



Letter From AWC President

Instead of slipping quietly into 2023, it seems more like a polar bear plunging into everyday life again! Embraced, things could work out well – so, embracing it will be, with attention to family, friends and watercolor of course.

Beginning the year with watercolor artist Mick McAndrews was truly the jump start needed to propel us into a new year. Alex Hillkurtz, direct from Paris, will be the icing on the cake for our February demonstration. The line-up of artists will continue to be awesome this year; with each artist teaching you many different styles and techniques. It is truly our mission to inspire you to learn and then paint, to bring that artistic happiness into your life.

As we approach Earth Day, we will ask our members to sign up to participate in completing a painting; inspired by a poem or a song. You could begin trying this at home with your favorite poem or song. We may even try to reverse the process and ask the people from the exhibit to write a poem or song inspired by your watercolor painting. This could really be a fun experiment, for all involved. It is always a good thing to step out of your comfort zone to learn! Joan Machinchick will have more information for us shortly.

We are currently working on procuring a motor coach to take us to an art exhibit you will not want to miss. The artist is a woman who spent seven years of her life painting portraits of military veterans, one from each state. These paintings will touch your heart and bring immediate emotional responses. Let us take advantage of this show while on location near us. More information soon!

Your membership means a lot to us! In order to retain the quality of service and opportunities we want for you, it is important to cross-train members to help our chairpersons. Chairpersons are volunteers who go on vacation, have injuries or illnesses and need others to step up and help. We are currently looking for someone who can assist Andrea Naft with the PowerPoint slide show Art Salon. That someone needs the skills to work with members' photos of their paintings and prepare our power-point presentation. Andrea will continue to host the Salon. If anyone is interested, please leave me a message at 443-822-5916, and I will return your call.

In the meantime, I will continue to try to channel Shirley Trevena! I've been sketching like crazy, trying to capture her style of abstract still-life. After three sketches I am preparing to try and paint like her video describes. I have my stick, my scrub brush, my clear wax crayon, my colored pencils and sandpaper, watercolor paints and the kitchen sink. This is going to be interesting!

Hope You Are Painting!

Juanita Green, President

FEBRUARY 15TH ART SALON

Our Art Salon host, Andrea Naft, will be presenting a slide show of paintings submitted by AWC members for our February 15th Art Salon. **Liz Grimes will be assisting; please send your painting .jpgs to Liz NO LATER THAN Sunday, February 12.**

lizgrimes@comcast.net



February 15 - Zoom Meeting **(You will receive an email invite with a Zoom link** **the morning of February 15)** **NOTE THE CHANGE IN TIMES**

3:30 pm Andrea Naft presents PowerPoint Art Salon

4:00 pm President, Juanita Green, with AWC updates

4:15 pm Art Demonstration with [Alex Hillkurtz](#)



Thank you, Mick McAndrews
for the wonderful painting demonstration
on January 18th. Here is the finished
painting.

Don't forget to look at Mick's website to
learn more about his work.

<https://www.mickmcandrewsfineart.com/works>

WELCOME ALEX HILLKURTZ

Straight from Paris, Alex will be our painting demonstrator at the February 15th AWC Meeting. Remember that the demonstration starts at 4:15 pm, after our Art Salon slide show and meeting.



Painting By Alex



Alex On a Break



From a Painting Demonstration

<https://www.alexhillkurtzart.com/>

Alex Hillkurtz was born in England and grew up in California where he is a renowned storyboard artist for feature films, television, and commercials. His film credits include *Argo*, *Almost Famous*, *It's Complicated*, and many others. Alex currently lives in Paris with his film editor wife, Tiffany, and enjoys discovering the hidden corners of the city that sketching and *plein air* painting allow. He uses the language of cinema to inform his images, moving beyond what one sees, and depicting what he wants others to see. He believes that in our too-crowded lives, sketching and plein air painting invite us to move at a more deliberate pace... a true sense of place, and sometimes unexpected stories are revealed.

DO YOU NEED MORE PAINTING AND FRAMING SUPPLIES?

Ardythe Jolliffe, a long-time member of AWC, is having an
OPEN STUDIO ART SUPPLY SALE
on Saturday, February 11th, 10 am to 4 pm.

Ardythe stated: "I have found that I have far more art supplies than I could ever use. I put aside what I plan to use for myself, and would like to offer the remainder to the AWC members at one-half the current retail price. These materials are brand new, and have never been used."

Materials for sale:

- · Watercolor Paper
- · Illustration Board
- · Matboard
- · Metal and wood frames
- · Plexiglas
- · Foam core
- · Shrink wrap envelopes
- · Canvas carrying cases
- · Airfloat Shipping Boxes
- · (Note) no paint or brushes available.

**If unable to come on February 11th, you may make an appointment
at a later date by calling 301-518-9721**

Cash or Check only – no Credit Cards

Come prepared with your own packing material. Some cardboard will be available.

ADDRESS FOR HOME STUDIO:

191 Cardamon Drive (Gingerville)
Edgewater MD 21037

Use your GPS, or click here to get directions from your home:

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/191+Cardamon+Dr,+Edgewater,+MD+21037/@38.9719702,-76.5554597,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x89b7f14a3633b11d:0x40134b556326f3e0!8m2!3d38.9719702!4d-76.553271>

SKETCHING AND PLEIN AIR EVENT

Homestead Gardens - 743 West Central Avenue - Davidsonville MD 21035

February does not need to be dark and dreary. Not if you are working in a bright and warm greenhouse. Colorful house plants in natural light are sure to get our creative juices flowing. Homestead Gardens in Davidsonville will be our host on **February 15** from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. (You will still have time to get home to watch our salon, meeting and art demonstration - starting at 3:30 pm.)

This event is limited to 15 people. Please sign up below on our AWC web site. Detailed information will be sent to all who have signed up.

<https://annapoliswatercolorclub.org/event-5138187>

Kate Tufts, Sketching/Plein Air Chair



WEBSITE NEWS

Are you enjoying this newsletter? Do you want to print it out for reference? Here is a tip: **print from the PDF version found on the website.** Every month our newsletter editor, Connie Robinson, spends extra time painstakingly formatting the newsletter for better printing. This often happens *after* the newsletter has been sent out by email. This version is converted to PDF format and can be found on the website home page. Scroll down to "Upcoming Events." The link to the newsletter appears to the right of that, or just below it on a phone or tablet. The link labeled "Latest Newsletter" will open a web version, the same as the email version, but the link labeled "PDF" will open a better version for printing. You may also download it to save an electronic copy. It may not be updated immediately, but it will be there within a day or two of the email.

If you have still have questions, contact me at lizgrimes@comcast.net.

Liz Grimes, Website Administrator

EXHIBITS

Thanks to all of you who suggested possible venues for exhibits. Several of them appear promising and I am looking into them.

Our exhibit at **Ginger Cove** will end Friday, February 3. I don't know if there were any sales but I do know that the residents greatly enjoy having our paintings in their gallery. We look forward to returning at the end of this year.

We have once again been invited to exhibit at **Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church** in Severna Park in September. More details will follow in the newsletter and on our website.

We have an exciting event coming up in April (the 22nd to be exact). This project is still in its early planning stages but will be a celebration of Earth Day at **St. Luke's Episcopal Church** in Eastport. This is a small, lovely church, built in 1956, next to the strip mall and sandwiched between the Watergate Apartments and Severn House condos. You have probably passed by it a hundred times and never noticed it was there. I know I have. But, back behind the building there is a strip of woodland, four acres in area, full of walking trails and a stream, extending all the way to Back Creek. Even though you're surrounded by condos and apartments, when you're there, you feel as though you're deep in a forest.

This is a perfect location for photography, *plein air* painting and urban sketching. The area is open to the public so you're welcome to stop by at any time to wander or create. The paths are clearly marked.

Reverend Lauren Bloom and event chairlady, Connie Harold, are already full of ideas and planning to engage artists, poets, musicians, dancers and others involved in the arts to celebrate our fragile planet through their creativity. There will be workshops, especially for youngsters, talks by environmentalists and dignitaries as well as performances, many in the amphitheater beside the building. There is exhibit space in the well-lit lower level of the church. They plan to install display panels for an exhibit and there will be tables for showcasing flat and unframed items such as sketchbooks.

I met with Rev. Bloom and Connie on January 20. We brainstormed for a few hours and we all came away enthusiastic about the possibilities for the event.

- It would be wonderful if some of us who would like to try something different, would volunteer to collaborate with a musician or a poet or writer, to produce a painting that is based on that person's writing or music. This could possibly work the other way 'round where the writer might want to create a poem influenced by a painting. These paintings would be displayed while the poet is reading or the musician is performing. I don't know where this will lead or if it will be successful at all, but it's worth a try. Please let me know if you might be interested in participating and we will take it from there. joan21409@gmail.com
- The woodland and stream should be gorgeous in April with new growth sprouting everywhere, and I'd like to recommend that *plein air* artists go to the site to paint or sketch before the event and exhibit your sketchbooks or unframed, maybe even incomplete, paintings on the tables. We'd also like to see you sketching and painting throughout the grounds on the day of the event. In addition to being surrounded by the beauty of budding spring foliage, you'll be serenaded by a choir of birds and frogs while you work.
- In addition, there will be wall space for a hanging exhibit in the lower level of the church (we'll try for two paintings per artist). They should be, of course, relating to the earth/nature theme. Work can be for sale if you wish. There will be a commission on sales, probably 30%, as well as a small entry fee. More details will come in next month's newsletter.
- If anyone would be interested in donating a painting to their raffle or silent auction, it will be appreciated. Definitely no pressure.

I think we will be sharing space and events with the **Muddy Creek Artists**, which I am sure will be a positive collaboration. They are a very creative group.

Obviously, this is just the beginning and there are many details to be worked out over the next couple months, but I feel that it's a good opportunity for AWC to contribute to the community as well as



Ardythe Jolliffe

MONTHLY FEATURED ARTIST Ardythe Jolliffe

Ardythe Bernette Jolliffe is an award-winning watercolorist who loves to depict light and shadow, rich color, and the special glow of watercolor. Her favorite subjects are flowers, birds, and especially shells collected during her residency in Florida. She also enjoys painting interesting views of buildings, houses, landscapes, water views and local scenes of Annapolis, MD and the United States Naval Academy. Her paintings are created with imagination and she invites the viewer to explore nature's wonderland with her.

She is a Past President and member of the Annapolis Watercolor Club and a member the Maryland Federation of Art. She is a Signature Member of the National Watercolor Society, the Watercolor Honor Society, the Pennsylvania Watercolor Society, the Baltimore Watercolor Society, the Southern Watercolor Society, the Georgia Watercolor Society and the Watercolor Society of Alabama. She also, attained Signature Member status in the Potomac Valley Watercolorists, the Philadelphia Water Color Society and the Missouri Watercolor Society but is no longer an active member in those organizations. She was also a member of the Lancaster County Art Association and the Vienna Art Society. She has exhibited and won awards in many BWS Mid-Atlantic Regional Shows, several Vienna Art Society Shows, and in numerous juried shows under the sponsorship of the Maryland Federation of Art; including two Mayor's Awards and The Tilghman Award.

(Read more on Ardythe's web site: <https://ardythe.jolliff.org/about/>)

By Newsletter Editor, Connie Robinson

For future articles, please send me an email with a nomination for another featured artist: constancejr@comcast.net



Autumn Blues



Tilghman Island Skipjack

View more paintings
<https://ardythe.jolliff.org/envira/boats-and-lighthouses-archive/>

WHAT ARE OUR MEMBERS UP TO?

You are invited to join
Linda Luke
at the
**Malvern Retreat House
Annual Art Show**

315 South Warren Avenue
Malvern, PA 19355
(Opposite Malvern Preparatory
School)

**Meet the artists at the
complimentary Wine & Cheese
Reception**

Thursday
February 2, 2022
4-8 PM
Ample Parking

lindaluke.com malvernretreat.com



I have been very busy lately preparing a new collection of paintings for **The Malvern Retreat House Annual Art Show**, one of the region's premier juried fine art shows.

Show hours
February 1-15, 2023
Wed – Sat 10 am – 7 pm
Sunday 10 am – 4
free admission

Let's Paint with Maryland Hall

Linda Luke's Painting Classes at Maryland Hall For The Creative Arts:

Classes every Tuesday from 6:30 - 8:30pm, VIA Zoom

Session 2: February 7 - 28, 2023 (last day to sign up was Jan 31)

Session 3: March 7 - 28, 2023 Check back for registration date on this link:

<https://ticketing.marylandhall.org/28030/28126>

SUNSHINE CLUB

Hearts and Flowers! Chocolate covered strawberries! Beautiful Jacquie Lawson ecard! In a month of emotion, remember our Sunshine Club service of offering a beautiful card to celebrate awards, accomplishments, inspirations, or to help give support in time of need to any of our members. If you, or someone you know qualifies for our e-card services, please send their name, email and occasion to sunshine.AWC.dw@gmail.com and a card will be sent without delay.

Thank you, Dina Weavers

AWC CALENDAR 2023

(click [here](#) to print copy)

MEETINGS (on Zoom):

February

- 2 7:00 Board Meeting
- 12 Paintings due to **Liz Grimes**
- 15 3:30 Art Salon with Andrea
- 4:00 General Meeting
- 4:15 Art Demonstration by **Alex Hillkurtz**

March

- 2 7:00 pm Board Meeting
- 5 Paintings due to Andrea
- 8 6:30 Art Salon
- 7:00 General Meeting
- 7:15 Art Demonstration by **Julie Gilbert Pollard**

EXHIBITS:

Ginger Cove "Brushstrokes Two"
Exhibit: Dec 17 to Feb 2
Pick Up: Feb 3, 9-11
St. Luke's Episcopal Church:
April 22nd: (details in March 1st newsletter)

SKETCHING / PLEIN AIR:

February 15: Homestead Gardens
10 am - 2 pm

March 22: Robinson Nature Center
(details in March 1st newsletter)

Treasurer's Report

Our financial status as of January 24, 2023:

Checking	9,945.02
Savings	11,242.17
Total	\$21,187.19

Sheryl Paris, Treasurer

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,

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