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## SPECIAL EDITION NEWSLETTER – June 2025

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### **PAG PICNIC: Saturday June 14th, 2025**

Hopkins Lodge, Mendon Ponds Park

The PAG summer picnic is in the history books! It was a great event, enjoyed by all. Several of us got lost finding the lodge – so a lesson learned for next time is that we will do one or more of the following:

1. ask for volunteers to create signs
2. ask for volunteers to hang out at key intersections to direct traffic
3. ask for a volunteer to drive to the lodge ahead of time and then mark up a detailed map of the park roads and turns that we can send to everyone prior to the event.

Aside from that one little glitch – it was fun!

## Our speaker for the event was Sandy Ludwig!



Check out her work on-line at: <https://sandy-ludwig-art.square.site/buffaloes>

### ARTIST STATEMENT

Art helps me breathe.

For as long as I can remember I have wanted to be an artist. My mom used to say that I only went to high school for the art classes and lunch periods. She was probably right.

I have been fortunate to do what I love in my career - teach art and share my knowledge and excitement with my students. Now retired, I get to do what I love on a regular basis. - make art almost every day.

My paintings and drawings draw from experiences in my life, whether from close to home or from my many travels. It is often in mundane images and objects that I find beauty. New places, the personality of an individual or the uniqueness of a culture also inspire me.

I work "plein air" (work done directly in outdoor daylight) when I can as the effect of light on shapes in nature has always intrigued me but when I can't work directly on site, I use my drawings and photos as reference in my studio.

My very first love was watercolor as I am fascinated to watch the colors mix, blend and pool, creating edges and blossoms of color. I also love the intense color of pastel, the lusciousness and luster of oil, and the sound and marks of drawing with pencil.

### BIOGRAPHY

Sandy Ludwig was born and raised in Buffalo, New York. She attended Bennett High School, the American Academy of Art in Chicago, and University of Buffalo where she received a degree and certification in Art Education.

For 32 years Sandy taught art in the Buffalo Public at both the elementary and high school level. Currently Sandy is a member of the Niagara Frontier Watercolor Society, Western New York Artists Group, Burchfield Penny Art Center, Buffalo Society of Artists.



## Picnic Lecture and Award Ceremony Photos

(No particular order)



















