



NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2025

Letter from the President

Hello everyone, well the weather has changed, and autumn is officially here!

Sitting on my porch I watch the leaves as they fall and land like a blanket on the lawn. You blow them away, but by morning they are all back! Our orange cat is camouflaged as he runs and tries to catch each leaf!

Our fall Juried art show is coming up in just a couple of weeks. Registration closes soon – so make sure you review the prospectus and get your check and information to me or Debi as soon as possible (also sign up online – check your email for a link with all the details and where to send your check, or email Mike if you need help) You will be able to have up to three paintings. I can't wait to see all the entries! Thank you to all that are volunteering to help.

See you all in November!
Margie

Letter from the Newsletter Editor

Where does the time go! It's hard to keep up – but luckily, we have a great show coming up in just days.

I want to specifically thank Laura for her work as Chairperson of the Pittsford Erie Canal presentation (and your husband too for his help) and to Debi, for all your hard work. We also want to thank multiple volunteers for your assistance in setting up, taking down, and managing the show, plus of course, a big thank you to all those that participated by providing paintings. We are still gathering photos – so stay tuned for a photo gallery in next month's newsletter!

I look forward to seeing all your new artwork at the Friendly Home show starting November 1st!
Mike (mike.kamish@gmail.com)

UPCOMING & CURRENT CLUB EVENTS

PAG November 6th Regular Meeting at The Pittsford Community Center

Speaker: Larry Keefe, Watercolor Artist



Watercolor artist Laurence Keefe has worked around the graphic arts his entire life, starting with life classes in college, a stint in photojournalism, marketing conservation materials and writing *Life of a Photograph*, a standard reference for collectors.

Laurence's passion for watercolor started in high school when he first saw the work of Rochester master Ralph Avery and realized you could make great art anywhere, even in his hometown.

Laurence worked in charcoal and pastel at the O'Neill Studio for three years to acquire the expertise that informs his watercolors. Besides training with artists Brian O'Neill and Jean Lindsay, he has studied with many teachers and at workshops by leading national artists.

He is a signature member of the Rochester Art Club, exhibits in the Lucy Byrnes Gallery of the Memorial Art Gallery and at the Rochester /Finger Lakes Exhibition, and has won multiple awards for his work.

Laurence now teaches beginning and advanced classes at the Creative Workshop at the Memorial Art Gallery. He works primarily in landscape and photo-realist abstractions.

"It's a moment of delight," Laurence says, "when a loaded brush touches the paper and an image pours out of it."





PAG Juried Show at the Friendly Home

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

It's almost here! The first juried show of the season at the Friendly Home.

PAINTING REGISTRATION SHEET: Check your email for an on-line link!

VOLUNTER SIGNUP: Check your email for an on-line link!

Details

Location	The Rochester Friendly Home 3156 East Ave. Rochester, NY 14618
Co-Chairs	Seeking Volunteers
Registration Dates	Registration opens immediately and runs until Saturday, October 21st. All entries must be postmarked and paid for by that date.
Art Dropoff	Friday October 31st, between 9:00AM and 11:00am. If timing is an issue, contact the Co-Chairs so that we can try to help you with alternative arrangements.
Art Judging & Hanging	Saturday November 1st, starting at 11:00 AM.
Show Open to the Public	Sunday, November 2nd through Sunday, December 28th, 9:00am to 5:00pm
Awards Ceremony and Reception	Saturday, November 8th, 11:00 AM
Art Pickup	Monday, December 29th, between 9:00AM and 11:00am
# and Cost of Entries	3 entries per paid member. The entry fee is \$5/painting.
Judge	Gail Leese
Awards	1 Best of Show, 1 Body of Work, 6 Juror awards and 6 Merit awards, 1 People's Choice
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You <u>must have paid your annual dues</u> or be an honorary member of PAG. Your art must be <u>original</u> and painted after 2020. Mechanical reproductions, photography, crafts, and sculpture in the round are not eligible. Artwork previously entered and accepted into a PAG juried show is not eligible. All artworks must be properly framed and no larger than 36 x 36 inches. Acceptance of any submitted artwork is at the discretion of PAG Leadership and the Show Judge. All decisions are final. All accepted artworks must hang for the duration of the show. All paintings must be dry to the touch.
Payment	Checks to be sent to Treasurer Debi Bloom along with Prospectus with painting names, medium, and prices. Watch your email for details and deadline for submission.

To see the award winning paintings from last year's show, click this link: <https://pittsfordartgroup.com/show-highlights/2023-friendly-home-november/>.

This Year's Judge: Gail Leese

An artist in her own right (oil and acrylic), Gail has worked with Nan Miller of Rochester's leading art gallery, the Nan Miller Gallery, for over 45 years. Gail traveled with Nan to countless art shows both nationally and internationally selecting art for the retail gallery in Rochester and promoting the gallery's exclusive artists for representation across the country.

Many of those artists are people that you may recognize as local artists: Brian O'Neill, Norma Johns, Albert Paley, Linda Bigness; and others you may recognize as nationally acclaimed artists such as Romero Britto, Richard Johnson, Miguel Freitas, Roy Lichtenstein, Eric Waugh, Kerri Warner.

Over time, Gail became director of the gallery and to this day, continues to work with Nan on many special artist related projects and continues to discover new artistic talent and help those artists get represented.



Gail will bring a unique, gallerist perspective to the judging process and be able to point out not only the artistic merits of the submissions, but the commercial perspective as well. We look forward to having Gail's unique perspective as our judge for the Friendly Home Show this year.

OTHER REMINDERS

Check the PAG website for a list of all upcoming events and meetings. <https://pittsfordartgroup.com/>

Guest Policy

GUESTS interested in joining 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.

GOOD NEWS – the \$5 guest fee has now been waived. We encourage you to bring guests to learn about PAG and hopefully join!

Sunshine Committee

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.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to several new PAG Members! Please introduce yourself to them at the next meeting.

Joan Heib

Nancy Burke

Michele Piriano

ROTATING EXHIBITS FOR 2026

The rotating exhibits are an opportunity for members to display their work at various locations around town. If you have questions about this schedule, please contact **Laura Davis**. Remember - you can share any of these exhibit spaces with other members!

Venue->	Pittsford Town Hall	Friendly Home Main	Star P.T.	Presbyterian Church
# pieces->	12	22	16	12
Jan- Mar	B. Jablonski	L. Vannozzi		
Apr- Jun	D. Ingerick	J. Andrews		
Jul - Sep	L. Sciortino			
Oct - Dec	K. Wallin			N. Welsh

CLUB LEADERSHIP 2025 – 2026 Positions

Current Positions

Executive Board Officers

- President, Margaret Mitchell
- Vice-President, Mike Kamish
- Treasurer, Debi Bloom
- Recording Secretary, Carolyn Dey Lobkowitz
- Corresponding Secretary, Joe Sirianni

Standing Committees

- Membership, Carol Schott
- Refreshments, Paula Fahey
- Rotating Exhibits, Laura Davis
- Sunshine, Sylvia Ball
- Website, Joe Sirianni
- Publicity, Linda Vannozzi
- Newsletter, Mike Kamish
- Speakers, Margie Mitchell & Mike Kamish

Open Positions

We are now seeking new Board and Committee Members to replace leaders that have been at it for years. This is your club – please be part of it by participating on the Board or a Committee. Open positions are listed below. Current leaders will “show you the ropes” so we can make this very easy. Everyone who has participated in this way says they get a lot more out of the club – and make new friends – when they actively participate in this way. Please participate!

Open Executive Board Officers

- Recording Secretary
- Corresponding Secretary

Standing Committees

- Website
- Speakers

RECENT EVENTS

October Speaker: **Collette Savage, Pastel Artist**

Collette gave us a great presentation in September. She described her process for conceptualizing paintings, how to get started, how she builds up layer overlayer of fine detail and the various tools she used. Thank you, Collette, for your incredible presentation!







RECENT EVENTS

Erie Canal Anniversary Celebration

The Erie Canal Celebration was a huge success – and included some sales!

Thank you, Laura, for your work as Chairperson (and your husband too for his help) and to Debi, for all your hard work. We also want to thank multiple volunteers for your assistance in setting up, takedown, and managing the show.

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MEETING NOTES – General Meeting 10/2/2025

**Pittsford Art Group
General Meeting
Spiegel Community Center
35 Lincoln Avenue
Pittsford, NY 14534**

Eighteen PAG members met at the Spiegel Center for the October General Meeting.

Board members present were Joe Sirianni, Corresponding Secretary and Carolyn Lobkowitz, Recording Secretary.

The Business meeting opened at 7 pm with reminders about signing up for the Friendly Home Show. Ann Limbeck asked about the registration dates for the show and Joe has addressed this issue. He will also resend the show signup sheets—one for volunteering and one for submitting artwork.

Laura Davis reminded members to sign up for PAG Community exhibits for the new season and circulated a signup form.

The Business meeting closed at 7:10 pm; Betsy Liano introduced our speaker, Collette Savage who presented helpful information about pastels and handy tools followed by a painting demo.

Respectfully submitted by the Recording Secretary,
Carolyn Lobkowitz

MEMBER NEWS

Margie

Margie has a new sale! Check out this commissioned piece by Margie. Beautiful work!



Mike

Mike has a sale as well. Check out his piece below.

