



"In the warmth of June, let your aspirations bloom." - 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.



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.

>>> This Month's FAAS Meeting: Our next general meeting will take place on **Wednesday, June 10th at 7:00 PM** at the Faith **Lutheran Church Community Room** (2012 Sullivan Trail, Easton, PA - Rear entrance). The presenter will be **Jimi Albert** who will demonstrate how he creates his beautiful **Cyanotype Artwork**. 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'll be sharing a live demonstration of cyanotype printing — one of the oldest photographic processes, invented in 1842 — and showing how I push it well past its traditional botanical-blueprint reputation into a contemporary, experimental practice, using a combination of photographic negatives and physical objects (botanicals, found materials, transparencies). I'll also walk through the experimental territory I work in — wet cyanotype, layered exposures, mixed media, and how a print evolves from a flat photographic record into something closer to a painting.

Bio / Artist Statement: Jimi Albert is a Pennsylvania-based photographer and mixed-media artist whose work centers on cyanotype, one of the earliest photographic printing processes. Drawn to the alchemy of light-sensitive chemistry, he builds layered prints that move between the interconnections of nature, science, and spirituality. His work has been exhibited across the Lehigh Valley, in New York City, Las Vegas, and internationally in England, India, China, and more, and has been collected by audiences around the world. An active member of the NFT community since 2021, Jimi served as a panel speaker at NFT NYC, former co-host of Arts and NFTs, and a Twitter/X Spaces host. He is also a former Vice President and Board Member of the Arts Community of Easton (ACE), and a Paul Wieand Award recipient at the Lehigh Art Alliance's 88th Annual Summer Exhibition.

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>>> **FAAS May Meeting Thank You!**: A sincere thank you goes out to **Laurie Winiarski** who presented what it takes to create Gel Plate art. Laurie provided gel plates and the tools needed so the attendees could create their own piece of art. It was a blast! Also, thank you to Erin Chuss for donating very nice prize for our monthly raffle. To contact Laurie with any questions or for more information on her art please email her at l.winiarski177@comcast.net

>>> **Calling All Gardeners:** Thanks to a generous grant from the **Bangor Elks Lodge #1106** and **Jennifer Topp** from the Master Gardeners of Lehigh/Northampton County, who provided a beautiful landscaping design, we have begun the process of upgrading the landscaping around the Cottage. But we can use your help. If you like to garden and would like to help please email us at info@forksart.org. We will add your name to the volunteer list and provide the dates and times for when we'll meet.



>>> **"Summer Vibes" Exhibit at the Cottage:** Come out and feel the season! **"Summer Vibes"**: a gallery exhibit featuring "summer vibes", from sun-soaked scenes to abstract interpretations of the season's feel opens this weekend. The **exhibit runs from June 6th thru July 17th**. The **Opening Reception** takes place on **Saturday June 6th from 5 to 7PM**. Additional viewing dates will be during the "Summer Solstice" event on **June 27th** (more info below), **Sunday, July 12th** from 1 to 3 PM or by appointment. The FAAS Cottage, 700 Zucksville Road, Easton PA. You can arrange to view the exhibit after the opening by email us at info@forksart.org or to arrange a day and time to www.hemlockart.com.

>>> **"May Flowers" Picnic:** We wanted to thank everyone who came out for our "May Flowers" picnic at the Cottage on **Saturday, May 30th!** Despite having to hold it in the Cottage due to the wind the "May Flowers" art work made for a springtime feel. Everyone had a great time and there was a lot of great food! Thanks everyone who came out for making it a special time.



>>> **Solstice Magic: Join us for Firefly Sunprints in the Woods! :** As the days reach their longest, join us at the FAAS Cottage for a unique Summer Solstice celebration. Our **Firefly Sunprint Workshop** invites **young artists (ages 4 and up)** to explore the intersection of art and nature. We'll start with a short foraging walk through the cottage grounds to find the perfect ferns and leaves. Using a historical photographic process called cyanotype, children will arrange their finds alongside firefly silhouettes to create "night-sky" prints using only the sun's rays! While our prints dry, we'll enjoy seasonal solstice snacks before adding the finishing "glow" to our fireflies with mixed-media gold and yellow markers. It's a perfect afternoon of woodland exploration and creative discovery. The workshop takes place on **Saturday, June 27th** from **12:00 to 2:30 PM** at **the Cottage**, 700 Zucksville Road, Easton PA. It is free and open to the public. Snacks and materials will be provided. Reservations requested so reserve your spot now.



>>> **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 **Monday, June 15th at 6:30 PM at the Cottage**, 700 Zucksville Road, Easton PA. Future sessions will take place on the 3rd Monday of each Month at 6:30 PM. There is a suggested donation of **\$20 pp or two for \$35**. If you bring materials to share there is \$2 off. Venmo/cash/ credit card will be accepted. For more information visit <https://hemlockart.com/feral-craft-club-schedule-1> To register visit <https://forms.gle/qfwQNFRqZXkTKVct5> **Ages 21+**. Register now, as space is limited.



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 **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 **Avia**. The session takes place on **Wednesday, June 17th** 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 takes place monthly at The Cottage (700 Zucksville Road, Forks Twp). The next session will be held on **Saturday, June 13th 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.



>>> ACE Monthly Community Workshop at the FAAS Cottage: The **Arts Community of Easton (ACE)** is inviting all artists to come to the **ACE workshop** on **Wednesday, June 17th** from **4:30 to 6:30 PM** to create **linocut stamps** for customizing their personal clothing or other garments with their customized pride. 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!

>>> The Gallery at St. John's Art Show: The Gallery at St. John's next show will be **"People, Places & Things" continues thru June 7th**. 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, June 9th** from **6:30 to 8pm**. The meeting will feature the beloved, Anthony Smith Jr. A daring, abstract, narrative painter challenging fine art standards and identity. 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.

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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