

Forks Area Art Society



You gotta have art!



June, 2017 Newsletter

*The June Forks Area Art Society meeting will be held Wednesday, the 14th, at 7:00 PM. Forks Township Municipal Building
1606 Sullivan Trail, Easton, PA, 18040.*

As always, there is a “Show and Tell” segment at each of our meetings. We encourage attendees to bring their artwork to share with the group.

We interrupt this newsletter to bring you a special announcement: July is Siesta Month for FAAS. There are no meetings or FAAS events scheduled during the month (after the Plein Air Picnic on July 25th, of course). We will return you to your regular scheduled programming on August 1st. Thank you.

For more information regarding FAAS:

Email: forksartsociety@gmail.com

Website: <http://forksareaartsociety.yolasite.com>

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/forksareaartsociety>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/forksartsociety>

Would you like your art to be featured in the [FAAS member's website gallery](#) and on the [Facebook page](#)? Email jeffrey.michael@hotmail.com with your full name, titles, medium, and prices if for sale. The website features two works at a time, while Facebook is unlimited. Please make sure the images are the best quality you can capture.

June's Meeting:



Will Daskal

Wednesday, June 14th, Forks Area Art Society Monthly Meeting: 7 - 9 PM. Features popular artist and teacher Will Daskal.

Forks Township Municipal Building, 1606 Sullivan Trail, Easton, PA, 18040.

Will's bio: Will Daskal is an energetic, highly motivational, multi-award-winning artist who has studied transparent watercolor, oil and acrylic painting techniques with numerous internationally, nationally and regionally well-known artist/instructors. Will and his work have been featured many times on BRC-TV Channel 13's Evening News, ViaMedia's Art in the Valley, BRC-TV Channel 13's Talk of the Town with Kim & Marie, and almost two dozen telecasts of BRC-TV Channel 13's Out in the Open with Alex & JoAnn Zidock.

Will's paintings are highly collectible and are held in private and corporate collections in the United States, Canada, and Europe. Will simply loves to perform at club demonstrations, area painting workshops and always shares all his painting tips and secrets with his eager students, as he teaches them the "Thrill of Painting". His current work may be viewed on his website at <http://www.WillDaskal.com>.

Will now specializes in private painting instruction, as well as providing watercolor, oil, mixed media & acrylic workshops to art groups and civic organizations throughout NEPA and the Lehigh Valley. He is a Past-President of the PAINT BOX ART CLUB (Nazareth), a past Executive Officer and Treasurer of the Pocono Mountains Art Group, and he currently serves as Vice-President of POCONO WATERCOLOR ASSOCIATES (Cresco).

Will strives to show that painting can be rich and dramatic. Will envisions artistic inspiration everywhere he travels, painting simply for sheer enjoyment and spiritual gratification. His artistic creativity is predicated upon a primal energy that flows within him. The natural world is beautiful and filled with exciting possibilities, and he feels infinitely blessed to be able to observe and explore so much of it through his art. His paintings are rooted in bits of reality, as well as his own personal existence, forming a springboard for situations he might observe or imagine.

May Thank you!



Special thanks to Marta Whistler for her inspirational and informative speaking demo at our June meeting! Marta's shared her experiences as a professional artist as well as her approach and concepts for spawning inspiration and creativity. It was a very motivational discussion. Thanks Marta!

Upcoming FAAS Meetings:

July: Siesta Time! (No meeting)
August: Thomas Kosa - Smoke Art and Photography
September: Jackie Shoup - Watercolor

Penny Hochella is accepting requests from anyone who would like to present at a future FAAS meeting. FAAS will offer \$50 as well as a one year membership (\$20 value) to anyone who presents. You can contact Penny at p.hochella@yahoo.com with your interest.

2017 'Amp Up the Art' - A Special Thank You!



Photo by Amy Herzog from the Morning Call. For more visit the article at: [PICTURES: Amp up the Art, Art in the Park Show in Forks Township.](#)

A special thank you to all the artists, crafters, vendors, musicians, and everyone who attended in this year's Amp Up the Art event on Saturday, May 20th. Sharing your time and talents to support the arts is commendable! With all sincerity, "Thank you"!

Even though the weather may have contributed to the lower attendance, overall, the feedback we received was extremely positive and most every artists said they had a really nice time and would like to participate again next year, We will keep you up to date on the Art in the Park event next year. Hopefully the weather will be more cooperative!

Tuesday Afternoon Sketch Luncheons at Country Meadows!

Charlie Hanson will be hosting a Tuesday, afternoon Sketch luncheon at Country Meadows on the 3rd Tuesday in June (6/20), July (7/18) and August (8/15) from 11 am to 1 pm. A different subject will be provided each month. The event is open to anyone who would like to brush up on their sketching skills. **The event is FREE and includes a delicious lunch provided by Country Meadows. A reservation is required to participate.** You can make your reservation by contacting Charlie Hanson at bchanson1@rcn.com

FAAS Members Plein Air Painting Event and Picnic



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June 25th FAAS will be holding a **Plein Air Painting** event and **picnic** for members of the society. **Painting starts at 10:00 am** for those who wish to participate. **The picnic starts at 12:00 pm.**

There will be a "white elephant" sale on lightly used or new art supplies, books etc. FAAS is asking for folks to go through their supplies, anything they don't want or use, and to put very reasonable price stickers on their items to sell at the picnic. Any money

received will go to FAAS for the Cottage upkeep costs.

Country Meadows is kindly supplying the burgers and hot dogs. The board will be in charge of supplying the drinks. We will have a sign-up sheet going around at our meeting for people to sign up and bring covered food items or you can register by sending an email to forksartsociety@gmail.com

Thursday Afternoon "Sketch and Chat" Sessions at The Cottage!

Due to popular demand a new "Sketch and Chat" session at The Cottage has been scheduled for **Thursday afternoon June 22nd from 1 – 3 pm**. If you would like to come out and sketch still life subjects or take an art book from our library or sketch anything you would like. Come out to The Cottage join in the fun and conversation.

August FAAS 'Road Trip' to the Grey Towers in Milford, PA

Come one, Come all! Forks Area Art Society invites you our first ever 'Road Trip' to Grey Towers in Milford, PA on **August 7th** for the 'Festival of Wood' event. Members of the group will be driving up for the festival and a tour of the towers and grounds. The event is open from **10 AM to 4 PM** and if 10 or more people sign up the cost will be \$5 pp. The Special 3 Floor tour is included with admission. Carpooling is encouraged. A sign-up sheet will be available at our upcoming meetings.

Special Thank You to Country Meadows



We would like to extend a very special thank you to the folks from Country Meadows and Brenda Kennedy for the wonderful work they did in beautifying the Cottage in the Woods grounds, planting plants and flowers. Thank you so much for your hard work and for all you do for the society.

Welcome Aboard! New FAAS Board member Russ Holmes!

We would like to welcome Russ Holmes to the FAAS Board of Directors. Although Russia may have played a role in the final vote (some of the Board members do enjoy Russian vodka) Russ was unanimously elected this past week. Russ is an outstanding artist and we're excited to have him on the team. Welcome Russ!

2017 FAAS Memberships

We are now collecting annual dues for 2017. The dues are a very reasonable; \$20.00 (\$30 for a family) for the year. Please consider becoming a member or renewing your current membership, if you have not already done so, to help support the Forks Area Art Society future endeavors.

Art Exhibit at Country Meadows



The new exhibit features the talented work of **Joan Muretta**. The exhibit runs through **July 31st**. Free. Country Meadows of Forks 175 Newlins Rd West, Easton, PA 18040.

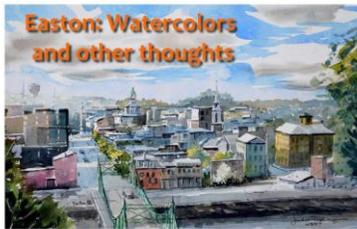
Charlie Hanson Sketch Night – Next Session TBA

Due to the well needed FAAS Siesta month and the July 4th Holiday weekend, there will be no Charlie Hanson Sketch Night in July. The next Sketch night will be announced once the date, time and subject are set.

Art Instruction Class Space Available at The Cottage

The Cottage is available for teaching small group and individual art classes. If you would like to teach an art class at the Cottage the fee is \$2 per attendee which is used to defray the cost of the facility. Class sizes are limited to ten (10) students and instructors must be members of FAAS. Please contact Charlie or Barb bchanson1@rcn.com Hanson or Diane Horoshock at leathergirl21@gmail.com to reserve your date and time.

The Gallery at St. John's Exhibit



The Gallery at St. John's presents Julio Rodrigues, "Easton: Watercolors and Other Thoughts". May 7 through June 25, Sundays 12:00 – 3:00 pm and Weekdays by Appointment. Gallery is Free and Open to the Public. Free. Parking in church parking lot located near entrance door.

Call to Artists: The Gallery at St. John's is issuing a "Call to Artists" for their July/August exhibit "Sharing" (defined as "to enjoy something with others"). The gallery is looking for any visual expression or media on this theme. There is no fee to enter this show and will accept 1 to 3 pieces, space permitting. The dates of the show are **July 9th through August 20th with drop off on Wednesday July 5th**. To request an entry form, please call 610-258-6119 or email stjohnseaston@gmail.com.

Arts Community of Easton May Meeting – May 9th

ACE's May Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, June 13th at 7 PM** in Room 108 of the Williams Center, 317 Hamilton Street, Easton PA (on the Lafayette College Campus on High Street between McCartney and Hamilton Streets). This month's presenter features artist **Mike Kondel** whose work is currently on display at the Brick and Mortar studio in Easton's Center Square. The mission statement of this recently formed non-profit group theatre is to enrich the ever-growing artistic community of Easton, Pennsylvania, by providing exceptional theatrical entertainment.

Karl Sterner Arts Trail – Call to Artists!

The Karl Stirner Arts Trail, Lafayette College and the City of Easton are pleased to announce that they will host “Open Spaces”, an exhibition celebrating the landscapes of the Karl Stirner Arts Trail and the Easton Cemetery in the Grossman Gallery (Lafayette College) that runs July 11-August 19, 2017 (Opening Reception: July 15, 5:00-7:00 PM). Completed works depicting either of the two locations dropped off between June 26 and July 3 will be considered for exhibition. Up to 3 works, from any medium, may be submitted for consideration. There is no cost for entries. Content must take inspiration directly from locations on the Karl Stirner Arts Trail or the Easton Cemetery Awards: Best in Show- \$1,000.00 Runner Up- \$250.00 Honorable Mention- \$100.00; all determined by public vote. The artist winning Best in Show will agree to allow the City of Easton, the Karl Stirner Arts Trail, and the Easton Cemetery to use their winning entry image for promotion. Any questions please email toiaj@lafayette.edu For map information: www.karlstirnerartstrail.org

Forks Township Recreation Dept. ‘Sounds of Summer’ and Movies in the Park’ Events and More!

The Forks Township Recreation Department has announced the first concerts for the Merchants Bank ‘Sounds of Summer’ concerts in the park series as well as the ‘Movies in the Park’ lineups.

Sounds of Summer: Concerts are held at the Forks Amphitheater and begin at 7 Pm. The rain dates are the next evening (Thursdays). Free!

- June 28: Truth & Soul
- July 12: Main Street Cruisers
- July 26: James Supra w/Sarah Ayers

Movies in the Park: The movies at the Forks Amphitheater begin at dusk. Free!

- July 8: Pete's Dragon (PG)
- July 15: Deep Water Horizon (PG13)
- July 22: Jungle Book (PG)
- August 12: Zootopia (PG)

For information on these activities and all the Forks Recreation department offerings please visit the Forks Township Recreation website at <http://www.forkstownship.org/recreation>

More Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars!

FAAS Members: we encourage you to share with us your art events. Please forward your event information to forksartsociety@gmail.com for inclusion in our next newsletter by the 1st of each month. As the newsletter goes out around the end of the first week of the month, early event dates in a month can be included in the previous month's newsletters.

- ✓ **June 14th thru August 16th - The Pocono Watercolor Associates Watercolor Wednesday Workshops - The cost for 10--3 hr workshops is \$105.00. Sessions will be held from 9-12 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Tannersville, PA. Instructors are Will Daskal, John James, Cathy Zateeny, Lurene Nakielny and Tim Weaver. To register, send your check made out to Pocono Watercolor Associates to: Linford Werkheiser, 110 Falls Drive, Cresco, PA 18326. Include your name, address, phone number and email address with your check. Questions? Contact Linford at werkly@verizon.net or phone 570-629-0089.**
- ✓ **First Friday of each month - ArtsQuest's 1st Friday events at the Banana Factory, 25 W. 3rd Street, Bethlehem. Special exhibitions and artists open studios plus much more. Please visit the Banana Factory website for more info: <http://www.bananafactory.org/>.**

SKETCH NIGHTS

Male Model Available for Sketch Sessions - Andy Pecoraro is a male model looking for work in the PA – NJ region. Andy will sit for costumed, partial, and full nude sessions. Andy is a medical illustrator, figurative artist, and figure-drawing model. He received his BFA from Montclair State University, his MS in medical illustration from The Medical College of Georgia, and his PhD in education-administration from The University of Texas at Austin. He has taught foundation studio art classes as an adjunct college professor. He loves art, especially figurative art, and has dedicated his life to understanding and aesthetically representing the human form." You can contact Andy at dr.apec@comcast.net for more information.

- Lafayette College Thursday Evening Sketch Nights take place at the new William C. Buck Hall on the Main Floor at N. 3rd Street in Easton at 7 pm. The raised building is on the corner of n. 3rd and Bushkill Drive. The subject is a live nude so discretion should be used when attending. BYOS.
- The monthly Bethlehem 'Drink and Draw' sessions take place the Musikfest Café at the South Side Steel Stacks. The sessions are held the second Tuesday of each month and are open to the public. The sessions run from 7:00 PM until 10:00 PM. The cost is \$6 and is BYOS.

- Connexions Gallery hosts two sketch nights each month on the 3rd Wednesday and 4th Tuesday. The subject is a live nude so discretion should be used when attending. Please contact Anthony or Alice at 610-250-7627 or stop by the gallery at 213 Northampton St. Easton PA for more information. BYOS.

Forks Area Art Society Sponsorship Opportunities

FAAS is pleased to offer sponsorship opportunities for our group. Please contact us for more information on the benefits that your sponsorship will provide. Sponsorships offer opportunities for people and businesses to help FAAS continue to grow and prosper. Please consider helping by becoming a FAAS sponsor or recommending us to organizations or companies who may be interested in helping. The Forks Area Art Society is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization, registered in the state of Pennsylvania. All sponsorships and donations are tax deductible.

We want to thank all the businesses that have so generously donated money or materials to the Forks Area Art Society over the past year. They include:



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The Forks Area Art Society page is available on Facebook. To join, visit <https://www.facebook.com/forksareaartsociety> and click the 'Like' button. Don't forget to share the page with your friends. If you wish to share some of your work or work of other artists you may know please feel free to post it for others to enjoy!

We now have a Twitter account for FAAS for another online avenue of sharing exciting art information with everyone. For those unfamiliar with Twitter, you need to follow

FAAS, and follow back if FAAS follows you. Also, posts are limited to a certain number of text characters, which takes a little getting used to. Feel free to share the link freely: <https://twitter.com/forksartsociety>.

Share Your Work On The FAAS Website!

FAAS members who would like to be included in the Member's Gallery on the FAAS website and Facebook page, please email Jeff Green at jeffrey.michael@hotmail.com. Please include quality images of your work, as well as your full name, title, and medium. The website features approximately two images at a time (due to space), while the Facebook page is unlimited. Feel free to share your website or page links as well.

FAAS Volunteers

If you would like to get involved with FAAS and help the organization grow and expand we have the following committees. If you would like to help start or join a committee, contact Penny for more information.

Holiday Party: Diane Horoschock, Barb Hanson

Membership and Sponsorships: Bob Jordan

Newsletter/Website: Jeff Green, Erik Chuss

Art in the Park: Penny Hochella, Edie DeProfio, Jeff Green, Bob Jordan, Diane Horoschock, Charlie Hanson, Barb Hanson, Brenda Kennedy, Russ Holmes, Erik Chuss

Trips: Barbara Hanson

Programs: Penny Hochella

Publicity: Jeff Green

Grants Coordinator: Russ Holmes

Cottage Exhibits/Shows: Charlie Hanson, Barb Hanson, and Diane Horoschock

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Board Member: Jeff Green

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Board Member: Diane Horoschock

Board Member: Brenda Kennedy

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Original artwork makes great gifts! Please consider purchasing, or even commissioning, a piece from any of our amazingly talented local artists.

