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NEWSLETTER

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Fareways Cafe Gets "The Blues"

"The Blues" is the theme for our upcoming exhibition at the Fareways Cafe. Saturday, August 29, 2026 we will have our Artists' Reception from 2 to 4 p.m. There will be, of course, live music, specialty drinks for sale, and beautiful "blue" art for viewing and for sale. The reception is the only day at the Fareways Cafe our 3D artists will be available with their artworks for sale. Please be sure to vote for your favorite art in the people's choice awards.



Artist in the Spotlight

This month **Edward Murray** will present Stereography to LOW Arts.

...the stereo view is a visual vignette that transports a viewer to the same time and location as the artist...sharing a moment by transferring a flat actual reality into a tactile experience...a shared portal...

...I am a member of a small collective that makes photographs in stereo (3D), on film, and develops and prints in the darkroom... come explore analog 3D photography and learn about some history highlights...and bring your stereoscopes, view masters, and anaglyph glasses!



Christine Marie's mesmerizing
SHADOWS IN STEREO - 2026: photo of
Edward Murray

"The two most engaging powers of a photograph are to make new things familiar and familiar things new." — Ansel Adams

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

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Suminagashi Workshop

September 17, 2026

1 to 3 p.m.

Creative Gatherings Studio

See page 3 for information

Early this year!

LOW Arts

Fall Fine Arts Show and Sale

September 26 and 27, 2026

UPCOMING MEETINGS

General Meeting

Tuesday

September 8, 2026, 10 a.m.

Optional critique 9:30 a.m.

Community Center, Room 2

Special Events Committee

September 14, 2026, 2 p.m.

Community Center, Room 1

Show Committee Meeting

August 28, 2026 at 10 a.m.

Community Center

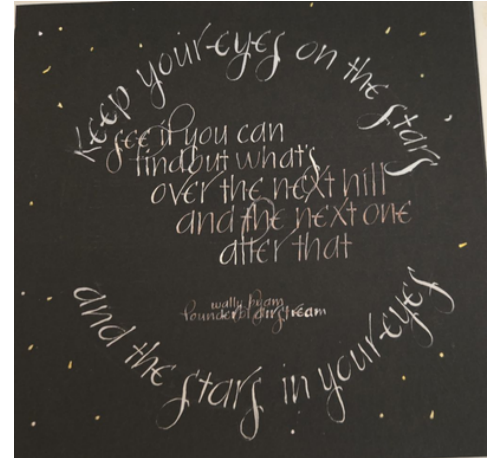
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calendar of events
and deadline
dates.



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Our Busy Members

The Washington Calligraphers Guild is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. As part of the celebration there will be an exhibition called “Calligraphic Journeys.” It will be held at the Glenview Mansion, Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville, Md. The exhibition will run from October 11 through November 25, 2026. The call for entries was open to members and non-members of the Washington Calligraphers Guild in the continental U.S. and Canada. Practioners from all levels – beginner, intermediate, advanced, and professional - were encouraged to submit entries. LOW Arts club member **Marilyn Davis** has three pieces that were accepted into the exhibition.

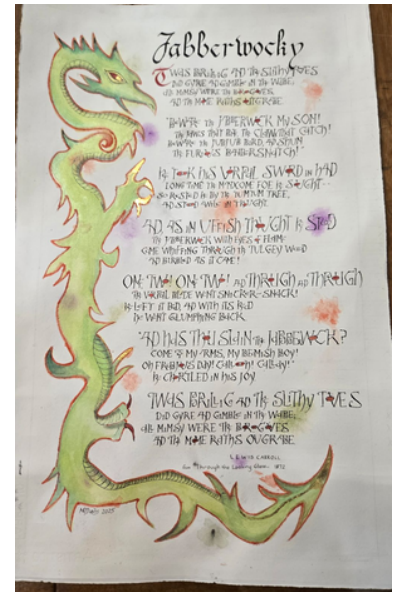


Davis, *Eyes on the Stars*



Davis, *These Hips*

The Washington Calligraphers Guild strives to help letter lovers of all skill levels to improve their calligraphy and develop their artistry. A non-profit 501(c)(3) educational organization, the Guild strives to increase public awareness and appreciation of calligraphy and related arts. WCG was founded in 1976 by acclaimed calligrapher Sheila Waters with her colleagues and students.



Davis, *Jabberwocky*



McCluskey, *Between Stone
and Salt*

Rappoport, C, *Harvest Days*

The LOW Arts August exhibition, "The Heat is On," opened August 5, 2026 at the Arts Center in Orange. The first place award went to **Ginny McCluskey** for her painting *Between Stone and Salt*. Second place went to **Christy Rappoport** for her abstract painting *Harvest Days*. Third place went to **Elaine and Joe Freeland's** mixed media work *Summertime & the Fish are Jumpin'*.



Freeland, J & E,
*Summertime & the
Fish are Jumpin'*

The exhibition is on display through August 29, 2026.

Our Busy Members. cont'd.



The September art exploration workshop at Creative Gatherings will be focused on Suminagashi - Japanese paper marbling. [Here's a link to a short video showing the technique.](#) The papers created using this method can be used in collage, gel plate printing, decoupage, book covers and wraps, calligraphy, origami, gift wrap, as a background for a painting, and more.

The cost to participate is \$15, which includes all the materials to create papers during the September 17, 1 - 3 p.m. session, and go home with two sumi brushes to continue your exploration.

This program is open to LOW Arts members and will be capped at eight participants. Should there be empty seats one week out from the program date, non-members will be invited to participate. Click [here](#) for information.

Please meet new member and felt artist, **Kelcie Bichof**, and her art.



Mourning Dove Needle
Felt



SkullShroom Needle Felt
2024



Crochet and Felted
Can Cozy



Goose Summer Outfit

"I have been working to embrace the moniker of 'artist' for much of my life and really dove in feet first starting around the time my first and only son was born in 2017. Though my journey started on the 'art' side with guided acrylic painting, I was quick to adopt the 'craft' world as well. I find I get the most satisfaction and continuous inspiration from making things that I can manipulate with my hands, from creating fuse bead patterns to cross stitch. I found a strong affection for Needle Felting after stumbling across the process online, and have since been continually developing my skills and finding new and interesting ways that needle felting can be introduced into a multi-media application. Nothing fills me with more true inspiration, the kind you can feel in your chest that makes you want to burst, like mashing together unexpected techniques and mediums into a whole new creation all your own. My goal is just to keep creating in any way I can, embracing the sense of immortality that comes with having made something in the 'analog' world that others can engage with as well."

"Create your own visual style...let it be unique for yourself yet identifiable for others." - Orson Wells

Recommended by

Allita Irby recommends the video "[Living Meaningfully with Dementia: Creativity & Connection Through the Arts.](#)" which explores how ARTZ Philadelphia's community-based, art-engagement programs help people tap into their innate creativity to spark communication, expression, and meaningful relationships.

Creativity plays a vital role in healthy aging, supporting emotional well-being, cognitive resilience, and social connection across the lifespan—including for those living with dementia-related conditions. ARTZ Philadelphia is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life and well-being of people living with dementia and their care partners through joyful interactions around arts and culture.

Around Town



Click [here](#) to go to the July/August 2026 Fredericksburg Center for the Creative Arts newsletter. There is lots of good information, beautiful art and an article about LOW Arts' own **Pete Brown**.

This fall the Virginia Museum of Fine arts is hosting "Fine Arts & Flowers 2026," a spectacular museum-wide exhibition of stunning floral designs inspired by works of art in VMFA's permanent collection. These extraordinary floral arrangements are created by designers from the Garden Club of Virginia, the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, and Ikebana of Richmond.

Special events throughout the exhibition include talks by renowned speakers, luncheons, guided tours, floral workshops, a fashion show featuring designs by VCUarts fashion students, children's activities, and more. Click [here](#) for information.



If your August and September aren't already busy with preparing for the LOW Arts Fine Art Show and Sale, school starting, the Suminagashi workshop, the Arts Center in Orange has a long list of classes. There are single classes, if you want to try something once. There are also 6-week classes for learning a given art form - from colored pencil, to watercolor, oil painting to gelli printing and ceramics. Click [here](#) for the list of classes.



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