



NEW SLETTER

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Can't get enough Frida!



Join us at the upcoming Do-Art Sip and Paint Event on July 2, 2025, at Maribeth Logan's studio from 1 pm to 4 pm. The focus of the art is Frida Kahlo, a Mexican painter and feminist known for her vibrant self-portraits (and unibrow). An example of her work is provided at left, but you may browse this [site](#) for more. Lisa Spencer-Ballard and Karen Falcon are hosting the event. The cost is \$25 and is open to [LOW Arts](#) (click for more info and to sign up) members only. Class size is limited to 10.

LOW Arts will visit "Frida: Beyond the Myth" at the Virginia Museum of Fine Art in Richmond. The date is Tuesday, July 15, leaving LOW at 9 am. Following our museum visit, we'll stop for lunch. Click [here](#) for information about this special exhibition. Jen Heinz is organizing the carpools, so please contact her to express your interest in participating. Her email is jenheinz6103@gmail.com or call/text to 703-508-1104.



July Membership Meeting

Our next General Membership Meeting will take place on Monday, July 7th, 2025 - 10 am Community Center - Room 2 (Critique, as always, at 9:30)

Our Artist in the Spotlight will be Gary Close. He's painted since he was five and his journey in art has taken some twists and turns. From temperas to watercolors to oils he tried them all — but always came back to oil painting. Watch the progress of an artist from age 12 to 66 as exemplified in his work at the July meeting. Not really a tutorial. Certainly not a biography. Just the meandering trail of an artist making his way through life.

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

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

July 2, 2025

Do-Art Sip and Paint
Frida Kahlo
1 pm - 4 pm

July 15, 2025

"Frida: Beyond the Myth"
VMFA in Richmond
Details at left for both events

UPCOMING MEETINGS

July 7, 2025

General Membership Meeting
9:30 am Critique Session
10 am - General Meeting

Community Center
Room 2

Additional information - bottom left.

July 14, 2025

SEC Committee Meeting

Community Center, Room 1
2 p.m.

Join us for fun and friendship!

July 17, 2025

Show Committee Meeting
Community Center, Room 2

Join in making our "big event" a success

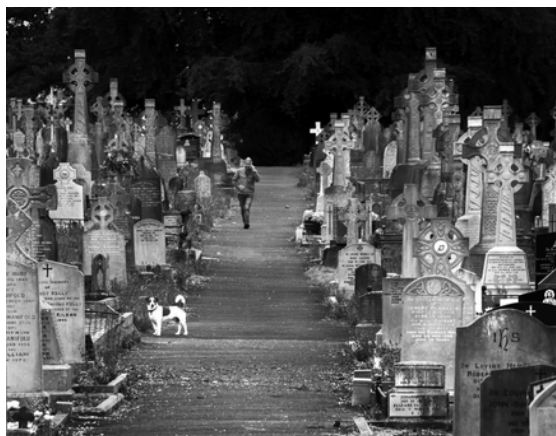


Click above to see a complete calendar of events and deadline dates.

Our Busy Members



LibertyTown Arts Workshop



Cemetery Walk, Jen Heinz

Congratulations to **Jen Heinz** for taking Third Place at LibertyTown's Black and White, A National Juried Exhibition of Photography for her photo *Cemetery Walk* at left.

Karen O'Donnell's Mammoth Trees photograph was juried into the same show.



Mammoth Trees, Karen O'Donnell

The exhibition is on display June 6, 2025 through June 29, 2025 at LibertyTown Arts Workshop. It is located at 916 Liberty Street Fredericksburg, VA. Hours are Monday through Saturday 10 am to 8 pm and Sunday 10 am to 6 pm.



Field of Poppies, Bill Mann

View the painting at left then read **Bill Mann's** words on creating this beautiful piece: "This painting of a woman in a poppy field was inspired by the work of impressionist artist Claude Monet. His painting "Poppy Field" was painted in 1873 showing a woman with a sun umbrella and her long dress with a bustle walking through a field of poppies. I did away with the bustle and the umbrella, made the figure of the woman more dominant in the composition, so that you can see the effect of sunlight on the woman's dress and hair."

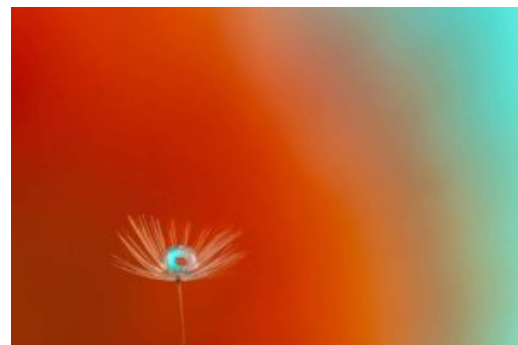
Monet captured a lovely summer day near Argenteuil in the painting at right. If you will remember, Vincent Van Gogh also spent time painting in Argenteuil along with artists Albert Sisley, Edouard Manet, Gustave Caillebotte and Pierre-Auguste Renoir. It must be a beautiful place!



The Poppy Field near Argenteuil, Claude Monet



Congratulations to **Karen O'Donnell** for garnering an Honorable Mention in the "Artist Choice" Regional All-Media Juried Exhibit at the Fredericksburg Center for the Creative Arts (FCCA) for her photo *Dandiflower* (at right).



Dandiflower, Karen O'Donnell

Click on the graphic above to go to the FCCA website. There is information on classes, upcoming Calls for Artists, exhibitions and other information pertinent to the Center in Fredericksburg.



Unfinished berry bowl, Aura Aten



Berry bowl, Aura Aten

Do you remember **Aura Aten** describing people asking during her Studio Tour to purchase a piece of her pottery before it was even completed? Well, I was intrigued! What was this piece of art? Above at left is the unfinished berry bowl that visitors saw in Aura's studio. At right is the glazed, fired, finished bowl. This is what Aura had to say: "My ideal kitchen is well equipped with one-of-a-kind, beautifully colorful, functional pieces; I feel happy every time I use them. The "must-have" functionality includes being able to use my pieces in the oven, microwave and dishwasher. That was my vision when I started working on the berry bowl. I include carving in every piece I produce, and this bowl is no exception. It is functional, decorative, and one-of-a-kind."

Stunning work, Aura!

Around Town and Other Fun Things



The first Friday night of the month, head to downtown Fredericksburg to take part in "First Friday." Eight art galleries and studios are open late along with restaurants and shops. The usual free trolley and sip and stroll area will not be available for the July 4, 2025 First Friday event. Click the graphic at left for updated information that was not available at the time this newsletter went "to press."

Any of you LOW Arts artists have cosmos returning to your yard from last year's plants? Seeds were given out last year at a meeting in conjunction with our "Spring" show at the Arts Center in Orange. If you will remember, we were inspired by Peggy Schull's lovely photo which included about one million cosmos.

While cosmos are annuals, they can self-seed and come back the next year. Check out my volunteer at right. Deer do not usually eat cosmos. On the other hand butterflies and bees love them.



Don't Miss Out at \$5,000!

Click the photo at left to find out about the 9th annual photo contest sponsored by America's State Parks. Submit up to 40 (yes, four - zero, not a typo) photos for free by July 18, 2025. Where can you go nearby to take those photos? Find a local park by going to this website [Virginia State Parks](https://www.virginiastateparks.com/)

Don't forget our September show at the Art Center in Orange. We have an optional theme of [Try to Remember](#) (click title to link to lyrics), a song about nostalgia. This theme was chosen partially due to the mention of September in the lyrics. What can you create with this in mind? The deadline for submission of photos and "paperwork" is July 30, 2025.



Last year many artists in our group submitted paintings to Mural Mosaic for inclusion in large mosaic works to be installed somewhere in the USA. Well, the wait is over. Nature's Revival was unveiled in Lovejoy, Georgia on June 19th, 2025 at Mayor's Park. Nature's Bloom was unveiled in Minburn, Iowa on June 18th, 2025 at 318 Baker St, Minburn, IA. Click on the graphics left and right for the webpage for each mural. The page includes information on how to find your tile.

