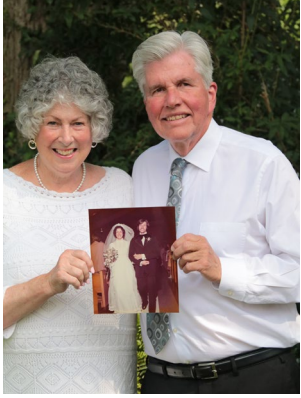


Creative Strokes

Farmington Art Foundation

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Dear Members,
I hope you had an enjoyable summer. Rita and I had a wonderful summer and reached a milestone date, August 2,

2024, as we celebrated our 50th anniversary.

I am limiting this month's letter to one topic, Art Smart. I am writing to bring to your attention some pressing issues concerning our Art Smart program, a valuable initiative that offers visual art history to k-12.

The Art Smart program, with its extensive collection of art folders dedicated to specific artists and subject matter, has been a cornerstone of our foundations outreach to schools. However, it currently faces several challenges that require our immediate attention.

- 1. Storage Issue:** The program lacks an affordable storage area. We are currently incurring cost for renting a storage facility, which in my opinion, is unsustainable in the long run.
- 2. Limited School Partnerships:** At present, the program is partnered with only four schools. This limited outreach does not fully recognize the program's potential on our community's youth.
- 3. Volunteer Shortage:** There is a lack of volunteers to chair the Art Smart program. As a result, other officers are shouldering the responsibility of maintaining the program in addition to their office duties, which is not an ideal situation.
- 4. Art Folder Disposal:** We need to consider how to donate or dispose of the Art Smart folders to alleviate the expense of renting a storage area.

These challenges call for our collective action. Without addressing these issues head on, we cannot ensure continuation of Art Smart and the clubs continued contribution to our community.



I look forward to discussing these matters at our upcoming Board Members meeting (September 4th) to explore sustainable solutions together. I hope to offer solutions to members at the September meeting.

Richard Adams,
President of Farmington Art Foundation

The Farmington Art Foundation meets September-May at the 12 Mile Farmington Community Library, 32737 W 12 Mile Rd, Farmington Hills, MI 4833, on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:45pm

Looking Ahead: 2024-25

September 11: Wendy Evans presents Frank Gehry – Architect	January 8
October 9	February 12
November 13	March 12
No Meeting in December	April 9
	May 14

Many of programs are currently TBD.

Updated information will be provided when available.



FAF MEMBERS, NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS!

With increased attendance, member participation at community exhibits, and a collection of interesting art programs/speakers at our monthly

meetings during the past year, the Farmington Art Foundation continues to be committed to sharing art with the community. **We are hoping that starting with our September meeting that individuals who have not been in attendance will once again join our active membership. We also welcome anyone interested in art to attend one of our monthly meetings as a (FREE) guest!** You are invited to enjoy our evening art program, see what we're all about, how you can get involved, meet and join our membership!

Would you like to receive our monthly e-newsletter, Creative Strokes? Contact Karen Reasoner, Creative Strokes Newsletter Coordinator at k.reasoner@gmail.com to get your email address added to the distribution list. **Please put "FAF" in the subject line.** Be sure to mark her email address as "SAFE" or "NOT SPAM/JUNK" to ensure Creative Strokes, monthly newsletter and reminders and membership updates are delivered to your inbox. **Join us September 11 @ 6:45!**

A Note from the FAF Vice President

I miss seeing all of you at meetings and exhibits! The last I heard, I guess, I am still Vice President of FAF. Sorry, at this time I cannot attend monthly meetings, but I hope to in the future. But maybe a member will volunteer to be the new VP. It is an important and easy job. Besides helping the President, you can make it what you want, as I did. I plan on maintaining my membership.

After I fell in October 2023 and cracked my spine, (which has healed), I could not go back to my second-floor walk-up condo (No elevator) in Farmington. My condo has now been sold and I am now living in my new forever home. See the address below. I am still learning to walk again. Hopefully, with physical therapy, in the next few months I will be getting around using a walker. Right now, I use a wheel chair. This is a very nice place and I have made friends, although there does not seem to be any other artists here.

I have started slowly to paint again. There is room for a small art table in my apartment and at this point I am painting greeting cards with watercolor. The other residents are fascinated and I frequently have them stop in to see my art work.

I hope to attend a FAF meeting this year. I have had offers from members to pick me up. I have sold my car, for I don't see me able to drive again. I would love a phone call, mail, email, or visitor (please, call ahead. There might be art work of mine in a FAF News Letter. They were done a couple of years ago, but I wanted to share.

Until then,

Mary Kehoe,
FAF Vice President?

StoryPoint Senior Assisted Living
44600 Five Mile Road, #322
(at Sheldon Road)
Northville, Michigan 48168
248-916-5097 (new)
mdkfarm@aol.com



Saturday, September 28
6:30 pm – Reception
7:00 pm – Ceremony
The Hawk Black Box Theatre
299965 W. 12 Mile Rd
Free and open to the public.

The Farmington Hills and Farmington community is home to many accomplished visual and performing artists, cultural organizations, events, and successful cultural programs. We invite you to join us in celebrating and recognizing the outstanding achievements of the 2024-25 recipients of the Farmington Area Art Awards. This distinguished occasion not only shines a spotlight on the remarkable talents within our community but also reinforces our commitment to fostering creativity and cultural understanding.

Tickets are free, but must be reserved in advance at TheHawkTheatre.com

The 2024–2025 Farmington Area Artist-in-Residence
Awarded since 1976 to individuals who display exceptional talent and artistic accomplishments.
– Debbie Lim –

The Nancy Coumoundouros Distinguished Service to the Arts Award
Recognized for outstanding service to the community in the arts by an individual residing in Farmington or Farmington Hills.
– Craig Nowak –

Youth Art Award
– Peter Brandal –

Arts Advocacy Award
Recognizing outstanding service to the community by a business or organization
– kickstart Farmington –
– Artpack Services Inc. –
– Skep Space –

Arts Volunteer of the Year Award
Honoring an individual who generously dedicates their time and creativity to the community.
– Richard Adams –

Special Recognition
– Apothecary Espresso and Coffee –



With Sympathy

Sad news – Annetta Lind, who was a founding member of the Farmington Art Foundation, has passed away.

She died in July and there is no additional information available.

FAF SUNSHINE

cards can be sent from our organization to any of our members for any occasion.

Please email info to Sharon Daitch at KramerDaitch@aol.com Be sure to put **FAF SUNSHINE** in the subject line.



KICKSTART ⚡

Sept – Oct.

Opening Night Reception – The next display at Kickstart in Farmington will be set up on September 4th and be there through the month of October.

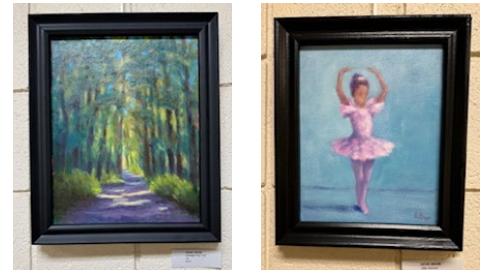
There will be an opening night reception from 5PM to 8PM on Thursday, September 12th. Please plan on attending to support your fellow artists.

COSTICK CENTER EXHIBIT

Come see our display at Costick Center Show on Monday, August 26th.

Our talented artists artwork will be on display till December 9th.

We have subject matter that is wonderful. Featured artists will display oil, watercolor and pencil work. – Mary Clappison



MEMBER GALLERY & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Flea Market Find | Pastel on velour board
– Sharon Daitch

Elizabeth Hull will be exhibiting three paintings with other FAF members at Costick Center, Aug. 26–Dec. 9, 2024.

(Pictured right)
Horses Run Around | Work in progress



Horsing Around | Acrylic on Canvas, 22x28", 2024
– Elizabeth Hull



Chuck Schroeder – Aug. 10, 2024 – Won Best of Show at the Besser Museum juried Exhibition with "End of the Road". Here he is with Juror Mark Behmer handing him the award.

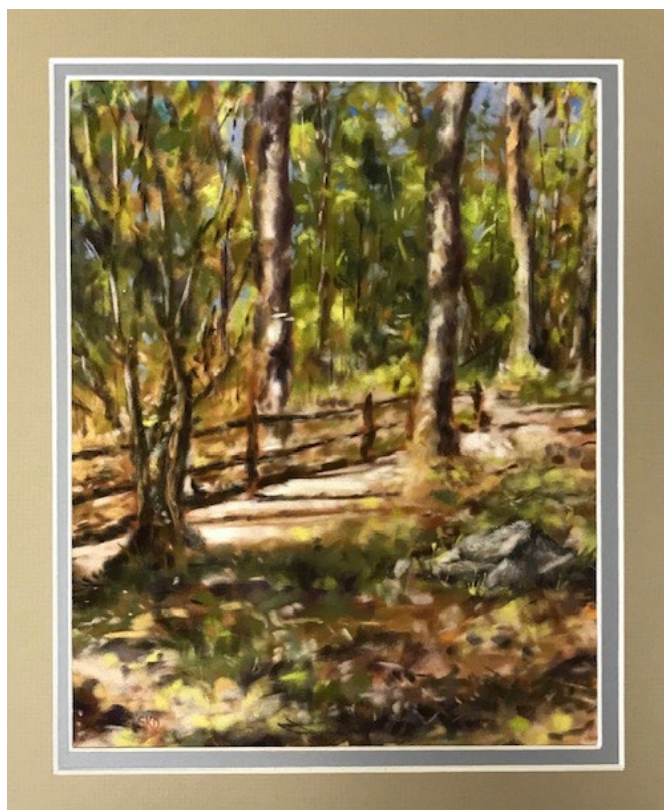


July 14, 2024 – He on Best of Show at the West Branch Fourth Street Gallery juried Exhibition with "Key Largo". Chuck had drawn a similar Key Largo in black and white. His patron (now friend) said if he drew it in color, he would love to buy it. Thanks Don (shown here). Good advice.

Chuck Schroeder has been juried in to the Northville Art House: Off Center Exhibition for "Beetlejuice". The show runs from Sept. 6-26 during open hours. The 'Live at Five' Reception is on Sept. 6 at 5 PM. Tickets cost \$5 pp for non-accepted guests. Light refreshments and beer/wine available.

He has been juried in to the Canton Fine Arts Exhibition at Cherry Hill Village Theater with "Lee A. Tregurtha" and "End of the Road". The free reception is Oct. 10 at 6 PM. Wine and light refreshments.

MEMBER GALLERY ...CONTINUED



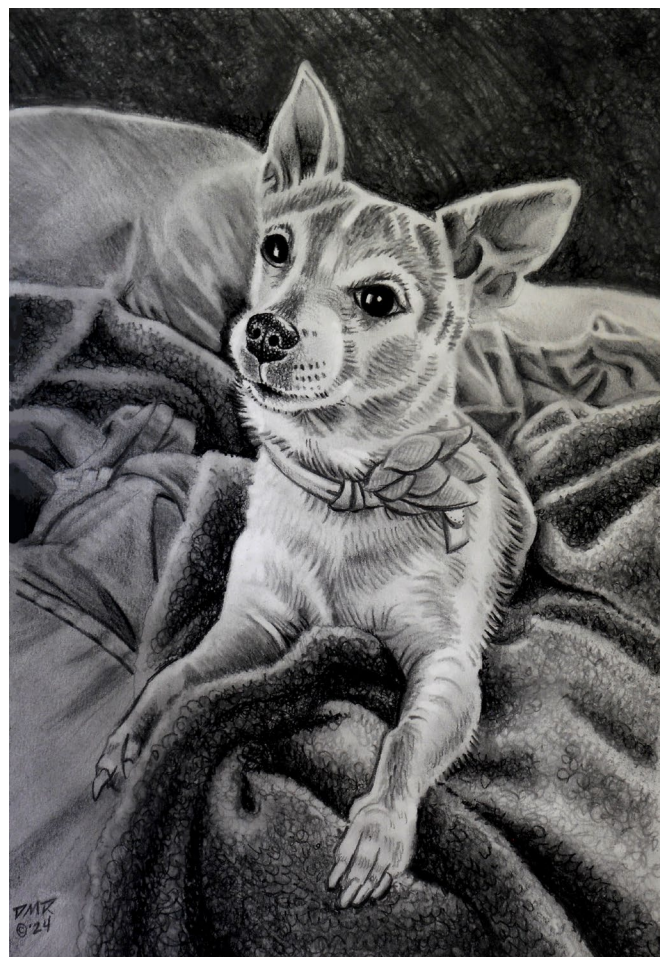
Sunlight leads the way | Pastel on velour board
– Sharon Daitch



Hummingbird | Watercolor – Margaret Platte RSM



Paralysis | Sculpture – Anna Carbonell



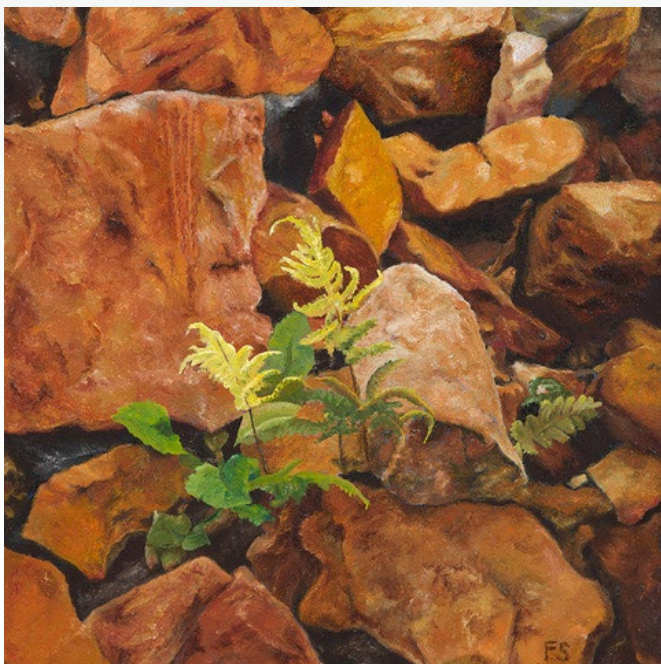
Juelz | Graphite – Dean Rogers

MEMBER GALLERY ...CONTINUED

Fran Seikaly has a painting at the Grosse Pointe show "Black and White" and one in the Northville Arthouse show "West of Center". She is teaching three pastel classes this fall, two at BBAC and one with West Bloomfield Parks & Rec.



Spy in the Sky | Oil on Canvas. Zorn Method, limited colors.
– **Fran Seikaly**



Maine Granite | West of Center. Oil on copper, Verdaccio method.
– **Fran Seikaly**



Loving Butterflies – **Mary Kehoe**



Scott's Cat | Graphite – **Dean Rogers**