



"Spring unlocks the flowers to paint the laughing soil." – Bishop Reginald Heber

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.



>>> Crayola Support for the Arts: FAAS is thrilled to share that we have received a generous grant from **Crayola** in support of our ongoing efforts to strengthen and celebrate the arts in our region. It is truly an honor to partner with Crayola as they continue their remarkable commitment to fostering creativity and enriching our community. **Thank you, Crayola, for your outstanding support of the arts and for helping us grow opportunities for artists and art appreciators alike throughout our area!**



>>> This Month's FAAS Meeting: Our next general meeting will take place on **Wednesday, April 8th at 7:00 PM** at the **Faith Lutheran Church Community Room** (2012 Sullivan Trail, Easton, PA - Rear entrance). The presenter will be **Josie Braithwaite** who will demonstrate how she creates her special and unique pottery. Please remember to bring your latest artwork for "Show and Tell". We will again have a free raffle for a piece of artwork open to all attendees.



Presentation/Demonstration Description: I will be giving a talk about my process as a ceramic artist and demonstrating how I use a technique called sgraffito to apply imagery and stories to the surface of my work.

Bio / Artist Statement: Josie Braithwaite is a ceramic artist and co-owner of Jersey Clay Society and Supply in Wharton NJ. In her work, Josie combines functional and sculptural elements to achieve whimsical and fantastical pieces. Josie has always looked to nature for inspiration. Growing up in the north of England with a strong connection to local folklore shaped her storytelling approach to ceramics. Her techniques of carving and sculpting highlight the imagery which she incorporates onto everyday functional wares.

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FAAS March Meeting Thank You!: A sincere thank you goes out to Kat Collins for demonstrating how she creates her abstract art during our March meeting! We have never had an abstract painter demonstrate to our group before. It was very informative and insightful. Also, thank you to Cindy Karchner for donating copies of her beautiful calendars, which feature her photography, for our monthly raffle.

CALL TO ARTISTS - Upcoming FAAS Exhibit at the Cottage - "May Flowers": The theme of our next exhibit at the Cottage will be **"May Flowers"**. The exhibit will run from **May 1st thru May 31st**. The **Opening Reception** will take place on **May 1st** from **5:00 to 8:00 PM**. Additional dates are Sundays in May from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM as well as Wednesdays & Fridays by appointment only.

Show Prospectus: Bloodroot, Jack-in-the-pulpit, Trout Lily, Bleeding Heart, Snowdrops: the first flowers that pop up in Spring give the hope of color to an otherwise grey landscape. Spring has sprung, and we are accepting entries for "May Flowers," a floral fine art exhibit at The FAAS Cottage, 700 Zucksville Road, Easton PA. Entries must include flowers, floral arrangements, and/or representation of spring flora. All fine art media is welcome, but there are limited entries for pedestal pieces. Maximum size: less than 24 inches in any direction. Sculpture and 3D pedestal pieces must be less and 12" in any direction. Work will be accepted upon approval.

This exhibit features a "viewers choice award" where guests will vote on their favorite displayed artwork. There will be a prize for first place and the runner-up. Entry fee is \$10 and each artist can submit up to three pieces, which will be considered individually. A portion of the proceeds support FAAS and The Cottage. Submit entry at www.hemlockart.com or www.forksart.org



The Forks Area Art Society'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!



>>> **New Art Sessions - Feral Craft Club!**: Unleash your raw creativity with the **Feral Craft Club**. We're a collective of bold and defiant makers, crafting modern, alternative and rebellious crafts. This isn't your grandma's craft club. No apologies, just fearless crafting. Feral Craft Club is inspired by the *Sh*tty Craft Club* by Sam Reece which is a “uniquely empowering guide that allows burnt-out, pressured people to accept their imperfections and find inner calm with whatever sh*tty thing they can make.”

This monthly meet-up is a safe place to make, craft, and let go of life's demands. We welcome every level of creator from those who are curious to those who have way too many art supplies laying around (I see you.) Expect to glue rhinestones to trash, make grown-up friendship bracelets, snarky cross stitch, and or a fleet of origami stars— every month we will do something different! Join us for mocktail nights, punk rock night, and stupid award night.

The next session takes place on **April 20th at 6:30 PM** at **the Cottage**, 700 Zucksville Road, Easton PA. Future sessions will take place on the 3rd Monday of each Month. **Ages 21+ BYO**. There is a \$20 suggested donation per class for materials. Register now, as space is limited.

>>> **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 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 **Lulu**. The session takes place on **Wednesday, April 8th** from **12:00 to 3:00 PM**. If painting, please bring a 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.

>>> **FAAS Writers Group Session:** Hosted by Charlie Hanson the meetings take place monthly at The Cottage (700 Zucksville Road, Forks Twp). The next meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, April 25th** from **1:00 to 3:00 PM**. Space is limited. 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 please contact Charlie at bchanson1@rcn.com.

>>> **ACE Monthly Community Workshop at the FAAS Cottage:** The Arts Community of Easton (ACE) is inviting all artists to come **celebrate Earth Day** at our **Gelli Garden workshop** on **Tuesday, April 21st** from **4:30 to 6:30 PM** with special guest **Kylee Tirado** to create nature-inspired gelli prints. To show our appreciation, we'll be creating and contributing gelli print garden labels & decoration for the historic Easton Cemetery's Garden. Come out, touch grass, make art, and share your appreciation for our mother Earth. Future monthly sessions will feature a different themed subject every month. There is limited space so dm or email ACE at info@eastonart.org to register for the workshop. The event takes place at the Cottage, 700 Zucksville Road, Easton Pa (Forks Township). The event is free and open to all. Light refreshments and snacks will be provided. Hope to see ya there!



>>> **New - Mother's Day Vision Board Charm Bracelets!:** Join us for a unique Mother's Day event where you'll create a one-of-a-kind charm bracelet inspired by vision boards with your mom! We will be turning your vision board images into fun art charms using "shrink plastic" and adding them to a custom charm bracelet. The afternoon includes springtime refreshments and treats. Spend the afternoon in a cozy cottage in the woods and connect with your loved one through art. The event takes place on **Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10th** at **2:00 PM** at **the Cottage**, 700 Zucksville Rd, Easton, PA. The cost is \$50 for two guests (\$15 for each additional guest). All materials included. Guests ages 12+ are welcome.

>>> **The Gallery at St. John's Art Show:** The Gallery at St. John's next show will be "**People, Places & Things**" which runs **May 17th thru June 7th**. You may submit four pieces of artwork; three are guaranteed to be included, with more accepted if space allows. There is a \$10 entry fee which must accompany your registration. Drop off of artwork will be May 15th. Registration forms are available from the St. John website, www.stjohnseaston.org/ministries/gallery The 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, April 7th** from **6:30 to 8pm**. The meeting will feature **Frederick Wright Jones**. The meeting will take place at **Lafayette College's Media Room 2, 248 N. 3rd Street**, Easton PA. ACE Monthly Meetings are free and open to the public.

>>> **ACE Annual Easton Arts Tour!:** The Arts Community of Easton is excited to announce their **Easton Arts Tour** official date of 2026 - **May 16th & 17th from 11 AM to 6:00 PM!** Join ACE for a weekend of art! Discover local artists, participate in creative making, add a piece to your art collection, check out our members' small works show at the Sigal Museum, and most importantly come learn more about us and our creative community. If you are interested in the following please contact ace.abigaildiazcrofts@gmail.com : (1) ACE artists who would like to vend at the Arts Tour; (2) Studios or local businesses that wish to be added to our tour map; (3) Volunteers interested in helping out with the info and activity table.

Board Member Openings: The Forks Area Art Society is accepting applications from current members for two open board positions: Secretary and Events Coordinator. These volunteer roles require only a few hours per month and play an important part in supporting the mission and operations of FAAS. Members interested in serving on the board are invited to contact us at info@forksart.org.

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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