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**villagegalleryarts.org**

February 2024

## Leah's Thoughts...



Post-Holiday Winter. This time of year is my favorite. No, I'm not a Grinch or a Scrooge--Bah! Humbug!--but I am an artist, and I like some time to tinker around in my studio....alone. When the holidays finally wind down and everyone goes home (or back to work or school), THIS is a great time to clear the work area and make something. Maybe you feel like this too.

If you're having a tough time coming up with what to make, how about taking a class? Sometimes, learning a new medium is the perfect way to refresh your art practice. Look for our watercolor, acrylics, and pastel classes [here](#).

There's no better way to show your love (or like) than making a handmade Valentine's day card for someone! Or... feel the love of family and bring the kids to have them make their own cards. We'll be doing this on Feb. 10 from 1–3 p.m., right out in front of the gallery (weather permitting.)

Besides, February 2024 begins the year of the dragon, the boldest, luckiest Chinese zodiac animal. They say a dragon year is a perfect time to pursue new opportunities and follow your creative dreams....so....grab a friend and let those dreams fly, together!

Cheers,  
Leah Jay, VGA 2024 President

## Classes for Children & Adults

Village Gallery of Arts offers classes and workshops for children, teens and adults. **Follow the links with each topic for many more details and to reserve your space in the classes. And, watch [the website](#) as new classes are added all the time!**

## FREE

### Drop-in!

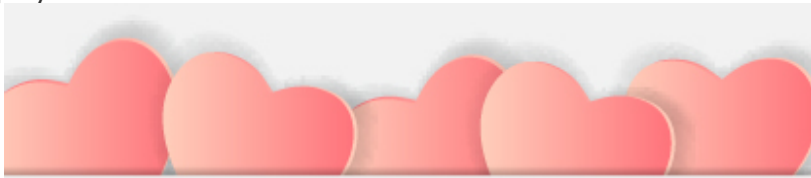
**[Make a Valentine](#)**





## February Featured Art – Aaron Summers and more

In addition to Aaron Summers, our January Featured Artist (carried over from last month), we will also have a special show to focus on St. Valentine's Day. Members are invited to submit one Valentine themed entry for the show. As usual, members may submit up to two artworks in total for our February show. A second entry with any theme may be displayed on another wall.



Join us for an afternoon of art and refreshments!  
-- Art Chat and the new show --  
Sunday, February 11, 3–5pm.

## Art Dollars for Scholars–Get those creative juices flowing!



The Village Gallery of Arts Community Show, Art Dollars for Scholars, kicks off soon. Participants may begin paying their entry fees & begin picking up their panels on February 6th. Anyone may enter this show!

Like last year, adult entry fees are \$15 for each 10"X10" wood panel. These panels can hold paintings, collages, photography, textiles and even glass or ceramics, so there is no excuse not to join the fun! Proceeds from the entry fees support our scholarship program. Each youth participant, 18 & younger, will be given one 6"X6" stretched canvas. Youth entrant preferring a 10" square wood panels may also purchase one.

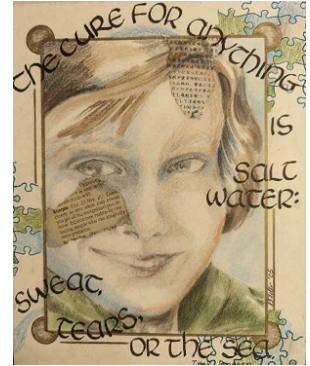
**Read the prospectus** with further details including guidelines and important dates.



Free Drop-in Event with instructor Debbie Teeter.  
Sat., Feb. 10  
1 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
Supplies included.

## **Let's draw faces**

**\*\*CLASS FULL\*\***



For teens and adult with instructor Debbie Teeter.  
Must register for free class.  
Sat., Jan. 20  
10:30 a.m.– 12:30 p.m.  
Supplies included.

## **Afterschool Art-- Children's**

### **Courses**

All of our kids' classes are opportunities to exploring a variety of media and approaches while building artistic concepts and skills. The age limits are strictly adhered to because of the wide range of students. No child under the age of 7, or older than 11 will be allowed to register.

## **Youth Classes**

important dates.

This year's show dates are May 7 – June 2, so there is plenty of time to create your entries! Questions?

Contact [education@villagegalleryarts.org](mailto:education@villagegalleryarts.org)

## Open Studio for Members & Public

VGA's Open Studio continues for 2024! - Open to Members and the Public. First Tuesday of the Month 10 a.m. to noon. Come with your art materials and join other artists in pursuing their individual projects. The gallery charges \$2 to participate.

**RSVP:** [support@villagegalleryarts.org](mailto:support@villagegalleryarts.org)

## Fundraising Gearing up in February

The Fundraising team is busy preparing to send donation request letters in early February. We skipped sending a formal donation request letter in 2023 and feel now is a good time to run the fundraising campaign.

Because of the success of our 2022 donation letter, the Gallery was able to update & enhance the Gallery website — a great benefit to members and to the community. We also expanded our Art Kits distribution, educational events, and much, much more. Fundraising will host a very special donor reception (for donations of \$25 and higher) July 20 and we look forward to a record turnout.

Your generosity is essential to our continued mission and hope you will support the Gallery's efforts.

### VGA Bookmarks Coming Soon!

Free VGA bookmarks will be introduced to the community for the first time in the February donor request letter. After the mailing, the bookmarks will be available to everyone at the Gallery and for other VGA community outreach events. The bookmark features a calendar of VGA events and opportunities.

## – Shadow a VGA Committee Coordinator! –

One key to a successful organization is strong programming; another is continuity. A good time to learn a new position is working alongside the person currently in place. These positions are in need of job shadows with an eye to future transitions. Take advantage of the opportunity to work alongside an experienced person!

- **Fundraising**—If you have a passion for our local art community and have an interest in seeing the miracle of giving at the Village Gallery of Arts, please reach out. Shadowing is a wonderful way to meet supporters and artists in the community who share our common goals. Learn more about Fundraising while being a compassionate participant. Laura Leiman is happy to talk to you! Email [lal.studio@comcast.net](mailto:lal.studio@comcast.net) to volunteer or learn more.

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### February Youth Art Classes **\*\*CLASS FULL\*\***

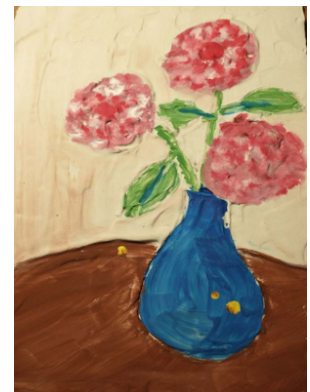
Ages 7–11

Instructor: VGA

Instructional Team

Feb. 1, 8, 15 & 22

Thursdays, 3:45–5:15 p.m.



### March Youth Art Classes

Ages 7–11

Instructor: VGA

Instructional Team

Mar. 7, 14, 21 & 28

Thursdays, 3:45–5:15 p.m.



### April Youth Art Classes

Ages 7–11

Instructor: VGA

Instructional Team

Apr. 4, 11, 18 & 25

Thursdays, 3:45–5:15 p.m.



- **Art Dollars for Scholars**—Aside from the obvious goal of supporting young artists, one of the wonderful things about this program is how it brings VGA members & the community together, and engages so many gallery teams. There is an organizational plan, team & calendar in place. I am searching for a co-captain to work alongside me through 2024. The responsibilities span the months of January through May. Email [education@villagegalleryarts.org](mailto:education@villagegalleryarts.org) to volunteer or learn more.
- **Classroom Scheduler**— While this position is part of the Education Team, a level of tech savvy is required, so it doesn't require someone interested in teaching. Learn to post classes on our website using Event Tickets Pro, interface with instructors & the technology team. Email [andrsnlouise@aol.com](mailto:andrsnlouise@aol.com) to volunteer or learn more.
- **Treasurer**—It's never too soon to have candidates in the wings for this important position. Learn the various aspects of the treasurer's job over the course of the next year. You will also have the support of 2 other members of the Finance Team. The best fit will be someone savvy with numbers and technology who possesses good problem solving skills and strong attention to detail. Experience with Quickbooks would be a plus, although it can be learned. Email [treasurer@villagegalleryarts.org](mailto:treasurer@villagegalleryarts.org) to volunteer or learn more.

## Call to Artists

### Lakewood Festival of the Arts 2024 Small Works Show



#### MY HAPPY PLACE

The 2024 Small Works Show

Use your emotional and creative ideas to interpret a place you'd like to escape to, real or imaginary. This is a juried show of small art. Sizes accepted are 8X8, 10X10, 12X12. The deadline for submitting images for

jurying is April 5th. For more details, go to <https://lakewood-center.org/my-happy-place/>

## Member's Corner

We welcomed 30 new members in 2023--including 19 Active, 9 Participating and 2 Community members!  
Please give a very warm welcome to new VGA members:

New Participating Members:

- Terry Rohe- Gallery Assistant and Education Team
- Diane Shingledecker- Gallery Assistant and Education Team

Updates and reminders for members and  
Gallery Assistants:



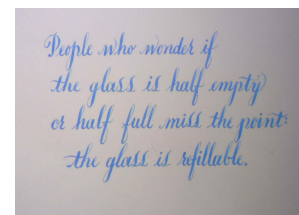
## Teen/Adult Courses



### Teen/Adult Sampler

Instructor: VGA  
Instructional Team  
Mar. 9, 16, 23 & 30  
Saturdays, 1-3 p.m.

## Adult Art Courses



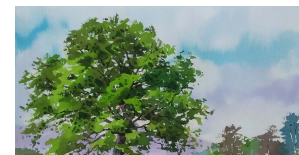
### Copperplate Calligraphy - Susan Pfahl

Feb. 4, 11, 18 & 25  
Thursdays, 1 - 3 p.m.



### Introduction to Acrylics - Debbie Teeter

Feb. 8, 15, 22 & 29  
Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.





- Active membership fees have increased to \$60.
- The Guidelines for Preparing Inside Show Wall Art was updated in December. [Artists, read the guidelines](#) – don't miss out!
- Gallery Assistant' Manual and Square Processes Manual are now available in the [member log-in section](#) of the VGA website under "Resources."



### A note from Jean...

The vision for the Village Gallery of Arts, as laid out by the founders, is as important today as it was 60 years ago. May be more so. The Village Gallery of Arts not only provides local artists with a venue for sharing their creations. It is a diverse organization focused on sharing the importance of art in the greater community. As Edward Hopper put it, "If I could say it in words there would be no reason to paint."

Since joining The Gallery, I have met so many talented, remarkable, people. I would, however, like to take this opportunity to thank Brenda Honeyman. She has been a wonderful mentor. I will continue to rely upon her expertise and am looking forward to welcoming many new members in 2024! --Jean Yarger, Membership Secretary

### Any Questions?

Contact [membership@villagegalleryarts.org](mailto:membership@villagegalleryarts.org)

## Ways you can support VGA

There are all kinds of ways you can help and many of them don't require you to be artistic (but some of them do!)

Artist? [Join](#) us!

Volunteer your time to keep us running and serve the community

Consider [teaching a class](#)

Shop at VGA and brag to your friends

Become a [financial donor](#)

## Speaking of donors....

Where would we be without our [donors](#)? Our gratitude extends to the individuals and businesses who financially support our mission to the community! Would you like to support VGA? [Here's how!](#)

## Thank you, City of Beaverton:

Thanks to a grant from the City of Beaverton, we now have a large, wall mounted monitor and laptop which will greatly help our communications and management.

## From our member, Amanda:

Hello Everyone,

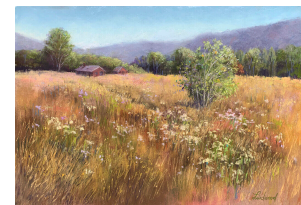
I'm excited to announce that [tickets are officially ON SALE for Slow Food by Wendy MacLeod](#) at Spark Plug Theatre Collective! As you know, our space is small and there are only 25 tickets available per



### Intermediate Landscape Watercolor – Jung Soo Pak

Feb. 8, 15, 22 & 29

Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.



### 2-day Pastel Fundamentals Workshop – Gretha Lindwood

Mar. 2-3

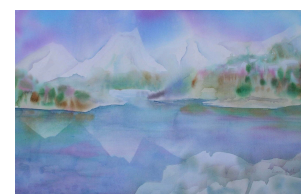
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.



### Ceramics Workshop: Pots and Planters for Spring—Rose Rutherford-Ha

Mar. 3

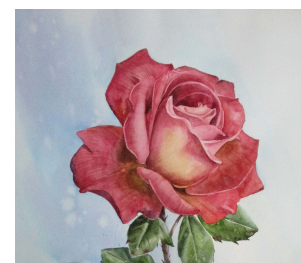
1 – 4 p.m.



### Introduction to Watercolor Painting—Susan Pfahl

Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26

6:30 – 9:30 PM



performance – so don't delay in getting your tickets reserved. Performances are Feb 23, 24, 25 & March 1, 2, 3 at 7:30pm -- AND we've also added an "interest list" for potential added performances on March 8, 9, 10. If we have enough audience interest in attending those dates, we'll add them! **If you would only be able to attend one of those added dates, please fill out the form here.**

Looking forward to seeing you at the show!

## Do you follow us on Facebook?

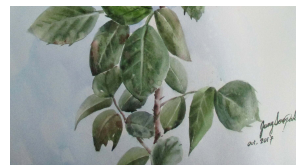
Join us as new things happen! Facebook is one of our meet and greet places. Share your art with us, catch big and little gallery news and see samplings of great classes, shows and artists coming to your Village Gallery! Check it out!



We celebrated the close of 2023 with a busy, delightful December Art Chat. See other photos of the fun on Facebook.

Visit with us on Facebook!

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### **Rose Watercolor Tutorial– Jung Soo Pak**

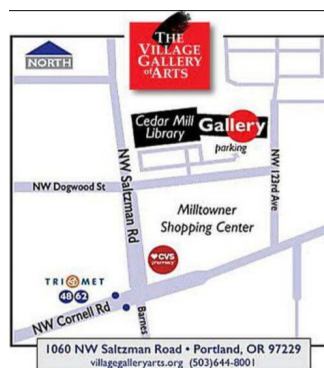
Apr. 4, 11, 18 & 25  
Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. –  
8:30 p.m.



### **Seagrass and Seashells, Coiling and Knotless Netting on a Gourd – Jane A. Wilson**

Saturday, Apr. 13  
9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Join VGA



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