



We are pleased to announce that March is the Forks Area Art Society's Birthday! We turn 15 YEARS OLD this month!! We have been honored to offer so many wonderful artists, activities, and events over this time and want to thank all the volunteers, art appreciators, artists and fine crafters, as well as the Board Members, who have supported us over the years. Thank You Everyone!!!

Spring is right around the corner and, after this crazy winter, it's something we're all looking forward to. We have several great activities lined up as we all come out of hibernation. Hopefully you can join us for some or all of them.



"Colors of Spring" Cottage Exhibit: Our next exhibit "Colors of Spring" includes artwork that features the vibrant colors of springtime. The **Opening Reception** is scheduled for **Friday Evening, March 7th** from **6:30 to 8:30 PM**. Additional dates for the exhibit are Saturday, March 8th from 1 to 4 PM; Friday, March 14th from 6:30 to 8:30 PM; Saturday, March 15th from 1 to 4 PM.



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Next Monthly FAAS Meeting: Our next meeting will take place on **Wednesday, March 12th** at 7 PM at the Faith Lutheran Church Community Room (2012 Sullivan Trail, Easton, PA - Rear entrance). The presenter will be **Brian Davis** demonstrating his **Kite Making** and **Irish Calligraphy** techniques and the creative kites he has made. Please remember to bring 1 or 2 pieces of your latest artwork for "**Show and Tell**". We will again have a free raffle open to all attendees for a beautiful piece of artwork. This month's prize will be a surprise piece of art.

Artist Bio: Brian M. Davis, father of three, Jersey City native and 37 year Easton resident, has published articles on liturgical music and religious art, and has lectured on scriptural theology. His book, "Bandits and Saints and Other Stories of Jersey City" was published in 2023. Mr. Davis has directed the St. Joseph's Men's choir since 2002. His creations of Irish Calligraphy have been displayed across the United States, in Europe, Asia, and Africa. He can be frequently found in Louise Moore Park flying his unique home-made kites. He describes himself as "A Kiting Evangelist". For this demonstration he'll explain the kite making art by showing a couple of my hand crafted kites, as well as his own invention, a retrievable line-climber that drops parachutes. He'll also show and explain some of his Celtic calligraphy, noting how the two arts can be combined.



S.L.R. Stained Glass Classes starting this Month! Sharon Reuss, SLR Stained Glass Studio will once again be offering her classes at the Cottage in

the Woods. The dates are **Friday March 28th from 6 to 8:30**. This class will offer you an opportunity to learn the 4 steps in working with glass. You will also be able to try some of these steps for yourself. Together you'll be able to make a beautiful piece of stained glass artwork that one of you will then take home. The cost for this class is \$15. members and \$20. nonmembers. Limit of 10 people for this class. Sharon will also be having private classes on **Fridays April 4th and 25th from 6 to 8:30pm, Monday's April 7th and 28th from 10 to 1pm**. These classes are limited to 3 people per class so she can give each of you more attention as she guides you while you make your own suncatcher. Cost is \$45 per member and \$50 per nonmember. All materials are included and you will go home with the item you created. These classes filled up fast last Autumn so don't miss this opportunity. To sign up for any of these classes contact Sharon directly at leadedlights@rcn.com

FAAS Writers Group "Short Stories by Famous Authors"

Session: Hosted by Charlie Hanson the meetings take place monthly at Country Meadows, located at 175 Newlins Road W. in Forks Twp. The next session will be held **Thursday, February 27th. The "Short Stories by Famous Authors" segment** will take place **from 1:30 to 2:30 PM** and a **"Short Story of Your Own" segment** will take place **from 2:30 to 3 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 Church: A great opportunity to paint or draw a live model in costume. This month's model will be **Chelsea Smarr**. The session takes place on **Wednesday, March 19th from 12:00 to 3:00 PM** at St. John's Church gallery room (330 Ferry Street, Easton PA). 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. Please contact RSVP requested. Contact Charlie Hanson at bchansn1@rcn.com to let him know you will be attending.

The Gallery at St. John's March Art Show: The theme will be the "**Countryside Landscapes, Knolls and Meadows**". The show runs from **March 9th** thru **April 13th**. 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.

Board Member Opening: 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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