



Pittsford Art Group

NEWSLETTER - February 2023

A Message from the President

"He who works with his hands is a laborer. He who works with his hands and his head is a craftsman. He who works with his hands and his head and his heart is an artist."

– St. Francis of Assisi

Hello Members,

Everytime we pick up a pencil or paint brush we venture into our own worlds of hues and shapes and destinations unknown. For me painting is a relaxing journey until the painting is done, down to the last brushstroke. It always amazes me that if I start a painting at say 11:00 am and then realize I'm feeling hungry and it's 6 pm! It's a time of great enjoyment and loving it when it's done. A feeling of accomplishment that carries over you until you begin again.

I am so glad to see that we have several members that are participating in the Barnes and Noble show. Even members that are going away have found a way to enter. You do not have to enter three. One or two will do. I am so looking forward to our first juried show in over 2 years.

Please try to attend our March meeting and meet our judge!
See you there!

Margie Mitchell

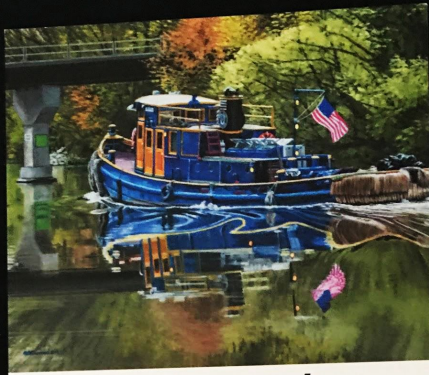
February 2023 Guest Artist - Bill Finewood

PAG was fortunate to have Bill Finewood, retired professional artist and illustrator, present at the February General Meeting. Bill holds an MFA in illustration and design from Syracuse University and taught illustration and design at RIT until his retirement. Bill's illustration work is well known and has been commissioned by many clients such as Mobil, DuPont, Xerox and Holt Rinehart to name a few.

Bill is a member of the Pittsford Fine Art Gallery, located in the village, and has work on exhibit there often. Bill showed examples of his work and described in detail the process he uses to begin each painting. He then demonstrated this process rendering a drawing from his photo followed by a completed value study in shades of gray. Bill chooses to use [Affinity Photo](#) editing software.



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Professional artist and educator Bill Finewood earned a Master of Fine Arts degree from Syracuse University and worked in illustration, design, and fine art his entire career. He retired from the School of Art at Rochester Institute of Technology as Associate Professor and Coordinator of the illustration program. He is a member of the Genesee Valley Plein Air Painters and Wayne County Council for the Arts.

Inspiration for Bill's work comes from many places, including where he lives, works, and plays. Living in the Finger Lakes region allows him to view unique landscapes, architecture, and technologies. His summers feature respite in Northwestern Montana, where plenty of wildlife and spectacular landscapes influence his paintings and drawings.

"Most people don't take the opportunity to look at every feather on a graceful Great Blue Heron or observe vegetation surrounding a fidgety Ground Squirrel. I do! My personal studies in illustration, interest in nature, and a surprisingly lengthy career so far have provided me with plenty of practical knowledge and understanding, enabling me to visually communicate with a broad spectrum of everyday folks, students, and commercially proficient professionals. My personal makeup and curiosity have given me permission to create art, revealing the most important information I can observe within my subjects and their surroundings."



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SUMMER MORNING
by Maureen Church
\$880.00



NAO TRINIDAD
by Maureen Church
\$375.00



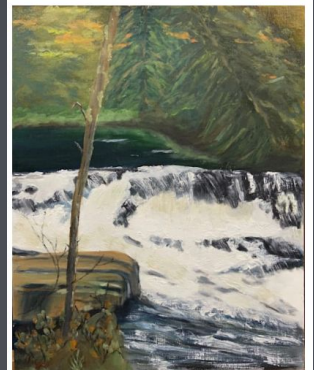
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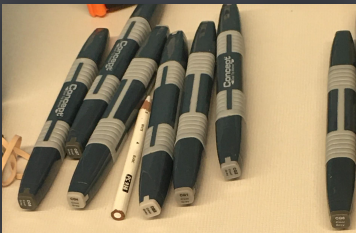
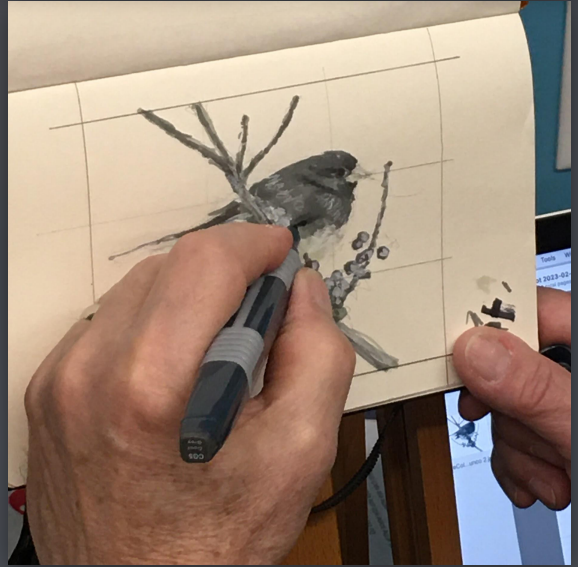
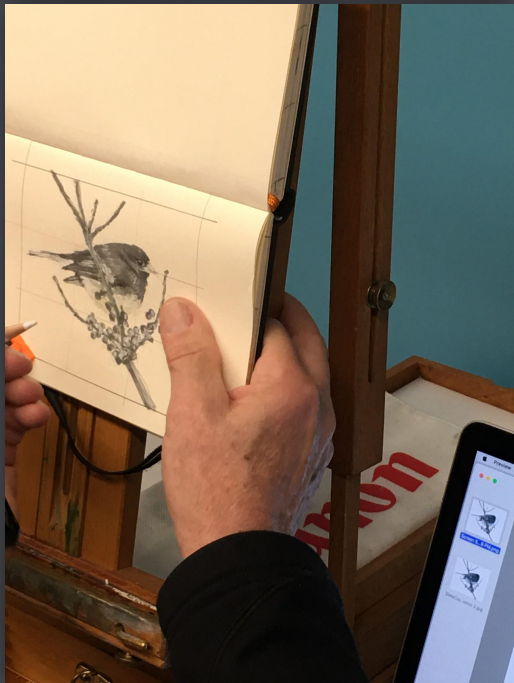
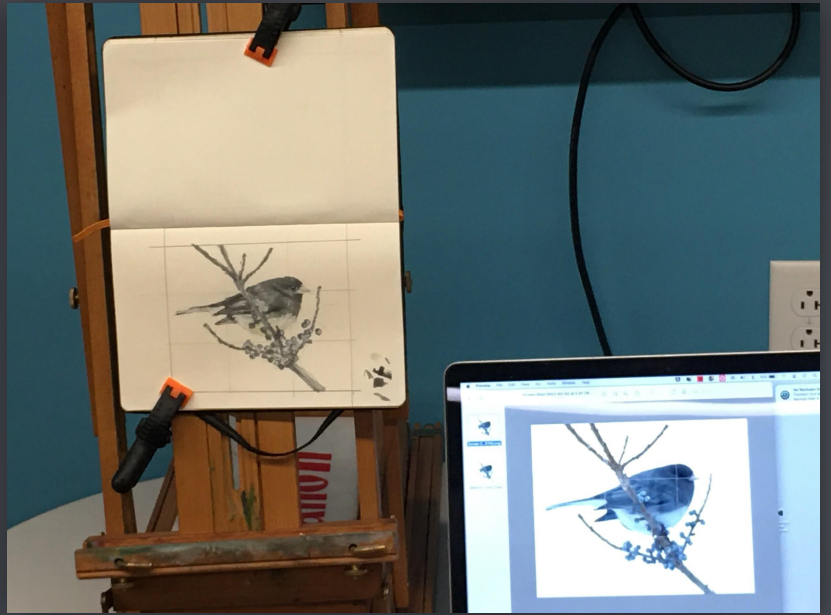
STELLA MARIS (SMALL)
by Maureen Church
\$225.00



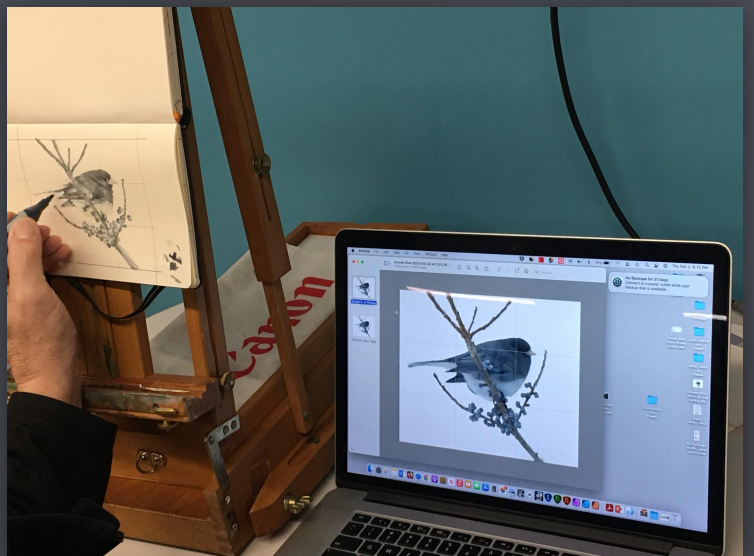
MONUMENT FALLS



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Bill uses these markers (various shades of grey) to create his sketch:



The final Junco painting by Bill Finewood



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
Jan - Mar '23	Barbara Jablonski (TBD)	Betsy Liano	Sylvie Culbertson	Joanne Andrews
Apr - Jun'23	Samara Doumnande	Nies Welsh	Betsy Liano	Denise Johnson
Jul - Sep '23	Denise Johnson	Margie Mitchell Debi Bloom	Carol Schott Nina Varon	Shirley Zimmerkidd
Oct - Dec '23	Sarah Hyatt	Hiroko Jusko	Joanne Andrews	Paula Fahy

If you have questions about this schedule, please contact [Laura Davis](#). Remember - you can share any of these exhibit spaces with other members!

REMINDERS

OUR March MEMBERSHIP MEETING is Thursday, the 2nd. Check the website for upcoming guest artists.

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 contact Sylvia.

Executive Board & Committee Members

2022 – 2023 Positions

Executive Board Officers

President	Margaret Mitchell
Vice President	Betsy Liano
Treasurer	Laurie Tappel
Recording Secretary	Carolyn Dey Lobkowicz
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
Publicity	TBD

2022 – 2023 Season Shows

1570 Gallery at Valley Manor: 1570 East Ave, Rochester

Monday, Oct. 24 through Sunday Dec. 4.

Show Chairs: Paula Fahy and Betsy Liano

Pick up: Sunday 12/4 @ 12 - 2pm

Pittsford Federal Credit Union: 20 Tobey Village Road, Pittsford

Friday, Dec. 2 through Friday, Jan. 13 (pickup 9-12pm)

Show Chair: Margie Mitchell

Drop off: Friday 12/2 @ 9-12pm

Pittsford Barnes and Noble: Pittsford Plaza

Saturday, February 25th

Friday, March 3rd

Saturday, March 4th

Saturday, March 11th

Saturday, April 1st

Postmark Deadline for registration

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Art Drop Off

6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Hang the Art

9:00 a.m Judging

1:00 p.m. Awards Ceremony

Art Pick up