



We are pleased to announce that this past March was the Forks Area Art Society's Birthday! We turned 15 YEARS OLD!!! How time flies. We have been honored to offer so many wonderful artists, activities, and events over this time and want to thank all the volunteers, art appreciators, artists and fine crafters, as well as the Board Members, who have supported us over the years. Thank You Everyone!!!

Welcome Spring! We have finally been blessed with the arrival of Spring and the beautiful weather it brings. This month's newsletter contains all the various and exciting events our art society is offering. Please come out and support the arts by attending these opportunities.



Call to all Artists and Fine Crafters: FAAS "Birthday Bash" Art and Fine Craft Show and Sale at the Park Plaza - Now Accepting Registrations! This year's show is scheduled for **Saturday, June 21st from **10 AM to 4 PM** at the **Park Plaza Atrium, 1800 Sullivan Trail, Easton**. Space is limited and will fill up so please submit your registration form as soon as you can. Please contact us at info@forksart.org with any questions or for additional information. A registration form has been attached to this newsletter or by visiting our website www.forksart.org. The vendor details are included in the application.**



Our Next Monthly FAAS Meeting: Our May meeting will take place on **Wednesday, May 14th at 7:00 PM** at the **Faith Lutheran Church Community Room** (2012 Sullivan Trail, Easton, PA - Rear entrance). The presenter will be **Dorian Vallejo** who will be showing how to create beautiful portraits. Please remember to bring your latest artwork for "**Show and Tell**". We will again have a free raffle open to all attendees for one of Pat's beautiful pieces of art.

DESCRIPTION: Dorian plans to present a few demos of how he draws and paints a portrait. This will be done using a projector while he explains the process. Dorian also plans to reveal some of his sketchbooks to give an insight into his thinking and what goes into making a painting or drawing.

BIO: Dorian Vallejo is an artist specializing in painting and drawing, with a focus on symbolic, romantic realism and traditional portraits. Both his fine art and portraits are an optimistic, beautiful representation of humanity. He is inspired by morality and the pursuit of excellence.

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April Thank You: We wish to thank Pat Burton for her excellent demonstration of how she creates her meticulous decorative eggs and for the history of Ukrainian Pysanky eggs. Thank You Pat for one of our most interesting presentations and for the beautiful egg you donated for our monthly raffle!

New Acrylic Painting Classes at the Cottage in May! Nancy Sullivan will be teaching an **Acrylic Painting Class**. You will be able to choose one of her Exotic Animal designs to paint. There is a limit of 6 students per class so Nancy can help you to make your own masterpiece. Nancy has taught at Northampton Community College and The Banana factory. We are proud to have her teaching at the Cottage. Classes will be held on **Mondays, May 5th and 19th from 11 AM to 1 PM** and on **Thursdays, May 8th and 22nd from 6 PM to 8 PM**. All materials will be provided. Class fee is \$30 for members and \$35. non members. Contact Nancy to register for these classes at nancysfancies@outlook.com

ATTENTION: Ceramic lovers, We are now offering Ceramics at the Cottage. Every Monday starting July 21st while supplies last. The Cottage will be open from 11am to 5pm where you can choose from dozens of items to take with you or stay and paint them with the help of Sharon Reuss. Items range from \$1 to \$20 based on the size of the piece you choose. A donation is requested if you paint your item while at the Cottage to help offset the cost of supplies. Members can also take advantage of these hours to use our Art Library, pick out a picture frame if you are in need of one, or come see what's on display for sale by your fellow artists. NOT A MEMBER? Please consider becoming one so you can also take advantage of everything that we offer. Memberships are only \$20 per calendar year. You can pick up an application at the Cottage, at one of our meetings, or online at info@forksart.org



S.L.R. Stained Glass Classes This Month! Sharon Reuss from S.L.R. Stained glass Studio will be holding friends and family classes. You and 2 of your family or friends will be able to learn how to create your own stained glass Owl. Classes are \$100 per group for members and \$120. for non-members. These classes can be scheduled to fit into your schedule. All supplies are provided. Contact Sharon directly to reserve your date and time at leadedlights@rcn.com

FAAS Writers Group "Short Stories by Famous Authors"

Session: Hosted by Charlie Hanson the meetings take place monthly at Country Meadows, located at 175 Newlins Road W. in Forks Twp. The next session will be held **Thursday, May 22nd. The "Short Stories by Famous Authors" segment** will take place **from 1:30 to 2:30 PM** and a **"Short Story of Your Own" segment** will take place **from 2:30 to 3:30 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 will be **Sarah Fielder**. The session takes place on **Wednesday, May 21st from 12:00 to 3:00 PM**. Pizza and beverages included. 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 bchansn1@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.

The Gallery at St. John's May Art Show: The theme will be the "**Pets of Our World**". The exhibit runs **thru June 1st**. The gallery hours are **Sundays only 12:00 to 3:00 PM** and by appointment. 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.

Board Member Opening: 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 info@forksart.org. 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 2025 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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