



Gaithersburg Fine Arts Association

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Artist/Instructor Susan Herron

Meeting
Thursday
September 8th
2011
at 7:00 pm

Acrylics with Susan Herron

Please join us on September 8th as once again we welcome Susan Herron to kick off our new year. She plans to demonstrate an acrylic landscape using an underpainting as a beginning. Susan is a well known local watercolor and acrylic artist and her award winning paintings can be seen in numerous private and corporate collections. As a signature member of the National Watercolor Society, and the Potomac Valley watercolorists Susan has received numerous awards in national and regional exhibitions.

Susan's art is fascinating and colorful, and her paintings are known for capturing light, mood, and texture. She works in both watercolor and acrylic, and her repertoire includes portraits, landscapes, animals and bird life. We are honored to welcome her back.

(come early, 6:30-7 pm for registration, see membership renewal notice on page 3)

Stedwick
Community
Center
10401
Stedwick Road
Montgomery
Village, 20886

President's Message

Welcome back everyone! I hope everyone had a successful and creative summer. We are starting another season together with some exciting programs planned for the year.

Your board members have been working hard to get ready for the new 2011-12 season. Having been a member for five years, I've always been impressed by the outstanding guest speakers and programs GFAA presented each meeting and this year we are making every effort to keep up the challenge of excellence.

Whether a professional or beginner, as artists, we are constantly learning new skills. Our September 8th guest speaker is Susan Herron. Her inspirational presentation never fails to rev up excitement to try a new technique or a new medium in a totally different way.

We may be in challenging times now, but opportunities are out there. This year GFAA has four venues for showing our art: the juried Kentlands Mansion Show next Spring, Bohrer Park Exhibition in November, State House of Delegates in Annapolis at the end of December, plus, the revolving Montgomery Village Foundation Show which is really four shows a year. WOW! Lots of opportunities to get your art out there whatever your skill level. Be sure read the email alerts and to check the newsletter for more information on each show.

Looking forward to seeing you in September.

Kathy Bush, President

"You can't wait for inspiration, you have to go after it with a club" - Jack London

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GFAA Members Corner: SELMA ROBEY

Selma Robey has painted in watercolor for 30 years. Although new to Gaithersburg she is a long time resident of Montgomery County. Her creative spirit needed to find an outlet. Not content to be just a housewife, she helped in her son-in-law's catering business making decorative food preparations, plus taking classes at Montgomery College, traveling, and pursuing her passion for painting. Abstract painting is one of her favorite styles but not the only one. In her studio she likes to change things up with other styles and subjects.

Other organizations Selma belongs to are the Olney Art Association and the Fine Arts and Crafts Committee at Asbury.

Q & A: Who influenced you most in your art?
My father was an oil painter and was a major influence for my art, encouraging me to paint and draw. As a teenager, I spent many hours drawing abstract pictures. Also Ed Longley, an art instructor at Leisure World.

What do you find most challenging?
Painting in watercolor has many challenges for me and trying out different ways to use watercolors has made it so intriguing.

Advice for new artists?
Keep at it and don't give up.

What do you enjoy most about GFAA?
I enjoy the terrific guest speakers that are at the meetings and especially liked participation in the paint along session last year which allowed me to get to know members better.

Future goals: Just to keep on going to class and paint, paint, paint.

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

Membership renewal time starts now!

You'll notice the membership application has been updated and simplified. 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 in the September newsletter and online at www.gaithersburgfinearts.org.

The Membership Vice Presidents, Angela Lacy and Cathy Fleming, will be accepting applications and checks at the September 8th meeting 6:30 - 7 pm before the meeting starts and during the break so as not to disrupt the guest speaker. Feel free to come early just to mingle with your fellow artists before the meeting, a great time to renew friendships and make new ones.

GFAA News

New GFAA President **Kathy Bush** is the subject of the following edition of the local website **Gaithersburg**

Patch: <http://gaithersburg.patch.com/articles/a-portrait-of-the-artist-kathy-bush>

GFAA member **Marie Riccio** is featured in the **Gaithersburg Patch** blog about her show, "Contemporary Landscapes", that was held earlier this year at Kentlands Mansion. You can see the article at this link:

<http://gaithersburg.patch.com/articles/a-portrait-of-the-artist-marie-riccio>

Marie Riccio ricciodesign@comcast.net

You can click on the following links for other

GFAA news in the **Gaithersburg Patch**:

[25th Annual Spring GFAA Reception and Awards Ceremony at Kentlands Mansion and Multimedia Show Reception at the Arts Barn](#)
[GFAA Members Show at the Yellow Barn](#)
[Rulei Bu and Students at the Arts Barn](#)
[A Portrait of the Artist: Dale Eno Shore](#)

Member **JoAnn Bresch** is presenting a session titled: **Abstract Art – Do You Get It?** at Montgomery College. This is a special one day program offered on Sunday September 11 and includes lunch.

Montgomery College
 Workforce Development & Continuing Education

A Taste of...Lifelong Learning Institute
 A special all-day program for seniors 50 & Up
 Sunday, September 11, 2011
 9:00 a.m.–4:45 p.m.

Germantown Campus
 High Technology Building, 4th Floor
 20200 Observation Drive
 Germantown, MD 20876

JoAnn will also teach two Montgomery College classes at the Robertson Park Youth Center. Come and join a great group of people while you paint in a very well lit art studio. Tuition waiver applies; seniors pay fee only.

Abstract Art: Design and Technique
 CRN#: 25899 8 Sessions

9/7–10/26 Wednesday, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Watercolor—Intermediate

CRN#: 26116 8 Sessions

9/1-10/27 R 9:30–11:30 a.m.

CRN#: 26117 8 Sessions

9/6–10/25 Thursday, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Call JoAnn at 301.793.7568 if you have questions:

www.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce/ce/lifelonglearning.html

Member **Jeanne Powell** has paintings in the Glen Echo Park Student Show-Popcorn Gallery-- through Labor Day, Yellow Barn Gallery--Paintings from Bahamas 2011 and Argentina--August 27-28, and will be in the MAA-Kensington Labor Day Show and paint out and the Glen Echo Park Labor Day Art Show.

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. An E-book is a book that is published online, and you read it on your computer or other digital reading device.

Artists who have paintings at the **Montgomery Village Revolving Show** at North Creek and the Montgomery Village office may pick up their paintings at the North Creek Community Center on the corner of Montgomery Village Avenue and Arrowhead Road in Montgomery Village September 19th, time to be determined. Drop off of paintings for the next month's show will be at the same time and place. You may bring 2-3 paintings. The show will be up for approximately 3 months.

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. It's a lot of fun!

GFAA will be doing an **Open House exhibition** of the art in the Montgomery Village Revolving Show at the fall festival 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 to mark the one-year anniversary of Mak's creation of a community art exhibition there. 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.

City of Gaithersburg

The City of Gaithersburg welcomes the return of the colorful oil paintings of GFAA member **Rulei Bu** and his young students to the **Arts Barn Gallery**.

The exhibition runs from July 29 through September 25, 2011. 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 an exhibit of **photography** by **Gwen Lewis, Elysa Barron and Andrew Wohl** from August 24 to October 2, 2011. The public is invited to an Artists' Reception that will introduce the collection on Monday, August 29 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. [Kentlands Mansion](#) is located at 320 Kent Square Road. Gallery viewing is by appointment only. Please call **301-258-6425** to schedule a visit.

Photographers Terry Popkin, Robert Catlett and Harald Hoiland have come together to present a fascinating exhibit of images they've titled "**Three Guys – Three Points of View.**" Their works will be on display at the **Activity Center at Bohrer Park**, 506 South Frederick Avenue in Gaithersburg, Maryland from July 22 through September 18, 2011. 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

Kensington Paint the Town Art Show Juried Art Exhibit and Plein Air Event at the Kensington Armory Over the Labor Day Weekend. 3710 Mitchell Street, Kensington, MD 20895

One of the pieces entered must reflect or be representative of the Town of Kensington. (Abstracts are fine. Your representation of the town may be in the artistic style of your choice)

All artists are asked to assist with the show in some capacity.

In addition to the Kensington Armory exhibition, there is a Plein Air Event that takes place on Saturday, September 3rd from daybreak to 3:00 pm. This event is free for members of MAA and \$5.00 for non-members. You do not need to participate in the general show in order to participate in the Plein Air Event. These artworks will then be on exhibit at the Armory Show and available for sale if so desired.

For more information and to volunteer contact Debra Halprin at (301) 260-9701 or halprinart@aol.com

PLAZA ART in Rockville

New classes begin September 12 and 13 September workshops include:

Advanced Textures in Watercolor, Watercolor Experience, Open Figure Model and Beginning and Advanced Airbrush.

1594B Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852. Phone: 301-770-0500;

www.plazaart.com

Bethesda Art Walk

Free gallery tours on the second Friday of every month from 6-9pm
2011 Art Walk dates: September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10. For more information, call 301/215-6660 or visit www.bethesda.org

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.

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, and visit the website, glenechopark.org to learn more about classes and other programs for children, teens and adults.

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

Save the date for our Open House for Classes: Saturday, September 3 from Noon to 4pm. Check glenechopark.org for details.

41st Annual Labor Day Art Show

September 3 - 5, 2011

Full details about the show may be found at our [Labor Day Art Show page](#).

Glen Echo Park Partnership | 7300 MacArthur Blvd. | Glen Echo | MD | 20812

The **Betty Mae Kramer Gallery and Music Room** presents "**On The Edge**" featuring four Montgomery County painters: Jorge Bernal, encaustic; Joanne Bleichner, oil; Florence Gang, acrylics and Diane Mesirov, oil, curated by Fran Abrams.

Exhibit Dates - July 11 to October 3, 2011
Silver Spring Civic Building, One Veterans Place, Silver Spring, MD 20910 Free and open to the public. For more information go to: <http://www.creativemoco.com/kramer-gallery>

Contrary to the recent article in the Gazette, the **Fraser Gallery** has not moved and re-opened in Gaithersburg. Catriona Fraser is simply displaying some work in an empty storefront.

Call for Artists – Artomatic @Frederick

Register online August 1-September 9. Join Frederick's first 5-week unjuried creative showcase to be held at 115 Church Street in Downtown Frederick from September 28 through November 6 2011.

www.ArtomaticFrederick.org

DEADLINE: Sat, September 24, 2011

78th Annual International Exhibition of Fine Art in Miniature

Miniature Painters, Sculptors & Gravers Society of Washington, DC. Exhibition at **Strathmore Mansion**, North Bethesda, MD. November 21, 2011-December 30, 2011.

Awards: \$6,000+. Prospectus: Download at www.mpsgs.org or SASE to Nancy Still, MPSGS Secretary, 8220 Brucar Court, Gaithersburg, MD 20877-1101. Questions? Contact Nar Steel, MPSGS President, at nars@erols.com or Nancy Still, MPSGS Secretary, at nancy@miniartsupply.biz or visit www.mpsgs.org. Contact: Elizabeth Stecher | 301-593-8305 www.mpsgs.org estecher7@verizon.net

The Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery invites artists to figure out the contemporary art of the portrait 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 portraitcompetition.si.edu for more information and to enter.

Petri Dish –

Deadline for Entry: October 3, 2011.

Exhibition Dates: December 1-31, 2011

Reception: December 13, 6-8pm;

juror talk @7pm

Petri Dish is an all media small works exhibit with the primary focus of artist experimentation. The work must fit within the parameters of a standard petri dish - 100mmx15mm (approx. 4 in) - The gallery will provide petri dishes for the accepted works. Download a Prospectus - Make sure to read this COMPLETELY before applying online.

<http://www.torpedofactory.org/images/galleries/target/December%202011/Petri%20Dish%20Prospectus.pdf>

September Calendar

- 1 Intermediate Watercolor class at Montgomery College by JoAnn Bresch
- 3 Glen Echo Open House for Classes
- 3-5 Glen Echo Labor Day Art Show
- 3 & 4 Kensington Paint the Town Art Show Juried Art Exhibit and Plein Air Event at the Kensington Armory
- 6 BlackRock Open Art Studio
- 7 Abstract Art - Design and Technique class by JoAnn Bresch begins
- 8 **GFAA meeting** at Stedwick Community Center
- 9 Last day to register for Artomatic @Frederick
- 10 Bethesda Art Walk
- 11 A Taste of...Lifelong Learning Institute - presentation on Abstract Art by JoAnn Bresch at Montgomery College
- 19 **GFAA/Montgomery Village Revolving Show** drop off and pick up of paintings
- 24 Deadline to apply for 78th Annual International Exhibition of Fine Art in Miniature

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Membership in the GFAA affirms your interest in Painting, Drawing and Graphic Arts and your desire to exchange ideas, experiences and techniques, and provides opportunities to exhibit your work.

Membership starts September 1st and runs to August 31 the following year. Please pay annual dues of \$30 at or before the September meeting; only paid members will be eligible for members' shows. Dues are used to finance guest speakers, workshops, exhibits, awards, judging fees, and other projects designed to promote the visual arts. *Dues paid **after** the juried Spring Show will be applied to the following year. Must be over 17 years of age.*

The monthly meetings are on the 2nd Thursday of the month from September through June at the Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road in Montgomery Village. Meetings are 7pm-9pm and visitors are always welcome!

The newsletter is sent out via email and can also be downloaded from our website. If you can not access it on the internet, please contact the newsletter editor Darla Tagrin at darlat@aol.com, phone number 301-977-5547 or membership chair Angela Lacy at alacy1130@gmail.com, phone number 301-279-2293.



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

New Member

Renew

New contact information

Name _____ *I am over 17 years of age*

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

e-mail _____ Phone _____

Artistic Interests: _____

Which services or talents can you contribute to **GFAA**?

Help with shows Publicity Programs Newsletter Refreshments Board member Other

Mail this form and a check for \$30 made out to **GFAA** to:
 Angela Lacy 1918 S. Fallsmead Way, Rockville, MD 20854

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