



Gaithersburg Fine Arts Association

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Abstracts with Natasha Karpinskaia

The GFAA featured speaker for October is Natasha Karpinskaia. Natasha is a very accomplished artist in abstract painting and mixed media and is currently an art instructor at the Yellow Barn in Bethesda. Natasha has an MA from the Academy of Fine Arts, St. Petersburg, Russia, and achieved a PhD in Art History at Columbia University in NYC. Natasha's paintings and reviews have appeared in many publications including "Russian Curator Focuses on Painting" CT Acorn Papers, and "Academy 2011" Washington Post, July 2011. Her art is represented at the Susan Calloway Fine Arts Gallery, Washington, DC, Artists' Space, NY, NY, and Silvermine Guild Art Center, New Canaan, CT. Natasha's vast experience includes serving as curator in the International Department of the Moscow Tretyakov Gallery, the largest museum of Russian art in Russia, curator of an art collection for Bank Menatap, Moscow, Russia, and curator at the Union of Russian Artists involved in exhibitions in contemporary Russian art.

Natasha's presentation will include an absorbing slide show of classic abstraction in art history, drawing on her expertise as an art historian, analyzing and studying the style of Masters to the present.



Meeting
Thursday
October 13th
at 7:00 pm

Stedwick
Community
Center
10401
Stedwick Road
Montgomery
Village,
20886

President's Message

Greetings GFAA members and friends,

Our September meeting was wonderful. It was great to see everyone enjoying Susan Herron's inspiring presentation. One of the objectives of GFAA is to provide educational programs for members and we are happy to start the year off with a bang.

So how do we find our spark of inspiration? Keeping our artistic fire lit is challenging. There are times we are joyfully working full steam ahead on our passion then we hit that wall of nothing. Coming to the a GFAA meeting and listening to our guest speakers talk about their work and watching their demonstrations helps inspire confidence, leads to new ideas, and new directions. After watching a demo on acrylics by Susan Herron I was inspired to try them. Acrylics were much harder to use than I thought, having been a watercolorist for so many years, the medium was more viscous than I was used to. I persisted keeping in mind the excitement that drew me to them in the first place and now more feel much more comfortable with them. I like the new direction a new medium took me and how it also influences my watercolor painting.

I'm happy to report we have an exciting year ahead with a full plate of show venues. Coming up, the paintings hanging in this quarterly MVF Revolving Show will be a part of the GFAA Open House at the October 15th Pumpkin Festival, Saturday 11am-3pm. (The paintings in the revolving show will be on display during the Pumpkin Festival at North Creek Community Center in Montgomery Village.) Hopefully we'll make some good sales from the Festival Event.

Our GFAA organization has become a success by member support and participation. We will need volunteers for each of our events.

Kathy Bush
GFAA President

"I dream my painting then I paint my dream"
Vincent Van Gogh

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GFAA Members Corner: HANG NGUYEN

Hang Nguyen has wanted to paint since high school but never had the opportunity because of school, family and work obligations. Once her children grew up and moved away, she found the time to finally try her hand at painting. Taking a class with Master Mu Jiashan in Chinese brush painting Hang found a hidden talent. After that experience, she went on to try oil painting, studying with Sandy Klingenberg.

She built up her confidence and skill step by step taking classes and workshops from well known local artists: Lee Boynton, Bill Schmidt, and Walt Bartman to name a few.

Hang enjoys working from photos painting landscapes and flowers in oils and acrylics in her studio and she also manages to get outdoors occasionally to paint plein air with Montgomery County Plein Air Artist and fellow GFAA members.

Recently she has tackled the challenge of painting portraits. Her subjects are family members and friends who have encouraged her art and are rewarded with one of her portrait paintings.

Q & A: What do you find most challenging? That would be composition, color mixing, and perspective. Getting the painting to recede into the distance is something I work hard on.

How long have you been a GFAA member and what is the best part of belonging to GFAA ? I've been a member for 4 years. I love hearing the guest speakers and watching the demos at the meetings. After I stopped doing social work, I missed the interaction with people. Belonging to GFAA adds a lot of new friends where we can exchange ideas and I enjoy the chance to see everybody else's art work.

Any advice for new artists? Keep painting every day if you can. Practice is very important in building artistic skill.

Future Goals?: Painting is a lifelong learning experience, so I want to continue to improve. At the moment, I'm trying to get better at painting portraits. I'm happy that I have space in my home to spread out and paint. When I see others enjoying my art work it makes me happy.

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, and Barbara at 301-881-0052 or BDeWitt@comcast.net

For Sale – one single-action and one double-action airbrush, with accessories, compressor and air tank \$75. A Caramate slide projector (projects on wall or built in small screen) with several slide carousels \$60. Contact Darla Tagrin at DarlaT@aol.com or call 301-977-5547.

GFAA News

Estelle Zorman, our former Shows chairman, will have a solo show, "The Arrival of the Light" at the Framer's Choice Gallery in Kentlands October 3 through November 3. (Please see the article about the show in the September 16 issue of the Montgomery Village News.) You are all invited to her opening reception Sunday, October 9 from 3:30 to 6:30 pm.

Framer's Choice Gallery, 402 Main Street (on Kentlands Market Square), Gaithersburg, MD 20878. Open M-F 10-6 pm, Saturday 10-5 pm, Sunday 11-3 pm. Call 301-987-8711

GFAA was well represented at the Kensington Labor Day show. The following members participated in the event: publicity VP **Pat Choquette**, treasurer **Jeanne Powell**, president emeritus **Sandra Fritter**, **Valthea Fry**, **Joanne Aarons**, membership VP **Angela Lacy**, **Carol Bouville**, **Maria Riccio**, and president **Kathy Bush**. Sandy Fritter and Angie Lacy each sold a painting, Carol Bouville won an award, and Marie Riccio won third place in the Plein Air event. Way to go!

GFAA treasurer **Jeanne Powell** sold both of the paintings she had at the Glen Echo Labor Day show, and she also sold 4 paintings from her bin at the Kensington Labor Day art show. Congratulations!

Members **Marianne Kost**, **Barb Bauer**, former member Nancy Bullough and The Yellow Barn's Walt Bartman will all be participating in Artomatic @Frederick. See more information about the show later in this newsletter.

Member **Darla Tagrin** has sold an E-book "cover" for the book, "The Ninth Step" by Barbara Sissel, and is working on the cover for the author's next book, "The Volunteer". You can see the cover or buy the ebook at <http://www.barbarataylorssissel.com/>

Save the date (October 15) for the **Montgomery Great Pumpkin Race and Fall Festival** with activities including scarecrow making, apple crafts and games, leading up to the crowning event of the day - "The Great Pumpkin Race"! Pumpkin racer kits will be available at the Apple Ridge office of the Montgomery

Village foundation. (email Darla Tagrin at DarlaT@aol.com if you want a racer kit – I have one left from last year. It was fun!)

GFAA will be doing an **Open House Exhibition** of the art in the Montgomery Village Revolving Show at this very popular event at North Creek Community Center in Montgomery Village, and there is a good chance of sales. We will need volunteers to chair and man the show at this event.

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.

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. [Kentlands Mansion](http://KentlandsMansion.com), 320 Kent Square Road in Gaithersburg.

Just a heads-up – we will have a show at the **Activity Center at Bohrer Park** in Gaithersburg November 23 through January 2. Approximate dates for hanging are November 22, and pick up January 3 (subject to change). We will need to hang this show ourselves. More information as it becomes available.

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 the 1st Membership VP: Angela Lacy 1918 Fallsmead Way, Rockville MD 20854. Application forms will be posted online at www.gaithersburgfinearts.org, or contact a board member.

City of Gaithersburg

Arts Barn Gallery.

The City of Gaithersburg presents a show of photography and digital painting by Nikhil Bahl, Angelique Raptakis and Susan Spangler from September 30 through November 27. An artists' reception will be held October 11 from 7 to 8:30 pm.

The Arts Barn is located at 311 Kent Square Road in Gaithersburg. Viewing hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. For more information visit the Arts Barn online at

<http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov/artsbarn> .

Gaithersburg's **Kentlands Mansion** will host a show of multimedia art by Nancy Heindl, Joan Eames, Steve Hanks and Sheryl Massaro October 7 through November 4. The artists' reception will coincide with that of the Arts Barn next door, on October 11 from 7 to 8:30.

[Kentlands Mansion](#) is located at 320 Kent Square Road. Gallery viewing is by appointment only. Please call 301-258-6425 to schedule a visit.

A multimedia show by artists Sarah Becker, Bing Huang, Edelweiss Calagno, Mohsen Semnani, Nataliya Andreyeva and Paul Vickers will be open from September 30 through November 20 at the **Activity Center at Bohrer Park**, 506 South Frederick Avenue in Gaithersburg. Viewing hours are Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m..

For information on CITY OF GAITHERSBURG arts events, please call Gallery Director Andi Rosati at 301-258-6350 or 301-258-6394 or arosati@gaithersburgmd.gov or go to www.gaithersburgmd.gov .

Events and Opportunities

BlackRock Center For the Arts is

accepting entries for the October 2012 - August 2013 exhibit season.

Deadline: Friday, October 28, 2011

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

Eligibility: Open to all artists 18 years and over residing in Maryland, Virginia, and Washington DC.

Artists who are willing to conduct a lecture or workshop for a BlackRock standard fee will receive special consideration during the selection process.

You can download the prospectus by going to www.blackrockcenter.org .

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

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 For more information, contact Gallery Coordinator Kim Onley at konley@blackrockcenter.org.

The **Art League of Germantown** Exhibit at the **Sandy Spring Museum** began September 14 and will remain open until November 27.

The Museum hours are: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday – 9:00 am to 4:00 pm; Saturday, Sunday – 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm; Closed on Tuesday and Friday. Call 301-774-0022 for information. Sandy Spring Museum, 17901 Bentley Road, Sandy Spring, MD

Yellow Barn Studio/Glen Echo Park

Fall/Winter Registration is now open! 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 web-site, glenechopark.org to learn more about

classes and other programs for children, teens and adults.

"Uncork the Arts" Wine Tasting & Silent Auction, Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park Thursday, October 6, 7 pm-9:30 pm
TICKETS: \$50 in Advance | \$60 at the Door

The silent auction includes: Private Workshops with the Park's Resident Artists: ~ Bonnie Lee Holland Art & Creativity Lab; One-month Solo or Group Exhibition in the Partnership Office Gallery; Tour of Yellow Barn Director Walt Bartman's Tilghman Island Studio and a \$50 Gift Certificate to the Tilghman Island Inn.

Ruth Rabner, Registrar 301.634.2226
Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture registrar@glenechopark.org

The Dennis and Philip Ratner Museum OCTOBER EXHIBITION

"SEVEN DEGREES OF SEPARATION"

October 2 -October 30, 2011

(acrylic, oil, painted paper collage, pastel, and watercolor)

Sara Becker, Claire Howard, Loriann Signori, Judith Simmons, Diane Cary-Thomson, JoAnn Clayton Townsend, and Rob Wood

Meet the Artists Reception:

Sunday, October 2 Free Admission

Museum Hours: Sundays 10-4:30pm

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

if you have any questions, please contact Stella Bernstein, Director, during museum hours.

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

Bethesda Art Walk

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

2011 Art Walk dates: October 8, November 12, December 10. For more information, call 301/215-6660 or visit

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

PLAZA ART in Rockville

October workshops include: Photoshop Secrets for The Artist, Watercolor Collage, Inside Golden Acrylics, Open Figure Model, Translucent Collage, Figure Drawing Weekend, Landscape in Watercolor, Beginning Oil Painting and Holiday Cards with Chine Colle Printmaking. Classes beginning in October are Abstract Painting and Watercolor Experience 1. 1594B Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852. Phone: 301-770-0500; www.plazaart.com

The Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery invites artists to apply for the Outwin Boochever Portrait Competition 2013.

The finalists' entries will be featured in an exhibition in the Portrait Gallery from March 22, 2013 to January 4, 2014. The winner will receive a cash award of \$25,000 and a separate commission of a portrait of a remarkable living American for the National Portrait Gallery.

Open to all visual arts media. Call for entries September 1 - October 31, 2011. Visit http://www.npg.si.edu/docs/OBP_C2013brochure.pdf for more information. At this time, the entry site does not seem to be working.

Artomatic is coming to Frederick September 28 through November 6th. **Artomatic@Frederick** will utilize over 27,000 sq. feet of space at the former FCPS Central Office building at 115 E. Church Street, Frederick, Maryland. If you are not familiar with this event, it is a completely open-entry exhibit in which unjuried events showcase creative work in

visual art, performing art, music, dance and film. Several GFAA members are participating. For information go to www.artomaticfrederick.org, or email Steven Dobbin or Jennifer Finley, Artomatic@Frederick, aom21701@gmail.com or call 240-285-3758

GFAA Event Calendar

Sept. 20-Jan. 10	Montgomery Village Foundation Revolving Show (This show will continue throughout the year changing approximately every 3 months)
October 13	GFAA meeting at Stedwick Community Center
October 15	Open House at the MVF Pumpkin Festival
November 10	GFAA meeting at Stedwick Community Center
Nov. 23-Jan. 2	show at the Activity Center at Bohrer Park
December	GFAA Holiday Dinner instead of meeting
End of December-March	Possible display at Annapolis State House
January 12	GFAA meeting at Stedwick Community Center
February 9	GFAA meeting at Stedwick Community Center
Feb. 27-March 30	show at VisArts in Rockville
March 8	GFAA meeting at Stedwick Community Center
April 12	GFAA meeting at Stedwick Community Center
Spring 2012	Spring Juried Show at Kentlands Mansion
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)