARTISTS' OPPORTUNITIES

SmARTivities is hosting 'Tis the Season, a holiday and winter themed show at their location on the Center Circle in downtown Easton. The entry fee is \$10 and drop-off is November 15 from 12-4PM.

The Gallery at St. John's will be hosting their annual **Holiday Show**, with a registration deadline of and drop-off on November 3. The show will be open on Saturdays AND Sundays from 12-3PM from November 5 until December 17. The entry fee for St. John's is \$10. For more information, please email bchanson1@rcn.com

Please let us know of other local artist opportunities by emailing us at info@forksart.org

COTTAGE EVENTS

FAAS Writers Group hosted by Charlie Hanson meets monthly at Country Meadows, located at 175 Newlins Road W. in Forks Township. The next 2 meetings will be held **November 2** and **December 7** at 2:30PM. This free group is for new and established writers who have a story to tell or who want to share their creative work. For more information contact bchanson1@rcn.com

Sketch-And-Chat hosted by Viji Narasimhan, with special guest Charlie Hanson! Come bring any artistic project you are working on, or just bring yourself to the Cottage on **November 9** from 1-3PM to share ideas, create art in a community, and even get free pointers in portrait drawing, thanks to Charlie. (*No registration required*)

Creative Connections creativity-based peace of mind workshops by Jenn Matthes, licensed art therapist, for kids and teens (Saturdays) and adults (Mondays). Enjoy a safe space to explore art and build a positive relationship with yourself. Please contact jmatthes.m@gmail.com for more information and registration.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS NEWS

THANK YOU TO DAVID SEIPLE Dave is retiring from hosting the FAAS and Cancer Support Group of the Lehigh Valley monthly art program at the Cottage. This group was designed for anyone affected by cancer as an opportunity to get together and create in a supportive atmosphere. Each week, Dave has come up with a new project or medium for all to enjoy. We very much appreciate everything he has put into this program and hope Dave continues to enjoy his many forms of art and poetry.

Creative Community Connections

NAZARETH CENTER FOR THE ARTS is hosting a concert by The Beautiful Distortion on December 16 and 17 (*indoors!*) at Bushkill Park in Easton. For tickets and information, please go to www.nazaretharts.org/events

UPCOMING FAIRS AND SHOWS in the Easton Area for artists and crafters include **Easton Yoga's "Made With Intention"** holiday market on Nov. 29th. For more information and an application, email info@eastonyoga.com.

ACE (Arts Community of Easton) holds a free monthly meeting at Lafayette College William's Center for the Arts, Room 108. ACE also host various artist exhibits and events throughout the Lehigh Valley. More information can be found at www.eastonart.org

Drawing Group at Lafayette College Williams Visual Arts Building, 243 N. Third St. Easton, PA (upstairs) drawing sessions from 6-8:45 pm every Thursday (doors open 5:45 pm)! This is a free event, but tips for the model are appreciated. Bring your own drawing supplies. Easels, boards, and chairs are provided. For up-to-date schedule and information, go to the Lafayette Community Figure drawing group on Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/499807193546210/

Crayola Advisory Panel Crayola recruits Parents and/or Children to participate in focus groups to discuss consumer experiences & preferences or possibly try new product concepts to ensure Crayola delivers products that are fun & exciting for kids while also meeting the expectations of parents. Children in the household must be 17 years or younger. More information can be found at www.crayola.com/advisorypanel

The **Forks Area Art Society** is a 501(c)(3) organization whose purpose is to celebrate the endeavors of local artists by encouraging and promoting visual and performing arts within the community. We welcome artists of all media, art appreciators, and the art-curious to join us in exploring and partaking in our journey through the world of art.

Member Benefits

Members Benefits at the Cottage : In addition to the opportunity to teach a class at the cottage, we invite you to utilize our free art library which contains over 100 books for reference and inspiration. We also offer opportunities for creating, exhibiting, and learning about art through the generosity of our members and volunteers. If you need a frame, we have many donated frames available at no cost to FAAS members. Contact us at info@forksart.org to arrange pickup.

Membership Dues for 2024 are being accepted. The Cost is \$20 for individual and \$30 for a family. Dues can be paid in person at our monthly meetings or by emailing us at info@forksart.org.

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