



Pittsford Art Group

NEWSLETTER - September 2021

A Message from the President

Dear Members,

I was very pleased with the member turnout at our first meeting. We are all attempting to get back to some kind of normal and going ahead with life's routines. Welcome again to our new members, we are happy to have you with us. Unfortunately at this time due to Covid and the resurgence of cases in our area, we will not be having our fall show at Legacy at Clover Blossom. We are all disappointed as Legacy has always been a great location for a show. However, when times are better they said we can do our show again.

Looking forward to our new year, 2022 we have scheduled our show in March at Barnes and Noble. We also have an exciting year of presenters and other possible locations for juried shows and non juried shows. The board has met and we are planning the upcoming year with new ideas and looking forward to seeing all of your work from this past year and summer.

Remember to use our many different locations to show your work. Laura Davis has openings so fill them up! Fall is a wonderful time of year to be inspired and paint!

A special thank to Betsy for her continued support over the summer offering a "get together" to paint outside every week on Westfall road. Also a big thanks to Joe and Nina to continue our Zoom group meetings over the summer, a challenge that I never could have done without their help! Also a thank you to Marcia Mundrick for figuring out how to pay our out of state and country presenters.

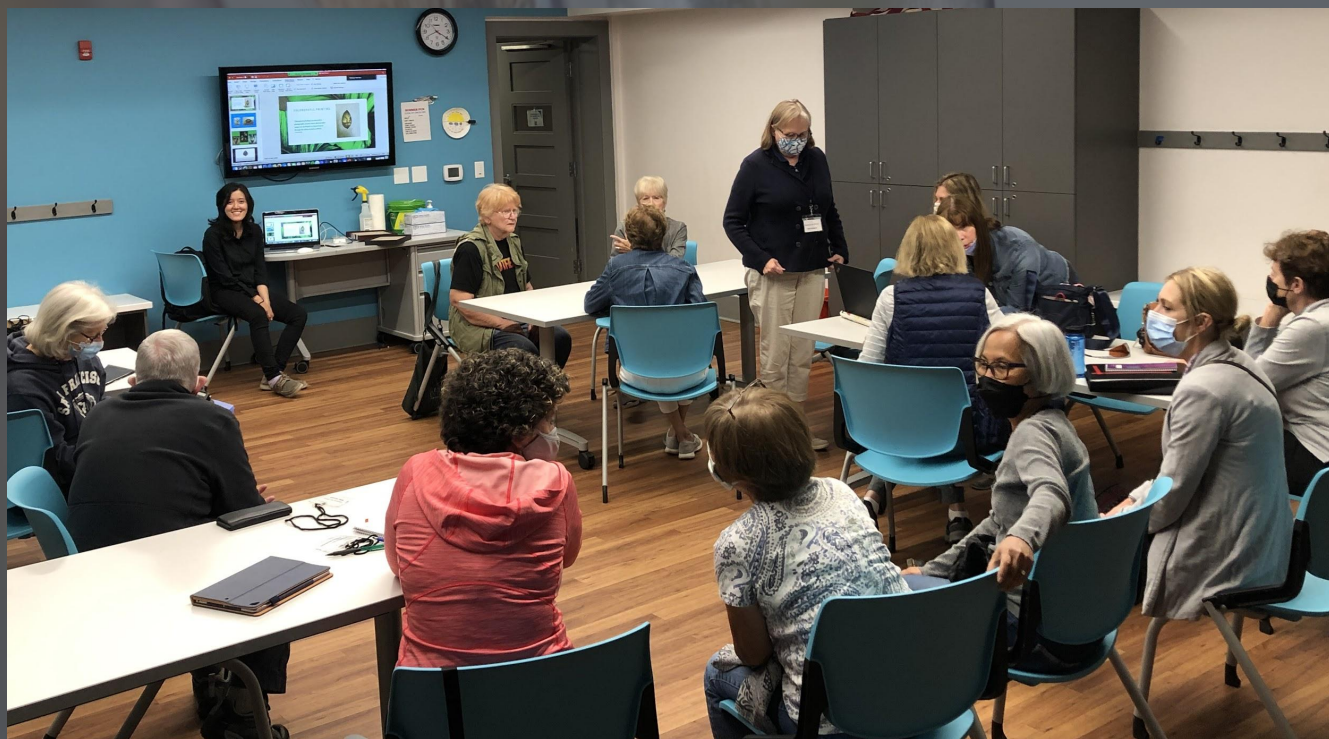
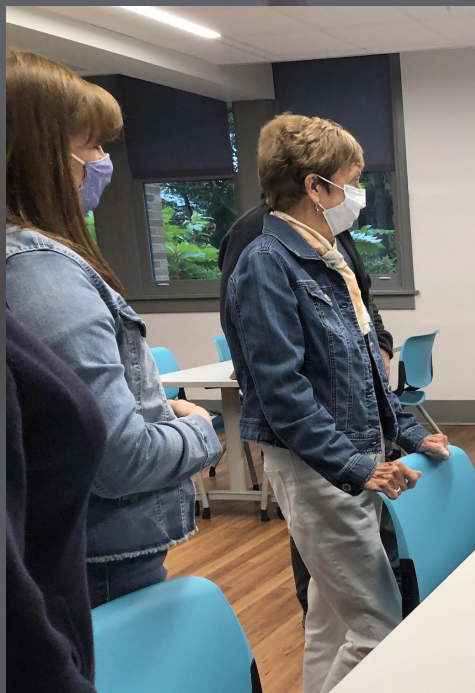
Margaret Mitchell



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Members come together - in person and online!



Chlorophyll Printing

Chlorophyll printing is an alternative photographic process where photographic images are developed on natural leaves through the action of photosynthesis. There are many [YouTube](#) videos you can watch to understand the process. Htet stressed that this is not a difficult process but that you just need a lot of patience and good, sunny weather.

One example she showed was a Hosta leaf which took 6 hours to 'print'. The gradient on the leaf is caused by temperature and sunlight.

Htet mentioned another process similar to Chlorophyll printing called [Anthrotype](#) that uses a juice and alcohol solution.

Htet provided PowerPoint slides to discuss the background of this process, some examples of well known printers ([Almudena Romero](#)), and finally, the steps she uses for printing on a leaf. The best plants for this type of printing are **Alocasia**, **Colocasia** and **Hosta**.

PLANTS THAT CAN ABSORB A LOT OF UV LIGHTS WITHOUT MUCH PIGMENT CHANGE INCLUDE:

- PEACE LILIES
- PALM PLANTS
- ALOE VERA
- JADE PLANT
- EVERGREEN
- ARACEAE FAMILIES
- ASPIDRISTAS (1 TO 3 WEEKS)
- VARIEGATAS
- CLIMBING PLANTS
- MONSTERAS
- SNAKE PLANTS



What do you need for printing on a leaf (besides patience)?

1. Leaf
2. Transparency - make a very contrast b/w image and print on a specialty paper/transparency (can do this through Staples website or at home). The transparency may only be used once due to moisture and sunlight.
 - a. You could use a laser printer or copier on a transparency. Remember to flip the image horizontally.
 - b. *Pictorico*, *Fotospeed*, and *Fine Art* and other brands of transparency film can be purchased.
3. Use a firm board or piece of glass, something solid as a base. Place tissue paper or kitchen napkin on the board. Place the leaf on top of the tissue paper. Place the transparency on top of the leaf. Place glass on top of all - thicker the better. Clamp (such as binder clips) all together so transparency and leaf touch firmly together.

People do this technique on petals as well - three to four days in the sun. It is very fragile!

Fixing Steps

1. Gently put the leaf (image faced down) into one or two spoons of baking soda and very hot/boiling water for 5 minutes. This breaks the cell structure in the leaf to stop photosynthesis. This is equivalent to a STOP bath in photographic processing.
2. Create a mixture of Copper II Sulfate (30 gm) + Vegetable Glycerin (300 milliliters) + Distilled water (1 litre), mix together and boil to a blue solution with no crystals remaining. When cooled down, put the leaf in for 10 minutes.
3. Press between tissue paper and solid surfaces to make flat.
4. After it is dry, put Renaissance Wax polish on the leaf with your finger - like a varnish.

WELCOME New Members!

Joanne Andrews
Paula Fahy
Susan Fredericks Hodes
Mike Kamish
Elizabeth Thurnherr

PAG currently has a total of 33 active members!

ROTATING EXHIBIT Schedule

Venue->	Pittsford Town Hall	Friendly Home Main	Star P.T.	Presbyterian Church
# pieces->	10 to 15 medium	22	16	3 large, 7 small
Oct-Dec '21	Nina Varon / Carol Schott	Nies Welsh	Ann Limbeck	Betsy Liano
Jan-Mar '22	Barbara Jablonski	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE
Apr-Jun '22	AVAILABLE	Joanne Andrews	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE

If you have questions about this schedule, please contact [Laura Davis](#).

REMINDERS

UPCOMING Show TBD

OUR NEXT [Zoom MEETING](#) is [Thursday, October 7th](#) at 7 pm. Check the [PAG website](#) for a list of upcoming presenters.

GUESTS are welcomed and encouraged to join us at our monthly meetings to hear and see what's going on and to watch our wonderful demonstrators. To help with rising costs it would be appreciated if a **\$5.00 donation** was made to the group for in-person attendance. If the guest would like to join our group then their donation will be applied to their joining fee.

Sylvia Ball will send **occasion appropriate cards** to members or their families. If you know of someone who is ill or a member that has passed, please **email or call Sylvia Ball**.

Art classes at **MAG** start at the end of September, for a full view of class go [here](#) - you must choose Event Category from the drop-down menu, otherwise you will not see any search results.

PAG on Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/pittsfordartgroup>



Time to update our content! Please send Joe some new pictures of your work to be posted on our Website and Instagram account.

Barbara Jablonski had two oil paintings accepted in the Annual Arts Center of Yates County National Juried Show in the Flick Gallery, Penn Yan. The show closes October 2. Barbara also won First Place in the Fourth Annual Clayton - 1000 Islands Plein Air Painting Competition sponsored by the River Muse Art Gallery in Clayton, NY. Her 10" x 8" oil painting, "Boat at the Clayton Yacht Club" was painted just before sunset.



Barbara's Clayton paintings may be seen at the River Muse Gallery. Her local paintings may be seen at the MAG's Gallery Store, and Pat Rini Rohrer Canandaigua Gallery. She also had a booth at the Clothesline festival this month.

Looking for new venues to hang your artwork in 2022?

- **My Sister's Gallery**, at the [Episcopal home](#), is a great place for a solo show. It has 24 hangers. Some can be used for double hanging smaller works. There is also a locked glass case for cards, prints or smaller works. A reception will be provided when COVID rules allow.
- The **1570 Gallery at Valley Manor** on East Avenue is a great place for a group show. It can accommodate 40 pieces and also has a locked glass case for smaller items.

If you are interested in either of these, please reach out to **Betsy Liano**.

NEWS to share? Please email **Joe Sirianni**

Pittsford Fine Art is sponsoring its second annual "Paint Pittsford!"
September 17 – October 31 www.pittsfordfineart.com/events

Diane Tank won a Second Place Ribbon



Ann Limbeck entered "Grandma's Birthday at
Kings Bend Park"



New PAG member Betsy Thurnherr sold 3 paintings at a show Betsy Liano organized for her painting class at St. John's in August.



Laurie Tappel received a commission for a large watercolor landscape.



BOARD & Committee Members

2021 – 2022 Positions

Executive Board Officers

President	Margaret Mitchell
Vice President	Betsy Liano
Treasurer	Marcia Mundrick
Recording Secretary	Sylvie Culbertson
Corresponding Secretary	Joe Sirianni

Standing Committees

Membership	Carol Schott
Program Chair	Betsy Liano
Refreshments	Niesdri Welsh
Rotating Exhibits	Laura Davis
Sunshine	Sylvia Ball
Website Manager	Joe Sirianni
Newsletter	Joe Sirianni

2021 – 2022 Season Shows

December 2021: Pittsford Federal Credit Union (TBD)

March 2022: Pittsford Barnes and Noble

**Happy
Fall**