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## Happy New Year with Susan Herron



We generally start the GFAA season in September with Susan Herron, but this year, we are celebrating the new calendar year with her! Susan is a Washington, D.C. area artist who has been exhibiting for more than twenty-five years. A long-time GFAA member, she enjoys experimenting with various media and feels comfortable using acrylic as well as watercolor. Her paintings are known for capturing light and mood. Recently she has experimented with layers of paint to reveal lush and complex textured surfaces.

Susan takes great pleasure in teaching. She has made a multitude of friends and many of her students have achieved tremendous personal and professional success. Her goal is to give the beginning students a solid foundation of skills and to give intermediate students a creative challenge and the desire for a personal artistic vision.

Tonight, Susan will demonstrate painting a bird on crescent cold press board which gives a nice texture. She will show examples of paintings on a variety of surfaces which add a new dimension to ho-hum watercolors.

This past year Susan's paintings received awards in shows sponsored by the Southern Watercolor Society, the National Society and Painters in Casein and Acrylic, and Potomac Valley Watercolorists. She was also elected an honorary life member in the Southern Watercolor Society.

Her award-winning paintings can be seen in numerous private and corporate collections including those of Hewlett-Packard, Hughes Network Systems, George Washington University, and the Virginia Dominion Power Company.

In addition to teaching watercolor for the Art League of Alexandria and the Yellow Barn Studio & Gallery in Glen Echo, Susan is a signature member of the National Watercolor Society, Southern Watercolor Society, the Baltimore Watercolor Society, and the Potomac Valley Watercolorists and has received numerous awards in national and regional exhibitions. Her work has been featured in "Splash 5: The Glory of Color" and "The Artistic Touch 4" by Chris Unwin.

Join us Thursday, January 14  
7 pm at the  
North Creek  
Community Center  
20125 Arrowhead Rd,  
Montgomery Village, MD  
20886

*Visitors are welcome!*

# President's Letter

It seemed to me that everyone enjoyed catching up with artist friends at the GFAA holiday dinner, I certainly did. Our lives sometimes get so complicated it is nice to change pace to check in with friends and family. For years I've written "the" holiday letter as a way not only to check in but to serve as a history/review of our year. This year in my attempt to simplify life and to permit more creative time, I abbreviated the letter, emailed it to friends abroad only, and made cards from photos for a select few people who would appreciate getting real mail. THEN I began making resolutions, i.e. a list of topics I'd like to explore in my creative life.

Do you have stacks of photos or post-it notes with ideas? Are you experimenting with new techniques and styles? Abstracting ideas? Making thumbnail sketches? Preparing paintings for the Annapolis show? Thinking about Kentlands? Finishing painting or non-painting projects. Thinking of ideas to give to the GFAA Board? Oh my so many resolution possibilities. I have to admit my list (as above) is scattered around my house in different formats. Time to get organized. So I went to my painting table and started pulling those lists and some sketches together. Maybe by next year, I'll put those ideas into paint!

We have a great list of speakers lined up for 2016. We are always open for more ideas and lists. Sending best wishes for the New Year and hope to see you often at GFAA events.

Susan Bradley

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# GFAA News



## Genesis: Fresh Impressions

January 6-30

Gallery hours:

Wednesday - Saturday, 12-6pm;

Opening reception:

Friday, January 8, 6-9pm

The first exhibition of 2016, Genesis: Fresh Impressions, features the artwork of Sara Becker, Barbara Mandel, Sam Miller, Jeanne Powell and Ann Schaefer.

Gallery Phone: (301) 215-7990

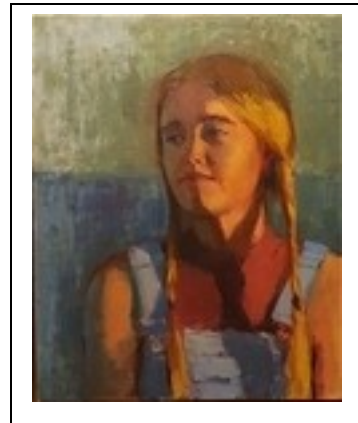
Gallery B is located in downtown Bethesda at 7700 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite E.

The Bethesda Metro is two blocks south of the gallery, and public parking garages are located on Wisconsin Avenue and Old Georgetown Road.

Long-time member **Jeanne Powell** is one of the five artists showcased at **Genesis: Fresh Impressions** at Gallery B in downtown Bethesda. The gallery is on Wisconsin Avenue near the corner of Woodmont and Old Georgetown Rd. Please join us for one of the artist receptions on January 8 and 10 if you can. On January 8 we are part of Bethesda Art Walk. Our private reception is January 10. The gallery is open the hours listed above and some Sunday hours besides the reception—probably at least 12-3 other Sundays.

Drop off for the **Annapolis Show** will be Wednesday, January 6 at 10-10:30 am in the parking lot in front of Bohrer Park 506 S Frederick Ave, Gaithersburg, MD 20877

Quite a few GFAA members were juried into the **21st Annual Friends of the Yellow Barn Members Show** in December (unfortunately, the show is now closed). **Sandra Fritter-Natali, Jacqueline Detrick, Perry Kapsch, Jeanne Powell** and **Mak Dehejia** were in the show. **Marie Riccio's** stunning oil portrait, "Lauren" won an Honorable Mention.



GFAA member **Lynne Rychlec** has a painting in the **82nd Annual International Exhibition of Fine Art in Miniature at the Mansion at Strathmore**. The Miniature Painters, Sculptors & Gravers Society of Washington, D.C. 82nd Annual International Exhibition of Fine Art in Miniature from November 22 through January 3, 2016, at the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda, MD 20852. Exhibition hours: Tues., Thurs., Fri., Sat 10-4 p.m. Wednesday 10-9p.m.; Sunday 12-4p.m. Closed Mondays and Holidays.

**Baltimore Watercolor Society's member show** will be held at Glenview Mansion Art Gallery, Rockville Civic Center Park. (603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville MD 20851) from Sunday, Jan 10, 2016 to Friday, Jan. 29, 2016.

GFAA members who are participating in the show are **Perry Kapsch, Angela Lacy, Ruth Lotz** and **Linda Sherman**.

The reception is January 10 from 1:30-3:30 pm.

# City of Gaithersburg

## Arts Barn Gallery

For information on Arts Barn classes, go to

[www.recxpress.gaithersburgmd.gov/recxpress/Activities/ActivitiesAdvSearch.asp](http://www.recxpress.gaithersburgmd.gov/recxpress/Activities/ActivitiesAdvSearch.asp) .

The gallery is located at 311 Kent Square Road in Gaithersburg, with viewing hours Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

## Kentlands Mansion

The Art League of Germantown will have a juried show here, opening Friday, January 8 and continuing through Sunday, March 20. An exhibit reception is scheduled Tuesday, January 12 from 7:00-8:30pm. The artists will be in attendance to meet patrons.

The Mansion Gallery is located at 320 Kent Square Road. Viewing hours are generally Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Due to event scheduling, please call the Mansion at 301-258-6425 prior to your visit to confirm viewing availability of the gallery.

Please note that most artwork in the exhibits is for sale, and all images are copyrighted by the artist. For more information please contact Andi Rosati at 301-258-6394, e-mail

[arosati@gaitersburgmd.gov](mailto:arosati@gaitersburgmd.gov) or go to [www.gaithersburgmd.gov/leisure/arts/visual-arts](http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov/leisure/arts/visual-arts).

# Events and Opportunities

## The Art League (Alexandria)

The Art League's Madison Annex, 305 Madison Street, Alexandria, VA

### **Register for Winter Classes!**

Registration for winter classes at The Art League begins at 9:30 am on Monday, November 9.

Winter Term starts the week of January 11. <http://www.theartleague.org/school>

The Art League | 105 North Union Street, Alexandria, VA 22314 <http://www.theartleague.org>

## Bethesda Art Walk

This event is scheduled for the second Friday of the month from 6 to 9 pm.

Enjoy several galleries by walking throughout downtown Bethesda to learn more about the Bethesda arts scene and featured artists. The free Bethesda Circulator stops within a few blocks of each Bethesda Art Walk gallery, and runs continuously throughout the duration of the Art Walk.

## Bethesda Artist Studio Space Available

Studio B is home to three local artists and has one available studio space of 215 sq. ft.

Rent is \$405/month inclusive of all utilities. Artists have 24/7 access to their space.

Studio B is located at 7475 Wisconsin Avenue in downtown Bethesda. Join this community of artists who are supported by the Bethesda Arts & Entertainment District!

Bethesda Urban Partnership, 7700 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD 20814

Phone 301-215-6660 Fax 301-215-6664 [info@bethesda.org](mailto:info@bethesda.org)

# More Events and Opportunities

## BlackRock Center for the Arts/Art League of Germantown

### at the BlackRock Kay Gallery:

Mariah Anne Johnson: Keep Everything

Site-specific installation and works on paper

January 7 – 30, 2016

Meet the Artist Reception Saturday, January 9, 3 – 5 PM

In her solo exhibition, Mariah Anne Johnson will combine site-specific installation with works on paper to respond to the light and architecture of The Kay Gallery.

### In the Terrace Gallery:

Brad Blair: A Breed of Their Own

Ceramic and mixed media sculptures with drawings on paper

January 7 – 30, 2016

Meet the Artist Reception Saturday, January 9, 3 – 5 PM

Brad Blair's ceramic and mixed media sculptures, crafted from both natural and mechanical elements, form highly detailed portraits of "engineered" creatures.

BlackRock Center for the Arts, 12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown, Maryland.

[www.alog.org](http://www.alog.org)

## Delaplaine Juried Exhibit Call for Artists

Deadline: March 15. The Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center in Frederick, MD, announces a call for entry. All media are eligible. Artwork for exhibition must have been completed in last 2 years and not previously exhibited at the Delaplaine.

<http://delaplaine.org/exhibits/exhibit-opportunities>

## EMULSION 2016

Deadline 2/15/2016

Artist Statement—Why do you make art?

CV—List your art education, exhibitions, reviews & publications. Note: many "outsider artists" (artists with no formal training) have been juried into past EMULSION exhibitions

Upload as many as five (5) images or videos (no file size limit).

(only upload work that will be available to show April 9-16, 2016; if you are accepted and drop-off work not selected by the juror, it will not be hung, no exceptions.)

Opening Reception Sat. April 9

People's Choice Awards: Sat. April 16

Exhibition on view April 9-16, 2016 with weeklong programming

\$1,500 First Place Prize, \$1,000 Second Place Prize, \$500 Third Place Prize

<https://emulsion.submittable.com/submit>

<http://www.eastcityart.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/prospectus-2016.pdf>



# Events and Opportunities, Continued

## For the Love of Animals, A National Juried Exhibition

DEADLINE: Fri, January 15, 2016

We would like to celebrate the joy, love, and sacrifice of animal/human relationships this month. Please send us art that celebrates the lives and relationships we have with these furry, feathered, scaled, and sometimes slimy friends. 10% of jury fees and 10% of show sales (taken out of the gallery's commission) will go to Fredericksburg SPCA to support their work in rescuing animals.

Entry fees: \$25 for 1st piece (\$15 for members) & \$5 each additional. Electronic submission, see the "Call for Artists" section on LibertyTownArts.com for details.

Contact: Dolores Lecky | 540-371-7255 | [www.libertytownarts.com](http://www.libertytownarts.com) | [info@libertytownarts.com](mailto:info@libertytownarts.com)

## Foundry Gallery

Foundry artists exhibit large works this month in the collective's new industrial gallery. January 6 - 31, 2016.

Opening reception: Saturday, January 9, 5 - 8 pm

Contact: Fran Abrams at [fran.abrams@gmail.com](mailto:fran.abrams@gmail.com) or call 301-758-8898

Foundry Gallery, 2118 - 8th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20001

202-232-0203 [www.foundrygallery.org](http://www.foundrygallery.org) Hours: Wed - Sun 1 - 7 pm

## Inspire Your Heart with Art Show

The Village at Rockville is hosting an Inspire Your Heart with Art Show on Friday, January 29 at 4:00pm. We'd love to involve our community. We are welcoming all participants across ALL mediums ages 60+. I would love to send you more information!

Call Melissa Blackstone at 301-354-8466 M-F 8:30-5:00PM

Email Address [mblackstone@thevillageatrockville.org](mailto:mblackstone@thevillageatrockville.org)

## Maryland Artists Sell at the Maryland Marketplace

Maryland State Arts Council invites Maryland artists of all disciplines to sign-up for the Maryland Artist Registry, and encourages those with online selling sites of their art, crafts or artistic merchandise to opt-in to the Maryland Marketplace.

<http://www.msac.org/artist-registry>

## Paul Wilson and Cleo Dunsmore Buchanan at the NOMA Gallery

Local artist Paul Wilson is having an exhibit with Cleo Dunsmore Buchanan at the NOMA Gallery, 437 N. Market Street, Frederick, MD (at the corner of 5th and Market Streets). The Gallery opening is this coming Saturday, January 2nd from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. All are invited.

Gallery hours are: Friday, 4:00 – 8:00 pm; Saturday, 12:00 Noon – 8:00 pm; Sundays by appointment. Visit the NOMA website: [nomagallery2@gmail.com](mailto:nomagallery2@gmail.com)

# Events and Opportunities, Continued

## Northern Virginia Art Center Special Exhibitions space

The Northern Virginia Art Center is searching for talented professional artists with a cohesive body of work to exhibit in their new Special Exhibitions space in the heart of Crystal City's thriving restaurant district. 380 square feet of gleaming exhibition space available for monthly exhibits of 2D or 3D art! Their full time gallery staff will assist in exhibit installation, process sales of your work, and will coordinate your opening reception, all for a small fee and low sales commission.

Eligibility: Open; Deadline: Ongoing

<http://novaartcenter.org/our-mission/show-opportunities>

## Plaza Art

Classes beginning in January: Creative Watermedia, Simplify the Painting Process, Open Acrylic Studio, So You Think You Can't Draw, Collage and Mixed Media, and Photoshop Animation.

Workshops in January are: Rooster, Hen & Baby Chicks, Music Instruments in Water-Mixable Oil, How to Make Vibrant Darks in Watercolor, Painting Live Flowers in Oil Pastels: Lilies, Dry Media on Canvas, Go with the Flow - Airbrush, and Image Transfer

Plaza Art, 1776 E. Jefferson St. Unit 119, Rockville, MD 20852 (phone: 301-770-0500) and 7825 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD 20814. [www.plazaart.com](http://www.plazaart.com)

## Road Trip: A Call to Artists

DEADLINE: Tue, March 15, 2016

Gallery Underground (DC metro area) announces Road Trip, national juried art competition. All-media artists, sculptors, and photographers are invited to create visual works that portray the subject of a road trip - literally, figuratively, and metaphorically; scenes from the road, trips imagined, solo or group journeys in all manner of transportation. Gallery Underground seeks artwork that brings a road trip to life via landscapes, cityscapes, abstract concepts, works depicting roads, modes of transportation, and people met along the way. \$500 in cash prizes awarded. Digital entries only (\$35 for up to 2) at [www.galleryunderground.org](http://www.galleryunderground.org)

Contact: Sandi Parker | 571-483-0652 | [www.galleryunderground.org](http://www.galleryunderground.org) | [info@galleryunderground.org](mailto:info@galleryunderground.org)

## Rockville Innovation Center Call for Entries

Rockville Innovation Center is interested in showcasing the work of local artists in their gorgeous location. The RIC is looking to fill its beautiful space with artwork by metro area artists and photographers. <http://www.visartsatrockville.org/call-for-entries/feast>

Eligibility: Open; Deadline: Ongoing

# More Events and Opportunities

## Stormy Weather Exhibition

DEADLINE: Mon, January 05, 2015

Stormy Weather is Maryland Federation of Art's 2nd annual open juried exhibition of artwork depicting the sights, sounds, colors, impact, and anticipation of weather. Original 2D artwork in any form is eligible for entry. Juror is Nora Sturges, Area Head of Painting and Drawing at Towson University. The exhibit will display at the Annapolis Maritime Museum from March 17-May 1, 2016.

Contact: Gallery Manager | 410-268-4566 | [www.mdfedart.org](http://www.mdfedart.org) | [info@mdfedart.org](mailto:info@mdfedart.org)

## TAG/The Artists' Gallery 25 YEARS: A CELEBRATION

Join us this month in celebrating the 25th Anniversary of TAG/The Artists Gallery.

January 1 - 31

Opening Reception First Saturday, January 2, 5 - 9 pm

TAG Talk Panel Sunday January 17, 2 pm (Snow date: January 24)

TAG/The Artists' Gallery will start the new year with a celebration of its 25th birthday. In 1990 sixteen artists came together to form an artist-owned gallery and stage exhibits at Mahogany Craft in Frederick. In 1993 the group moved to its own space on East Church Street, opening new solo and group shows every month.

All of the founders and past members who were part of the gallery for five or more years have been invited back for a special 25th Anniversary exhibit, to open on January 1 with a reception during First Saturday on January 2.

TAG is open Friday and Saturday from noon to 8 pm and Sunday from noon to 5 pm, or by appointment. Learn more at [www.theartistsgalleryfrederick.com](http://www.theartistsgalleryfrederick.com) or 301-696-8187.

216 N. Market St., Frederick, MD 21701

## The Yellow Barn Studio/Glen Echo Park

The Yellow Barn Studio has drawing and painting classes, many beginning in January, for all levels of students. There are almost 50 classes in drawing and painting, including classes in acrylic, watercolor, encaustic, pastels and oils.

**Yellow Barn Studio** –For workshop and class listings and to register online, go to

<http://register.glenechopark.org> [www.yellowbarnstudio.com](http://www.yellowbarnstudio.com)

[www.yellowbarnstudio.com](http://www.yellowbarnstudio.com) [www.yellowbarnstudio.com/classes.htm](http://www.yellowbarnstudio.com/classes.htm) 301-634-2226

**Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture**, Inc., 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, MD 20812 [www.glenechopark.org](http://www.glenechopark.org) Phone & Recorded Info: 301-634-2222

## VMRC Juried Art Exhibition

DEADLINE: Tue, March 15, 2016

Juried multimedia visual art exhibition Open to all artists living in USA. 39% of 2015 and 2015 exhibitions works were purchased. Visit website ([www.vmrc.org/juried-art-exhibitions](http://www.vmrc.org/juried-art-exhibitions)) for prospectus and entry form as well as images of 2015 exhibition. For additional information, email [artexhibit@vmrc.org](mailto:artexhibit@vmrc.org) or call 540-564-3400.

Contact: Anne Pauley 540-564-3400 [www.vmrc.org/juried-art-exhibitions](http://www.vmrc.org/juried-art-exhibitions)  
[artexhibit@vmrc.org](mailto:artexhibit@vmrc.org)



# Calendar

January	1-31	The Artists Gallery 25th Anniversary Show
	2	Reception, The Artists Gallery 25th Anniversary
		Reception, Paul Wilson and Cleo Dunsmore Buchanan at the NOMA Gallery
	5	Deadline, Stormy Weather Exhibition
	6	Drop off for Annapolis show in front of Bohrer Park
	6-31	Foundry Gallery show, large works
	6-30	Genesis: Fresh Impressions show
	7-30	BlackRock Kay Gallery: Mariah Anne Johnson: Keep Everything
		BlackRock Terrace Gallery: Brad Blair: A Breed of Their Own
	8 to March 20	The Art League of Germantown at Kentlands Mansion
	8	Genesis: Fresh Impressions opening reception
	9	BlackRock receptions for Mariah Anne Johnson and Brad Blair
		Reception, Foundry Gallery
	10	Genesis: Fresh Impressions private reception
		Baltimore Watercolor Society Members Show reception
	10-29	Baltimore Watercolor Society Members Show at Glenview Mansion
	12	ALOG reception at Kentlands Mansion
	<b>14</b>	<b>GFAA meeting</b>
	15	Deadline, For the Love of Animals
	17	TAG Talk Panel
	29	Inspire Your Heart with Art Show
February	2	Deadline to enter, EMULSION 2016
March	15	Deadline, Delaplaine Juried Exhibit Call for Artists
		deadline, Road Trip: A Call to Artists
		deadline, VMRC Juried Art Exhibition