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## NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2026

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### **Letter from the President**

The show is up and all the paintings are beautiful. The judge has done the judging, and she said it was difficult as we have so many talented artists. All will be revealed at our reception on March 7th from 10:30 till 11:30am downstairs in either the center or the language book area. Just look for us!

We will do the awards, then when all awards have been given out, would you all please go upstairs for a photo with your painting, followed by a critique with our Judge. A physical sheet will be passed around with all critiques. Our pamphlets will also be available after the awards are handed out.

We all need to give a huge "Thank you" to Mike and all the volunteers that helped with getting this show together, receiving, hanging, and placing cards. Also a big "Thank you" to Nina Varon for our programs, Debi Bloom for our ribbons, Sylvia Ball for her calligraphy on all certificates, Joanne Andrews for our cards posted next to paintings, Paula Fahy for coordinating food for the reception, and the other volunteers that also helped check in paintings, assure they were labeled properly and kept track of everything! (You can see the list in this newsletter)

Good luck and see you at reception!

**Margaret**

### **Letter from the Newsletter Editor**

Sorry for the lateness of the February Newsletter! I was all caught up in getting ready for the Barnes and Noble show and completely forgot about the newsletter itself. My apologies!

Today the Barnes and Noble paintings went up – and wow, they are looking great. In the several years in which I have been working on coordinating our various shows, I feel like this is the best yet. I can only try to imagine how hard it will be for our judge Colette Savage to pick the winners. A BIG THANK YOU AND WELL DONE TO ALL PARTICIPANTS AND VOLUNTEERS!

Mike

## UPCOMING & CURRENT CLUB EVENTS

PAG March 5th Meeting at The Pittsford Community Center

### Speaker: Brenda Cretney



Brenda Cretney's fascination with animals began at her grandparents' farm in Hamlin when she was a young girl. She was especially in awe of their massive Percheron draft horses. Eventually she had her own horse – Big Bills – a friendly quarter horse with a % brand on his backside. For 20 years they rode trails all over New York State.

Brenda now lives in Brockport where she went to college and raised three children. She also taught elementary school at Kendall Central School for 30 years. Those years were full of family, renovating an old house and teaching.

Painting in watercolor appealed to Brenda because of the vibrant colors. Upon retiring, she took up the medium and attended classes at the Memorial Art Gallery in Rochester and other artist workshops. Painting animals is her passion. "My proudest accomplishment is when I paint an animal and it looks back at me from off the paper with a glimpse of its personality," states Brenda.

Brenda has competed in juried art shows and earned many awards, including a few that qualified for Best of Show. She has membership in five art clubs: Rochester Art Club, Niagara Frontier Watercolor Society, Central New York Watercolor Society, Baltimore Watercolor Society and the Pennsylvania Watercolor Society.



# Now Underway!

## PAG Juried Show at Barnes and Noble

March 1<sup>st</sup> through March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026

### DATES

Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup> setup 9:00-11:30 am

Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup> Reception 10:30-12:00 noon

Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup> take down 9:00-11:30 am\*



## Thank you to Show Volunteers

**Judge: Colette Savage**

Position	Volunteers
Art Intake & Check-in	Mike Kamish Paula Fahy Barbara Jablonski Hiroko Jusko Carol Goldsmith
Art Hanging	Mike Kamish Jennie Miller
Art Pickup & Check-out	Mike Kamish Hiroko Jusko
Awards Ceremony	Paula Fahy Margaret Mitchell
Program	Nina Varon
Wall Cards	Joanne Andrews
Ribbons	Debi Bloom
Award Certificates	Sylvia Ball
Finance	Margie Mitchell

Our apologies if we missed anyone! If we did, please let Mike know so that he can update the list in the March Newsletter.

# COMING SOON

**JUNE PICNIC- Kings Bend Park, June 13, 2026**

**Watch your email for details**

## 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. To help with rising costs it would be appreciated if an entirely optional \$5.00 donation was made to the group for in-person attendance. Any donation amount made will be applied to the joining fee.

### 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.

## ROTATING EXHIBITS FOR 2026

### THERE ARE STILL OPENINGS. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

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!

Contact Laura Davis at [Davidyn@rochester.rr.com](mailto:Davidyn@rochester.rr.com) to sign up

Venue->	Pittsford Town Hall	Friendly Home Main	Star P.T.	Presbyterian Church	Lily Brook
# pieces->	12	22	16	12	12
Jan- Mar	B. Jablonski		L. Davis	L. Davis J. Paperno	A. Limbeck
Apr- Jun	D. Ingerick	J. Andrews	N. Varon		
Jul - Sep	L. Sciortino	A. Limbeck J. Miller		H. Jusko	
Oct - Dec	K. Wallin		P. Fahy	N. Welsh	

## CLUB LEADERSHIP 2025 – 2026 Positions

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### Current Positions

#### Executive Board Officers

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

#### Standing Committees

- Membership, Carol Schott
- Refreshments, Paula Fahey
- Rotating Exhibits, Laura Davis
- Sunshine, Sylvia Ball
- Website, Joe Sirianni
- Publicity, Open (since Linda has moved)
- 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 (currently Carolyn)
- Corresponding Secretary (currently Joe)

#### Standing Committees

- Website (currently Joe)
- Speakers (currently Margie)
- Publicity (Open)
- Membership (currently Carol)

## RECENT EVENTS

PAG February 5th Regular Meeting at The Pittsford Community Center

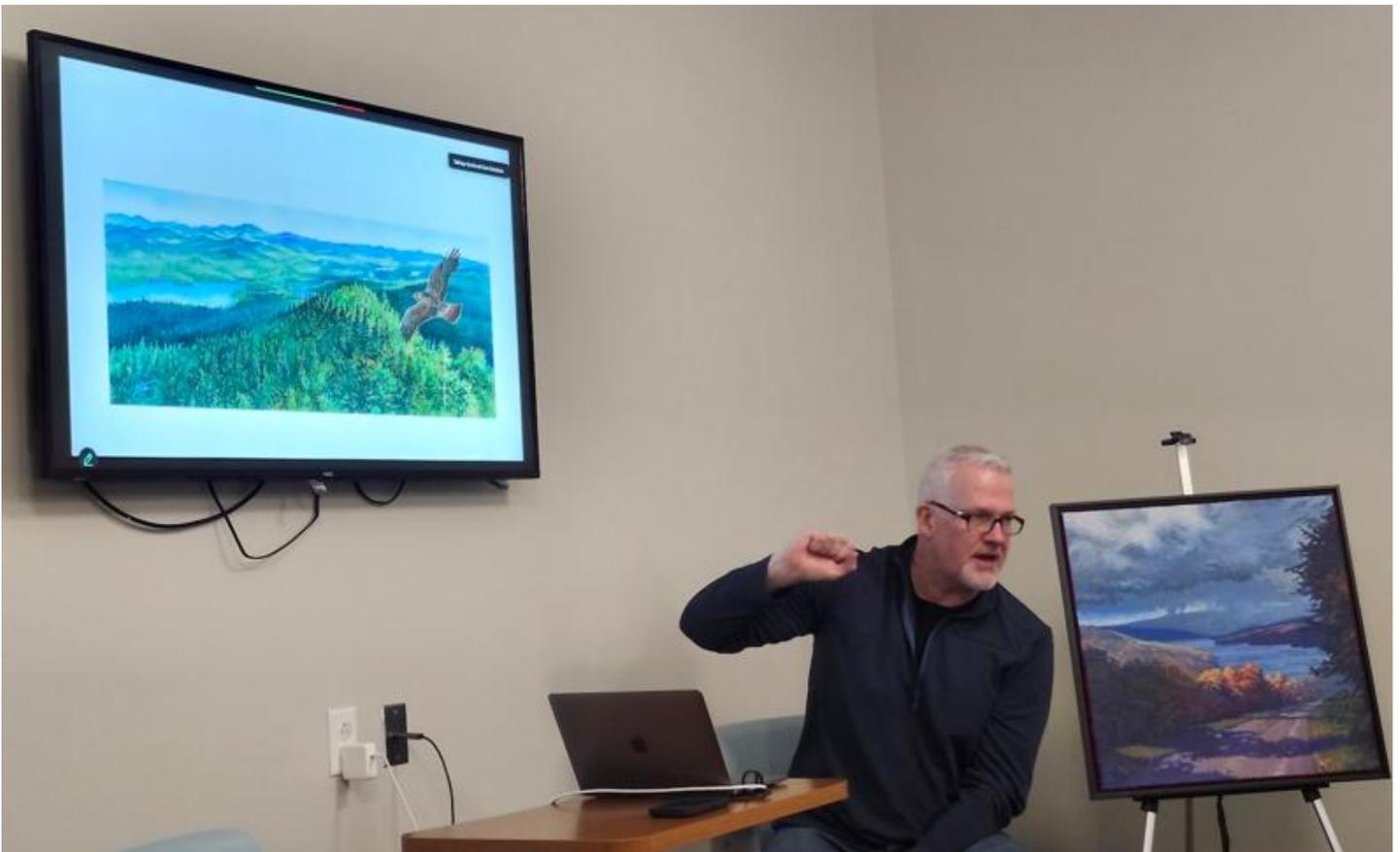
# Speaker: Mark Stash

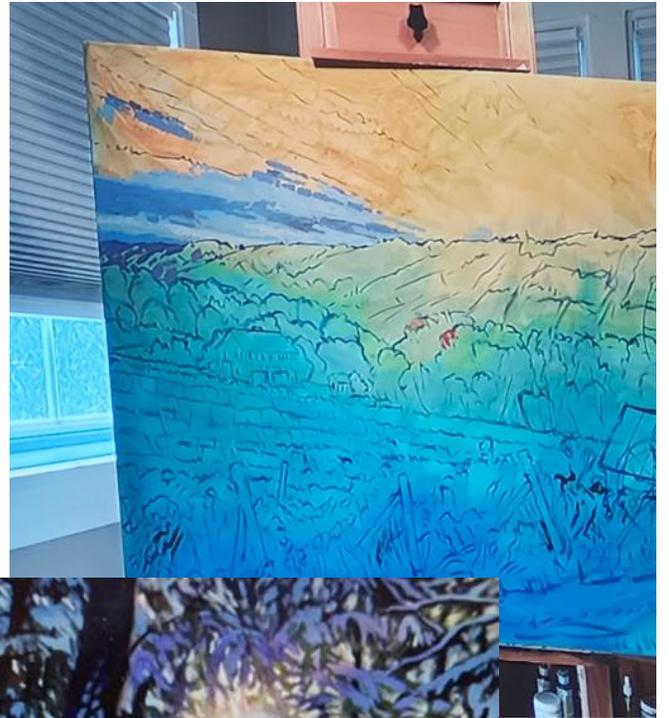


Mark provided an outstanding presentation chronicling his development as an artist, his journey into graphic arts and publishing, and the development of his colorful, dramatic, and engaging painting styles.

Mark even brought samples of his Finger Lakes Magazine to hand out to anyone who wanted a copy.

The presentation included in-house attendees and others on ZOOM. It was a great presentation and a fun time for al.





## MEETING NOTES – General Meeting 2/5/2026

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

Debi provided a financial update via Zoom. The group was reminded of the upcoming Barnes & Noble show as well as the need for additional volunteers for:

- Displaying at the various community venues this year (Contact Laura for details)
- For multiple Open Board and Committee positions (contact Margaret for details)

The business portion of the meeting was closed at 7:15 and was followed by a presentation by artist Mark Stash

Submitted 3/1/2026 on behalf of Secretary Carolyn Lobkowitz,  
Mike Kamish

## Interesting Trivia

Salvador Dalí's iconic melting clocks in *The Persistence of Memory* was inspired by observing Camembert cheese melting in the sun.

He even says (in what seems to this editor to be a very odd) "The watches are nothing more than the soft, extravagant, solitary, paranoiac-critical Camembert cheese of space and time... Hard or soft, what difference does it make! As long as they tell time accurately."

