



Fine Lines



By acclaimed Fort Wayne artist and new FWAG member, Michael Poorman

The Next Members Meeting

Wednesday, May 16, 6:30-8:30 pm at the Allen County Public Library, downtown, in Meeting Room A. This is the last formal meeting until September.

Program

Dawn Gerardot will demonstrate "Painting on Silk."

Challenge

Try a painting with water reflections or just bring a new piece you are working on. Perhaps bring something completed in New Harmony from the people who participated in the paint out.

May Greetings!

It looks like spring is going to stay for a while. I love the sights and smells of the flowers, grass and skies. I had a good art week in New Harmony, Indiana. Since it is farther south, there were more signs of spring including iris, lilacs, tulips and flowering trees. It's nice to be home and back in the routine of life.

At our May meeting, we will be electing officers for the coming year. I am willing to be your president for another year or you can nominate someone from the floor. We will be in one of the nice, large rooms so we are looking forward to great attendance and an informative demo by Dawn Gerardot.

I want to encourage you all to enter our regional show, Ventures in Creativity. We have an outstanding judge this year, Alan Larkin. As a professor of art for nearly 40 years and an acclaimed practicing artist, he is eminently qualified to jury our show. I plan to enter and I hope to have a piece accepted although sometimes all my pieces are rejected. This is something that probably all of us have experienced and have to cope with as part of the journey. Still, good luck to you all!

Creatively Yours,
Barb Yoder

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questions, contact Linda Hall as listed above.

About the May Speaker, Dawn Gerardot



Dawn Gerardot Putnam has appreciated and loved art her whole life. With a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of St. Francis, she began to actively pursue a career in fine art in 1995. The dominant medium base of her artwork is any combination of watercolors, inks, dyes, fluid acrylics, heavy body acrylics, or pastels. She believes the beauty of these water-based and chalk based materials is in their unpredictability. Dawn comments, "I love to observe what happens when paints mingle naturally on paper, canvas, or silk. Although I control the amount of color to be distributed, wonderful accidents do happen and these accidents are the reason for my fascination with water and chalk mediums. I truly believe in color and the brighter, the better. I know the Lord gave me a beautiful gift which I love to share. I love to color my world in His name."

Treasurer's Report

3/1/2018 through 3/31/18

Beginning Balance	\$7,237.32
*Income	\$675.00
Expenses	\$391.31
Ending Balance	\$7521.01
*Includes Kekionga/Sult/Patterson Funds	
CD balance as of 12/29	\$10,484.27
Total Assets	\$18,005.28

John Kelty, Treasurer

Fort Wayne Artists Guild

Members Meeting Minutes, Allen County Public Library, 6:30pm, April 11, 2018

Business: Barb Yoder opened the meeting and greeting all in attendance. Raffle tickets were sold for \$1 each. One member won a FWAG bag and one member won a FWAG hat.

60 people were in attendance, 10 were guests.

Minutes: Were accepted as read in the newsletter.

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

Ventures: John Kilty reminded all that the 41st Ventures show will be at St. Francis. The judge will be Alan Larkin. Selected paintings from the Ventures show by FWAG members will be featured in a pop-up show at The Kekionga Paint Out.

Exhibitions: Nancy reminded everyone who had paintings at Heritage Point, that the art needs to be picked up on April 27th, between 12:00 and 3:30. Paintings at Manchester are to be picked up on Saturday, April 14, 8:00am to 12:00 noon.

Website: Darlene is creating calendar for meeting dates and special events.

Newsletter: Terri asked members to sign information sheet informing about recent sales or awards.

Program: Beth Akey introduced artist Gwen Gutwein whose lecture and demonstration was "Painting Water, Reflections, or Shadows" in oils. Gwen opened with a slide show of various paintings of water and described the techniques. After the slide show, she worked on a painting while describing how she was getting the effect that was needed.

Program for next month will be guest speaker Dawn Gerardot. She will demonstrate "Painting on Silk".

Next month will also be election of officers.

Challenge: Challenge for May will be painting/art featuring water reflections.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted by Lynne Padget, FWAG Secretary 2017-2018

Welcome New Members

Michael Poorman

Kim Linker

Deborah Robinson Miller

Educational Opportunities by Our Members

DONI ADAM - Art classes in home, 260-478-9666, doni.adam@frontier.com.

WILETTA BLEVINS - Art classes at Grace Presbyterian Church, 1811 Fairhill Road. Tuesdays 260-424-6394

TOM DE SOMER - Watercolor Art Classes Beginner & Intermediate Adult Students, 18 and older, Watercolor Basics, Design, & Technique. 805-328-8336 tom@desomerart.com Register online at www.desomerart.com

EUNICE SCULLY - Fiber art and quilting. 260-333-0813 or eunice@thescullys.net

To make to create a memorial award for Ventures, please visit our Website and select "other" from the drop down list or click here: <https://www.fortwayneartistsguild.org/donate-to-fwag>

Visit the FWAG Website for up to date information

It is time to make your plans, paint your paintings, and gather up your frames for another event filled summer. Two of our biggest events will be here before you know it, **Ventures in Creativity and The Kekionga Plein Air Paint Out**. To find all of the details, the prospectus, entry forms, flyers, and schedules, visit the FWAG Website at <https://www.fortwayneartistsguild.org/> where you will see each event.

Something New!

There is a new feature! Thanks to the suggestion of member Emily Butler and the efforts of Darlene Selzer-Miller, we now have a Calendar of Important Dates on the website home page.

The website also provides links to members' websites, calls for entry, current and future exhibits, the plein air schedule, donation information, the past newsletters dating back through 2016, and much more.

Darlene Selzer Miller and Alex Hall have done a fantastic job in setting up and maintaining this site and our thanks goes out to them.

Donations!

To create a memorial award or make a donation to Ventures, please visit the website and go to the "Other" tab where you will find donations in the dropdown, or else click here: <https://www.fortwayneartistsguild.org/donate-to-fwag>.



Art Calendar

Orchard Gallery will present **paintings by Jon Detweiler and the mosaic crosses of Paula Crill** May 2-31, 2018. Hours are 10am-5pm Monday through Saturday with extended hours to 7pm on Tuesday and Thursday. The Orchard Gallery is located at 6312 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, IN.

Manchester University of Art is presenting **"INSIDE/OUT"** by artist Anna Shukeylo. Many of our members previewed this exhibit as it was being hung. The works are interesting and provocative. This exhibition will be up through July 25. Gallery Hours are Mon.-Fri., 8am-5pm and located at 10627 Diebold Rd. Free Admission.

Castle Gallery Fine Art will present the **2018 Spring Splendor Exhibit** from May 10 through June 16. Castle Gallery is located at 1202 West Wayne St., Fort Wayne. <http://www.castlegallery.com/>

Discover Auburn Paint Out and Sale will take place on Saturday, June 2 from 7am-5pm. Registration deadline is Friday, May 18 and the cost is \$20. Sponsored by the artists at the Atrium Artists Loft in the Auburn Atrium Marketplace at 106 West 6th St., Auburn, IN. For registration and information, contact Jody Prokupek - 260-925-4929, Toni McAlhany - 260-235-9881, or Pat Delagrang - 260-499-1898.

The 3rd Annual Second Chances Art Exhibit will be held on Saturday, May 19 from 6-9pm at the Rolland Art Center, University of Saint Francis School of Creative Arts. Tickets for the event are available through Eventbrite here: https://touch.facebook.com/events/1802162616741912/purchase_ticket/?session_id=1428341234

LaFontaine Arts Council 2018 Regional Fine Arts Show, August 3-29, opens with a reception on August 2 at the Merillat Centre for the Arts in the Wilson Gallery, Huntington University. Registration and fees are due by July 24 and entries received on July 28. Watch for details and prospectus at <http://www.lafontaineartscouncil.org/>.

Ten21 Creatives is now accepting applications for the 2018 juried **Fort Wayne Arts Festival at Jefferson Pointe** to be held on Sept.8-9, 2018. For more information, contact Teri Marquart at ten21creatives@gmail.com. The festival is a rain or shine event.

Chautauqua-Wawasee is looking for artists for the **Annual Oakwood Fine Arts Festival** to be held on Aug. 25. Space is limited. Applications are available at www.chqw.org.

Artlink's 40th Annual Members' Showcase, Artlink's longest running exhibition, will be displayed from June 29-August 3. The submission deadline is June 15. "This annual exhibition celebrates the individual artists that make Artlink possible through their continual member support of the organization for forty years." (from their website) For details and entry form, click on: <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5909085e29687f9e7e1e503b/t/5ac4fd73f950b7c9488d5a51/1522859379292/40th+Members%E2%80%99+Showcase+Call+for+Entry.pdf>. Artlink is located at 300 East Main Street, Fort Wayne.

Diane Groenert's FWMoA Commission Debut will be held July 2 at Fort Wayne Museum of Art. Diane Groenert, well known for her paintings of local landmarks, was commissioned to create a painting of FWMoA that will be used to create prints and postcards for sale! Join her on this night for the unveiling of her latest commission of everyone's favorite local art museum! Located at 311 East Main Street, Fort Wayne. For the many other offerings at FWMoA, click on: <https://www.fwmoa.org/>.

FWAG Members

Spring Social & Potluck

**will be held June 15
from 5:30-9:30 pm at the Lake
Pointe Community Clubhouse
located at 904 Mill Lake Road.**

Directions: The Clubhouse is off Coldwater Road, north of Dupont Road. If you're traveling north, get into the right lane and turn right (east) at the light on Mill Lake Road. The clubhouse is immediately in front of you. Handicapped places to park are in front. There is a small lot accessible from Bay Bridge Road which is to the right of the building. Otherwise park on Bay Bridge Road.

Members, bring your favorite dish and drink to share. Bring your spouse, date, or just come and enjoy.

For a special treat, artist Tom Keese will be sharing his knowledge of Plein Air Painting during the evening's festivities! Tom is teaching a workshop this summer in conjunction with the Kekionga Plein Air Paint Out.

FWAG Officer Elections in May!

Consider if you are interested in running for a leadership position or wish to nominate another member. Email your nominations to
fwagnewsletter@gmail.com

President - incumbent Barb Yoder

Vice President - incumbents Beth Akey & Linda Binek

Secretary - incumbent Lynne Padget

Treasurer - incumbent John Kelty

TOM KEESE PLEIN AIR WORKSHOP

This workshop is for two days and is comprised entirely of oil painting materials and traditional oil painting techniques. Value rather than color will be the emphasis. We will establish values using brown pigments prior to the addition of color. Colors used are mostly transparent, providing luminosity in the painting. Each participant will have one-on-one time with Tom Keese both days. Lunch will be available both days or you may bring your own. Maps will also be available at sign-in. For details and registration, click here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kekionga-plein-air-workshop-featuring-tom-keese-tickets-45578601825>

APPLAUSE!

Brenda Stichler had a very successful open house, selling 18 paintings! Recently she was notified that one of her paintings are in the “FAV 15” in the March BoldBrush Painting Competition! This represents the favorite 15% chosen by FASO and FineArtViews staff members. <https://faso.com/boldbrush/fav15/208>

Susan Ring was chosen by Hoosier Women Artist to hang in Governor’s front office at Statehouse for the second year in a row! Susan was also commissioned by “Visit Wabash County” to paint a composite of Historic Landmarks in North Manchester where she lives. She is to be honored by an Art Reception at the Center for History (Town Museum) 122 E. Main St, North Manchester April 17, 2018.

Diana Fair sold two pieces! One watercolor at Will Jewelers and a colored pencil piece at Crestwoods Gallery in Roanoke, IN.

Janak Narayan sold 7 paintings during her solo exhibition at the Jeffery R. Krull Gallery in the ACPL!

Linda Flatley sold a painting at The Towne House!

Barb Yoder sold 2 paintings at Will Jewelers!

Beth Akey sold one commissioned work!

Linda Galloway sold a commissioned piece and sold a poured painting that her buyer saw on Facebook!

Lynne Padget sold a watercolor at Visiting Nurse Hospice Center!

John Kelty won a top prize at The New Harmony First Brush of Spring Quick Paint!

Jon Detweiler will be one of the featured artists at The Orchard Gallery from May 2-31. He is also participating in Blue Jackets' Second Chances exhibit on May 19 in the gallery at USF School of Creative Arts (SOCA).

Kathy Kalthoff sold her painting, “Rainy Day” at The Heritage Exhibit!

Volunteers Needed for Public Art Program

The City of Fort Wayne’s Community Development Division is looking for volunteers to support the City’s newly created Public Art Program. Anyone interested in information about volunteering should visit www.fwcommunitydevelopment.org/publicart.

Volunteers are needed to fill a number of roles, including sitting on the Public Art Commission, a 13-member board that will oversee the Public Art Program to review and select art to be displayed in public spaces throughout the city. Volunteers are also needed for Public Art Selection Committees. For each public art project, a committee will be formed to oversee the artistic selection and installation of the art. Non-voting volunteers are also needed to provide counsel in specific fields, such as art, design, community development, construction, engineering or architecture.

“We want a broad representation of our community to be involved with the Public Art Program,” said Pam Holocher, director of Planning & Policy for the City of Fort Wayne. “We want to include people from all geographic areas of the community, as well as those with a variety of backgrounds and interests.”

Applications must be received by May 15.

The City of Fort Wayne worked with Arts United to research and develop the Public Art Program, which was approved last month by the Fort Wayne City Council and Mayor Tom Henry. One of the first steps in implementing the program is to create a master plan for future locations of public art.

Beyond the Studio

By Brenda Stichler

What atmosphere do you like when you are painting? Do you want quiet so you can focus? Do you listen to music? Honestly, it really varies for me. One day I prefer silence, then the next I want something that really engages my mind actively.

A discussion overheard between two artists really interested me. One said she prefers silence, or maybe music while she paints. She felt that it helped her concentrate on her work. The other said that she listens to audio books, movies, or podcasts while she paints. She felt that by “keeping the left, logical side of [my] brain busy,” she was more able to paint freely from the right, more creative side of her brain. On those days that call for left brain engagement, I like to listen to podcasts, and I would like to share some of my favorites.

The Savvy Painter is one of the helpful podcasts that are always current on my iPod. Antrese Wood is the host of this weekly program, and she covers many topics of interest to artists. The podcasts generally cover four subjects: individual artist interviews, marketing concepts, authors of art resources, and gallery interviews. I especially enjoyed her podcast with Brian Rutenberg, an abstract artist. The interview led me to research him more to learn about his life as an artist in the studio, and to see examples of his work. Each episode lasts about an hour, and starts with a brief summary of what will be shared. A website where this podcast can be found (and listened to via computer) is <https://savvypainter.com/> .

The Jealous Curator, Art For Your Ear is hosted by artist, author, and speaker Danielle Krysa. Danielle interviews artists, and always makes me want to look at their art. I really enjoy how she interacts with her guests. Of the over 130 episodes, one of my favorites is the interview of artist Robert Townsend, which discusses his art and his movie, *My Indiana Muse*. <http://www.thejealouscurator.com/blog/2018/03/24/my-indiana-muse/> Host Danielle has written artist focused books, with interesting titles such as *Your Inner Critic is a Big Jerk*, and *A Big Important Art Book*. A website where this podcast can be found (and listened to via computer) is <http://www.thejealouscurator.com/blog/> .

The Funny Business Podcast, the 18 minute podcast about Management, Marketing, and Meatloaf is one I enjoy for the humor and the concepts about how to do marketing. Some of these marketing tools include “finding your tribe”, and focusing where to spend your advertising energy. The hosts, Ryan Patrick and Tim Miles, are very personable, and make me feel like I know them. They also respond and interact with listeners on social media sites. A website where this podcast can be found (and listened to via computer) is <https://timmilesandco.com/funny-business-podcast/>

Artists Helping Artists, by Leslie Saeta, is my not-to-be-missed podcast. It is about an hour long and is hosted by an artist with a marketing background (and passion). Leslie and her co-host cover such topics as shipping artwork, using Pinterest for sales, artist interviews, artist health issues (toxic media, exercise, etc), favorite art books, top ten studio tips, and many more. She also hosts a twice-a-year painting challenge for artists all around the world. A website where this podcast can be found (and listened to via computer) is <http://www.blogtalkradio.com/artistshelpingartists>

And this just in!



SBMart
South Bend Museum of Art
presents

Voyage

THE ART OF
ALAN LARKIN

April 21 - July 1, 2018
Reception: May 4, 2018 | 5:00 - 9:00 pm
Artist Talk: May 17, 2018 | 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Meet our Ventures judge and enjoy Alan's beautiful artwork at his exhibition, **"Voyage: The Art of Alan Larkin,"** now showing at the South Bend Museum of Art. It is located at 120 South Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., South Bend, IN. 574.235.9102. Alan's work may be seen on the web at www.alanlarkin.net.

An Opportunity

Reggie Troutt with Whitley County Master Gardeners, is offering an opportunity for a local artist at this year's garden walk. Each year, 6 or 7 beautiful gardens are featured in the garden walk. The day of the walk an artist is set up in each garden creating art works as up to 200 people tour through the gardens. This is a great opportunity for the artist to display their talents. Their art piece will be on display at the Whitley County Fair grounds during the week of the fair and also on display for a week at the library. Reggie needs one more artist.

The Garden walk is scheduled for Saturday, June 23, and all gardens this year are located in the Columbia City area.

Reggie can be reached via email; reggie260@gmail.com or cell # 260-452-4519

FWAG Exhibition Locations for May & June 2018

Active Day of Fort Wayne

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

Townhouse Retirement Center

Visiting Nurse Hospice

Will Jewelers

Susan Wenger

Doni Adams

Robb Owen

Mary Lou Hutter

Jerry Hertenstein

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