

Winter Show and Sale Draws 300 Visitors

Falls Church Arts' Second Annual Winter Show and Sale at Don Beyer Volvo on January 21-23 drew over 300 visitors. The artworks ranged from oils to sculpture, photographs to watercolors. One hundred one (101) pieces of art, representing 45 artists, were displayed.



Linda Silk receives certificate from Tom Gittins.

The show's opening, held on Friday evening, January 21, was abuzz with viewers.

Many of the artists, their families and friends attended the opening, along with many friends of FCA from around the metropolitan area. Nine pieces of art were sold.

Tom Gittins, FCA President, honored FCA's tireless Artistic Director, Linda Silk, with a certificate of appreciation for the many hours she spent organizing the show and preparing the catalogue.

"We were very pleased with the turnout and the sales," said Linda.

A special thank you goes to Mike and June Beyer for their continued support of the arts in providing the space for the show.

Local Artists Featured At Four FIRSTfriday Events

Falls Church Arts sponsored four events featuring local artists on the FIRSTfriday of March. A once-a-month celebration in Falls Church City that features art events and activities, FIRSTfriday is a way to bring people, the arts and businesses of Falls Church together. Many Falls Church businesses offer discounted products and services on FIRSTfriday.

Three of the FIRSTfriday events featured individual artists: Kendall Barrett, photographer; Peter Tomlinson, photographer; and Linda Rose Larochelle, painter. The fourth was a group showing by students in art classes at the Falls Church Community Center. See separate articles on each event.

Sunrise To Host Show

Sunrise Assisted Living of Falls Church, located at 330 N. Washington St., will host FCA's next show on June 24-26, 2005.

The theme is "Rhapsody in Hue." Coordinator Cathy Kaye says a "Call for Entries" will go out soon.

Welcome to the Falls Church Arts Scene

This is the premier issue of the *Falls Church Arts Scene*, the newsletter of Falls Church Arts (FCA).

The *Scene* will inform the membership about FCA's activities. The newsletter will include articles and photos of FCA meetings and events, a calendar, interviews with local artists, and notices and reviews of art shows and other art-related activities.

The *Scene* will let members know about volunteer activities and how they can contribute financially. It will feature a column to help members organize critique groups and informal networks, and share resources.

The *Scene* will provide a forum for members to exchange ideas on any artistic topic. We can only do this with your input. Please contact Cheryl Miller (email: cheryl.miller32@verizon.net; telephone 703-938-2988) or Sarah Grusin (email: grusins@starpower.net; telephone 703-532-2324) to let us know what you'd like to include in the *Scene*.

Stacy's Coffee Parlor Showcases Kendall Barrett's Photography

Kendall Barrett's photographs were such a draw at Stacy's Coffee Parlor at 709 W. Broad Street on FIRSTfriday that she sold over half of those on display!

A self-taught photographer, Kendall especially enjoys capturing the magical moments of childhood and the beauty of flowers and vegetables. "I grew up with a camera around me at all times," said Kendall. "My mother and aunt are professional

photographers; my grandmother and both of my sisters are artists."

"My favorite photographs in this group," related Kendall, "are the asparagus, red raspberries and the bottle of milk. The colors and textures are so wonderful."

Photos To Be Published

Obviously, they were popular with the FIRSTfriday crowd as well, who responded to them in record numbers. Kendall's photos will be published in two magazines this spring: *More* and *Wired*.

Kendall's other business is Kendall's Bakery, which is known for its outstanding desserts and beautiful wedding cakes. Learn more about it at <http://www.kendallsbakery.com>. Kendall may be contacted at kendall@kendallsbakery.com or 703-536-2200.



Kendall with her son, Caleb, who is also a photographer.

President's Message: Welcome to the Scene

By Tom Gittins

Welcome to the first issue of the *Falls Church Arts Scene*, FCA's newsletter. I am very excited and thankful to both Cheryl Miller and Sarah Grusin for their commitment in bringing this newsletter to you.

Falls Church Arts has taken quite a few giant steps in recent months.

We are officially recognized as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization thanks to the efforts of Tom France who

provided legal counsel and to Marty Behr and Marty Meserve for their tireless work on this project.

Falls Church Arts is also participating more actively in the monthly FIRSTfriday events.

Falls Church Arts has a June show planned, in addition to exhibiting at Falls Church City festivals and events.

Please keep in mind that the success of the arts here in Falls Church depend on

your contributions, both financial and time. We are delighted to have several new members on our board who have joined us in our mission to support the arts in Falls Church.

Artists show us the doors that many of us have not yet had the courage to open. The *Scene* is your voice to open doors to the arts. The Board and all our supporters are committed to bringing the arts alive in Falls Church through the opening of many doors to come.

Nature Photographs by Peter Tomlinson Featured at Broad Street Grill

Peter Tomlinson was the main draw at the "Meet and Greet the Artist" event at The Broad Street Grill (132 W. Broad Street) on FIRSTfriday, March 7.

Peter's works included landscapes and nature photos from all over the world. "I used to be in international film and television distribution," he said, "and I lived in London, Paris and Monaco for many years. I took most of my photos on my holidays and during a year-long sabbatical."

Peter reveals that he didn't start selling



Peter Tomlinson displays his photographs.

his photographs seriously until after 9/11, when he lost his job. "I'd taken thousands of photographs over the

years," said Peter, "but I'd never considered earning my living by selling them. That became my new career."

Peter sells his photographs at the Montgomery Farm Women's Cooperative Market in Bethesda, Maryland and at the Georgetown Flea Market in Washington, D.C.

You can see more of Peter's work on his website at <http://www.photosbypjt.com>. Contact him at peterjtomlinson@aol.com or at 703-532-4088.

Linda Rose Larochelle's Paintings Shown at Bread House

The Bread House at 1109 W. Broad Street hosted Linda Rose Larochelle, a painter who specializes in landscape, still life and whimsy. Linda has been an artist and art educator for over twenty-five years. She has taught in Arlington County since 1990, and has previously taught in a variety of educational settings, including inner city and parochial schools.

Working with children inspires Linda. The spontaneous color and natural self-expression of her students provides a jump-start for her own work.

"The kids have such a fresh approach to art work," says Linda. "They are very direct. They just enjoy it and have fun. Hopefully I can catch some of their creative spirit just by being around them.

Although I'm teaching them, they are really inspiring me."

"I want to thank the Bread House," said Linda. "I was pleased to show my art near their delicious breads and pastries."

Contact Linda at lindalarochelle@netscape.net or at 703-536-7518.



Linda Rose Larochelle (left) with owner of the Bread House Mirjana Varga and her daughter, Visnja.

Become a Friend of Falls Church Arts!!

FCA needs your financial contribution to support its efforts to promote the arts.

Remember, your donations are tax deductible.

To become a sponsor of FCA, choose a level from \$100-\$2,500. Individual memberships are \$35. Household memberships are \$50. Students and seniors are \$25.

*Please make checks payable to:
Falls Church Arts
c/o M. Behr, Treasurer
412 North Cherry Street
Falls Church, Virginia 22046*

Thank you for your support!

Annual Meeting Recaps Activities, Plans Events

More than 40 people attended Falls Church Arts Annual Meeting on February 17 at the Falls Church Community Center. Current directors discussed the organization's upcoming plans for promoting art and artists in our community through FIRSTfriday events and at summer Concerts in Cherry Hill Park.

President Tom Gittins welcomed members and discussed some of the programs in which FCA participates. He talked about FIRSTfriday events (see articles on each event) and outlined the organization's non-profit status. Artistic Director Linda Silk discussed FCA's successful Winter Arts Show and Sale (see article). Deb Yatsko spoke about the Gallery Without Walls program, in which artists display their works at local businesses, and encouraged members to participate. Gina Caceci reported that FCA has arranged for artists to display their works at the Concerts in Cherry Hill Park this summer.

Plans for the FCA website (<http://www.fallschurcharts.org>) were outlined by Helene Safford. Charlene Wilson described the upcoming City of Falls Church Art Show and stated that residents of Falls Church and those who work for the city could participate (see "Call for Volunteers" for more about this show). Treasurer Marty Behr

reported that FCA has over \$9,000 in its treasury and asked for donations, which are now tax-deductible, to support the upcoming show and other projects. Marty described the FCA Friends Database, which consists of people who have expressed an interest in the organization.

Gina Caceci passed out copies of the "Arts About Town Calendar" and asked for volunteers for FCA activities. "FCA especially needs a newsletter to get the word out to members," said Gina. Cheryl Miller and Sarah Grusin

volunteered to edit the newsletter.

The group elected a Board of Directors. The directors are: Tom Gittins—President; Marty Behr—Treasurer; Gina Caceci—Community Outreach; Linda Silk—Artistic Director; Joe Wetzel—Development; Jane Scully—Public Relations; Deb Yatsko—Gallery Without Walls; Helene Safford—Website; Marty Meserve—Ex Officio. Directors: Michele Black; Kathleen Buschow; Edna Frady; Eileen Levy; Klara Sever; Shaun Van Steyn; and Cathy Kaye.

Calendar of Events

APRIL

April 1. FIRSTfriday. 6:00-7:30 p.m.

The Bread House, 1109 W. Broad. *Irene Chambers*—oil paintings
Impulsive Gallery At the Broadway, 502 W. Broad, *Klara Sever*—distinctive jewelry; *Cathy Kaye*—unique jewelry design

Broad Street Grill, 132 W. Broad, *Dave Curtis*—painter
Art & Frame of Falls Church, 244 W. Broad, *Wendy Hicks*—painter
Stacy's Coffee Parlor, 709 W. Broad, *Pete Rose*—photographer.

April 13. International Baccalaureate (IB) Art Show, George Mason High School. *Student artists.*

April 15-16. City of Falls Church Art Show and Sale, Falls Church Community Center. *Local artists.*

MAY

May 6. FIRSTfriday. 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Impulsive Gallery, TBA
Starbucks, TBA.
The Bread House, TBA.
Broad Street Grill, TBA
Art & Frame of Falls Church, *Kenton Keith*—photographer.
Stacy's Coffee Parlor, *Marilyn Cheek*
Cherry Hill Farm, *house tour and miniatures exhibit.*

May 17-18. Elementary School Art Show, Thomas Jefferson School. *Student artists.*

May 25. Kindergarten and First Grade Art Show, Mt. Daniel School. *Student artists.*

JUNE

June 3. FIRSTfriday. 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Starbucks, TBA.
The Bread House, TBA.
Broad Street Grill, TBA
Art & Frame of Falls Church, TBA.
Stacy's Coffee Parlor, *K.C. Atabaki and Robyn Savage*

June 3. Choralis. The Very Best of Echos, a vocal chamber ensemble from the Choralis chorus featuring popular choral selections, Falls Church Presbyterian Church, 225 East Broad St.

June 23. Concert in Cherry Hill Park & Art Exhibit, featuring *Phil and Marianne Kokkoros*, Ceramics and Pottery. *

June 30. Concert in Cherry Hill Park & Art Exhibit, featuring *Cathy Summers*, Paintings. *

* Art display from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Concert begins at 7:00 p.m.

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Art Connections



This column will post the needs and ideas of FCA members. Simply send the *Scene* your questions or dilemmas. If you don't ask, you never know. Here are some ideas that might expand your art horizons.

Need opinions? Establish a critique group. Post your availability and media preferences.

Crave art talk? Name a time and place, see if anyone shows.

Need supplies? Can't afford a bulk order or need someone to

pick up materials? Ask for a partner.

Got too much of this and not enough of that? Describe your needs or your surpluses and see if you can find a trade.

Need tax or business advice? Post your question and ask if a FCA member can answer it or knows where to go.

Need a class or teacher? Poll the membership about teachers and classes they recommend. Find out if anyone is willing to trade instruction time.

Got to get away? Longed to do an Italy art tour, but can't make the dates work. Why not ask around? Want to retreat for a week, but got no place to go? Ask, you never know.

Need a service like babysitting, cleaning, canvas stretching, photography? See if another member can help.

Connections Information: Description of question or service desired (maximum 40 words). Contact information: your name, phone, email. Send to Sarah Grusin, grusins@starpower.net.

Student Oils and Acrylics Shown at Art and Frame

The student works displayed at Art and Frame of Falls Church (244 W. Broad Street) at March 7th's FIRSTfriday showed great variety



"Mousehole Harbor: Cornwall" by Fran Kulesa sparkled with light and color.

and talent. The showing included works by eighteen students in adult oil and acrylic painting classes taught by Lou Jones at the Falls Church Community Center.

The artists were: Dorothy Brothers, Martha Cash, Mary Kay

Cheek, Dorothy Gilligan Eide, Gerri Holben, Channing Horton, Lou Jones, Ruth Kaufman, Fran Kulesa, Patrice Lepczyk, Virginia Croft Lopez, Pat McMahon, Susan Richardson, Brigitte Search, Maria del Socorro Sierra, Nancy Stratton, Anne Thornton and Pat Shaver. The works ranged from still-lives to landscapes, realism to abstracts. Many of the artists were on hand to discuss their art.

Check for April Events

Check the "Calendar" section in the *Scene* or FCA's website at <http://www.fallschurcharts.org> for

April's FIRSTfriday events. We look forward to seeing you there!



"Blue Skies China" by Gerri Holben, one of the excellent student works displayed at Art & Frame of Falls Church.

If you are not currently receiving emails from FCA and would like to do so, please send your email address to Marty Behr, email fcarts@aerialmail.net, telephone 703-533-7454.

“Gathering of Artists” Generates Useful Ideas

Sculptor Klara Sever hosted FCA’s first “Gathering of Artists” on March 21. Five artists representing five different media attended. They showed examples of their work, shared techniques and tips, and made many suggestions for expanding Falls Church Arts’ mission and effectiveness.

Painter Anne Rechter, ceramic tile maker Julie Singer, potter Marianne Kokkoros, photographer Dee Ellison, and miniaturist and web designer Cheryl Miller discussed their triumphs and tribulations with host Klara Sever. The group visited Klara’s home studio and saw her website created by Cheryl Miller Web Design.

The suggestions these artists made include:

Colorizing FCA’s logo to display in large size at all events so that the organization’s name will be associated with the art.

Increase publicity for FCA’s shows and events by sending press releases early enough to be included in major publications’ calendars.

Send show invitations to all artists participating in a show, so they can invite friends and colleagues in a timely fashion. This will considerably increase our base of viewers.

Try to interest interior design professionals in the organization, so they can include works of art in their room plans.

Contact other artists’ organizations in the area so we can work together to produce shows and increase contacts.

Approach churches about displaying art in their large spaces. Offer to teach workshops for children or adults in exchange.

Consider using banks for exhibitions. They often have large spaces that need to be brightened.

Inform members that findart.com is an excellent website for finding calls for entries and art-related jobs.

The next meeting of the group will be held at Klara Sever’s home on Monday, April 18, at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. We think you’ll find it a very worthwhile exchange of ideas. Please email Klara at klarasever@aol.com to R.S.V.P. and get directions.



Klara Sever sculpting a piece called “Ebony” in her studio.

Poetry Jam at Starbucks Attracts 80

The “Poetry Jam” held at Starbucks at March’s FIRSTfriday was very popular, with over 80 people attending.

Cultural Diversity Promoted

Sponsored by FCA in conjunction with Art.grind, the Baha’i Community of Falls Church, and Solidaris Intercultural Services LLC, the event was designed to encourage local talent, in a spirit of cultural diversity. Six poets read their own or others’ works in free-flowing sets that were punctuated by coffee breaks – and two musicians played.

Robert Hayden Featured

Robert Hayden (1913-1980), who

lived in Falls Church in the 1970s, was featured. Hayden was the first African-American Poet Laureate of the United States, an honor he held twice. He also gained international acclaim by winning the top poetry prize (*Grand Prix de la Poésie*) at the 1966 First World Festival of Negro Arts in Dakar, Senegal.

Bridge-building Poetry

“The jam created a wonderful blend of poets and audience,” said Gregory Meyjes of Solidaris. “I would characterize the poetry read as ‘bridge-building.’ It was open to anyone, rooted in the poets’ own experiences, and very universal in appeal.”

“It was a marvelous event,” revealed Melanie LaForce, FCA’s representative at the event. “There was lots of audience interaction. The jam lasted until 9:00 p.m.”

The poets who performed included Eric Webb and Men Maa Aim Ra, along with Falls Church residents Peter Adriance, Jan Boldt, Melanie LaForce, and Greg Meyjes. Two musicians, John Albertson on guitar and Sina Sabet on violin, also favored the audience with their talents.

The event clearly resonated with the community. Both Melanie and Greg agree that another one should be held soon. Stay tuned for updates.

Cathy Kaye: A Passion for Beads

"The hardest part about beadmaking is learning to respect gravity," remarked Cathy Kaye, a Falls Church glass beadmaker who has spent the past ten years discovering the secrets of working with glass. Kaye is part of a show at Impulsive during April, 2005. On display will be her large signature beads, jewelry, and unique beaded pens. Also on view will be "Eye Candy," a piece which she designed and is included in *1,000 Glass Beads* published by Lark Books.

Among Kaye's many accomplishments are her aquarium-style beads in which she creates underwater scenes. Considered by beadmakers as a demonstration of skill, Kaye's aquarium beads are distinguished not just by her fine craftsmanship but by her choice of sea creatures. She features invertebrates like anemones and starfish.

Her most recent beads include her "feelies," in which Kaye embellishes the surface with dots and decorative linework that beg to be touched.

Kaye took several introductory beadmaking courses, but it wasn't until she witnessed a demonstration by local beadmaker Kate Fowle that she knew what she wanted to do. Today she sandwiches time to make beads between a 40-hour-per week job as a property manager and her participation in local civic organizations.

A Night Owl

For Kaye, the best time to create is after 11 p.m. To block out distractions, she prefers to replay her favorite videos: "Lord of the Rings" and "Super Trooper." The repetition both comforts her and doesn't draw her eyes or ears away

from her art. "If I don't use every ounce of concentration," confides Kaye, "I burn myself."

Kaye transforms colored rods of glass into intricate beads in the studio of her Falls Church home. She has lived in Falls Church for the past nine years with her husband Tom. Their living room display of electric kitchen mixers is curious: a flick of a switch sends their collection whirling in concert. Kaye also admits to being an avid scrapbooker, a hobby she calls evil because it gobbles up her time.

"I spend a lot of time thinking about what I want to do and figuring out how to do it," confides Kaye. "It's just so much fun."

Visit our website:
www.fallschurcharts.org

Falls Church Arts Needs Volunteers

Step up to the plate and:

Serve as a coordinator for the booth at the Memorial Day Festivities (contact Marty Behr at fcarts@aerialmail.net).

Be a Host/Greeter to represent FCA at FIRSTfriday Meet & Greet the Artist Events (contact Gina Caceci at gcgtalmage@starpower.net).

Help set up the displays at the City of Falls Church Art Show and Sale on Friday, April 15

from 1:00-4:30 p.m. (contact Charlene Wilson at City Recreation Department 703-248-5199 to volunteer).

Perform at Sunrise: Sunrise Assisted Living in Falls Church invites musicians, storytellers and singers to donate one hour of their time to the Sunrise community. What a wonderful way to 'give back' to the community and get some performance time! Almost any day EXCEPT Friday is good for Sunrise. Interested performers should contact Iris, the Activities Director at Sunrise of Falls Church, to make arrangements. Her number is 703-534-2700.

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Want to include your art event in "Art About Town" on FCA's website?

Want to put your bio and an example of your work on the web?

Email them to hsafford@comcast.net or submit to:

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Fax (703) 534-7601.**

FCA Celebrates April Arts throughout the Month

Some think April 1st is April Fool's Day. Falls Church Arts calls it April Arts Day! And we'll be celebrating with exhibitions lasting all month!

Bread House, a European bakery located at 1109 W. Broad Street, is the place to see painter **Irene Chambers's** work.

Unique jewelry designers **Klara Sever** and **Cathy Kaye** are showing their work at Impulsive in The Broadway at 502 W. Broad Street.

Art & Frame of Falls Church, at 244 W. Broad Street, is where **Wendy Hicks** is exhibiting her paintings.

And at The Broad Street Grill, located at 132 West Broad Street, **Dave Curtis's** work is on display.

Come out and enjoy the art and partake of dinner, coffee, or a tasty treat at these Falls Church businesses that are supporting the arts in our community!