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## NEWSLETTER – MAY 2026

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### **Letter from the President**

Hey everyone, it's the End of our fiscal year, 2025-2026 and summer is hopefully coming soon. With less rain and more sun! I want to personally "thank everyone" that has volunteered at all our events from this last year. We couldn't do it without you. Also "Thank you" to those of you that stay and help the presenter get their things together and help them to their vehicle. Lots of heavy loads.

It has been a wonderful year with many great presenters. And fill-ins by our very own-Mike Kamaish and Barb Jablonski, both did fabulous jobs, very fun and entertaining and knowledgeable on their journeys and we thank both for letting us enjoy their work.

Although Paddle and Pour was cancelled for the Artists Tents (due to high winds and rain) It gives us an opportunity to possibly do another event later in the upcoming year. This is being discussed and the board will be meeting with the Rec center Assistant Director-Allison Burchett and Supervisor Bill Smith. They are open to discussing it and come up with a better solution.

We also want to mention that our room at Rec Center is not picked by us, we go where they send us. We would prefer a room with a sink, and countertop for the presenter. But we take what we can get.

I am looking forward to our Picnic, which should be lots of hands-on fun with our presenter, Rebecca Maynard. With comradery, good conversations and awesome food. Please Remember to bring your renewals as well. All are needed so we can put together our budget for the upcoming year.

I hope to see you at the picnic, if you can't make it, have a wonderful summer, enjoy the time off and paint a bunch for our fall show at "The Rochester Friendly home." Looking forward to our 2026-2027 year! See you in September!

Margaret Mitchell

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

Sorry for the late May Newsletter. I was waiting to include photos from Pittsford Paddle and Pour – but that was once again cancelled due to poor weather. One can't help but wonder if it's time to choose a different weekend for this event!

Once again, we had a great speaker at our last meeting. I think we've been very lucky – with one great speaker after another. I'm sure that trend will continue next season as well. I hope you enjoy your summer break and look forward to seeing you at the picnic!

Mike

## UPCOMING & CURRENT CLUB EVENTS

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

Watch your email for details on how to sign up for the picnic and for a dish to pass. The picnics are always a huge amount of fun – and this time there is a hands-on demo and a workshop by REBECCA MAYNARD as well! Many members will arrive mid-to-late morning and some might even bring paints to do some Plein Air painting on their own.

As always, we are also looking for volunteers to set up and clean up. If you can help out with any of those things, please come early or plan to stay a little longer.

If you have any questions, contact Joe ([secretary@pittsfordartgroup.com](mailto:secretary@pittsfordartgroup.com)), Mike ([mike.kamish@gmail.com](mailto:mike.kamish@gmail.com)), Margie ([mhsmitchell@gmail.com](mailto:mhsmitchell@gmail.com)) or Paula ([paulamfahy@gmail.com](mailto:paulamfahy@gmail.com))

#### **ALSO NOTE**

Another Rebecca will be attending as well – Debi’s daughter! Rebecca will be back with her press and tee shirts and bags for creating PAG branded clothing like she did at last month’s meeting. You can also check out Rebecca’s website: <https://instantmonogramming.deco-apparel.com/> or contact Debi or Rebecca for more details or assistance.



## CLUB LEADERSHIP 2025 – 2026 Positions

### Current Positions

#### Executive Board Officers

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

#### Standing Committees

- Membership, (Open)
- Refreshments, Paula Fahey
- Rotating Exhibits, Joanne Andrews
- Sunshine, Sylvia Ball
- Website, Joe Sirianni
- Publicity, (Open)
- Newsletter, Mike Kamish
- Speakers, Margie Mitchell

### 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 (acting: Joe)

#### Standing Committees

- Website (acting: Joe)
- Speakers (acting: Margie)
- Publicity (Open)
- Membership (Open)

## RECENT EVENTS

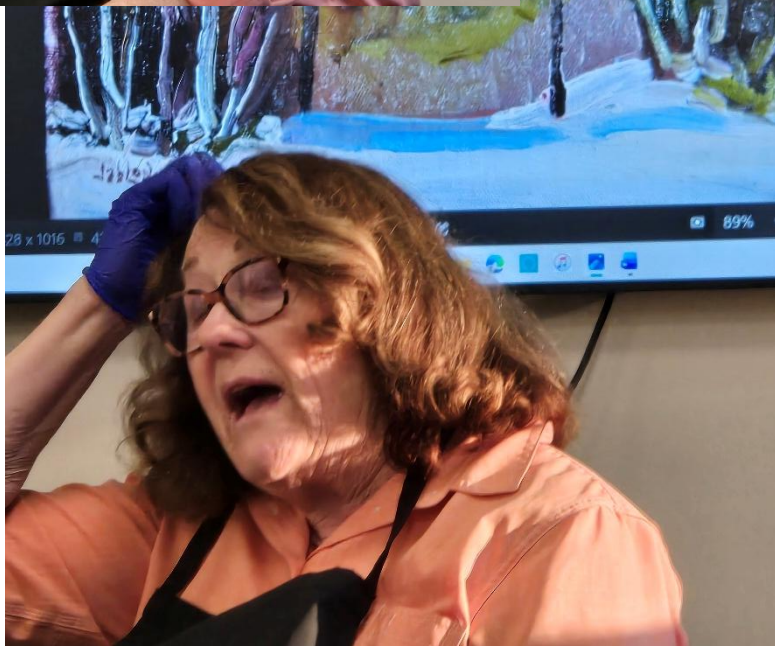
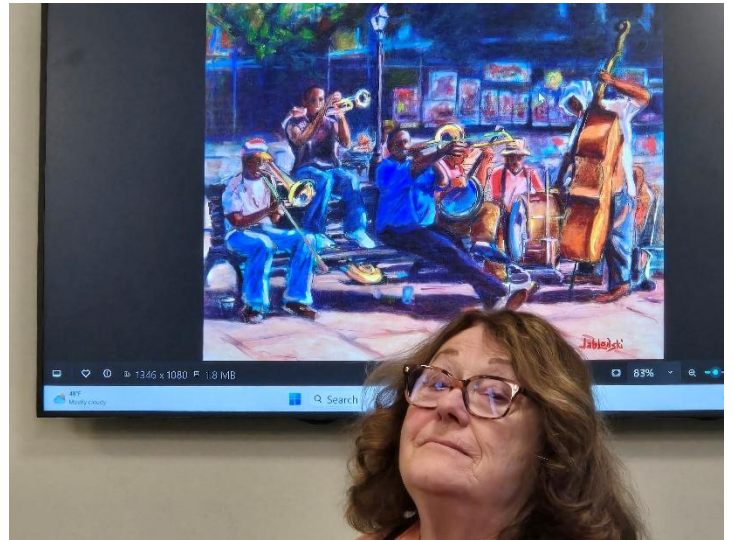
### PAG May 7th Regular Meeting at The Pittsford Community Center

# Speaker: Barbara Jablonski

Barbara provided a great talk on composition, color and value, and more composition. On top of that – it was one of our most entertaining talks – with a wide variety of jokes and anecdotes and about plein air outings, local artists, and workshops teachers, and more.

The main themes of composition were applicable to every painter- whether acrylic, oil, watercolor, pastel, or anything else. If you are interested in hearing more from Barbara, be sure to contact her about one of her workshops.





## MEETING NOTES – General Meeting 5/7/2026

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. As the last meeting of the season the business portion of the meeting was short – focusing on just a few reminders:

- The Picnic is June 13<sup>th</sup>. Watch your email for details.
- Dues have unfortunately needed to go up to cover increased costs for virtually everything. For a full, participating member, dues are now \$50 annually. Please bring payment to the picnic if possible. For other membership rates and financial aid (all held private and confidential), please contact Margie or Carol directly.
- We need help! We are still looking for a membership lead, marketing lead, corresponding secretary, recording secretary, a new suite of officers, a membership lead, and a web master. Plus, we always need newsletter articles and website art submissions. Please consider stepping up and into one of these roles. It is a very rewarding activity, and you will get to know several new people and make new friends. It's all straight forward work and the current officers and committee chairman will teach you everything you need to know!

At 7:15, Barbara then took the lead and led us with her presentation.

Submitted by Mike Kamish

## Other Odds & Ends

Many of you may not be aware of this, but every year, the club President produces an “End of Year” report. This report, submitted to the Town Archive, is also a nice historical document for the group. As part of that, Margie has reached out to committee chairs about writing up summaries for their activities. Please submit your entries to Margie as soon as you can.