



NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2026

Letter from the President

Hello all Members,

March is a month of will it snow or be warmer out today, that in-between time of year Clocks set forward and back to evenings of more daylight, much easier for us driving to meetings at night, to drive home with the moonlight!

The reception at Barnes and Noble went well with most participants present. If you won an award and could not attend, please come to the next meeting in April, where I will hand out your ribbon and Certificate with Calligraphy, handwritten by Sylvia Ball. Our judge Collette Savage was also in attendance and wrote a critique for everyone to hear her opinion on your paintings. Always remember her opinions are subjective, meaning it's her opinion, every judge has their own!
Great photos were taken and will be in this Newsletter.

I had a conversation with a few of our new members to say that I really wish I could get to know you better. All board members would appreciate it also. I know that meetings are quick without the time to really get together and talk. I'd like it if you would please come to the picnic where it's more casual and we will have time to talk.

Our next meeting in April is with Rebecca Maynard, she will demonstrate her techniques for watercolor painting, then at our picnic in June, Rebecca will show us how to do Batik. painting. We will all participate and create our own wax painting!

See you all at the next meeting.
MARGIE

Letter from the Newsletter Editor

Wow! It's been a busy month... Speaker Brenda Cretney, the Spring Show at Barnes and Noble, starting to think about the June picnic and other events, new members and a new budget to think about

There starts to be a lot of emails – but it's all good because those are signs of a vibrant group. But one thing to remember – as much as it is great seeing everyone at the monthly meetings, it would be even better if we could get to know one another better. Friendships are forged by shared experiences and engagement. So ... if there is someone you enjoy talking to at meetings, reach out to them. Set a coffee date. If you have an idea for a "paint out" or think it would be fun to make one of our meetings a 'pizza dinner' – reach out to one of the Board members and let's collaborate to make that happen. That's how we go beyond a monthly group (as great as that is!) and become more of a community.

We hope to hear from you!
Mike

UPCOMING & CURRENT CLUB EVENTS

PAG April 2nd Meeting at The Pittsford Community Center

Speaker: Rebecca Maynard Watercolor Artist



Rebecca picked up a paintbrush in November of 2013, and she will never put it down. She is completely fascinated by how unexpected life events can take you down paths you never imagined. She has an insatiable desire to learn and paint as much as she can.

Rebecca Maynard is one of Pittsford Fine Art's founding members. She's a member of the Rochester Art Club, the Niagara Frontier Watercolor Society, the Brockport Artists' Guild, and the Oil Painters of America. She has had paintings in the AC, NFWS (Board of Director's Award), and BAG shows and has had paintings in several local galleries and the View in Old Forge. Rebecca does commission work, and a variety of workshops and demos. She has participated in the Memorial Art Gallery's Clothesline Festival.

"I feel so fortunate to see beauty in so many places." says Rebecca. "I have always seen gems in nature, but now, I capture those bits of beauty I see and share them with others. To do this I use watercolor, oil, alcohol ink, charcoal, and acrylics. I also enjoy photography, which provides me with endless reference material. I love shifting from one medium to another. One informs the other and it helps me keep things fresh and exciting."





Now Underway!

PAG Juried Show at Barnes and Noble

March 1st through March 28th, 2026

DATES

Sunday March 1st setup 9:00-11:30 am

Saturday March 7th Reception 10:30-12:00 noon

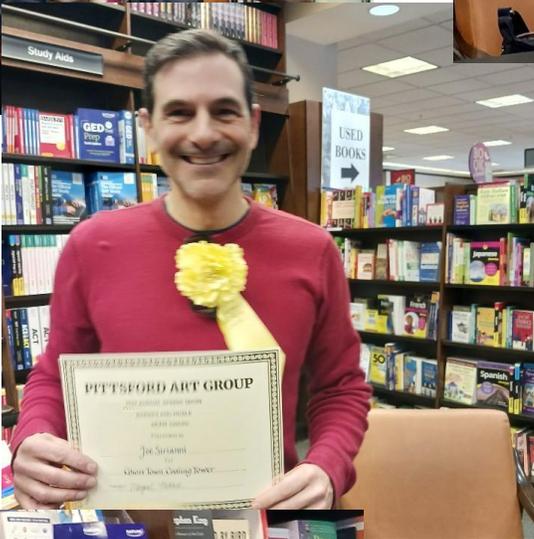
Saturday March 28th take down 9:00-11:30 am*



CONGRATULATIONS TO AWARD WINNERS!

- Best of Show - "Lunchtime at the Shrimp Boat Dock II" - Barbara Jablonski
- Body of Work – Mike Kamish
- Juror's awards
 - Red Lily- Joanne Andrews
 - The Hunt - Karen O'Connor
 - Untitled landscape of the Erie Canal - Sharon Neveu
 - Flower 3 - Lois Zebelman
 - Clouds Over the Meadow - Joan Helb
 - Kaleidoscope Heart - Mary Bryant
- Merit awards
 - Maker's Boots - Catherine Crane
 - Watchful Eyes - Hiroko Jusko
 - Cigar Box Politics - Kristin Spath
 - Ghost Town, Coaling Tower - Joe Sirianni
 - Jay is the Blue - Nies Welsh
 - Ruth and Roger's Garden - Helen Presberg

Some Photos from the Award Ceremony



Some Photos from The Reception









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 or Joanne Andrews**. Remember - you can share any of these exhibit spaces with other members!

We will soon have the schedule posted online for easier access!

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		D. Johnson
Jul - Sep	L. Sciortino	A. Limbeck J. Miller		H. Jusko	J. Andrews
Oct - Dec	K. Wallin		P. Fahy	N. Welsh	H. Jusko

CLUB LEADERSHIP 2025 – 2026 Positions

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 & Joanne Andrews
- 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 March 5th Regular Meeting at The Pittsford Community Center

Speaker: Brenda Cretney



Artist Brenda Cretney gave an informative and interactive demonstration to the group about her inspiration, her process, and her experience. She then demonstrated technique, working on a painting of a rabbit from a photo reference and engaging with the audience about everything from substrate to brushes, to painting style and technique. It was a great presentation, enjoyed by all.

Thank you too, to Nina and Joanne for working the camera for our Zoom audience and to Carolyn for providing the iPad!





MEETING NOTES – General Meeting 3/5/2026

**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 or Joanne 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 Brenda Cretney

Submitted 3/8/2026 on behalf of Secretary Carolyn Lobkowitz,
Mike Kamish

News from Linda

Member Linda Vannozi, former committee chairperson for publicity and active and enthusiastic member, has (sadly for us) moved from the area – but remains a big fan and supporter of the group. In keeping with that wonderful and much appreciated level of engagement, Linda has shared the following letter that she wishes to share with the entire group. Please feel free to contact Linda!

A message from Linda Vannozi:

March 4, 2026

Hello to all my PAG friends and greetings from Hilton Head South Carolina! My husband Bob and I have moved down here permanently and have finished the unpacking. Yay! We are lucky to be on this journey together.

I wanted to extend my gratitude for being part of PAG since February 2023. Being a new member 3 years ago, I wasn't sure about displaying my art for others to see. Margie and the board allowed me to participate in the spring show that year and it boosted my confidence many times over. Since that time, I've said yes to other artistic opportunities, and I can say you never know until you try. Painting has been a second act for me of which I'm very grateful.

Now in my new location, I'll continue to paint, take classes, and get involved. I have joined the Art League of Hilton Head as an exhibiting member. I am able to exhibit one painting per month in their public gallery and can submit bin-art (prints). They rotate the art each month and showcase a featured artist (which you have to apply for) with a monthly reception. Maybe someday I will have the confidence and portfolio to apply as a featured artist. We shall see. The events are well publicized. It is a very different model from the art clubs in the Rochester area, in that they operate as a club and a public gallery (with a performing arts theatre attached – The Arts Center of Coastal Carolina). There are many classes to take and talks to attend. I am currently taking an intermediate watercolor class with Chris Dreyer who is based in Wisconsin and enjoys coming to Hilton Head in the winters to teach watercolor and play golf.

If you are ever in this neck of the woods, please consider reaching out to me. I'd love to show you around if you are not familiar with this area. There is a wonderful art district in Bluffton, which is the neighboring town before the bridge to Hilton Head. If you come here for an extended period of time, you can take classes at the Art League Academy, and the classroom at SOBA, the Society of Bluffton Artists. There are other unexpected art opportunities as well with some of the local cultural organizations.

I hope someone is helping with publicity for the club. If anyone has questions about what I was doing (it was easy) just let me know! I hope in the future when we come back to Rochester to see our family, I can connect with some PAG events. I continue to enjoy reading the monthly newsletters!

Artfully yours, Linda

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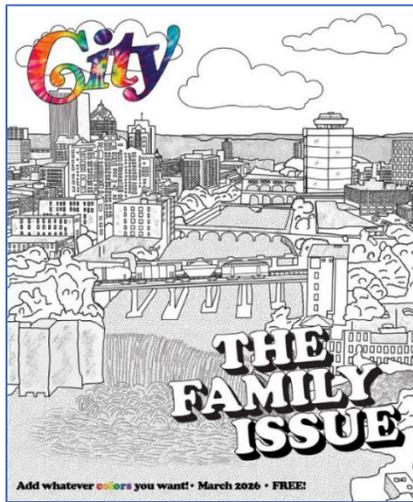
Address: 18 Hobonny Place, Hilton Head Island, SC

Plus, you can always PM me on the Messenger app, friend me on Facebook, and Instagram, @vannozilinda.

Member News

*Editor's Note: **Betsy Liano** was kind enough to share with me a recent article about member Joanne Andrews and a wonderful project she has been leading for years. I was incredibly impressed and excited about the work that Joanne is doing. I'm sure you will be too!*

We hope to have Joanne present to the group about the project, her experience, how she got started, and her plans for the future ... but in the meantime – here is a little “teaser” about this noble project.



Just Released: City Magazine March 2026, featuring an article on none other than member Joanne Andrews and her Magic Dragon Magazine for Young Writers and Artists!

Joanne has been providing a unique, confidence and self-esteem building, and in some cases, life-changing, opportunity for young artists and writers to have their art and writing appear in print. Check out the website for “Magic Dragon Magazine” at <https://www.magicdragonmagazine.com/>

The magic of making art

LITERATURE

BY PATRICK HOSKEN
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There's a dragon in Joanne Andrews' basement. He's a few feet tall, brilliant green and clad in a wizard's hat and a wand. He's also made onto a foam board. Andrews created him as the mascot for Magic Dragon, the children's literary magazine she assembles in her Pittsford home with editor Patricia Roesch. Andrews is the art director. The dragon comes with them to book fairs, school events and other pop-ups. He's so popular, in fact, his



PRESENTING YOUNG WRITERS AND ARTISTS

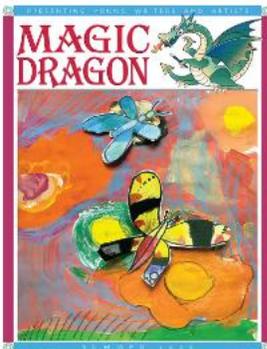
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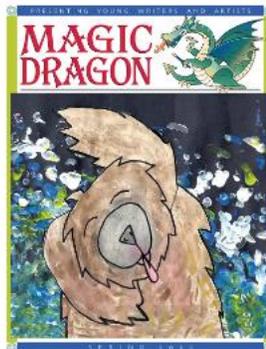
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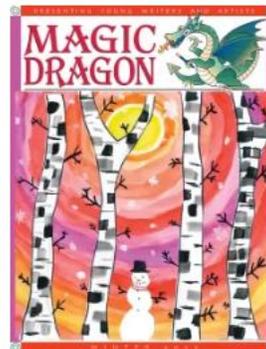
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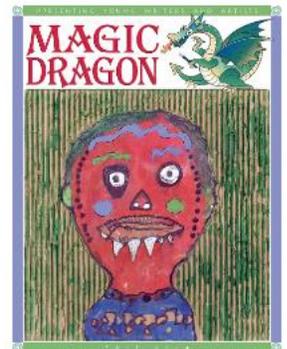
Summer 2025



Spring 2025



Winter 2025



Fall 2024



News from Colette Savage

Winter and Spring 2026 Classes with Colette Savage

Pastel Painting - Introduction

A class for those who are newer to pastels.

All materials are supplied, making it easy to jump right in.

April 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 - Wednesdays, 6:00-8:00 pm

W. Irondequoit High School, Cooper Road

Please contact Irondequoit Community Education to register or to learn more.

West Irondequoit Central School District - Community Education

Pastel Painting

Learn all about this fun medium!

March 12, 19, 26, April 2 and 9 - Thursdays 6:00-8:00 pm

To register or to learn more about this class please contact the Art Stop, located at 1822 Penfield Road

<https://artstopllc.com/>

Plein Air Painting - Painting Outdoors

Learn to get comfortable painting in the great outdoors with experienced plein air painters

Victoria Brzustowicz and Colette Savage. Materials will be discussed in our first class.

May 2, 9, 16 (rain-date 5/23)

Please contact Irondequoit Community Education for more information and to register.

<http://westirondequoit.ss8.sharpschool.com/cms/One.aspx?portalId=228594&pageId=1465571>

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June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - Tuesdays, 6:00-8:00 pm

W. Irondequoit High School, Cooper Road

Please contact Irondequoit Community Education to register or to learn more.

West Irondequoit Central School District - Community Education

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Question? Email me: cmsavage31@gmail.com

News from Barbara Jablonski

PLEIN AIR WORKSHOP with BARBARA JABLONSKI

Wednesday, May 13th – Friday, May 15th



Barbara Jablonski invites artists using any painting medium as well as artists who wish to learn OIL or ACRYLIC painting as a new medium to register for this plein air painting workshop

This 3-day workshop introduces elements and techniques including:

- Composition, perspective, value, temperature and design
- Drawing, line, and painting techniques
- The use of materials, equipment and mixing of oil and acrylic colors
- Learn to paint landscapes, architecture and waterscapes.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF EARLY REGISTRATION FEE

REGISTRATION FEE IS \$235 UNTIL APRIL 21ST

REGISTRATION FEE IS \$250 AFTER APRIL 21ST

HOW TO REGISTER Go to Barbara's website:

WWW.BARBARAJABLONSKI.COM and then to the

Webpage: '26 WORKSHOP EN PLEIN AIR

Print out workshop information and complete the registration form. Mail Registration For and check to Barbara Jablonski.