

"In November, the trees are standing all sticks and bones. Without their leaves, how lovely they are, spreading their arms like dancers." – Cynthia Rylant

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 12th at 7:00 PM at the Faith Lutheran Church Community Room (2012 Sullivan Trail, Easton, PA - Rear entrance). The presenter will be Nancy Sullivan who will be demonstrating her fantastic acrylic wildlife painting techniques. 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.

**Artist Statement:** I plan on having a gridded canvas, ready to paint, of an animal for the class. I will show how I prep, underpaint and establish the primary stages of any painting. My method of inspiring my students is to create directly in front of them. I begin by teaching the grid method of drawing. With this skill, any student can progress in any artistic venture.

**Bio:** My name is Nancy and I have a Bachelor of Fine Art in Illustration. I work in oils, acrylics and watercolors. My focus is animals as I try to capture their "soul". I also do abstract and realistic florals. Feel free to reach out to me if you are interested in taking my classes. EM: <a href="Mancysfancies@outlook.com">Nancysfancies@outlook.com</a> PH: 610-297-1776



## >>> 2025 FAAS Annual Holiday Art and Fine Craft Show & Sale at the Park Plaza - Now Accepting Registrations:

Mark your calendars! It's almost here! Help spread the word! Be sure to save the date and come out to view and purchase the beautiful creations by our area's artists and fine crafters. This year's show is scheduled for **Saturday**, **November 22rd** from **10 AM to 3 PM** at the **Park Plaza Atrium**, **1800 Sullivan Trail, Easton**. Half the vendor spaces are still available but are filling up quickly. If you wish to participate please contact us at <a href="info@forksart.org">info@forksart.org</a> with any questions or for additional information. A registration form has been attached to this newsletter or by visiting our website <a href="www.forksart.org">www.forksart.org</a>.

FAAS Holiday Party! Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> - 6–9 PM: Here's an opportunity to get into the holiday spirit! The Forks Area Art Society is once again hosting our annual Holiday party. The party will take place on Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> 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 <a href="info@forksart.org">info@forksart.org</a> 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.





>>> October Thank You! We wish to offer our sincere thanks to Mindy Hahn for her presentation and demonstration of her varied and amazing artwork. Her unique unveiling of her squirrel painting which she kindly donated for our evening raffle was great fun! We are still trying to understand how she creates and paints her beautiful miniature sculptures. Thanks Mindy for a great evening!





>>> STILL: What does it mean to "stop"? Exhibit Thank You! The "Still" exhibit curated by Hannah Ehret, MA of Hemlock Art, LLC that ran from October 10th to the 19th at the Cottage was a real success! Thank you to all the artists that participated and for all the many art appreciators who came out to support the show. It helped raise much needed funds for our group. We would especially like to thank Hannah for an amazing job curating the show. If you would like information regarding any of the artists (listed below) that displayed their work please email us at <a href="mailto:info@forksart.org">info@forksart.org</a> and we will be glad to pass it on.

Samuel Fish - Jude Del Rio - James Cox - Carolyn R Brior - Frank Capobianco - Emily Bell - Brian McCloskey Patrick Bechtel - Stacy Newman - Michael Palladino - Gabriella Gentile - Elisabeth Walakovits - Jill Heck Patricia Burton - Terri Forester - Moriah Mylod - Hannah Ehret - Mindy Hahn



Autumn art classes and sessions are in full swing. Sign up now to make sure 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 <a href="maintenancysfancies@outlook.com">nancysfancies@outlook.com</a>

>>> Sharon Reuss', from S.L.R. Stained Glass Studio, classes have finished for the year. If you are interested in taking a private stained glass art class or would like to purchase a piece of her work, please contact directly at <a href="mailto:leadedlights@rcn.com">leadedlights@rcn.com</a>

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>>> 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, November 15th 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 TBA. The session takes place on Monday, November 25th from 2:30 to 5:30 PM. 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. RSVP requested. Contact Charlie Hanson at <a href="mailto:bchanson1@rcn.com">bchanson1@rcn.com</a> 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.

>>> Call to Artists - The Gallery at St. John's Holiday Show: The show takes place November 9th thru December 21st! Works of fine art In any medium, including photography & poetry, three pieces of framed artwork may be submitted. Two spaces will be guaranteed, more if there is room. Registration fee is \$10 and Deadline and drop off is Friday, November 7th from 10am until 1pm (registrations will still be accepted after this date, space permitting). Visit the St. John's Lutheran Church gallery website for more information on how to register. The opening reception is Sunday, November 9th from 12:30 to 3pm. 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, November 11th from 6:30 to 8pm. The presenter will be announced soon. 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.

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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 <a href="mailto:info@forksart.org">info@forksart.org</a>. 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 <a href="mailto:info@forksart.org">info@forksart.org</a>.

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 <a href="mailto:info@forksart.org">info@forksart.org</a> 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 <a href="https://www.crayola.com/advisorypanel">https://www.crayola.com/advisorypanel</a> for more information and to register for the advisory panel.

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