

Forks Area Art Society June Newsletter



**June Meeting: Sophia Rivera
Pastel Pet and Wildlife Artist
Wednesday, June 12th at 7:00 PM
Faith Lutheran Church Community Room
(2012 Sullivan Trail, Easton, PA -Rear entrance)**



Bio: Sophia Rivera is a talented pastel pet and wildlife portrait artist hailing from the picturesque Lehigh Valley. With nearly five years of dedicated service to the community, Sophia has earned a reputation for her stunning renditions of beloved pets. Nestled in the heart of the Lehigh Valley, Sophia resides with her supportive fiancé, their vibrant young daughter, Indigo, and a menagerie of cherished pets. Her clients not only receive exquisite portraits but also a piece of art that encapsulates the spirit of their beloved companions. Sophia's work has been featured in multiple art exhibits and publications including the Mt. Airy Philadelphia Art Show, Apollo Grille Restaurant in Bethlehem, PA, FIG Lehigh Valley Magazine, and Lehigh Valley Voice.

Website: sophiariverastudio.com

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FAAS Writers Group: hosted by Charlie Hanson meets monthly at Country Meadows, located at 175 Newlins Road W. in Forks Twp. The next meetings will be held (note the new time) **Tuesday, July 2nd at 1:30 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. For more information contact bchanson1@rcn.com

Sketch and Chat Hosted by Diane Horoshock: Diane will be hosting the next session which will take place on **Thursday, June 13th from 1 to 3 PM** at the Cottage; 700 Zucksville Road, Easton PA. Come bring any artistic project you are working on, or just bring yourself to share ideas and create art in the community. Open to the public. No registration required.

Creative Connections creativity-based peace of mind workshops by Jenn Matthes, licensed art therapist, for adults. The art therapy sessions will also be taking a **Siesta for the summer**. The next session is scheduled for **Monday, September 9th from 5 to 6 PM**. Enjoy a safe space to explore art and bring you peace of mind in a creative way. Please contact jmatthes.m@gmail.com for more information and registration.

Save the Date - Forks Township Community Days: FAAS will again be hosting a tent along with the Crayola Kids Corner at this year's Forks Township Community Days. The dates for the event are **September 13th thru the 15th** at the Forks Community Park. We will be providing additional information and asking for volunteers and face painters as the event draws near. Please consider helping us with a few hours of your time at this year's festival.

Mark Your Calendars - 2024 FAAS Annual Holiday Art and Fine Craft Show and Sale at the Park Plaza: This year's show is tentatively scheduled for **Saturday, November 23rd**. We will be providing registration information later this summer.

Board Member Openings: We are currently accepting applications for two people to join our Board. Applicants are asked to be able to provide a few hours a month to support the group's many activities. We especially need help in the areas of graphics arts, advertising/social media, secretary, presenter coordinator, event/exhibit coordinator, among others. If you can help with these tasks and would like to join the board please email us info@forksart.org.

Membership Dues for 2024 are being accepted. 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.

- **FAAS Cottage, 700 Zucksville Rd., Easton, Pa. 18040** -

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