



“You Gotta Have Art!”

May 2022 Newsletter

Next Meeting:
Wednesday, May 11th @ 7:00 PM
Faith Lutheran Church
Meeting Room (Rear)
2012 Sullivan Trail, Easton, PA

A graphic for the May newsletter. The word "may" is written in a green, lowercase, sans-serif font. The word "newsletter" is written in a blue, lowercase, sans-serif font below it. Several stylized orange flowers with green stems and leaves are scattered around the text, some appearing to grow from the letters of "may".

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About Us

Contact and Info

For more information regarding FAAS:

Email: info@forksart.org

Website: www.forksart.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/forksareaartsociety

2022 Membership Dues

We are now accepting 2022 dues for the Forks Area Art Society memberships. The cost is only \$20 per person or \$30 for a family. Sign up at one of our next events or by emailing us at info@forksart.org

Original artwork makes great gifts! Please consider purchasing or commissioning a unique and special piece from any of our amazingly talented local artists.



In Memoriam



We wanted to take this time to remember our dear friend and past president, **Penny Hochella**, who passed away one year ago yesterday (May 5th). Penny contributed so much to our group and was a lot of fun to be with. We all have so many great memories of her and still think of her often. Our thoughts and prayers remain with Penny and all she brought into to our lives. Rest in peace Penny.

7th Annual Amp Up the Art

Call to Artists and Fine Crafters - Registration Now Open!



Amp Up the Art is almost here! The date for the **7th Annual, FAAS “Amp Up the Art”** is for **Saturday, May 21st** at the **Forks Township Amphitheater** from **10:00 AM to 3:00 PM** (Please note the new times). The sign-ups are going well so far. Please register as soon as possible to reserve your spot and help us with the planning.

The musical entertainment at this year’s festival include **Lindsay Jordan (10 AM – 12:30 PM)** and **Steve Brosky (12:30 to 3 PM)** who have been recognized as two of the top rated musicians in the Lehigh Valley. There will also be **art demonstrations** throughout the event. **Joseph Gourniak** will be creating amazing sidewalk art at festival. We will host a **Crayola Kid’s Corner** art and craft tent. Our food vendors include the **Dale’s Concessions, Caribbean Grill, and The Ice Cream Lounge**.

We are accepting registrations from all area artists and fine crafters (no store bought crafts). The registration response has been very positive so far! The cost for a 12’ x 12’ space is \$30 for FAAS members and \$40 for non-members. Multiple spaces can be reserved. Please email Edie Deprofio at info@forksart.org for more information or to reserve your space.

Note: Please check out our ad and an article about FAAS in the “Lehigh Valley Voice” magazine’s May edition which will be available the first week of May.

Tentative list of participating artists and fine crafters (to date) for this year's festival:

Karen DeLuca	Polly Kendrick	Sharon Reuss
Erin Chuss	Rhemy Golab	Lillian Wunderly
Jennifer Schilling	Forks Historical Society	Kelsey Plate
Jan Nagle	Jill Fuller	Janine Holder
Trudy Coppin	Charlie Hanson	Joe Swarctz
Dave Seiple	Niki Torres	Joanne Finken
Janet Rockware	Marie Filosa	Walter Stoffel
Brenda Lazarus	Jiana Diaz	Marie Gelsomino
Tom Laudenslager	Sadie Dech	Gary & Nancy Embich

FAAS Meetings

May Meeting: Wednesday, May 11th at 7 PM



The Forks Area Art Society's May meeting will feature the **Kim Bartholomew** demonstrating **Bookmaking and binding**. All attendees are invited to bring an item for "Show and Tell". **Wednesday, May 11th at 7:00 PM in the Faith Lutheran Church Meeting Room (Rear), 2012 Sullivan Trail, Easton, PA 18040.**

"Bookmaking has always been something Kim enjoyed, from making simple pamphlet books, assembling more advanced books with signatures, and to more complicated coptic stitch books. There are so many possibilities when hand making books. Marrying different textured/colored/ designed cover paper with different types of paper signatures, leaves a lot to the imagination. Creating a book can become especially exciting for writers as they have the freedom to create something to house their musings; something unique and one-of-a-kind. The possibilities for creativity are endless! Kim had an article published in a 2004 Expression magazine of a series of flagbooks that she created.

Kim is mostly a self-taught artist, only now pursuing an Art Therapy degree at Cedar Crest College. Although she is currently working mostly in Watercolor, her work includes Bookmaking, painting with Alcohol Inks and Acrylic, Mixed Media Collage, and drawing. What drives her most is her need for creating - that feeling that comes upon one when

immersed deeply in the craft, dancing in the colors of the rainbow.”

April Thank You!



We would like to thank **Joe Swarctz** for his presentation on creating children’s books and art. Teaching everyone to drawing one of his cartoon characters he created was great fun!

Thank you Joe!

To see Joe’s work visit www.echocitycapers.com and on Instagram is [@echocitybooks](https://www.instagram.com/echocitybooks)

Upcoming FAAS Meetings

June: Bonnie Winfield – Journey Home: Re-entry Program for Incarcerated Women

July: Siesta Month (no meeting)

We are accepting requests from any area artist who would like to present at a future FAAS Meeting. You do not need previous presenting experience. FAAS will offer \$50 as well as a one year membership (\$20 value) to anyone who presents. If you are interested in presenting please contact us at info@forksart.org.

FAAS Cottage News

April Wilson High School Student Exhibit



We wish to thank the art students and teachers at Wilson high school for sharing their beautiful art work with us at the Cottage in April as well as everyone who came out and supported them. It was a really great exhibit!

Art Classes & Sessions at the Cottage

Cancer Support Group of the Lehigh Valley Art Classes



The date of the next **FAAS/Cancer Support Group of the Lehigh Valley/Forks Area Art Society art classes** that Penny Hochella hosted before her passing is **Saturday, May 14th** from **10 - 11:30 AM** at **the Cottage**. **Dave Seiple** will be hosting the session. The activity will be **Sun Art and acrylic painting**.

The classes are open to the cancer patients and survivors as well as their families (no membership required). The classes include art or crafts that the attendees will make during the session. If you are interested in participating in the classes or would like **to register** for the upcoming class please email Dave at drsartist@gmail.com

Charlie Hanson Sketch Sessions – New Day and Time

The next Charlie Hanson Sketch Session will take place on **Wednesday, May 18th from 6:00 to 8:30 PM at the Cottage**. The model will be **Pat Sonne**. The cost is **\$10** to pay for the model. **BYOS**. Space is limited and reservations are required. The sketch sessions are open to artists of any skill level. Please contact Charlie at bchanson1@rcn.com to reserve a space.

FAAS Writers Group Meeting

The next **FAAS Writers Group** meeting, hosted by Charlie Hanson, is scheduled for **Saturday, May 14th from 2:00 - 4:30 PM at the Cottage**. Free. The group is for both new and established writers. The attendees share their very creative writings with each other every month. Due to size and time constraints the group is open to members only. To register, or for additional information, please contact Charlie by calling 1-610-905-1767.

Rose Mavis Oil Painting Classes



Rose Mavis, FAAS member, is offering **classes in oil painting**. The classes will take place **Fridays at the Cottage**. The **first session** takes place on **Friday, May 13th** from **12:30 to 3 PM**. Rose provided the following information regarding the classes.

A **Flex Card** can be purchased for \$180.00 for six classes, three hours each. Upon attendance, the card will be signed as class taken. Conditions permitting, this will be on a rolling basis. However, each card must be used within three months of the first date of purchase. To register or if you have any questions please email Rose at rmavis@ptd.net. You can see her beautiful artwork on the following websites: www.rosemavis.com and also at rose-mavis.fineartamerica.com

The class will focus on the oil paint medium and we will start off with a landscape from a photo reference which can be emailed to the students to print off for use at the class. Upon payment by check or PayPal, a materials list will be provided to each enrolled student. Checks can be mailed to: Rose Mavis, 1538 North Boulevard, Bethlehem, PA 18017. The fee is \$180.00 for 6 classes. Class will be capped enrollment at four students. Enroll today...limited seating. It is preferred that vaccinated students enroll. Masks optional. Be safe and well. Do not attend if unwell.

Pauline Clark's "The Art of Watercolor Painting" Classes



ART CLASS

FAAS member **Pauline Clark** is offering **watercolor painting classes** at **the Cottage**. Information regarding the upcoming sessions is as follows:

Beginner to Intermediate 4 week Group Lessons

Learn and practice the skills you need to enjoy this beautiful medium. This class will focus on understanding materials (papers, paints, brushes, etc.), composition, color matters, art and painting techniques, with start to finish instruction and critique. Supply list provided upon paid registration.

May 24th – June 14th, 2022 Classes: Tuesdays, 12:30 - 3 PM.

The cost is \$120 for Forks Area Art Society (FAAS) members. To learn more about joining, please visit forksart.org for details about this fun group. Individual and Family Memberships are available.

For more information about the classes, please email paulineclarkstudio@gmail.com

Please register by Tuesday, May 17th and bring your supplies to the first class.

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.

Area Art Groups/Events/Classes Info

The Gallery at St. John's Exhibit



The Gallery at St. John's is pleased to present **“The Journey Home”** exhibit which is an arts-based, trauma informed, re-entry program for women providing a safe place for dialogue, support, and enrichment for women both inside and outside the county jail. The art work is part of a project titled **“Then There Is The Woman”**. The exhibit opens **Sunday, April 10th** and runs until **June 5th**. The gallery will be open Sundays (except Easter) from **12 to 3 PM** or by appointment. The gallery is free and open to the public. 330 Ferry St, Easton, PA 18042. For more information regarding the gallery please contact Charlie Hanson at bchanson1@rcn.com

Arts Community of Easton (ACE) Monthly Meeting

The next ACE meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 10th** at **7:00 PM**. The meeting will take place at the **The Invisible Arts Society** for a **Sit & Sketch** located in the **Masonic building, 22 S. 3rd St., Easton, PA**. ACE is celebrating the opening of The Invisible Art Society with Emily Bell - Owner & Artist. Tour the studio, have some snacks, relax, sit & sketch. Supplies will be provided. ACE Monthly Meetings are open to the public.

ACE Small Works Show at the Sigal Museum

The **ACE Small Works Show** at the **Sigal Museum**, 342 Northampton St. Easton PA, showcases the diversity of the artist membership through small works of various media in many styles. The show is the opportunity for artists to execute and exhibit smaller pieces

that focus on the gem-like quality of their art. The show runs through **Saturday, June 18th**. Visit us during the Sigal Museum's business hours; Thursdays thru Saturdays 10 AM to 4 PM and Sundays from 12 Noon to 4 PM. For more information about the show please check their Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/ACE.EastonArtsTour>

Nurture Nature Center Art Exhibit

The public is invited to view the current art exhibit at the **Nurture Nature Center**; 518 Northampton Street, Easton. "[Climate Conversations: All We Can Save](#)", is a spectacular show by 8 women from the East Coast and Midwest with pieces developed in response to the best-selling anthology, "All We Can Save: Truth, Courage, and Solutions for the Climate Crisis." The exhibit will be on display **through June 29th**. We are open on **Wednesdays and Saturdays from 12 to 4 pm**.

Lafayette Community Figure Drawing Group

The **Lafayette Community Figure Drawing Group's Thursday Night Community Weekly Figure Drawing** take place every **Thursday** evening from **6 to 8:45 PM** weekly at a new location, the **Williams Visual Arts Building (upstairs)**; 243 N. 3rd Street, Easton. These sessions are free (tips for the model are appreciated) and open to the community. Vaccines and mask wearing are required. Please bring your vaccine card or email me a photo ahead of time: lauren@laurenkindle.com. For updates on the figure drawing classes please visit their Facebook page at [Lafayette Community Figure Drawing Group | Facebook](#)

Additional Upcoming Events:

FAAS Members: we encourage you to share with us your art events. Please forward your event information to info@forksart.org for inclusion in our next newsletter by the 1st of each month. As the newsletter goes out around the end of the first week of the month, early event dates in a month can be included in the previous month's newsletters.

- **First Friday of Each Month: ArtsQuest's First Friday events at the Banana Factory; 6 to 9 PM; 25 W.3rd Street, Bethlehem.** Special exhibitions and artists open studios plus more. Please visit the Banana Factory website for more info: www.bananafactory.org



Crayola Advisory Panel

Volunteers Needed: Children & Teenagers



Crayola is looking for volunteers for their **Advisory Panel**. It is a wonderful chance for children to have fun participating in focus groups where they will have an opportunity to share their thoughts on various topics 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.

Forks Twp Recreation Activities & Events

Upcoming Activities and Events

The Forks Township Recreation Department offers a host of activities for residents and non-residents alike. For more information on upcoming activities and events as well as all the Forks Recreation department offerings please visit the Forks Township Recreation website at www.forkstownship.org/recreation.

Membership

Now Accepting 2022 Annual Dues

We are now collecting annual dues for 2022. The dues cost is a very reasonable \$20.00 pp, or \$30 for a family (immediate family only), for the entire 2022 calendar year. Please consider becoming a member or renewing your current membership (if you have not already done so) and help support the Forks Area Art Society future endeavors. A membership form can be obtained on our website www.forksart.org

Member Benefits at the Cottage!

Please Note: We are NOT currently accepting donated frames for our members. We have so many nice frames already. If a member needs a frame(s) for your art work please feel free to stop by the Cottage.

Several benefits of being a Forks Area Art Society member include very reasonable, classroom space for teaching small group and individual art classes at the Cottage. We have an art library that contains over 100 art instruction and subject books available for use, on loan, to our members. We also have several dozen used art frames that members may have for free if a frame is needed for a piece you have completed. Of course, we'll always accept more books and frames as a donation to the cause, so if you have any lying around... Please contact Charlie or Barb Hanson at bchanson1@rcn.com for more information on these great benefits.

Sponsorship Opportunities

FAAS is pleased to offer sponsorship opportunities for our group. Please contact us for more information on the benefits that your sponsorship will provide. Sponsorships offer opportunities for people and businesses to help FAAS continue to grow and prosper. Please consider helping by becoming a FAAS sponsor or recommending us to organizations or companies who may be interested in helping. The Forks Area Art Society is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization, registered in the state of Pennsylvania. All sponsorships and donations are tax deductible.

Our Current Sponsors...

We want to thank all the businesses that have so generously donated money or materials to the Forks Area Art Society over the past year. They include:



Social Media

FAAS Website: www.forksart.org

The Forks Area Art Society's website can be found at www.forksart.org. We are making a page available to support our artist members where they can list the type of artwork they specialize in along with their contact information. Please email us at info@forksart.org to provide your information for your listing on the page. Be sure to check it out and let us know what you think and if you have any suggestions.

Facebook

The Forks Area Art Society page is available on Facebook. To join, visit www.facebook.com/forksareaartsociety and click the "Like" button. Don't forget to share the page with your friends. If you wish to share some of your work or work of other artists you may know please feel free to post it for others to enjoy!

FAAS Committees

If you would like to get involved with FAAS and help the organization grow and expand we have the following committees. If you would like to join a committee, please email us at info@forksart.org for more information.

Cottage Exhibits/Shows: Charlie Hanson, Barb Hanson

Programs: Erik Chuss

Art Festivals & Events: Edie DeProfio, Bob Jordan, Dave Seiple, Charlie & Barb Hanson, Joe Swartz, and Erik Chuss

Membership: Bob Jordan, Edie DeProfio

Newsletter/Website: Erik Chuss

Publicity: Edie DeProfio, Erik Chuss

Grants/Sponsorships/Donations: Dave Seiple, Bob Jordan, Viji Narasimhan

Holiday Party: Barb Hanson, Edie DeProfio

2022 Board Members and Officers

President: **Erik Chuss**

Vice-President: **Dave Seiple**

Secretary: **Edie DeProfio**

Treasurer: **Bob Jordan**

Board Member: **Maria Filosa**

Board Member: **Charles Hanson**

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