



Creative Strokes

Farmington Art Foundation

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The Gallery at Westland City Hall



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FAF Member Show with original watercolor, mixed media, oil and pastel artwork

Juried by Lin Baum

Feb. 28 - Mar. 27, 2025

Mon-Fri 9 - 5

Closed weekends & holidays

Artist Reception

Thursday, March 06, 4 - 7 pm

Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Rd., Westland, MI

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Members of Farmington Art Foundation,

I hope this letter finds you all in good spirits and ready for the creative adventures that lie ahead. As we start the transition from a cold embrace of winter to the budding promise of spring, I want to take a moment to reflect on recent events and share some updates.

First, I would like to address the cancellation of our February meeting due to the anticipated snowstorm. While the storm arrived later than expected, our concern was always the safety and well-being of our members. We appreciate your understanding and patience, and we look forward to gathering again at the March meeting under safer conditions.

Mark your calendar for the reception on March 6th, from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. This will be a fantastic occasion to celebrate the creativity and hard work of our members, and I encourage everyone to attend and show their support.

We also have a growing need for more help with events like the Westland show. The success and growth of our organization would greatly benefit from increased member involvement. We are currently seeking individuals who are interested in volunteering for fundraising and member recruitment. Your support and participation can make an impact on the Farmington Art Foundation, and we would be grateful for any assistances you can provide.

As we move forward, let us continue to foster a supportive and active artistic community. Your participation and engagement are important to making Farmington Art Foundation a thriving organization.

Thank you for your continued support and passion for the arts.

Warm regards,

Richard Adams,
President of Farmington Art Foundation



On a brighter note, I am thrilled to announce the upcoming Show at Westland City Hall Gallery. This is a wonderful opportunity for our artists to show case their talents and for the community to come together in appreciation of the arts. Please remember to deliver your entries to Westland City Hall on February 28th at 10:00 AM. Thank you to all who have entered—We couldn't do it without your enthusiasm and dedication.



Sunshine Cards Available

Email Sharon Daitch: Kramerdaitch@Aol.com

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

2025 Speakers & Programs

March 12:

Daniel Peyton – "Digital Art Work"
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April 9: Wendy Evans

"Uffizi Museum, Florence, Italy"

May 14: Valerie Allen

Visual Artist, Golden Paints Representative

***Updated!* Tuesday, June 10:
February's meeting rescheduled!**



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

WESTLAND CITY HALL GALLERY

The display was set up on February 28th and continues until March 28th. The City Hall is open 8AM to 5PM Monday to Friday. The opening reception will be March 6th from 4 to 7PM. This was a judged show and the winners are as follows:

- **1st Place**
Festive Mood by Sue Mallick
- **2nd Place**
Peter by Martin Brill
- **3rd Place**
Turtle Head Island by Linda Pelowski

Honorable Mention:

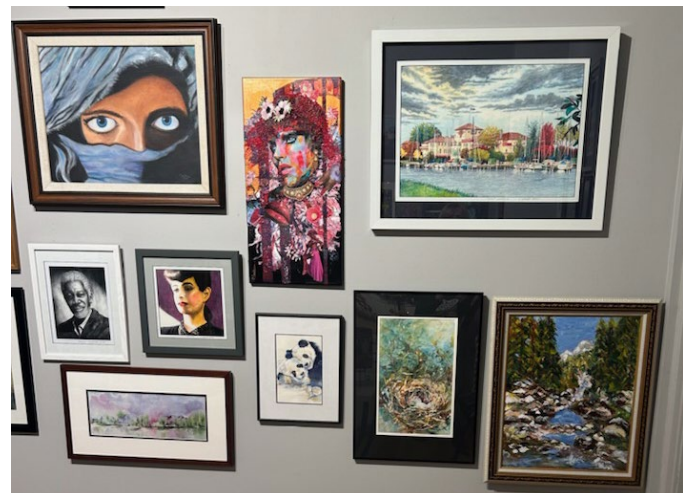
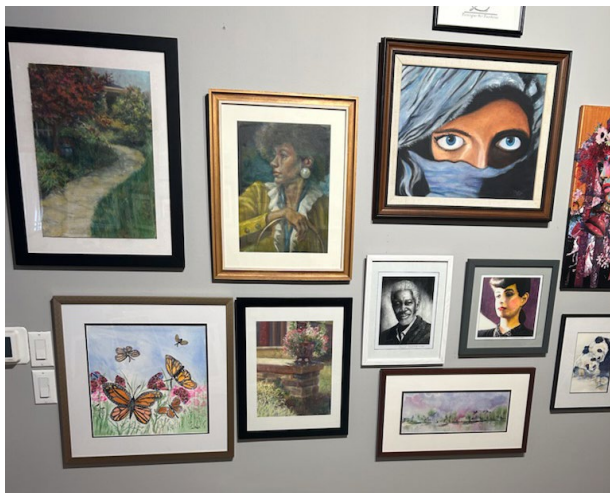
- Florida Beach House by Richard Adams
- Ladies Waiting by Kathy Boetcher
- Splish Splash by Cathy Szumlinski

Please plan on attending the opening reception to support these artists as they receive their awards.

KICKSTART ART GALLERY

The latest show at Kickstart went up on March 4th. It will be there for the months of March and April.

The opening reception will be Thursday, March 13th from 5 to 8PM. Please plan on attending to support your fellow artists.



Program Announcement: Daniel Peyton Wednesday, March 12: Digital Art Work



Dan is a Digital Artist who creates religious and fantasy art work with software programs that he has turned into a business. He will talk to us about which computer programs he uses and how we can go about making our own work.

– Linda Shewbridge, Program Chairperson

Livonia City Hall Gallery

This is a quick reminder that our next major display is at the Livonia City Hall Gallery during the month of July. More information will be coming in the next few months but this is a reminder so that you can get busy painting so that we can have a great show with outstanding work.



Liberty Street Farmington Library Exhibit

- Stuart Operer showed his work in February.
 - Chuck Schroeder is showing his work in March.
- April and May are not filled, so please consider displaying.
- Sharon Daitch will show in June and Kevin Grow will be in July.

August through December 2025 are available, so please sign up.

There is no commission on sales. All profits go to the artist.

Contact me for the month of your choice.

– Kathy | email: katmb@att.net | call: 248 471 5563



WESTLAND CITY HALL GALLERY HIGHLIGHTS



Prompts Help Promote Inspiration, Motivation, & Creativity

Recently, I wrapped up my fourth consecutive year of *February Flowers*, an online daily art challenge. Hosted in a private Facebook group, throughout February, the challenge provides a month of prompts designed to brighten up February, fill user feeds with creativity, and encourage daily art—whether by following the themes or using them as loose inspiration.

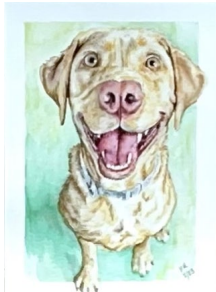
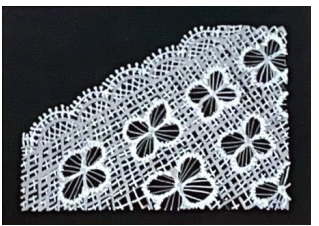
This year, I took my challenge on the road, completing two weeks of it while on vacation! To keep things manageable, I stuck to 5x7-inch pieces and set firmer time limits, allowing myself to embrace spontaneity rather than perfection. I experimented with a new set of alcohol markers alongside waterbrush, oil pastels, colored pencils, Sharpies, and cut paper, often referencing my own photos. Some prompts led me to unexpected creativity, especially “Crispy,” “Kerfluffle,”

and “Persnickety,” which pushed me to think outside the box.

The best part? The incredible online community—filled with talent, encouragement, and shared techniques. Some artists spent days on a single prompt, others collaborated with their kids, and others created jewelry, doodles, and 3D pieces. Seeing the variety and enthusiasm was truly inspiring!

Looking back at this year’s collection alongside past ones was a rewarding way to reflect on growth. Some of my favorite prompts included “Forsythia,” “Happy,” “Zesty,” “Polka Dots,” “September,” and “Lace.” If you’re ever in a creative rut, I highly recommend choosing a random word, joining an online group, finding an art prompt, and just having fun with it!

— Karen Reasoner, *Creative Strokes* Newsletter Coordinator



MEMBER ART & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pathways To the Self

“Pathways To the Self” is a group of four emerging photographic artists: Joel Geffen, Pollyanne McKillop, Pamela Sayre, and Tim Haber. “Pathways” is also a philosophy.

We believe that photography, ultimately, is self-portraiture. “Pathways” is founded on the proposition that if we can determine why we photograph what we do, why we care about certain subjects, we can better create compelling art.

Each artist featured in this exhibition has given much thought and worked hard to develop a photographic project of professional quality. Each artist has devoted themselves to exploring a subject of great personal meaning – here to be displayed publicly for the first time.

We are excited to invite all FAF members to visit our “Pathways” photography exhibition:

January 26 – March 17, 2025

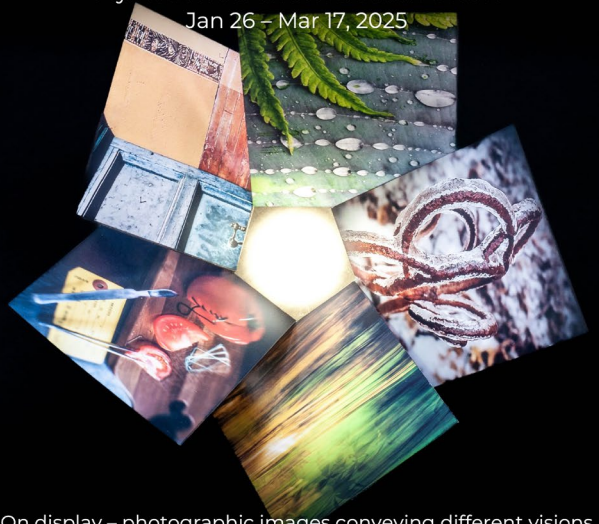
The Plymouth Arts and Recreation Center (PARC) Art Gallery
650 Church St., Plymouth, MI

Pathways to the self

Four artists share their creative quests to discover why they photograph what they do.

Joel Geffen Tim Haber Pollyanne McKillop Pamela Sayre

Please visit our exhibit at the
Plymouth Arts and Recreation Center
Jan 26 – Mar 17, 2025



On display – photographic images conveying different visions and subjects representing our uniqueness as individuals, and the different ways we express ourselves artistically.

Our sincere THANK YOU to The Plymouth Arts and Recreation Center for hosting our first exhibition.

MEMBER ART ...CONTINUED

Farmington Hills City Hall Gallery Public Art Program
March 24 - June 6, 2025

Elizabeth Hull - Acrylic, Oil, & Mixed Media
Artworks of Family at Home and Abroad
Artist Talk and Opening Reception
Friday, March 28, 6-8 p.m.



I Love My World | 24x36" Acrylic on Canvas, 2022
- Elizabeth Hull



Chuck Schroeder won an Honorable Mention for
Jazz Clubs in the Brighton Art Guild On The Road
Exhibition at Northville Art House.



Lion | Watercolor - **Margaret Platte RSM**

Fran Seikaly has an oil painting "Jade Ocean" juried into the GPAA Show "Blue", and a Pastel "Golden" in the Northville Art House Members show. She is teaching two pastel classes at BBAC and one for West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation.



Amster Art Gallery
Presents the Art of
Yevgeniya Gazman

PLEASE JOIN US FOR
EXHIBIT RECEPTION
03.06.25
6:00PM - 7:30PM

The artwork of **Yevgeniya Gazman** can be seen for free and bought through March 26 at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor. 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. 9 a.m. -5 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday; weekends vary. (734) 971-0990 JCCannarbor.org.