**"Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go." – Unknown**




**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.**

**>>> This Month's FAAS Meeting**: Our next general meeting will take place on **Wednesday, November 11th at 7:00 PM** at the **Faith Lutheran Church Community Room** (2012 Sullivan Trail, Easton, PA - Rear entrance). The meeting will feature a free class on **portrait drawing** offered **by Charlie Hanson**. 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. Our meetings are free and open to the public.



**Presentation Description:** In the presentation on Wednesday, November 11th, the audience will be provided with paper, pencils and erasers. Charlie will walk-through the steps needed for each attendee to create a portrait. He will provide handouts that will give directions on how to create a portrait that attendees can take with them. If you have never created art before,

want to try to learn a new art form, or improve your skills as an artist, the meeting will provide an excellent opportunity to do so.

**BIO/Artist Statement:** Charles Hanson has been drawing and painting since childhood. While in high school he participated in a mural project at the United Nations. He has exhibited in New York, New Jersey, California, Kentucky, and Pennsylvania, with works shown at the **Crocker Museum** in Sacramento, California, **General Motors** in Kentucky; **Hunterdon Art Museum** in Clinton, NJ; **Allentown Art Museum** in Pennsylvania and the **State Theater** in Easton. He furthered his Art Education by studying with Myron Barnstone in Copley Pennsylvania. He participates in drawing and painting sessions with Lafayette College, Easton Pa. He also organizes a painting session monthly for the Forks Area Arts Society (see the next session details below), of which he is a board member.





**>>> FAAS September Meeting Thank You!:** A sincere thank you goes out to **Hence Bollinger** for her fascinating insight into the art of glass cutting and blowing. Hence presented the techniques used to create cut glass art and shared her story on how she became involved in glass cutting and how she perfected her craft. Thank you, Hence!

If you would like to view more of Hence's artwork please visit these sites:
Website: www.bollingerartdesigns.com
Instagram: @bollingerartdesigns
Email: hencebollinger@gmail.com

**>>> FAAS Annual Holiday Party in December!** It's almost here again! The Forks Area Art Society is once again hosting our annual Holiday party which we've held almost every year since 2010! The party will take place on **Wednesday, December 9th from 6 to 9 PM** at the **Independence Townhomes' Community Center**, 1200 George St. Easton PA 18040 (Forks Township). Non-members are welcome. Attendees are asked to bring their favorite covered dish to share. Everyone attending who wishes

to participate in the gift exchange will be required to bring a $15 to $20 wrapped gift.  To help us better plan the event we ask that you please **register ASAP**.  If you would like to attend please sign up at Wednesday's meeting or contact us at info@forksart.org and let us know what covered dish you'll be bringing. Note: Please be considerate of the gift you will be bringing for the exchange; it should be something others would want and be worth $15 to $20 (you can always spend a little more on the gift to help make it extra special). Original artwork from one of our area's artists is always a great choice.






**>>> SURV Restaurant's Forks Area Art Society "Meet and Greet" Thank You:** We would like to offer a sincere thank you to SURV restaurant who graciously hosted a **"Meet and Greet"** for the **Forks Area Art Society** on **Wednesday, October 28th**. SURV provided a wide variety of food from its amazing menu. We also wish to thank everyone who attended and the artists who displayed their work at the event. They include **Terri Forrester Nancy Sullivan, Rhemy Gollab, and Mindy Hahn**.
The proceeds from the event were donated to the Art Society. Thank you SURV for supporting the arts in our community and helping people learn all that it has to offer!!!







**>>> 2026 FAAS Annual Holiday Art & Fine Craft Show and Sale at the Park Plaza Thank You!** - We wish to thank all the art vendors and people who came out to support our 2026 Annual Holiday Art & Fine Craft show and sale on **Saturday, October 31st.** The weather was great and we had our best turnout in years! The artists and fine crafters who participated

overall did very well displaying and selling their beautiful works throughout the day. The participating artists and fine crafters include:
**Frances Lamm - Pamela Dulaff - Marie Gelsomino - Laurie Winiarski - Keith Sodl - Rosemarie Puntiel - Sharon Reuss - Krystal Weibel - Rhemy Golab - Mindy Hahn - Charles Hanson**





**>>> "4-Member Exhibit" at the Cottage Thank You!:** Our **"Forks Area Art Society's 4 Members Exhibit"** at the Cottage was one of the nicest exhibits we've had. The 4 artists who displayed their work were: **Mindy Hahn, Nancy Sullivan, Norma Wokas, Laura Winiarski.** The artwork was beautiful and Mindy's black light wall display was especially amazing. Thank you for sharing your work with us!

**>>> Gardening at the Cottage: Sonja Jedziniak** has been working hard on the landscaping work at the Cottage and has prepped the grounds for winter. Sonja's extensive experience in gardening and landscaping is showing in her work. Sonja is looking for volunteers to join the group and assist at the Cottage. Thanks to a generous grant from the **Bangor Elks Lodge #1106,** we have started work on the process of upgrading the landscaping around the Cottage. If you like to garden and would like to assist Sonja and/or join the group please email us at info@forksart.org.

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## Upcoming Art Classes and Sessions!

The Forks Area Art Society's fun and popular art classes and sessions. Many of the classes are filling up so sign up soon to ensure you get a space!



**>>> Nancy Sullivan** is continuing her **VERY** popular **Acrylic Painting** class and her **Beginners Drawing** class on **Thursdays from 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 **Natalie**. The session takes place on **Wednesday, November 11th** from **12:00 to 3:00 PM**. If painting, please bring a drop cloth. A light lunch of two types of soup will be provided 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 takes place monthly at The Cottage (700 Zucksville Road, Forks Twp). The next session will be held on **Saturday, November 21st from 1 to 3 PM at the Cottage**. 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.

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**>>> The Gallery at St. John's Art Show:** The Gallery at St. John's current exhibit features **"Wedding Dresses Through the Decades".** The exhibit continues **thru November 15th.** 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.  For more information on the St. john's Gallery please visit www.stjohnseaston.org/ministries/gallery

**>>> The Arts Community of Easton (ACE) Monthly Meeting:** The next ACE meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 10th** from **6:30 to 8pm**. The meeting presenter is **TBA**. 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.

**We are excited to announce that the Forks Area Art Society has won the "Pride of Forks Township" award presented by the Forks Business Association and Easton Area Chamber of Commerce!** We appreciate the support and recognition by the greater Easton business community. A sincere thank you goes out to everyone associated with our group who has supported us and help make this all possible especially long time board members Edie DeProfio, Charlie Hanson, Bob Jordan, Viji Narasimhan, and Erik Chuss.

**Board Member Openings:**  The Forks Area Art Society is accepting applications from current members for multiple open board positions: we need support in a number of roles in order to keep our organization going. Members interested in serving on the board are invited to contact us at info@forksart.org.

We wish to welcome **Mindy Hahn** and **Norma Wokas** as recent additions to our Board. Both are very accomplished artists and have supported our group in the recent past. Norma has agree to assume the Secretary position for our group. Welcome Mindy and Norma!

**Membership Dues for 2027** 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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