



## Meet Jeanean Songco Martin

Our presenter for December is Jeanean Martin, an artist and professional musician. Jeanean believes that art and music go hand in hand and compliment each other. She is very active in the arts community with portrait and life drawing groups and conducts plein-air workshops locally, in the mid-Atlantic area, and internationally.

Jeanean states that she always begins her artwork very gestural and loose, and tries to get at the inner structure first to re-create the movement inside the form. Her strokes build form, creating a sense of depth and three-dimension, and color is introduced gently with thin washes before applying thicker paint. Jeanean's work has been exhibited recently at the Maryland Fine Arts Circle Gallery in Annapolis, the Hagerstown Fine Arts Museum as a member of the Maryland Society of Portrait Painters, and the Sagamore Hill Oyster Bay Historical Society at the Koenig Center Gallery.

You will be able to meet Jeanean at our annual dinner on December 8<sup>th</sup> at the Willow Tree Inn in Montgomery Village. The evening will begin at 6:00pm with a cash bar and a time to socialize with other members of GFAA, and dinner will be served at 7:00pm. The cost of the dinner is \$30 each and following a salad starter there will be a choice of vegetarian Pasta Primavera, Shrimp Scampi or Breast of Chicken Zinfandel, accompanied by fresh vegetables, rice pilaf and coffee or tea.

We do hope you will join us for a relaxing evening with friends and fellow painters. Time is getting close, but there is still time to make your selection and purchase tickets. (See *the form at the end of the newsletter.*)



*Gaithersburg Fine Arts Association*

[www.gaithersburgfinearts.org](http://www.gaithersburgfinearts.org)

## Annual Dinner

Thursday,

December 8

Willow Tree Inn,

19550 Montgomery

Village Ave.

## Fall Show at Bohrer Park Reception

December 1 at 7 pm

A poster for the Gaithersburg Fine Arts Association (GFAA) Fall Show. The background is a light, abstract pattern. At the top, the GFAA logo is displayed, with the text 'Gaithersburg Fine Arts Association presents its Fall Show'. Below the logo, there are two small images: one of a globe and a tire, and another of a winter landscape. The text 'artwork by Maria Gracenz' is visible above the logo, and 'artwork by Mark Orlowski' is visible below the images. At the bottom, the show dates and reception information are listed: 'November 23rd to January 2nd', 'Artists Reception Thursday, December 1st from 7:00pm - 8:30pm', and the location 'Bohrer Park Activity Center, 506 S. Frederick Ave., Gaithersburg, MD 20877'.

## President's Message

It was great to see so many members at the meeting, thankfully the weather decided to give us a break and what a wonderful way to spend the evening. Jordan had some fascinating drawing exercises for us to experiment with to stretch our artistic minds out of the typical drawing methods. I call it drawing for the fast and furious.

Coming up we have the Bohrer Park Reception Thursday, December 1. It's been a few years since GFAA last had a show there so I hope everyone will take a moment to stop in to show support for the participating members.

The change of seasons always gets me into thinking of how I'm going to make use of my painting time during the colder months. Do I start a large painting? Take a class or workshop? Can I find a time to paint together with my painting buddies? Or maybe we could go on a museum trip to see some of the great exhibits downtown? I know we are all busy right now getting ready for Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas, New Years, etc.; but that leaves us the bitter cold months of January, February and March to fill in with artful activities. Here's wishing you great plans for an artful winter season.

Kathy Bush

GFAA President

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## GFAA Board of Directors September 2011-13

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*You can contact the board at [gaitersburgfineartsassoc@gmail.com](mailto:gaitersburgfineartsassoc@gmail.com)*



## GFAA Members Corner: LINDA SLATTERY SHERMAN

Linda attended college at Carnegie Mellon University where she earned a BFA in graphic design. Her interest in abstraction flows naturally from being a designer.

After beginning her design career in 1970, Linda started her own business in 1977. Recently she retired to pursue her interest in painting full time. Over the years she has taken a variety of painting classes at Montgomery College and with private instructors, most notably Skip Lawrence, and is currently taking open studio at the Delaplaine Center with Ed Ramsburg.

"I scrape, squirt and rub the surface until I get what I want. For me, it's all about the process. I generally have something in mind . . . but I often wind up in a very different place from where I started. Having been a graphic designer for so many years, composition and structure are very important to me as well as surface texture and color"

She is currently a member of The Art League in Alexandria, Gaithersburg Fine Arts Association, Rockville Art League, and an artist co-op in Frederick, Maryland "The Artists Gallery".

Q and A: Who inspired you most in your art? Currently Ed Ramsburg, a very fine abstract painter in Frederick. I've been attending his open studio class at the Delaplaine Center for the past 3 years. Very early on, Herb Olds, my freshman year drawing instructor at CMU.

What do you find most challenging?  
Selling my art. I'm good at networking from my past work experience and still find a lot of pleasure doing graphic design. I help out at the coop by doing some of the design work for the gallery. But I'm new to marketing fine art and know I have to work at finding and/or creating a market for what I create.

What subject inspires you?  
Form, line, color., texture. I'm striving to create a more painterly look in my artwork, less designed.

What is your primary medium you work in? I started out in watercolor but gravitated into acrylics. It works well for my abstract paintings. I tend to work fast and if I'm not happy with the end results I'll just paint over it. Sometimes it's 5 or 6 times until I'm finally satisfied.

Advice to new artists? Push yourself if you plan to show your artwork. Take classes to broaden your horizons and get into an art group to help you become acquainted with what's available for artists in the area. And, if you seriously want to sell, take some marketing classes geared toward artists.

Refreshment chefs Ruth Sentelle and Barbara DeWitt are seeking donations for meeting snacks, and you may get a friendly call from them. They are very grateful for past donations, and always have a scrumptious spread for our meetings.

You can contact Ruth at 301-926-8909 or [ruthiam@yahoo.com](mailto:ruthiam@yahoo.com) , and Barbara at 301-881-0052 or [BDeWitt@comcast.net](mailto:BDeWitt@comcast.net)

# GFAA News

## Fall Show at Bohrer Park

Our Fall show is at Bohrer Park Activity Center from November 23 to January 2. The reception will be December 1 from 7 to 8:30 pm.

Pick up after the show will be January 3, time to be determined. Participating artists are expected to attend the reception and contribute food or drink. The show looks great; hope to see you there!

Hours; Monday through Friday - 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Saturday - 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Sunday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thanksgiving Week Holiday Hours:

Wed., Nov. 23: 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Thurs., Nov. 24: Closed

Fri., Nov. 25: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Sat. and Sun.: normal hours

Bohrer Park Activity Center, 506 S.

Frederick Avenue in Gaithersburg

Phone 301-258-6350

Former Programs VP **Marianne Kost** will be exhibiting two paintings in the Easton Studio School Holiday exhibit, December 10-12. The reception is Saturday, December 10 from 12-7pm. This is an opportunity to visit the Eastern Shore and sample the many workshops that Nancy Tankersley offers to students in the school and gallery. The Easton School, 307 E. Dover Street, Easton, Maryland 21601; Phone: 410 770 4421.

Member **Ruth Sentelle** and past president **Sandy Fritter** will have a show at **Kentlands Mansion** Dec 9 through Jan 16, with a reception December 13 from 7 to 8:30 pm. Sandy writes: To Friends and Family, You are invited to a gala holiday reception at beautiful Kentland Mansion in Gaithersburg MD. There will be food, festivities and a display of my most recent oil paintings en plein air from here and the eastern shore and figurative paintings as well. [Kentlands Mansion](#), 320 Kent Square Road in Gaithersburg. Gallery viewing is by appointment only. Please call 301-258-6425 to schedule a visit.

GFAA membership co-chair **Angie Lacy's** painting "Crossing at Kensington" will be shown at Sandy Spring Museum.

The annual **Sandy Spring Museum Model Railroad Exhibit** will be shown from December 3-11, 2011. Photos, Paintings, Posters and other items of interest to railroad aficionados are being sought to display on the museum walls during the exhibit. call 301-774-0022 Mon-Sat 10 am-4 pm; Sun 12-4 pm  
Sandy Spring Museum  
17901 Bentley Road  
Sandy Spring, MD 20860

**Angie Lacy** also has an exhibit with artist Janet Schroeder at the NBC broadcasting center in Washington DC from November 8 – December 4. NBC will display the watercolor and collage paintings on the hall way leading to the WRC local news room.

Members **Mak** and **Ursula Dehejia** will have an exhibit October 1-December 31,2011 at Sibley Memorial Hospital. Sibley will display a new collection of watercolor paintings by Mak and his wife, Ursula Dehejia, in the connector hallway between the main building and Hayes Hall.

Sibley Memorial Hospital, 5255 Loughboro Road, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20016  
Telephone (202) 537-4000

You can view some of the couple's selected works at their website: [Dehejiaart.com](http://Dehejiaart.com)

The **78th International Exhibition of Fine Art in Miniature** Show sponsored by the MINIATURE PAINTERS, SCULTORS & GRAVERS SOCIETY of WASHINGTON D.C.

will be held at the Mansion at Strathmore from November 21 through December 30, 2011.

**Ursula Dehejia** had 3 of her entries accepted: SHEEPISH and CONTEMPLATING.

**Mak Dehejia** had 3 accepted: MARSHES, VILLAGE CHURCH and DAWN. Exhibition – November 21 through December 30. The Mansion at Strathmore  
10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda, MD 20852

Monday thru Friday: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Wednesday: 10:00 am to 9:00 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Closed Sundays and Holidays.

Small Works + Big Hearts **The Artists' Gallery** will be filled with over 100 small works created by gallery members, including **Linda Slattery Sherman** and **Marie Riccio**. Art works start at \$25 and are cash and carry! In the spirit of the season, 10% of all sales will be donated to the Frederick Community Action Agency which provides a broad array of programs and services including the food bank and the Frederick Soup Kitchen.  
 December 2 through December 31  
 Opening and Holiday Reception:  
 Saturday, December 3, from 5 - 8:30pm,  
 The Artists' Gallery, 4 East Church Street,  
 Frederick, Maryland  
 Special Holiday Gallery Hours  
 Fridays & Saturdays from noon - 8 pm  
 Sundays from noon - 5 pm or by appointment  
 For more information visit The Artists' Gallery website, [www.the-artists-gallery.org](http://www.the-artists-gallery.org) or call (301) 696-8187, during gallery hours.

## New Web Site Members Link/Gallery Page

Our GFAA website will have a page listing our own members' artist links, including a small image of your artwork.

If you would like to be included, please send an email with your name and your website address. You can include your medium, like: "watercolour artist", "portraits in oil", etc. (If you do not have a website, but sell your work on other websites like Etsy, or Artspan, feel free to include that instead.)

If you do not have a website, but would still like to be listed, with or without contact info, that is fine. I will just include your name, and the medium(s) that you work in. You can have a link to your email, if you wish.

For the image, for those of you who are able to format your images, please make them about 2x2.5 inches, at 300 dpi. If you are unable to format the images, then I can work on that. If you can include your name in the file name (saved as), that would be very helpful in matching the image to the artist, and helps when people search for your work online as well.

So send an email to [anne@cherubim-arts.com](mailto:anne@cherubim-arts.com) Include all/any of the following: name, website, medium, and an image.

## You Must be a Paid Member to Participate in Shows!

We have a new policy that members must be paid 30 days ahead of any GFAA show they enter, to reduce confusion and so we will have a current membership list to work from at the art drop off. To renew or join, mail the application and a \$30 check made out to GFAA to 1st Membership VP: Angela Lacy 1918 Fallsmead Way, Rockville MD 20854. Application forms will be posted online at [www.gaithersburgfinearts.org](http://www.gaithersburgfinearts.org), or contact a board member.

Please submit news and articles to Darla Tagrin at [DarlaT@aol.com](mailto:DarlaT@aol.com) or call 301-977-5547 by the 21<sup>st</sup> of the month for inclusion in the next newsletter.

## Events and Opportunities

**BlackRock Open Art Studio:** The Open Art Studio will be offered on the first Tuesday of the month from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. You can register online at [www.blackrockcenter.org](http://www.blackrockcenter.org) For more information, contact Gallery Coordinator Kim Onley at [konley@blackrockcenter.org](mailto:konley@blackrockcenter.org). [www.blackrockcenter.org](http://www.blackrockcenter.org) .  
 BlackRock Center for the Arts | 12901 Town Commons Drive | Germantown | MD | 20874

BlackRock Center for the Arts is accepting **entries** for the **"Tribute to Fiber Art" 5th Annual Juried Exhibit**.

Deadline: Friday, December 16

Entry Fee: \$35 check or money order made payable to BlackRock Center for the Arts

The first place winner of the "Tribute to Fiber Art" 5th Annual Juried Exhibit will have a SOLO show in BlackRock's beautiful 1500 sq. ft. art gallery the following exhibit year.

BlackRock Center for the Arts, 12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown, MD 20874  
 301.528.2260

[www.blackrockcenter.org](http://www.blackrockcenter.org)

### **Yellow Barn Studio/Glen Echo Park**

At Glen Echo Park, you'll find hundreds of arts and dance classes offered year-round. Classes start between September 2011 and February 2012. Visit the website, [glenechopark.org](http://glenechopark.org) to learn more.

Ruth Rabner, Registrar 301.634.2226

Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture  
[registrar@glenechopark.org](mailto:registrar@glenechopark.org)

Winter classes with **Glen Kessler** at **The Yellow Barn** are enrolling now.

'Pet Portrait Workshop' Saturday & Sunday  
Dec 3 & 4 10am-4pm \*\*Class is full--call 301-634-2226 to join the waitlist\*\*

'Mid-Winter Studio' Sundays Dec 18 & Jan 15  
10am-4pm

[www.GlenKessler.com](http://www.GlenKessler.com) On Facebook at 'Glen Kessler Art and Teaching'

### **The Dennis and Philip Ratner Museum**

"INNER AND OUTER JOURNEYS" (Mixed Media), December 1-26

Reception: Sunday, December 4th

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Free Admission

Museum Hours: Sundays 10-4:30pm

Mondays through Thursdays: Noon-4 pm (closed holidays)

The Dennis and Philip Ratner Museum  
10001 Old Georgetown Road,  
Bethesda, MD 20814 301-897-1518

### **Call for Fine Artists & Fine Crafters**

Deadline to apply: Dec. 9, 2011

The **Bethesda Fine Arts Festival**, scheduled for May 12 & 13, 2012, will be held in downtown Bethesda. Artists from throughout the country are invited to apply.

All original fine art and fine craft is eligible to apply. All work must be created by the artists; no manufactured or mass produced work is eligible. All artists must provide their own white tents and weights. Security, booth sitters, breakfast and lunch for the artists are provided by festival management.

Please visit [www.bethesda.org](http://www.bethesda.org) for more info or call 301/215-6660.

### **Bethesda Painting Awards**

Deadline: February 24, 2012

The Bethesda Arts & Entertainment District is currently accepting applications for the eighth annual Bethesda Painting Awards, a juried competition honoring four selected painters with \$14,000 in prize monies. Up to eight finalists will

be invited to display their work in June 2012 at Gallery B.

Bethesda Urban Partnership and Bethesda Arts & Entertainment District

7700 Old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda, Maryland 20814

[www.bethesda.org](http://www.bethesda.org)

### **Bethesda Art Walk**

Free gallery tours on the second Friday of every month from 6-9pm

2011 Art Walk date December 10. For more information, call 301/215-6660 or visit

[www.bethesda.org](http://www.bethesda.org)

The **Bethesda Arts & Entertainment District** and **Bethesda Urban Partnership** are opening **Gallery B** in downtown Bethesda!

This gallery is available to interested artists and arts organizations for one-month rentals. All media including, but not limited to, painting, photography and sculpture is eligible to use the space. Gallery B does not take a commission on any artwork sold during the exhibition.

They are seeking applications from local artists and arts organizations for month-long exhibitions from November 2011 - May 2012. There is approximately 1,500 sq. feet of available exhibition space. Questions? Please send an email to [artist@bethesda.org](mailto:artist@bethesda.org).

[www.bethesda.org](http://www.bethesda.org)

Bethesda Urban Partnership and Bethesda Arts & Entertainment District, 7700 Old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda, Maryland

### **PLAZA ART** in Rockville

Painting and drawing classes will start in early January. December workshops include Holiday Cards, Monoprints with Interactive Acrylics, Mat Cutting, Photoshop Secrets for The Artist, Watercolor Mediums and Open Figure Model.

1594B Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

Phone: 301-770-0500; [www.plazaart.com](http://www.plazaart.com)

### **Zenith Gallery at Chevy Chase Pavilion**

Presents "Year's End / New Beginnings"

December 1, 2011 - February 25, 2012

Artists' Reception December 7, 6 - 8:30 pm

Zenith Gallery at Chevy Chase Pavilion, Level 2,  
5335 Wisconsin Ave NW, Washington DC 20015

Open Wednesday-Saturday, Noon - 6PM, and by appointment. 202-783-2963

[art@zenithgallery.com](mailto:art@zenithgallery.com)

[www.zenithgallery.com](http://www.zenithgallery.com)

## GFAA Event Calendar

- Nov. 23-Jan. 2    Fall Show at the Activity Center at Bohrer Park
- December 1        Artists' Reception at Bohrer Park 7-8:30 pm
- December 8        GFAA Holiday Dinner instead of meeting
- January 10, 2012 MVF Revolving Show take-down and hang new show  
3-3:30 pm at North Creek Community Center
- January 12        GFAA meeting at Stedwick Community Center
- February 9        GFAA meeting at Stedwick Community Center
- March 8            GFAA meeting at Stedwick Community Center
- March 11          GFAA Open House (Revolving Show) at North Creek CC  
during MVF Show Reception
- April 12            GFAA meeting at Stedwick Community Center
- late March-May 20    Spring Juried Show at Kentlands Mansion
- March 27          Reception for Spring Juried Show at Kentlands
- May10              GFAA meeting at Stedwick Community Center
- May 19-20        Show for GFAA/Yellow Barn members  
(you must be a member of both groups to enter)
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## GFAA ANNUAL DECEMBER DINNER

December 8, 2011 at the Willow Tree Inn, Montgomery Village Golf Club

TIME:        Cash bar will be open at 6 pm; dinner served at 7 pm.

ENTREES:     SHRIMP SCAMPI  
                  PASTA PRIMAVERA  
                  BREAST OF CHICKEN ZINFANDEL

Served with tossed garden greens, rice pilaf, fresh vegetable medley, rolls and butter,  
dessert, and coffee, tea or decaf coffee  
CASH BAR: Wine, Beer and soft drinks

*Please see sign on sheet attached.*

# GFAA MEMBERS' ANNUAL DINNER

December 8, 2011

To be held in the Oak Room at The Willow Tree Inn,  
Montgomery Village Golf Club on Montgomery Village Avenue

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Time: 6:00pm (dinner served at 7 pm)

Cost: \$30 (including tax and gratuity)

Menu: Tossed garden greens, Entrée, fresh vegetable medley,  
Rice pilaf, rolls & butter, dessert, coffee, tea & decaf

Please enter your choice of entrée for yourself and guests from the selection below:

- Pasta Primavera
- Shrimp Scampi
- Breast of Chicken Zinfandel

There will be a cash bar serving beer, wine, and soft drinks in the Oak Room

You are invited to bring a guest(s). Please also indicate their selection above.

Return completed form by December 2 together with check for the amount to:

Ms. Jeanne Powell  
20316 Highland Hall Drive  
Montgomery Village, MD 20886