



“A vacation is what you take when you can no longer take what you’ve been taking.” – Earl Wilson



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, August 12th at 7:00 PM** at the **Faith Lutheran Church Community Room** (2012 Sullivan Trail, Easton, PA - Rear entrance). The presenter will be **Erin Perrucci** who will demonstrate **Creative Crocheting** and how to create fun and beautiful subjects. Erin will also be presenting her distinctive website, social media advertising, and online/in-person sales. 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. Please Note: Erin is the daughter of long-time board member Erik Chuss. We all hope you come out and support her.



Presentation/Demonstration Description: This session is a talk and live crochet demonstration on the art of handmade making and what it actually looks like to run a small creative business. My work spans plushies,

keychains, wearables, accessories, baby gifts, and home and holiday décor, with amigurumi at the heart of everything I do. I'll be crocheting a plushie in real time while sharing my creative process, how I bring characters to life from scratch, and how a skill I learned from my Nana as a kid turned into a business I run alongside my full-time job.

Bio/ Artist Statement: Erin Perrucci is a handmade crochet artist and small business owner based in Easton, Pennsylvania. Through Pursuit of Craftyness, she makes amigurumi plushies, keychains, wearables, accessories, baby gifts, and home and holiday décor, with every piece crocheted by hand. She believes handmade objects carry something you just can't find in something mass-produced: the time, care, and story of the person who made it. Erin sells through her own website, Etsy, and local craft markets across the Lehigh Valley, all while holding down a full-time career in IT. When she's not crocheting, she's spending time with her husband, stepson, and her mini Australian Shepherd Mia, catching a Phillies game, or making memories with the people who keep her going.

Website / Social Media / Contact:

Website: pursuitofcraftyness.com

Etsy: etsy.com/shop/PursuitofCraftyness1

Instagram, Threads, TikTok, YouTube, Pinterest: @pursuit_of_craftyness

Email list sign up: pursuitofcraftyness.myflodesk.com/emailoptin

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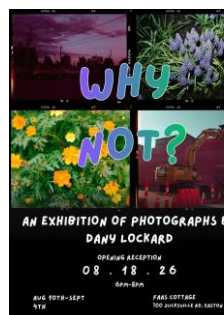


>>> FAAS May Meeting Thank You!: A sincere thank you goes out to **Jimi Albert** for his demonstration of cyanotype printing and for donating some of his work for our monthly raffle. It was a very enjoyable and educational evening to say the least. Jimi's work can be viewed online or if you have any questions for Jimi please feel free to email him using the following information:

Website: <https://jimialbert.com/>
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>>> Forks Township Community Days - Please (!) Help Us by Volunteering: FAAS will again be hosting a tent along with the **Crayola Kids Corner** at this year's Forks Township Community Days. The dates and times for this year's event are **Friday, September 18th - 5 PM to 10 PM; Saturday September 19th - 11 AM to 10 PM; and Sunday, September 20th - 11 AM to 7 PM** at the Forks Township Community Park. *We are very much in need of help with supporting our group and we especially need help setting up on Friday and taking down on Sunday. We are also asking for people to help with our Face Painting fundraiser. If you know of any teenagers looking for service hours please have them contact us to sign up. Please consider helping us with a few hours of your time at this year's festival.* If you can help us even for an hour or two please sign up at our meeting on August 12th or contact us at info@forksart.org.

>>> Calling All Gardeners: Thanks to a generous grant from the **Bangor Elks Lodge #1106** we are looking to continue the process of upgrading the landscaping around the Cottage. The next dates for the landscaping sessions are **Saturday, August 8th from 9:30 to 10:30 AM** and **Tuesday, August 11th from 3:30 to 4:30 PM**. If you like to garden and would like to help please email us at info@forksart.org.



>>> Dany Lockard "Why Not" Solo Exhibit at the Cottage: The "Why Not?" exhibit **opening reception** is being held on **Tuesday, August 18th, from 6pm to 8pm at The Cottage**, 700 Zucksville Road, Easton, PA. Dany will be exhibiting 42 pieces of artwork in her preferred medium of photography. Refreshments will be served.

Artist Statement: "You know the feeling when you do something just to see what happens? For my solo debut, I gathered photos that made me say, "Why not?" No heavy explanations, no themes, just a collection of photos chosen on a healthy dose of "Meh, I guess". Website: [DanyeLe Lockard Photography](http://DanyeLeLockardPhotography.com). You can arrange to view the exhibit after the opening by email us at info@forksart.org to arrange a date and time.



>>> 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). Every month we will do something different! The next session takes place on **Monday, August 17th at 6:30 PM at the Cottage**, 700 Zucksville Road, Easton PA. **Glitter Crimes + Mystery Box (ft. a Kindergarten Art Teacher)** Bring something—anything—to cover in glitter. Old pill bottles, a stapler, a lamp... no object is too mundane to be completely transformed. Go subtle or go unhinged. **Feral Side Quest: Kindergarten Mystery Box** - Construction paper, glue, safety scissors, crayons—back to basics, but with chaotic prompts to guide you. No pressure, no right answers, just make something and see what happens. 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 **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 **Christina**. The session takes place on **Wednesday, August 12th 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, August 22nd 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.

>>> **The Arts Community of Easton (ACE) Monthly Meeting:** The next ACE meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 11th** from **6:30 to 8pm**. The meeting presenter is **Femi J. Johnson** who will be presenting his **abstract storytelling**. 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 DeProffio, 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.

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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