



# Creative Strokes

Farmington Art Foundation

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Members of the Farmington Art Foundation,

Happy New Year! As we start 2025, I want to take a moment to reflect on the achievements and milestones we accomplished together in 2024. It was an incredible journey filled with creativity, collaboration, and growth; I am proud of what we have achieved as a community.

In 2024, we had the pleasure of participating in an art exhibit in Livonia's Library Art Gallery, which showcased the talents of our members. We were grateful for the efforts of Karen Reasoner that allowed us to donate the art smart materials, which in turn, allowed us to save significantly on storage rental fees. Additionally, a new

member, Fred Kebbler took the initiative to update our website, making it more visually appealing. The return of the Holiday Party (set up pictured below) at the Elks Lodge was a joyous celebration that brought us all together. I hope all that attended had a fun evening. Thanks to the efforts of Jan Hall, I was recognized as Art Volunteer of 2024. Thanks to all who volunteered their time and ideas to the benefit of the FAF during this past year.

Looking ahead to 2025, I am filled with excitement for what's to come. This year, we have two new art shows we are planning one at Westland City Hall in March and one in Livonia City Hall this summer. We also have another potential opportunity to display our work in a West Bloomfield restaurant, providing more exposure for our FAF artists. In addition, we will be holding our first-ever daytime meeting on January 8, from 2:45 to 4:45PM to accommodate those who prefer not to drive after dark.

It is hoped that this provides additional opportunities to members.

As we embark on this new year, I kindly ask you for your support and participation. Our foundation thrives on the dedication and involvement of our members, and your contributions are invaluable. Please encourage friends and fellow members to join our meetings and activities and take a moment to reach out to any visitors. A brief conversation can have a positive impact and help our community grow.

Thank you for your commitment and enthusiasm. Together, let's make 2025 a year of creativity, connection and artistic excellence.

Warm regards,

*Richard Adams,*  
President 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: 2025

**January 8: Alessandra Lipman**  
**\*SPECIAL TIME: 2:45 to 4:45 p.m.**  
*"Mixed Media Collage"*

**February 12: Wendy Evans**  
*"Stitching Stories – Fabric Art Through the Ages (Bayeux Tapestry)"*

**March 12– TBD**

**April 9: Wendy Evans**  
*"Uffizi Museum, Florence, Italy"*

**May 14: Valerie Allen**  
*Visual Artist, Golden Paints Representative*



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

# KICKSTART GALLERY



The next exhibit at the Kickstart Gallery will be during the months of January and February.

**The display will be set up on January 6th at 10AM** with the gallery opening to the public on January 8th. **The opening reception will be Thursday, January 16th starting at 5PM.**

Please support your fellow artists by attending the reception.

**Any questions, contact Jan Hall at [janhall46@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janhall46@sbcglobal.net) or (248) 921-3939.**

## WESTLAND CITY HALL GALLERY

**The next major exhibit will be in the Westland City Hall Gallery for the month of March.**

We will be setting up late in February (date TBD) followed by an opening reception in early March at the date to be announced. Attached to this newsletter is the entry form.

*The cost is \$35 for up to 4 paintings.* Paintings do not have to be for sale. This will be a judged show with at a minimum 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes to be awarded. Let's make sure we fill this gallery with our outstanding work.

**Any questions, contact Janet Hall at [janhall46@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janhall46@sbcglobal.net) or (248) 921-3939.**

## COSTICK CENTER DISPLAY

**Please note that the new setup and takedown is on Monday, January 6th from 9:30 to 11:00.**

Only have three artists signed up for this event. Need more artists to sign up.

Please email me at [dec1105@aol.com](mailto:dec1105@aol.com) Thank you. – Mary Clappison

Hoping the New Year brings good health and happiness to all, but please remember that a SUNSHINE card can be sent from FAF to any member who might still need a little pick me up.

Happy occasion remembrances welcomed too! Email info to Sharon Daitch, Sunshine Chair: [kramerdaitch@aol.com](mailto:kramerdaitch@aol.com)

Be sure to put 'Sunshine' in subject line.



## MEMBER ART & ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Chuck Schroeder and Dean Rogers** have been invited, along with all of the Award Winners of the 2024 Canton Fine Arts Exhibition in October, to be part of the Second Glances Exhibition at the Village Arts Factory



Gallery in Canton. Each artist will showing multiple pieces including their winning piece. The Exhibition runs from Jan 2-29, 2025. The Village Arts Factory is located at 50755 Cherry Hill Rd., Canton 48188.

**Second Glances reception:**

Wednesday, January 15, 2025 from 6 to 8 PM.

**Chuck** has had 25 pieces in a solo Exhibition at the Village Arts Factory in Canton that runs through Dec. 29. He sold Watering Hole, and there has been a lot of positive feedback about the Gallery there.