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NEWSLETTER

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New Fareways Exhibition



Karen Weingartner, *Sailboat*



Rachel Abassi, *The Potomac Holds Its Breath for Summer - Blue Ridge Mountains*

Take a look at a few examples of the beautiful art that will be on display at the Fareways Cafe next month. Can you feel the allure of the water expressed by these artists? Can you feel the joy in these scenes?

The opening reception will be held at the Fareways Cafe on May 16, 2026 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Music will be provided by singer and guitarist Scott Stallard. Be sure to vote for the Peoples' Choice Award.



Aura Aten, *Life on the Lake*



Gary Close, *Downwind Leg*

Artist in the Spotlight

The May Artist in the Spotlight will be our new Vice-President, **Ginny McClusky**.

Ginny was born an artist, but hasn't always called herself one. She does now! And she knows there are many more people out there who should be calling themselves artists, because artistry is part of human evolution.

Ginny will tell how her art journey evolved and share some tips and tricks as well.

We always welcome guests and new members - artists and art lovers, alike!

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Fareways Intake

May 2, 2026, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Fareways Reception

May 16, 2026, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Plein Air Event for LOW Arts Members

May 6, 2026

Rain date May 13, 2026

The Market at Grelen

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Open Studio

Open hours at Creative Gatherings for LOW Arts members. Register [here](#) (then scroll down page).

Thursdays, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

General Meeting

May 4, 2026

Community Center, Room 2
10 a.m., Critique 9:30 a.m.

Special Events Committee

May 11, 2026

Community Center, Room 1
2 p.m.

Click drawing at right to see a complete calendar of events and deadline dates.



www.lakeofthewoodsarts.com

Plein Air Event



On May 6, 2026 LOW Arts will hold a plein air event for members at the Market at Grelen. If you have never been, this will be truly something special.

The Market at Grelen is a beautiful orchard, nursery and wedding venue nestled in rolling hills that abut Montpelier. The outdoor cafe is charming, the food very good and the staff friendly. It has plenty to paint and a lovely gift shop for perusing as well.

Members will meet at the Cafe (pictured above) at 11 a.m. for lunch. After lunch members may paint, take photos or walk the grounds. Click on the photo above to go to the Grelen website. If you are unable to attend the plein air event, make plans to go another time. You will not be disappointed. During peach and apple season, be sure to go and pick your own fruit.

Rain date for the plein air event is May 13, 2026.

Our Busy Members

Nate Smith has been creating and selling beautiful driftwood boats for years. Nate also makes one-of-a-kind wooden accessories for entertaining, and more.

Nate is originally from Orange, Va., and was raised in Lake of the Woods. During the summers he spent his time on the Potomac River, and every other weekend, offshore on a fishing boat. Nate watched his mother collect and repurpose nautical items, including driftwood, reclaimed metal, and shells. This sparked an interest in turning once-forgotten items into spectacular art pieces. Today, Nate mostly works with the same materials (driftwood, reclaimed metals, and live-edge materials). He has exhibited his work with LOW Arts for the last 10 years.



Nate has lived in LOW for 42 years. He is part of the LOW Water Ski Club as a USA Waterski Association class A driver and safety, as well as a coach and skier. He is also a member of the Woodworkers Club and has recently donated a full heating and air conditioning system to the Woodworkers Club woodshed project.

You may email Nate at: Lowlakewoodworks@yahoo.com.



"A creative mess is better than idle tidiness." - Michael J. Fox, actor

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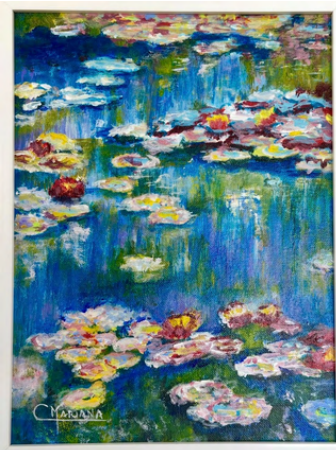
Paper mache vase by BJ Elvgren



BJ Elvgren, *Flower Angel*



Jill Iglehart, *Stella*



Mariana Concha donated her piece, *Sacred Waters*, to the Lioness organization to sell at their fundraising gala



Mariana Concha sold her piece, *Inner Moon*, at the recent Fredericksburg Fine Arts Show and Sale. I asked Mariana what she was expressing in this stunning work. Her answer: "*Inner Moon* is a meditation on the hidden self, where intuition glows beneath the surface and transformation unfolds in silence. It invites a return inward, where shadow and light shape personal evolution."



Lynne Kovach, *Blue Kit*



Pete Brown, *Stored Away*



Lynne Kovach,
Only One Bedroom?
(bluebird house hunting)

Our Busy Members. cont'd



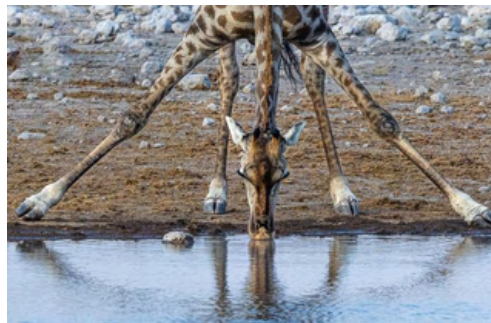
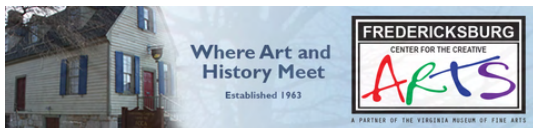
Karen Espinoza, *Pelican*

Below BJ Elvgren's *Tiger*, *Tiger* has been juried into the show "Flourish" at the d'Art Center in Norfolk, VA.



Above *Red Table Show*, also by BJ Elvgren, is one of three pieces at the Ironclad Inn, a boutique hotel in Fredericksburg, for the next six months.

Lake of the Woods artists, this newsletter is at its best when it is full of photos of your art. Once you have completed a piece, please send a picture to low.arts.va@gmail.com.



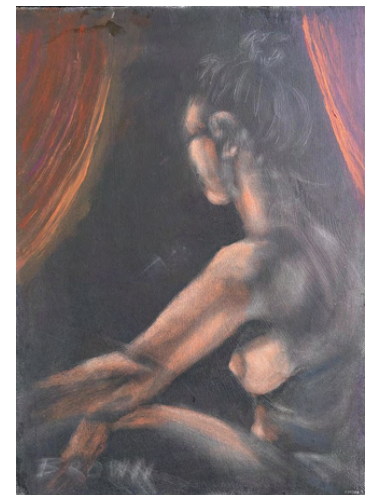
Karen O'Donnell, *Thirsty*



Jen Heinz, *Durbin Rocket Fireman*

The Fredericksburg Center for Creative Arts will have a free Summer Art Lecture Series Tuesday evenings in May and June. Click the logo above to read about the series.

Also at the FCCA, **Jen Heinz**, **Karen O'Donnell** and **Pete Brown** have pieces juried into the "Faces and Figures" exhibition on display from April 25 through May 29, 2026.



Pete Brown, *Staring Into the Abyss*



Karen Falcon, Untitled

Intro to Yupo Paper

June 4, 2026 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. LOW Arts members will be offered an “Intro to Yupo Paper” workshop.

Yupo paper is a plastic paper designed for art. As it is plastic, there are a variety of effects that can't be had using wood-based paper or canvas.

The technique you'll experience starts out with acrylic inks applied to the paper, splashes of alcohol, then ... your imagination runs free.



Karen Falcon, acrylic ink dried on Yupo paper, the first step

Around Town



Eve DeVito has sent information regarding the James Renwick Alliance for Craft 2026 Spring Craft Weekend on April 25-26, 2026. The events include a free Symposium at the Smithsonian American Art Museum, a celebration at the Museum of Contemporary Art Arlington, and a Brunch at the Tower Club in Vienna, Va. Click [here](#) to find more information and to purchase tickets for the Celebration or the Brunch.

Click on the logo at right to go to the list of art classes at the Arts Center in Orange. There are so many - drawing, ceramics, painting, colored pencil, and more.

I found an interesting call for artists on the Arts Center in Orange website. The exhibition is called “How to Hold Time.” It is for “later career artists, age 65+.” The show will be held June 4 through July 31, 2027 with submissions due October 1, 2026. There will be cash prizes!



From the website, “We invite submissions for Hold On to Time: a juried group exhibition exploring time as convergence, duration, and lived experience.” Click the quote for further information.



Click on the photo at left to read the article “5 Positive Effects of Art on Mental Health” from the Daily Art Magazine. Please share the article. When people say, “I like art, but I a.m. not good at it,” this article is the response. It just feels good to make art. And, it's good for you!

