



# Creative Strokes

Farmington Art Foundation

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

As we patiently wait for the fall colors of autumn to "paint" our community, I am happy to share with you the latest updates from within Farmington Art Foundation.

September was a month of achievements. I am excited to announce FAF has a new art exhibit that will take place at Westland City Hall in March 2025. This will offer us another new opportunity to show case our members art and our exposure to a new broader audience. More details will be shared as we get closer to the event.

September was also a month of challenge. The Art Smart program is currently facing significant challenges. The storage cost of the art folders we maintain have become unsustainable. Despite our efforts we have not been able to locate a volunteer to chair the program. Without support we will be forced to dispose of these valuable materials. We are challenged to find an individual or a group interested in storing

and hopefully to direct the Art Smart program. If you are interested in the chair position or have a storage solution, please contact us. I am hopeful to have a solution by the years end.

September was a month of gratitude too. I am deeply honored to have received the Art Volunteer of the year award from the Cultural Arts Division. This award is a testament to the collective works of our members. Our members efforts and your support has made the continuation of our club and its programs possible. Special thanks for our members, officers and chairpersons for their hard work. This award is a reminder of the power of volunteerism and the impact it can have on our community and ourselves.

As we move forward, please support and lift our members and programs. Our collective efforts will ensure that Farmington Art Foundation remains a home for creative inspiration.



Please support the role art plays in our lives and the impact it can have in our community, by volunteering to help foster creativity in Farmington.

*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**

**Speakers & Programs**  
**Looking Ahead: 2024-25**

**October 9:**  
*"Fired and Fused"*  
Introduction about a new Glass Making workshop

**November 13:**  
*"Gianna Framing"*  
What is involved in framing your artwork

**No Meeting in December**

**January 8:**  
*Alessandra Lipman*  
*"Mixed Media Collage"*

**February 12:**  
*Wendy Evans – TBD*

**March 12: TBD**

**April 9:**  
*Wendy Evans – TBD*

**May 14: TBD**

The following excerpt was originally printed in the Farmington Area ARTS AWARDS 2024 program, September 28, 2024, The Hawk Theater:



As the current president of the Farmington Art Foundation, Richard has been instrumental to driving the organization's continued success. His dedication and advocacy have been pivotal to the organization's prosperity. Richard has tirelessly sought multiple locations for the club's artists to display their work and has devoted countless hours to sustain the Art Smart program in Farmington schools. His leadership and organizational skills are showcased in coordinating the upcoming Art Night at Gill Elementary, and his artwork has been featured in various exhibitions and venues, including Farmington Art Foundation's Spring Shows, Farmington Hills Public Art Program, Farmington Libraries and Art Prize venues in Grand Rapids.



IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER AND THE FARMINGTON SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED, THE FAF MEETING THAT EVENING WILL BE CANCELED.



# KICKSTART NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

We are setting up a new display at the kickstart Gallery for the months of November and December. At the opening reception in September, we sold a painting so good news there. The tentative date for removing the current display and setting up the new display is November 6th with the opening reception on November 14th. Attached to this newsletter is the form to be filled out for displaying your artwork. If you have any questions, contact Janet Hall at [janhall46@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janhall46@sbcglobal.net) or (248) 921-3939.

## Sunshine Cards & Notes

for all occasions are available to be sent to our FAF members at no charge to you.

Please email recipient's name, address, and occasion to:

Sharon Daitch, SUNSHINE Chair  
at: [KramerDaitch@aol.com](mailto:KramerDaitch@aol.com)

Be sure to put FAF Sunshine in subject line.

## COSTICK CENTER NEWS

Due to construction near our display, the show was taken down. Thanks for all the people who took down their artwork. Thank you, Richard for helping to advise the artists and myself of this situation. Will let the artists know when it will be safe to put artwork up again. Will need people to sign up for the January show. Our previous show was supposed to be taken down on December 9th. New show setup is supposedly going to be January 6th, Monday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00. Due to the present situation, we will have to see what happens with the present show. Thanks again to the great artists at Costick Center. Any questions be sure to email me at: [dec1105@aol.com](mailto:dec1105@aol.com) – Mary Clappison

### Liberty Street Exhibit: Farmington Library

*The library art calendar is full for 2024. The sign up sheet for 2025 will be available at the next meeting. Consider showing your work. There is no commission on sales. – Kathy [Katmb@att.net](mailto:Katmb@att.net) | 248.471.5563*



## ART TEACHER NEEDED AT ROSE SENIOR LIVING

My name is Julia Larimer and I am the Life Enrichment Director at Rose Senior Living – Farmington Hills. I was referred to you as the President of the Farmington Art Foundation by Wendy Evans.

I am new to the area and looking for local artists who would be willing and able to teach art-making classes to our residents. Wendy said that you would be able to put the word out in your newsletter and bring it up at your meeting, which I'd greatly appreciate! I may also be able to attend the meeting, depending on the time, if you think that would be helpful.

As for what I'm looking for, here's what I have in mind to offer on-site once we open, starting later this year...

- 1-2 hour long classes
- 1/2 day workshops
- Full-day workshops
- Wide variety of art forms – painting, fiber arts, paper arts, interactive art, food art, crafts, intergenerational projects...you name it! Totally open.
- I prefer one-time classes as opposed to series.
- I'd imagine a typical class have anywhere from 5-15 participants.

Right now I'm just looking for instructors for our Independent Living, so residents will be physically and cognitively able but could have a wide range of art experience. We would provide the supplies – whatever the instructor says is needed for the class.

I welcome any potential interested artists to reach out to me via email with information on the kind of classes they could teach, and their rates.

*Julia Larimer*  
Director of Life Enrichment

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# MEMBER GALLERY & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Richard,

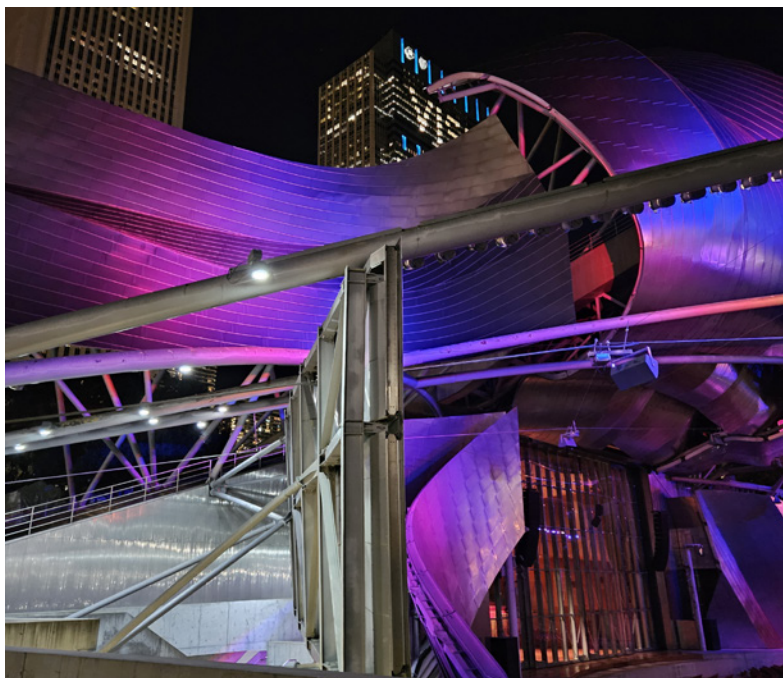
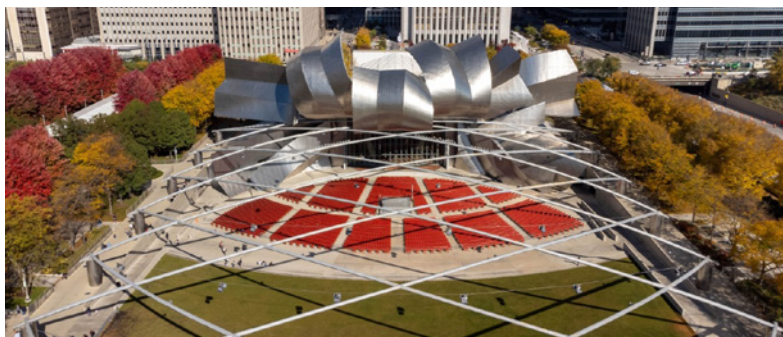
This occasion deserved more than a SUNSHINE card from FAF! A big notice in our newsletter seemed more appropriate! Congratulations from all of us, the members of The Farmington Art Foundation, for being recognized by the Farmington Area Arts Commission of the City of Farmington Hills as the Arts Volunteer of the Year.

As the 2024-2025 award recipient, you exemplify devotion to your community by bringing the love of art to all. Thank you for assuming the position of FAF president for the past several years. You have helped us to carry on! Of course, we thank Rita too!

May you continue to create your beautiful paintings which we all admire.

Warmest Accolades!

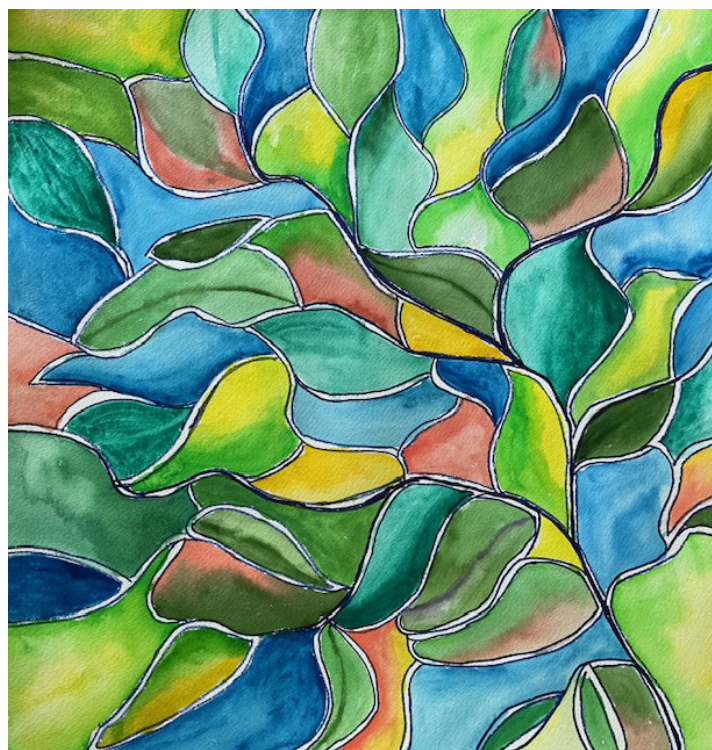
Your friends and members of FAF



Frank Gehry Pritzker Pavillion (pictured above, from Wikipedia) that Wendy Evans told us about at our last meeting compared to a photo I took of it up close during a recent visit to Chicago. – **Penelope Trikes**



*Butterflies in the Sunshine* – Mary Kehoe



*Abstract of vine and branches* | Watercolor  
– Margaret Platte RSM