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Art Supply Swap!

For February's meeting, we are having an art supply swap! Please bring any art supplies you would like to get rid of and hopefully pick up some you would like to use. We have quite a few things already donated by Linda Rosen's family; some pastels, sketchbooks, lots of nice brushes, etc. We've also received several frames in different sizes, from 8x10 up to 20x28; quite a bit of acrylic paint, and a bunch of other goodies. Don't miss out!

Also, we will set up still lifes and you can practice using some of those supplies – bring a sketchbook or other support, and have some fun!

The meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 15, 2-4 pm.
Location: 2nd floor classroom, ARTFactory, 9419 Battle Street, Manassas.

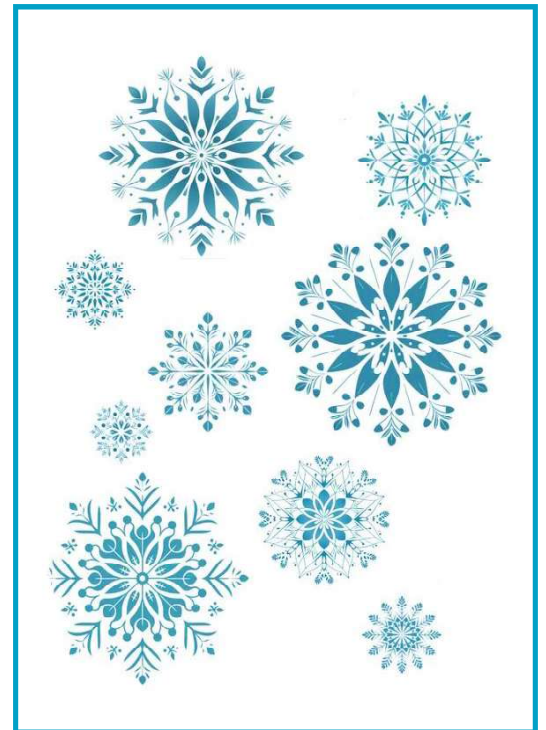
Note: **The weather forecast is uncertain (possibility of icy rain). We'll be keeping a close eye on it; if it looks like roads might be a problem, the meeting will be postponed to Sunday, February 22. Please keep an eye on your emails: the decision will be made around 10 a.m. Sunday.**



Upcoming Meetings

March 15: Anna Gatling of the Onyx group will present her approach to fluid acrylics. Her work is currently on view at the ARTfactory; check it out on Sunday!

April 19: MAG's very own John Hart will demonstrate glazing techniques in acrylic paints.



Have any news you would like to share?

Send it to Michele at myarcadia2@gmail.com, she'll try to get it into a future newsletter.

Artist of the Month

February's Artist of the Month is one of our newer members, Raghad Almofeez. Raghad has been creating art since moving to the United States in 2011 and is now based in Aldie, Virginia. She has been oil painting for around 10 years, balancing her work as both a research scientist and an artist. Her artistic practice is deeply informed by close observation and a curiosity about place, light, and structure. As a plein air painter, Raghad is drawn to historic sites and natural environments, where she focuses on capturing dramatic lighting and subtle color variations. When not painting on location, she works in the studio creating still-life studies.

Stores where we display:

ARTfactory, 9419 Battle Street
 Black Metal Mercantile, 9105 Center Street
 Grounds Central Station, 9360 Main Street
 Jirani Coffeehouse, 9425 West Street.
 Things I Love, 9084 Center Street

Upcoming AOTM:

March: Lisa Stewart	April: Peter Smolens
May: Michele Frantz	June: Josie Tullo
July: Maggie Grace	

If you would like to be an AOTM, please contact Rebecca at rebeccaneiss9@gmail.com to get on the schedule.



Member News

We would like to welcome yet another new member! Kathleen Frampton of Haymarket works in watercolor and is a frequent contributor to the local art scene.



Artist Opportunities

Warrenton Spring Art Show

Deadline to enter, March 20. Show dates: March 31-May 31, 2026. Cash awards.
<https://form.jotform.com/260246514737155>

Annaburg Spring Exhibit, "Everything on Earth"

Deadline to enter, March 27 Show dates April 24, 25, 26. Entry information will be released soon.

Celebrating Richard Norris Brooke

A show focusing on landscapes and plein air painting. Deadline extended to March 30. Cash awards. For more details see the MAG January newsletter. <https://form.jotform.com/253213474236150>

Ongoing:

Franklin Park Arts Center, Purcellville.

Series of exhibits celebrating the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Exhibits are \$20 each for up to 3 works. <https://www.franklinparkartscenter.org/artist-opportunities/>

LibertyTown Arts, Fredericksburg.

Several themes throughout the year. <https://libertytownarts.com/calls-for-artists/>