



Fine Lines

November greetings!
Wow – time is flying by! It seems like I just wrote notes for the October newsletter. Speaking of October – what a tremendous turnout for Jon’s oil stick demo. I was fascinated by his technique.

This month I am sure we are all looking forward to hearing our speaker, Dr. Beth Kuebler-Wolf, educate us on the topic of abstract expressionism.

If you didn’t catch the announcement or attend the meeting last month, be aware we are now meeting at the downtown library in a room off the main floor. There is parking underground which leaves us only a short walk to our room. The parking garage closes at 9:00 pm so we are making sure the meetings end promptly at 8:30 pm.

I hope to see you all soon.
Keep on creating!
Barb Yoder



“Autumn Splendor” by Anita Trick

**The next FWAG Meeting will be
Wednesday, November 15, 2017
at the DOWNTOWN ALLEN
COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY from
6:30 - 8:30 pm**

**We will be meeting in the Globe Room
"behind the Globe" in the main Hall. We will
have our sign sitting in the hall.**

PROGRAM

Dr. Beth Kuebler-Wolf, Professor at St. Francis School of Creative Arts, will present: “Why Abstract Expressionism, Beyond Throwing Paint”.
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Challenge

Paint something outside of your comfort zone. Challenge yourself by changing your usual medium, subject, size, or in whatever different direction your imagination leads you.

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Treasurer's Report

9/1/2017 through 9/30/17

Beginning Balance	\$6,125.71
*Income	\$2,909.75
Expenses	\$793.66
Ending Balance	\$8,241.89
*Includes Sult/Patterson Funds	
CD balance as of 9/30	\$10,432.43
Total Assets	\$18,674.32

John Kelty, Treasurer

“Why Abstract Expressionism: Beyond Throwing Paint”



Presented by: **Dr. Elizabeth Kuebler-Wolf**, Associate Professor, Program Director for Art History & Museum Studies at the University of St. Francis, School of Creative Arts (SOCA)

from 2007 thru present. She received her Doctor of Philosophy in Art History and American Studies at Indiana University in 2005.

Abstract Expressionism is a post WWII movement in American painting developed in New York City in the 1940s. Described as the impression of spontaneity, many paintings actually required careful planning due to their very large sizes. Many different "styles" fall under "abstract expressionism" including "action painting" (Pollock) and "color field" (Rothko). It was the first American movement to achieve international influence in New York City. Paris, of course, was in shambles after WWII.

Why this style gained mainstream acceptance in the 1950s is open to debate. The McCarthy Era after WWII was a time of artistic censorship in the USA, but if the subject matter was abstract, it was apolitical and quite safe.

It has been said that abstraction made painting look so easy that it attracted inexperienced artists causing the golden age of non-figurative art to close. As FWAG members have tried abstract paintings, it surely is harder than it looks!

Ft. Wayne Artists Guild

Members Meeting Minutes – Allen County Library, Globe Room 6:30 p.m., October 18, 2017

There were 52 in attendance. Barb Yoder opened the meeting by thanking the Allen County Library for allowing us to meet there and for being so helpful with the set-up. She also gave information about the Columbia Avenue Better Block on November 4, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Includes a Plein Air Paint Event.

Jon Detweiler gave a wonderful demonstration painting with oil bars. **Business:** President Barb Yoder opened the meeting at 7:50 p.m. **Minutes:** Minutes accepted as in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was accepted as in the newsletter.

Membership: Linda Hall reported that there are 100 paid members and 16 unpaid, most of whom have made commitments to rejoin. Membership runs from September 1 to August 31. She counted 52 in attendance.

Exhibitions: Nancy Longmate said that the exhibition board was filled for November and December of 2017. She explained to newcomers how the sign up works and encouraged everyone to fill the blank exhibition venues.

Publicity: Susan Wenger has informed the newspapers of the exhibition lists and those will be printed in the newspaper as well as the notice for the membership meetings.

Programs: Dr. Elizabeth Kuebler-Wolf, Professor at St. Francis School of Creative Arts will be the speaker in November. December will be the party at the Unitarian Universalist Church. The date will be in the newsletter.

Newsletter: Terri Buchholz explained to the new members what goes in the newsletter. *When responding to information emailed out, please respond to the person listed in the text, DO NOT SIMPLY RESPOND TO THE FWAGnewsletter@gmail.com*

Website: Darlene Selzer-Miller gave new members information how to sign up for the website. She would also like to be informed about news or corrections.

Old Business: Nancy Longmate reminded all about the Winter Show at the Heritage of Ft. Wayne. There were forms to fill and the drop off for art is Friday, October 20 and Saturday, October 21, between 10:00 am - 12:00 noon. There may also be a summer show.

New Business: Fliers for Pam Newell's workshop for all mediums are available. Elaine Johnson, library contact, welcomed us and shared information about Art of Ft. Wayne at the Krull Gallery. The show runs January 15 through February 25.

Anita Trick will have paintings at the Botanical Conservatorv. There is a reception is November 5. "Loving Vincent" will be shown at the Cinema Center November 3. Tickets need to be ordered ahead of time.

There is a Holiday Boutique hosted by Lakeland Art Association in Warsaw.

Linda Bineck presented the Art Challenge for November. Create art in a way, subject, or medium you have never done before.

Meeting was ajourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lynne Padget, FWAG secretary 2017-2018

Art Calendar

✿ **The 2017 FWAG Winter Exhibition** is being held currently at Heritage. The Heritage is located at 5250 Heritage Parkway, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46835

✿ **The Castle Gallery Fine Arts** is currently exhibiting **The National Oil and Acrylic Painters' Society's "Best of America" Show**. This fabulous national exhibit will be showing through November 11. The Castle Gallery is located at 1202 West Wayne Street, Ft. Wayne, IN. castlegallery.com.

✿ **Autumn Splendor~Winter Wonder, A Celebration of the Art of Anita Trick** at the Botanical Conservatory Gallery will open with a reception on Sunday, November 5, 2017. from 1-3 pm. Regular entrance fees apply (\$5, adults, \$3, ages 3-17, Conservatory members free). <http://www.botanicalconservatory.org/>

✿ **Artlink Regional Exhibition**, Call for Entry: Application Deadline is Nov.17, 2017. Artlink is pleased to present the return of the Regional Exhibition. Artists working in all mediums from the Midwest states of Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, and Kentucky are encouraged to enter this exhibition. This exhibition will be juried by Danielle Riede. <https://www.artlinkfw.com/call-for-entry/> (credit: Artlink website)

✿ "November 4, 2017, **Lakeland Art Association in Warsaw will be hosting its first Artisan Holiday Boutique!** This event will be held at the Kosciusko County Fairgrounds in the Family Arts Building. We will have many booths of fine art and quality hand crafted gifts available, as well as baked goods, a holiday raffle, and loads of Christmas spirit! Please plan to participate. The link to the website with information, including the artist call and entry form is: http://www.lakelandartassociation.org/?page_id=273 You may also call Lakeland Art Association Center at 574-267-5568 or or email at LakelandArtAssociation@gmail.com

✿ **The Art of Fort Wayne** call for entries. Celebrate the city of Fort Wayne by joining with ACPL in a collaborative, juried exhibit featuring work inspired by our city. 2D/3D pieces are eligible by digital submission. Deadline is Nov. 1, 2017. Send to aljohnson@acpl.info

✿ **"Loving Vincent"** will be showing in Fort Wayne at The Cinema Center from Nov. 3-16, 2017. Check their website for show times at www.cinemacenter.org/ If you don't know about this, it is the first fully painted, animated feature film and is about Vincent Van Gogh. The film is composed of 65,000 frames, each an oil painting on canvas. <http://lovingvincent.com/>

More on the Art Calendar

- ✱ **The New Haven-Adams Township Park & Recreation Department presents The Annual Community Art Show.** The opening reception is on Friday, Nov. 3, 2017 from 5:30-7:00 pm. The show will be on display Nov. 3-17, 2017, 8-4 pm during weekdays. Located at the New Haven Community Center, 7500 SR 930 East, Ft. Wayne, IN, behind McDonalds.
- ✱ There will be a **Small Print Show at the Downtown City Exchange Shops** on Dec. 2, 2017. There will be prints, etchings, linocuts, engravings, woodcuts, silkscreens, lithographs, and more. Includes works of Alan Larkin and others. The City Exchange, 127 West Wayne St. #100, Fort Wayne, IN, just west of J.K.O'Donnell's.
- ✱ **Artlink Contemporary Gallery** is presenting two solo exhibitions featuring regional artists **Lisa Walcott and Justin Johnson**. The opening reception will be held on Friday, Nov. 3, 2017 from 6-9 pm. Lisa Walcott's exhibit, "Doubled Over," utilizes kinetic sculpture, installation, drawing and photography to express how she grapples with and makes light of the perils of daily life. Justin Johnson communicates his response to the acts against humanity which continue with the ongoing war in the Middle East, through a series of mixed media images. This show will be open through Dec. 8, 2017. Gallery hours are Tues.-Sat., 12-7 pm, and Sat.-Sun., 12-4 pm. artlinkfw.com

FWAG has an opportunity to be part of a one day pop up exhibition to be held on November 4, 2017 in Fort Wayne. The art exhibition is in conjunction with a block party being staged in Fort Wayne for the Columbia Avenue Better Neighborhood event. They have been given a grant by AARP, one of three in the country, to put together this celebration which will include art, music and food at the triangle/corner of St. Joseph Blvd. and Columbia Avenue. The art exhibition will be inside the new community space being opened by Conjure Coffee. There are no entry fees and no commission charged if a painting is sold.

Also, they would encourage plein air painters to set up easels and paint. Later in the day, they will host a wet paint sale for the plein air painters. The neighborhood is being slated for several historic district streets this year so there are a lot of interesting structures to paint.

This is an opportunity for us to be involved in a grassroots effort to incorporate art into the new CityScape that Fort Wayne is becoming. That is why I became involved. This has come together rather quickly and I really want our members to hear about this special and fun opportunity. I live in the extended area closer to Concordia but I think this is just the beginning of what could become a cultural trail and/or a link to downtown from an up and coming neighborhood.

TO BE PART OF THIS EVENT:

1. Please email or call Sandy McGill, smcgill1253@gmail.com, 260-414-5219, with your name, title of your work, dimensions, and cost, or NSF no later than 10/30/2017. This will allow us to plan for hanging and signage. You can leave the information in the message box if I do not talk directly to you.
2. Drop off is at 9:00 a.m. on the 11/04/2017, day of the show, pick up at 5:00 p.m.
3. Make sure that your artwork has a label on the back with your name, the name of the work, medium, and your contact information.
4. The location of the show is Conjure Coffee, at the corner of St. Joe and Columbia.

APPLAUSE!

A special congratulations goes out to **Steve Creighton, Andrea Bojarb, and Sam Hoffman** who were juried into the National Oil & Acrylic Painters' Society (NOAPS) BEST OF AMERICA EXHIBIT 2017. Sam's painting, "River Man", won the award for Best Use of Values. These beautiful works will be published in next month's Fine Lines. To see the originals, visit Castle Gallery Fine Art where they will be on exhibit until Nov. 11, 2017.

John Kelty won First Place in the Renaissance in Roanoke Plein Air Paint Out! Pictured below, standing on the right. He recently attended Vladislav Yeliseyev Workshop.

Dave Broerman won Third Place in the Renaissance in Roanoke Plein Air Paint Out! Pictured below standing on the left.



Janak Narayan exhibited in two art festivals in September. She sold two originals and five limited prints in October!

Alice Siefert sold a commissioned piece in September!

Diane Fair and **Linda Hall** attended a colored pencil workshop cruise!

Terri Buchholz sold six paintings in October!

Linda Galloway sold three paintings through Facebook!

Heather Graham sold an original in October!

Emily Butler sold two commissioned oil paintings!

Doug Runyan had two gouache paintings accepted into the 8th Annual Randy Higbee Gallery 6" Squared Exhibition in Orange County, California, a national show. It is the largest art exhibit in America with over 500 pieces to be displayed. The show opens Saturday, December 2, 2017. <https://www.randyhigbeegallery.com/>

FWAG members, **Alex Hall, Jon Detweiler, and Frank Louis Allen** joined with other artists to share their artwork on Buddy Benches. This is an initiative by Anthony Wayne Services (AWS) to install artfully decorated benches at selected area schools to promote friendships. It is a special place in a school playground where a child can go to signal they want someone to talk to. Each bench also serves to commemorate an individual.



Diana Fair & Linda Hall's Big Adventure!
by Linda Hall

Diana Fair and Linda Hall just got back from a colored pencil workshop cruise on the Allure of the Sea with the Royal Caribbean. Because of the hurricanes and the deadly destruction of several islands, the ports where we were scheduled to dock continually changed. Fortunately, our captain kept us out of harms way. When Hurricane Nate began heading toward us, the captain announced we were turning around. There were no complaints.

There were three workshops, each taught by these terrific colored pencil instructors: Ann Kullberg, Amy Lindenberger, and Cynthia Knox. Although five hours weren't long enough to complete a finished painting, we brought back a wealth of new ideas and excellent tips.

Save the Date for our Winter-Christmas Social

The Winter Social will be held on Friday, December 8, starting at 6:30 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church, located at 5310 Old Mill Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46807

Bring your favorite dish and drink to share. The main meat dish will be provided!

Remember, the social will take the place of the December Meeting!

Welcome New Members!

**Dianna Burt
and
Paul Raiman**

COMING SOON!

Here is a glimpse at the programs planned for the 2017-2018 FWAG meetings so far!

December - The Winter Holiday Social will be in place of the regular meeting. See page 5 for details.

January - Doug Runyan will present, "The Printmakers of Nashville, Indiana."

February - Terri Buchholz will demonstrate her approach to portrait painting.

March - Charles Shepard III, President and CEO of the Fort Wayne Museum of Art, will present, "Contemporary Glass, Beyond Chihuly".

April - Gwen Gutwein will demonstrate "Painting Water, Reflections or Shadows".

May - Dawn Gerardot will demonstrate painting on silk

June - The Summer Social will be in place of the regular meeting.

Looking Further Ahead

It is never too soon to plan ahead for exhibits. Opportunities and calls for entries seem to pop up out of the blue and catch us empty handed. So start creating now because we already have a date for VENTURES 2018! The drop off dates are June 23 & 25, the "soft opening" is on July 9, and the reception & awards will be on July 14, 2018.

Of course, between now and then, there will be many events and exhibits you'll want to be ready for so stay creative!

"For my part, I know nothing with any certainty, but the sight of stars makes me dream".

~ Vincent Van Gogh

FWAG Exhibition Locations for November and December

Aldersgate Church

Allen County Retinal Surgeons

Citizens' Square 2nd Floor
 3rd Floor

Heritage of Fort Wayne

Ophthalmology Consultants SW (Engle Road)

Ophthalmology Consultants N (Dupont Road)

Rehabilitation Hospital of Fort Wayne

ResCare Adult Day Care Service

Townhouse Retirement Center

Visiting Nurse Hospice

Will Jewelers

Nancy Longmate

Barb Yoder

Alice Siefert

Brenda Stichter

FWAG Members Winter Exhibit

Doni Adams

Susan Wenger and Linda Hall

Karen Bixler

Karen Harvey

Karen Bixler

Darlene Selzer-Miller

and Mary Lou Hutter

Dick Heffelfinger

and Toni McAlhany

