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President's Letter

This is the month that keeps on giving!

Our **Spring Fling Members Meeting, will be held on Tuesday, April 9**, at St. John Neumann's Church. We have invited artist David Lawton to come critique our paintings and spend the afternoon with us. It is so incredible to see our paintings through his eyes, because he makes us aware of so many things we may never have thought of. We are looking forward to spending an enjoyable afternoon with all of you.

We'll be joining you on the bus, **Saturday, April 13, to go see the 157th Annual American Watercolor Society's Exhibit.** The Salmagundi Club in New York has allowed BWS and AWC the privilege of viewing the artwork privately, prior to the exhibit opening to the public. We will have the building all to ourselves for an hour and a half. There are two floors of paintings that will inspire, motivate and linger in our minds for who knows how long. In case someone has to cancel and you would like to be on our waitlist, please click on the link below and go to the American Watercolor Society's event – click the blue button that says "join waitlist" and follow the instructions.

<https://annapoliswatercolorclub.org/events>

If you have a painting that has been inspired by nature – don't forget we are participating in our second annual **Earth Day Celebration, April 26 through April 28**, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Eastport. The address is 1101 Bay Ridge Ave., Annapolis, 21408, next to the Eastport Shopping Center. We look forward to seeing you there for their reception and concert on Friday evening. Your artwork will be on display for all to enjoy. If you wish, you might like to include a poem or prose that relates to your painting and we will include that beside your painting. This added a unique, and much appreciated touch to the exhibit last year. This will be a nice opportunity for us to meet members of the community. We will also have members participating in a plein air event on the grounds of the church on **Saturday, April 27**. The woodlands behind the church have blue phlox, bluebells and redbud trees that should be in bloom. We will display our paintings or sketches on a table for people to view. There will be something for everyone to enjoy!

Working to Inspire You,
Juanita Green, President



Thank you, Stacy Lund-Levy, for your extraordinary painting demonstration at our Zoom Members' Meeting on March 13th.

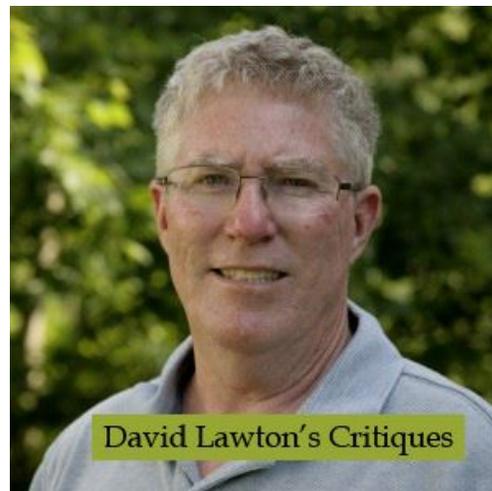
We certainly enjoyed learning your painting techniques while we watched your portrait of Wallace come alive!

**In case you want to enjoy a workshop with Stacy in Maryland, Pennsylvania, or France, see the information below:
(contact Stacy at stacyjoy21117@gmail.com)**

Urban Landscape Painting, Columbia MD, June 24 - 26
Baltimore Watercolor Society

Techniques in Watercolor, July 8-12
Touchstone Center for Crafts, 1049 Wharton Furnace Rd, Farmington, PA 15437

Frayssinet, France - Le Vieux Couvent - Sept 30 - October 10
Come and enjoy SW France with Stacy Lund Levy and Rita Carpenter at Le Vieux Couvent. LVC is a fantastic place for artists (and non-artists) who wish to experience culture, architecture, and fabulous food. Daily excursions to neighboring towns and studio time with instruction. For more information DM me or browse <https://www.artonthefly.net/> or <http://levieuxcouvent.com/>



David Lawton's "SPRING FLING" Members' Painting Critiques

April 9th In-Person Members' Meeting 1-4 pm, Seelos Hall

Where: Seelos Hall, next to St. John Neumann Church,
620 N Bestgate Rd, Annapolis, MD 21401

What to Bring: ONE painting for critiquing, a snack or dessert to share,
and \$5 for the raffle

Event: David Lawton will provide insight and critiques for paintings presented at this year's **Spring Fling**. His flair for composition and knowledge of spatial orientation across multiple mediums is a rare gift to see. Join us with a painting of your own and a mind ready for learning.

Note: There will be no Art Salon during this event, all paintings submitted will be placed on table easels, ready for the critique. Register your painting for critique at the front desk with our Vice President upon entry to Seelos Hall.



RAFFLE Drawing at the Spring Fling!

When: April 9, 2024

Cost: \$5 for 6 tickets (cash or check)

Prize: \$100 gift card to BlickArt

NO ART SALON FOR APRIL MEETING

There will be no NO ART SALON at our AWC meeting April 9th because our guest artist, David Lawton, is providing painting critiques for the "Spring Fling."

In the May 1st newsletter, we will let you know to whom you should send your painting JPGs for the May 15th Zoom Art Salon.





Peggy Papa

MONTHLY FEATURED ARTIST

When I first started painting in earnest again, my daughter made business cards that stated “For years Peggy practiced the art of nursing, but is now nursing the practice of art.” That was twenty-three years ago and I seem to still be practicing.

Peg has been painting off and on since childhood. She first studied oil painting with Baltimore artist, Alice Wells, that inspired a lifelong love of art. Studies gradually led from art and into nursing. After many years of working and raising a family, Peg re-discovered a love of painting when she took a drawing class from friend and artist, Carrie Terrell Callahan. That led to her becoming a “rabid” artist, experimenting with watercolor, pastels, acrylics and a return to oils.

Peg has been privileged to take workshops and classes with some very talented artists, among some of her favorites being naturalist/wildlife artists, Kurt Plinke and Jonathan Shaw, watercolorists Vlad Yesevsev, Paul Allen Taylor, and Barbara Jablin. She has also numerous workshops online through Chesapeake Fine Arts Studio.

While Peg loves playing with different mediums, watercolor is the one she returns to, and she is currently exploring the various effects Japanese watercolor paints can create in various subjects, including her ongoing “Faces” series. She considers herself extremely lucky to be able to paint for the sheer joy of it.

Peg is a member of the Kent Island Federation of Arts, Queen Anne’s County Arts Council, the Academy Art Museum, and the Mid-Atlantic Plein Air Painters Association. She lives on Kent Island with her husband, Gus, who has been very supportive of his wife’s endeavors over the years, however, he shakes his head and sighs a lot. (Two of Peg’s paintings are below.)



What Are Our AWC Members Up To?

Merrilyne Hendrickson Exhibits At 49 West

I have a MFA sponsored Joint Exhibition opening at 49 West "Coffeehouse, Wine Bar and Restaurant" in Annapolis beginning April 5. The reception will be Sunday, April 7th, 5-7 pm. Refreshments provided.

m f A presents A JOINT EXHIBITION
"Close Encounters"
April 5 - May 28 2024



"Southside Scape"

My watercolors & mixed media "abstractions", have a deep connection to the natural world. They are an essence that is inspired by a closeup view that is beyond surface deep.

Merrilyne Hendrickson

featuring

MERRILYNE HENDRICKSON & LESLIE KIEFER

**You are invited to the opening reception on Sunday April 7 from 5-7 pm
Come enjoy refreshments provided by 49 West,
then sit by your favorite work enjoying it while you have dinner.**

mdfedart.com

www.merrilyne.com

lesliekieferphotography.com

49 West "Coffeehouse, Wine Bar and Restaurant" 49 W St Annapolis, MD

**Bus Trip to
Salmagundi Club
in NYC
on April 13th
SOLD OUT**



There is a **waitlist** for anyone who would like to be the first one called if a spot opens up.

You may register for the waitlist on our website:

<https://annapoliswatercolorclub.org/>

EXHIBITS

EARTH DAY AT ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, APRIL 26-28

As we welcome Spring with its warmer weather and abundance of flowers, it's time to think about entering paintings in the second annual **Earth Day Festival at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Eastport**, where we have once again been invited to participate. There's still time to decide which of your landscapes, water scenes, birds or florals you'd like to exhibit. The deadline is April 15. Please go to our AWC website <https://annapoliswatercolorclub.org> and fill out the easy registration form. Then bring your paintings to St. Luke's on **Thursday, April 25 between 9:00 and 12:00 am**. There is a \$15 entry fee but no commission on sales.

If you wish, there are some poems on our website that might inspire a painting or perhaps enhance the appreciation of your work. We can print and place them beside your painting. If the poet is available to read his/her poem during the festival, we will display your painting beside the poet while the poem is being read.

IMPORTANT: Paintings need to be delivered to St. Luke's on Thursday, April 25 between 9:00 and 12:00.

Be sure to come and enjoy the **Friday evening concert, April 26, at 7:00 pm**, featuring the St. Luke's Music Director performing some favorite jazz standards and movie music from the Golden Age of Hollywood, and then come to the reception afterwards.

The Festival will take place on Saturday only, from 10:00 to 3:00, where there will be, among other events and activities, an a cappella singing group, dancers and a classical guitar group, poetry readings, a talk about eco-friendly tree care and a guided labyrinth walk. There will be a face painter and art activities for children. Some of the church members will be exhibiting their paintings and photography.

Then be sure to come and pick up your paintings on Sunday, May 28, between 12:00 and 2:00 pm, after the morning service.

This event is very well attended and many people come and enjoy our exhibit. Even though it's only one day, last year there were several sales. If you are willing to donate a painting to the church's silent auction during the festival, it will be gratefully acknowledged as a tax-deductible contribution.

Please see Jan Morris's article (below) about plein air painting in the lovely woodlands behind the building, before or during the Festival. At this time of year the woods are full of surprising carpets of blue flowers and all the redbud trees are in bloom. There will be a table in our exhibit space for display of the paintings and sketches done on the church grounds.

The church is located at 1101 Bay Ridge Ave, Annapolis 21403, next to the Eastport Shopping Center.

My cell phone number is 410-533-4890, in case you need to reach me.

Joan Machinchick, Exhibits Chair
joan21409@gmail.com



Plein Air Events

By Jan Morris, Sketching/Plein Air Chair

If you have any questions about the exhibits, please contact Jan:
pleinair@annapoliswatercolorclub.org, 443 979-3821

Sign up for any of our sponsored events via our
AWC website: <https://annapoliswatercolorclub.org/>

April 27, 2024 - Earth Day Plein Air at St. Luke's Episcopal Church Grounds: A Celebration of Spring and Artistry

Immerse yourself in the splendor of nature at the woodlands of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, a site where nature's tranquility meets historical grace. As April adorns the landscape with a vibrant tapestry of blue phlox, bluebells, and the striking pink blossoms of red bud trees, we invite you to capture this enchantment in your unique sketching and painting style. We encourage you to bring a buddy enriching your experience with shared creativity and enthusiasm. Enjoy!

When: Saturday, April 27, 2024, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Please note there is no rain date for this event.

Location: St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 1101 Bay Ridge Avenue, Annapolis. Cost: It's a freebie to you!

Meet: Behind the church at the bottom of the back steps. We can walk on the paths and you can pick a spot to paint.

RSVP: Secure your spot by April 19, 2024.



May 11, 2024 - Annmarie Garden Rosé Soirée Wine Festival

Attention AWC Members: Special event! (Not sponsored by AWC)

You are cordially invited to merge your passion for watercolor with the charm of the outdoors at the upcoming **Rosé Soirée Wine Festival**. This delightful new gathering takes place in the enchanting surroundings of the Annmarie Sculpture Garden in Solomons, Maryland. Imagine setting up your easel among the vibrant spring blooms and majestic azaleas, all nestled amidst whimsical sculptures and serene woodlands. The festival is seeking plein air painters and outdoor artists to not only enhance the event with an artsy ambiance but also engage in lively conversation with the guests. Don't miss this unique opportunity to paint plein air, meet other artists and art lovers, and enjoy a day filled with beauty, creativity, and community.

What You Need to Know:

- **Self-sponsored:** You are on your own so gather some friends and make the trip! Artists are responsible for bringing their necessary painting supplies.

- **Entrance Fee:** Waived for artists painting during the festival! Fill out the ACTIVITY BOOTH APPLICATION form noting you are an "AWC member" and "fee waived: approval from Jaimie Jeffrey" in the section titled Anything else you need to tell us?.

Link to the application form: <https://annmariegarden.wufoo.com/forms/rose-soiree-wine-festival-24-activity-booth/>

- **Art Sales:** Interested in selling your artwork? Whether it's pieces you bring along or creations from the day itself, you're welcome to do so. Just fill out the required form, and the venue will provide a table for your display and sales. Note on the application form you are an AWC member.

- **Travel:** Given the festival's location is about an hour from Annapolis, carpooling is a great idea. Share the journey with fellow artists! There is parking but there will be a lot of folks attending.

EVENT DETAILS: "The Rosé Soirée celebrates all things light, flirtatious, and fun."

- **When:** Saturday, May 11, from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM (setup time between 12:00 PM and 1:30 PM).

- **Location:** 13470 Dowell Road, Solomons, MD 20688.

- **Application Form Due Date:** May 1, 2024.

Even though this is not an AWC sponsored event, we request you Register on the Events section on our AWC web site in order to have a head count on how many members are attending. <https://annapoliswatercolorclub.org/event-5678304>

QUESTIONS: If you have any questions or concerns, call the Annmarie Garden office at 410-326-4640 or email events@annmariegarden.org.

Visit their web site and learn more about this event:

<https://www.annmariegarden.org/annmarie2/content/ros%C3%A9-soir%C3%A9e>



May 14, 2024 -Willow Oak Flower & Herb Farm

Nestled amidst the tranquil backdrop of a picturesque pond, we invite you to join us for a unique plein air painting event. Enjoy the beauty of blooming herbs and flowers embracing park benches and wooden bird houses. There are many inspirational places to paint! By joining this event, you're not just choosing a location to paint; you're supporting a philosophy that cherishes and preserves the natural world. Their dedication to nurturing native plants and maintaining a haven for the ecosystem reflects in every corner of Willow Oak. We look forward to seeing you there!

Place: Willow Oak Flower & Herb Farm, 8109 Telegraph Rd, Severn, MD 21144

Easy access to the indoor restrooms will be available.

Date: Tuesday, May 14, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Rain Date: Thursday, May 16, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Fee: None. It's our gift to you.

Meeting Point: In the parking lot near the building entrance upon arrival.

RSVP Deadline: Sign-up on the AWC website by May 4, 2024



Do you have an article to submit?

Any friends having an art exhibit?

Did you read something art related to share?

Send the article or link to Connie Robinson, Newsletter Editor,

constancejr@comcast.net

WEB SITE

Did you know: you can contact any of the board members with a question or suggestion directly through the website. Go to the drop-down menu under 'Contact Us' and select 'Board Members' to find a list of our current board. We strive to protect personal information, especially email addresses and phone numbers, since we are all bombarded with spam and solicitations, so that information is not published. Just click on their name to bring up a contact form, and your message will be sent directly to their email address. You can also send a message to any AWC member, but you will need to log in first. When you are logged in, the directory will show up in the drop-down menu under 'Contact Us'. Find the name in the directory and click on it to bring up a contact form.

Liz Grimes, Webmaster

MEMBERSHIP

We currently have 187 active members, with nine new members joining in the past month. Welcome to our new members! Our April meeting will be in-person, with critiques of members' paintings, so it will be a great opportunity to for some social interaction with new and old members.

Liz Grimes

SUNSHINE CLUB

April? April? Did someone say April? Goodness, gracious! How did we get here so fast? But looking around, Spring has indeed Sprung. Forsythia, daffodils, crocus! Color all around to inspire us to paint and to lift our mood. Speaking of which, that is exactly what our sunshine Club is all about. To lift the mood, to inspire, to congratulate and to celebrate. If you, or someone you know, needs a boost or a pat on the back, please send their name, email and occasion to sunshine.AWC.dw@gmail.com and we will honor the occasion with a beautiful Jacquie Lawson ecard.

Thank You,
Dina Weavers, Sunshine Club Chair



Spring Clippings, by Dina Weavers

AWC CALENDAR 2024-2025 (click [here](#) to print copy)

MEETINGS:

April

- 4 7:00 Board Meeting
- 9 1-4 pm Seelos Hall
"Spring Fling" Members' Meeting with
painting critiques by David Lawton

May

- 2 7:00 Board Meeting
- 8 6:30 Zoom Art Salon by Andrea Naft
7:00 Members' Meeting
7:15 Painting Demonstration TBD

June

- 6 7:00 Board Meeting
- 12 1-4 pm Seelos Hall
Painting Demonstration TBD

EXHIBITS:

April 26-28

Earth Day exhibit at St. Luke's Episcopal Church,
Eastport, Annapolis

September (dates TBD)

Wimsey Cove Framing & Fine Art Printing

November 2024 - January 2025

Ginger Cove Retirement Community

EVENTS:

April 13

Bus trip to NYC - AWS Annual Exhibition

April 27

Plein air painting at St. Luke's Episcopal Church

May 11

Plein air painting at Annamarie Sculpture Garden

May 14

Plein Air Sketching & Painting: 10 am - 2 pm
Willow Oak Flower & Herb Farm, Severn MD

Below are the dates and locations for our 2024 Members' Meetings:

April 9 - "Spring Fling" meeting in Seelos Hall 1-4 pm

May 8 - Zoom meeting 6:30-8:30 pm

June 12 - Seelos Hall 1-4 pm

(July and August - no meetings)

September 11 - Zoom meeting 6:30-8:30 pm

October 9 - Seelos Hall 1-4 pm

November 6 - Zoom meeting 6:30-8:30 pm

December 11 - Holiday Party in Seelos Hall 1-4 pm

New Emails For AWC Board Members

We are updating the Annapolis Watercolor Club website to include new official emails for our **board members**. These new emails will help us with continuity during turnovers with new board members, and assist us in adhering to requirements for document retention purposes. Should anyone wish to reach out to any of the board members the new emails are listed below, and will also be updated via the www.annapoliswatercolorclub.org website.

President - Juanita Green - President@annapoliswatercolorclub.org

Vice President - Eileen Hempel - Vicepresident@annapoliswatercolorclub.org

Secretary - Richard Schatz - Secretary@annapoliswatercolorclub.org

Newsletter - Connie Robinson - Newsletter@annapoliswatercolorclub.org

Website - Liz Grimes - Website@annapoliswatercolorclub.org

Plein Air / Sketching - Jan Morris - pleinair@annapoliswatercolorclub.org

Submitted by Eileen Hempel, AWC Vice President

OPEN POSITIONS FOR BOARD MEMBERS AND CHAIRS

As noted below, we have the following volunteer positions open.
Please consider serving a two-year term for one of these fun jobs!

TREASURER EXHIBITS CHAIR HOSPITALITY CHAIR PUBLICITY AND PROGRAM CHAIR

Email our President, Juanita Green, for more information
about any of these positions.

Juanitagreen640@yahoo.com

Or email the person in the job at the present time.

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