

"The spirit of December carries us forward with hope and courage." – John Starker

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.



FAAS Holiday Party! Wednesday, December 10th - 6–9 PM: Here's an opportunity to get into the holiday spirit with great friends and great food! The Forks Area Art Society is once again hosting our annual Holiday party. The party will take place on Wednesday, December 10th from 6 to 9 PM at the Independence Townhomes' Community Center, 1200 George St. Easton PA 18040 (Forks Township). To help us better plan the event we ask that you please register ASAP. Attendees are asked to bring their favorite covered dish. Everyone attending who wishes to participate in the gift exchange (no stealing this year) will be required to bring a \$15 to \$20 wrapped gift. If you would like to attend please sign up for the party at Wednesday's meeting or contact us at info@forksart.org and let us know what covered dish you'll be bringing.

We will be holding an art raffle at the party to help cover our expenses. If you would like to generously donate a piece of art for the raffle please email us or let us know at this month's meeting.

Note: Please be considerate of the gift you will be bringing for the exchange and that it is something others would want and is worth \$15 to \$20. Original artwork is always a good choice.





>>> Thank you! 2025 FAAS Annual Holiday Art and Fine Craft Show & Sale at the Park Plaza - We wish to thank everyone who came out to support his year's Holiday show! We sincerely appreciate your support! We would especially like to thank the following vendors who participated in this year's event. If you would like to contact any of these vendors with questions or to purchase their artwork please contact us at info@forksart.org

KELLY APGAR MATT BAKER PAT BURTON
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>>> November Thank You! We wish to offer our sincere thanks to Nancy Sullivan for her demonstration on how she creates her beautiful acrylic animal paintings and showing us the techniques she uses to create them. Thanks Nancy for a really fun evening! Just a reminder, Nancy is continuing to offer her acrylic painting classes. See the "Art Classes" section below for more information.



The Forks Area Art Sociey's art classes and sessions will continue through the winter. Many of the classes are filling up so sign up now to ensure you get a space!

>>> Nancy Sullivan is continuing her Acrylic Painting class and her Beginners Drawing class on Thursday's 6pm to 8pm. You'll first learn how to draw the item you choose then learn the steps in bringing the photo to life with paint. Each class is \$30. for members and \$35 for non-members. Space is limited. To reserve a place in her class please contact Nancy directly at nancysfancies@outlook.com

>>> 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 Saturday, December 13th from 1:30 to 3:00 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 is Abby. The session takes place on Wednesday, December 17th from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. If painting, please bring drop cloth. A light lunch and beverages are included. Fee for model and food is \$15.00. All skill levels are welcome. Limited to 20 artists. RSVP requested. Contact Charlie Hanson at bchanson1@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.

>>> The Gallery at St. John's Holiday Show: The show continues thru December 21st! See and purchase the works of fine art from our area artists. Visit the St. John's Lutheran Church gallery website for more information. Gallery hours: Sundays only 12-3 pm. 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. Free. Open to the public.

>>> The Arts Community of Easton (ACE) Monthly Meeting: The next ACE meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 9th from 6:30 to 8pm. The presenter will be Pat Burton demonstrating the art of Pyskani eggs. The meeting will take place at Lafayette College's Williams Center for the Arts; 317 Hamilton St., Room 108, Easton PA. ACE Monthly Meetings are free and open to the public.

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 2026 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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