



“August is the slow, gentle month that stretches out the longest across the span of a year. It yawns and lingers on with the light in its palms.” — Victoria Erickson

This month's newsletter contains all the various and exciting activities our art society is offering. Please come out and support our regional artists by taking advantage of all these fun and interesting events.



>>> Next Monthly FAAS Meeting: Our next meeting will take place on **Wednesday, August 13th at 7:00 PM** at the **Faith Lutheran Church Community Room** (2012 Sullivan Trail, Easton, PA - Rear entrance). The presenter will be **Dustin Rotkewicz** from the Earth Art Studios in Tannersville, PA. Please remember to bring your latest artwork for **"Show and Tell"**. We will again have a free raffle open to all attendees for one of Dustin's beautiful pieces of art.

Bio: The presentation I am preparing is in hope of inspiring a creative community where we can focus on leveraging all of our wonderful resources in our area. Through inspiring people and their wonderful ideas, locally sourced tools and materials and helping folks gather the strength to say I am enough and this world is a better place with you in it.

My name is Dustin and I'm a self taught artist/ woodworker. I'll touch on a bit of my journey and vision. While hopefully shedding a light from a different angle to unveil some shadows of the art world. I make frames in hopes of helping people to have their work displayed to the world. I make toys to remind people to smile. I make watercolor paintings to bring some wonder into our world as we struggle to the grind of monotony. And I can't wait to see what your community brings to the table.

This will be a first "performance" for me so I hope you all can be patient with me if I stumble a little in my presentation.

Feel free to check out my social media at

<https://www.facebook.com/EarthArtmadewithlove/>

https://www.instagram.com/earthartstudiospa?igsh=azlvZTBheHpnamJp&utm_source=qr

>>> FAAS Annual Picnic - Sign Up today! The Forks Area Art Society **Annual Picnic** is scheduled for **Sunday, August 17th** from **Noon to 3 PM** at the **Cottage** (700 Zucksville Rd, Forks Township). The Art Society will be providing Hot Dogs and Hamburgers. We ask our attendees to bring your favorite appetizer, side dish or dessert. Please sign up for the picnic, and let us know what food you'll be bringing, at our August 13th meeting or by emailing us at info@forksart.org.

>>> Forks Township Community Days - Please Help Us by Volunteering: FAAS will again be hosting a tent along with the **Crayola Kids Corner** at this year's Forks Township Community Days. The dates and times for this year's event are **Friday, September 12th - 5 PM to 10 PM; Saturday September 13th - 11 AM to 10 PM; and Sunday, September 14th - 11 AM to 7 PM** at the Forks Township Community Park. ***We are very much in need of help with supporting our group and we especially need help setting up on Friday and taking down on Sunday. We are also asking for people to help with our Face Painting fundraiser.*** Please consider helping us with a few hours of your time at this year's festival. If you can help us even for an hour or two please sign up at our meeting on August 13th or contact us at info@forksart.org.



June Thank You: We wish to offer a sincere thank you to **Cindy Karchner** who presented her beautiful nature photographs and for donating one of her beautiful photos for our raffle at our June meeting. Thank you Cindy!

>>> We wish to thank everyone who came out to support our successful Birthday Bash Art & Fine Craft Show and Sale that took place on **Saturday, June 21st** at the **Park Plaza Atrium**. We also would like to thank **The Gift Box Floral and Garden Shop** for donating the free gift for the event. We would also like to thank the following vendors who participated. If you wish to contact any of the vendors please email us at info@forksart.org and we will provide you with their contact information.

**RHEMY GOLAB
MINDY HAHN**

**LISA MacDONALD
BRIAN MCCLOSKEY
LOUISE MARINA
KEITH SODL**

**VIJI NARASIMHAN
NIKKI APPINO**

**KAREN HARROD
MARGE MCCLOSKEY
MARIA FILOSA
GRACE MUGALA (Asante Art Gallery)**

**PAT BURTON
HANNAH EHRET
ERIN DEAN
CINDY KARCHNER
PAMELA DULAFF**

Please Note: **The Gift Box Floral and Garden Shop** is located at 1700 Sullivan Trail, Easton PA (across the parking lot from the Park Plaza). You can stop by to see their amazing selection of plants and more.



August is hotter than ever with the amazing art being made at the cottage. Don't miss your chance to take advantage of one or more of the classes being offered.

>> **Nancy Sullivan's Acrylic Painting Classes:** Beginners Drawing and Acrylic Painting classes **every Thursday** from **6 to 8pm**. Classes will be taught by Nancy Sullivan. The cost is just \$30. for members and \$35. for non-members. You can also schedule personal beginners drawing classes with her. Contact Nancy Sullivan at nancysfancies@outlook.com to sign up. Nancy has taught at Northampton Community College and The Banana Factory. We are proud to have her teaching at the Cottage.

>> **Summer Fun at the Cottage:** Due to a generous donation of **Ceramics**, Sharon Reuss will be at the Cottage **every Monday** from **11 AM to 5 PM** on **August 11th, 18th and August 25th**. You will be able to pick out a piece to take home with you or you can stay and paint a piece with Sharon guiding you while you paint a piece of ceramic. All we ask is for a donation to help cover the cost of materials. You can also take advantage of our Art Library. Do you need a frame? We have many to choose from. We just ask for a donation to help with the upkeep of the cottage. There are a number of beautiful pieces of art from fellow members that you'll be able to purchase, or just view.

>> **Sharon Reuss Stained Glass Making Classes:** September might bring in cooler weather, but the Hot Art will keep on coming. Sharon Reuss from S.L.R. Stained Glass Studio will be offering her stained glass classes again. They were a huge success last fall, Let's make it a huge success again. Classes will be held every **Monday's Sept. 8th, 15th, 22nd, & 29th** from **10:30am to 2pm**. All supplies will be provided, you will learn the 4 basic steps with working with stained glass, & go home with a piece of art that you created with Sharon's help. There is a limit of 3 students per class so she can give you each the attention you might need. Class fee is \$45 members, \$50 non-members. You can also schedule a private friends & family class if 3 of you would like to take the class together for only \$125. for the group.

>> **Children's Art Classes Return: Melissa Frederickson** will be offering **Children's Art Classes** in **September** and **October** at the Cottage on Friday evenings. Melissa is a licensed children art teacher. More information will be provided in the near future. Please contact Melissa directly at fireflyartstudio610@gmail.com for more information.

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>>> Call to Artists: Forks Fall Exhibit at the Cottage: The Forks Area Society is planning our next exhibit at the Cottage in late September or October (Dates/Times TBA). We would like to feature four artists who will have a room dedicated to their art work. If you would like to participate in the exhibit please let us know by emailing us at info@forksart.org. We will accept the first four artists that register. You must be a member to display at the Cottage

>>> FAAS Writers Group Session: Hosted by Charlie Hanson the meetings take place monthly at the Cottage (700 Zucksville Road, Forks Twp). The next session will be held **Wednesday, August 13th from 2:00 to 3:30 PM**. This free group is for new and established writers who have a story to tell or who want to share their creative work. To register please contact Charlie at bchanson1@rcn.com.



>>> FAAS Painting and Drawing Event at St. John's: A great opportunity to paint or draw a live model in costume. This month's model will be **Christina**. The session takes place on **Wednesday, August 20th from 12:00 to 3:00 PM**. Pizza and beverages included. If painting, please bring drop cloth. Food and beverage included. Fee for model and food is \$15.00. All skill levels are welcome. Limited to 20 artists. RSVP requested. Contact Charlie Hanson at bchansn1@rcn.com to let him know you will be attending. St. John's Gallery, 330 Ferry Street, Easton PA 18042. Park in Church parking lot, enter at the red door, push the bell for Gallery, someone will let you in.

>>> Board Member Openings: Are you someone who likes to plan gatherings, organize and promote events? Are you a member of FAAS and are willing to volunteer a few hours a month in doing these tasks? Then you are just who we are looking for. FAAS is looking to fill the Events Coordinator spot on our board. We would love for you to join us. All interested in filling this spot please contact us at info@forksart.org. We can also use volunteers to help us in the areas of graphics arts, advertising/social media, among others if you like helping with these activities we can use your skills.

Membership Dues for 2025 are now being accepted. If you haven't already done so, please renew your membership or consider becoming a member to help us defray the cost of our many activities and events throughout the year. The cost is \$20 for an individual and \$30 for a family. Dues can be paid in person at our monthly meetings or by emailing us at info@forksart.org.

Art & Fine Craft Classes – Instructor Opportunities: FAAS is offering any art and craft instructors the opportunity to provide classes at the Cottage. The instructors can set their fee for the classes. You will need to provide proof of Child Protection Training if teaching children or youth classes. If you are interested in providing a weekly, monthly, other(?) class please contact us at info@forksart.org for more information.

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 of various sizes available at no cost to FAAS members. Contact us at info@forksart.org to arrange pickup.

Crayola Advisory Panel - Volunteers Needed: Children & Teenagers Crayola is looking for volunteers for their **Advisory Panel**. It is a wonderful opportunity for children to have fun participating in focus groups where they will have an opportunity to share their thoughts and/or test new product ideas to help Crayola develop the best products for our kids. Crayola is currently seeking **children between 2 and 17 years old** for upcoming focus groups. If you have any children or know of any children who would like to participate please visit <https://www.crayola.com/advisorypanel> for more information and to register for the advisory panel.

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