

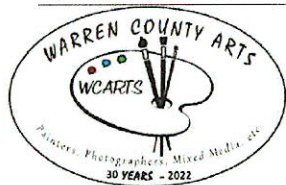
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The Artist's Palette

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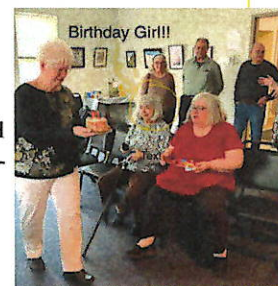
April 2026



From the President's Pen

Hello Fellow Creatives!!

The March Cookie decorating program at Delightful Bakery was, as usual, lots of fun. Pictures are below. In addition to the "It's Spring" Exhibit reception on March 22nd, which had a fabulous turnout, we also celebrated member Pat Old's 90th Birthday with an on key rendition of Happy Birthday!



This month's program on Saturday, April 11th, 1-3pm (which is Free for members) will be in the Municipal Building. The topic is Working with Abstraction. A hand-on workshop lead by Trish Goginsky with all materials provided. Please register in advance! Class limited to 25 attendees. See page 3 for more details. This workshop will get you ready for whatever you may want to create for the Juried Open Show (see pg 4) and/or the end of year Abstract Exhibit.

Many multitudes of thanks to Barry Cooper for his generous Platinum level donation of \$2,000 again this year. We are still waiting for the 1st installment of the 2026 grant money, but did receive \$1000 which completes the 2025 grant award from NJ Council of the Arts.

Keep Arting! Your Prez -

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March Photos! Cookie Decorating @ Delightful Bakery

Thanks Francia for a fun afternoon!



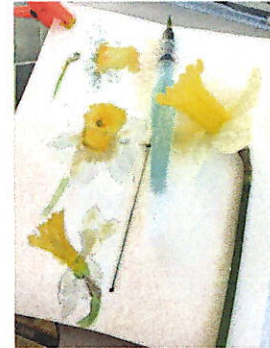
WCARTS Monthly Program 2026

Programs held Live at Oxford Municipal Bldg unless otherwise noted in table below. If program is virtual, access information will be provided to attendees prior to the meeting.

Warren County ARTS Corporation- 2026 Monthly Program Schedule

Date	Virtual or Live	Topic	Speaker	Participant fee
Saturday, 02/14/2026 10am-4pm	Live	2 for 1 Day!! Painting with Coffee and Parchment Craft	Smriti Sangal	Member- Free, Non-member- \$50
Saturday, 03/14/2026 1-3pm	Live (off site at Delightful Bakery, Wall St., Oxford, NJ)	Cookie Decorating	Francia Jean-Iseer	Member- \$25, Non-member- \$35
Saturday, 04/11/2026 1-3 pm	Live	Working with Abstraction	Trish Goginsky	Member- Free, Non-member- \$10
Saturday, 05/09/2026 1-3pm	Live	TBD	TBD	Member- Free, Non-member- \$TBD
Saturday, 06/13/2026 1pm -3pm	Live	Needle Felting	Ruth Byrne	Member- Free, Non-member- \$25
Saturday, 07/xx/2026 1-4pm	Live	Annual Picnic		Members & instructors only.
Saturday, 09/12/2026 6 1-3pm	Live	Cartooning	Mike Dawson	Member- Free, Non-member- \$10
Saturday, 10/10/2026 1-3pm	Live	Poetry Reading	Jane Eblhara & Elaine Koplow	Member- Free, Non-member- \$10
Saturday, 11/14/2026 1-3pm	Live	Block Printing	Keith Garubba	Member- Free, Non-member- \$25
Saturday, 12/12/2026 10-12pm	Live	Pastels	Andrea Gianchiglia	Member- Free, Non-member- \$25
Saturday, 12/12/2026 1-3pm	Live	TBD	TBD	Member- Free, Non-member- \$25

2026 Exhibit schedule on page 4



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Treasurer's Report:

\$12,042.82



Warren County ARTS, PO Box 420, Washington, NJ 07882

About Warren County Arts

In 2022 Warren County ARTS (WCARTS) celebrated 30 years as an arts organization in Warren County NJ! After all this time we continue to be a close knit group dedicated to our mission to promote the advancement of the arts in Warren County and provide a venue for artists of all disciplines to learn with a variety of monthly programs. We welcome any adult 18+ who is an artist, wants to be an artist or appreciates the arts & just enjoys hanging out with artists! Our meetings are held once a month live or remotely. Each meeting has an exciting program to stimulate and educate. We have one judged exhibition and several non-juried shows as well as solo exhibits on display throughout the year in the Oxford Municipal Building. We offer other special events to the membership which are free or low cost. All our

events are compliant, to the best of our ability, with federal & state ADA requirements. WCARTS is a not for profit 501(c)3 organization. Funding for our programs is made possible, in part, by a grant from New Jersey State Council on the Arts, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts. We encourage everyone to share their knowledge & experience with the group in the form of a workshop or lecture.

2026 Annual Membership fees:

"Warren County ARTS celebrating Since 1992"

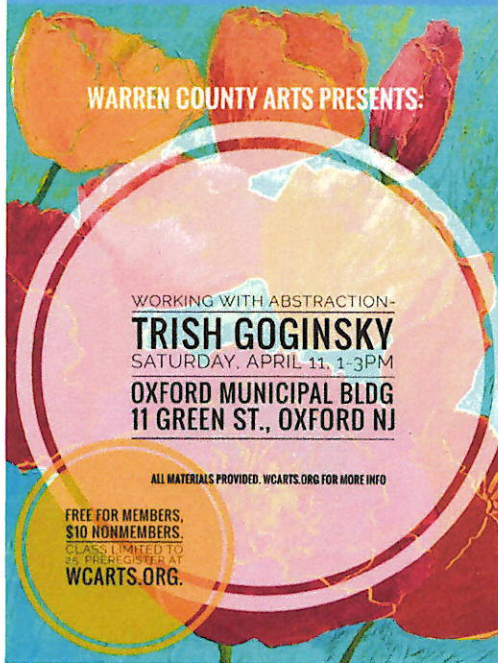
\$35 for single membership, \$60 for family memberships ("family" all living at same address), \$30 for Seniors 75+, \$20 for students 18+ with school ID.

Donations or Sponsorships are easily accepted via our website (www.wcartarts.org). Payments for annual memberships or sponsorship can be made electronically or by check made payable to WCARTS and sent to Warren County ARTS, PO Box 420, Washington, NJ 07882. For those renewing, please pay by March.



- President: Pamela Dulaff (908-496-4315)
- Vice Pres: Sharon Sim
- Treasurer & Show coordinator: Peggy Niece
- Secretary: Dotty Anderson
- Member at Large: Elke Hendershot

April Highlight: Working with Abstraction with Trish Goginsky



Join Warren County ARTs on Saturday, April 11th, 1-3pm for the "Working with Abstraction" workshop lead by Trish Goginsky to explore what the difference between Realism and Abstract is in Art.

In this hands-on workshop, we will discuss some foundational ideas in Abstract art such as simplification, stylization, symbolism, mark-making and expressive color. Guided by our discussions and creative prompts, participants will create a series of small original compositions that explore these ideas. As we work, we will build a vocabulary of techniques that artists can continue to use no matter what style of work they prefer. Each participant will have the opportunity to explore the characteristics that they find most interesting. No previous experience is necessary. This workshop is for anyone who loves creative thinking and wants to explore the ideas behind abstract art.

All necessary supplies will be provided, but participants are welcome to bring the following supplies if they prefer to use their own or want to add to the materials available to share: Pencil, black pen, sketchbook (if you prefer to sketch in your own sketchbook vs loose paper), paint brushes appropriate for acrylic paint, palette knife, water container, rag (if you prefer not to use paper towel), acrylic paint in a few favorite colors (primary mixing colors will be provided).

This program is free to members of WCARTS, \$10 for no-members. Class size is limited to 25 participants. Go to the Events page on our website WCARTS.ORG to sign up or by text / emailing Pam at 908-581-5185/pjeden@yahoo.com



MEMBER NEWS: Lucia DeChino shared two of her paintings receive awards from shows recently. Her painting "Saving Democracy" was given the Award of Excellence at the Americana exhibit in the Clifton Art Center where it sold. The "Rocks and Rubble" painting received the Award of Merit from the "Now that's Really Nice" exhibit at the Cranes Mill in Caldwell. Congratulations Lucia!!

Award of Excellence

DeChino- Saving Democracy

Art is not just about what society believes is pretty or beautiful. Rather it can show the undercurrent of life that can be at times raw or disturbing situations. Art has the power to move us into action or to enlighten. And speaks to human nature for better or worse.



Lucia DeChino: This is an extremely bold artwork. Excellent use of color and contrast. The form is rageful, there is so much power in this artwork. The aggressive yellows and reds suggest urgency, heat, and restlessness, while the sweeping blues introduce a fragile, momentary calm that feels constantly interrupted by heavy black strokes which create a power statement here. It reflects an inner conflict; the style is reminiscent of American Abstract Expressionism. Its energetic, uneasy and alive.

Virtual Learning Opportunity: Strathmore free online workshop series (2026). Strathmore's Online workshops feature free video lessons and downloadable instructions created by experienced artists. Follow along in the online classroom as instructors guide you through various art topics. Go to <http://www.strathmoreartiststudio.com> for free online workshops. After a lesson releases, it remains on the site for viewing the rest of the year.

Workshop 1: Radiant figures— drawing with drama & light. Learn fundamentals of drawing the clothed figure. Starts 2/2/26

Workshop 2: Painting faces & florals, a stylized watercolor series. Starts 7/6/26.

Workshop 3: The Joyful Sketchbook—watercolor movement & shine. Starts 10/5/26

VIRTUAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITY: Jerrysartarama.com offers free live workshops on Jerry's YouTube channel each month at 6pm ET. No previous art knowledge is needed, grab your supplies, a beverage, your computer and work along with a 2 to 3 hour free live stream. I like these live online events because I don't have to go anywhere, they're free and they go at real time speed so I can work along with them. Plus, if you need to step away for any reason its' fine because you can watch the recording later. Here are some of the upcoming workshops:

Thursday, April 2nd, 6 pm on Jerry's YouTube channel: Live Workshop #JLW3: Watercolor for Beginners

Thursday, May 7th, 6 pm on Jerry's YouTube channel: Live Workshop #JLW4: Acrylic Cityscape Paint along

2026 Exhibit Schedule

2026 Warren County ARTS Exhibition Schedule

Date	End	Exhibitor	Reception	Title/Theme	Entry Fee
28-Feb-26	16-May-26	OPEN	22-Mar-26	It's SPRING!	\$0 members, \$30 non-members for up to 3 pieces
16-May-26	1-Aug-26	OPEN	14-Jun-26	Juried Open Show	\$15 members, \$30 non-members for up to 3 pieces
1-Aug-26	17-Oct-26	OPEN	TBD	Poetry Collaboration Show	\$0 members, \$30 non-members for up to 3 pieces
17-Oct-26	16-Jan-26	OPEN	TBD	Abstract	\$0 members, \$30 non-members for up to 3 pieces

WARREN COUNTY ARTS

Juried Open Show - May 16, 2026 - August 1, 2026



JURIED OPEN SHOW
May 16-Aug 1, 2026

Award Ceremony & Reception
June 14, 2-4pm

Applications due: May 9

Go to WCARTS.org
for details & entry
form.

◇ Entries due: May 9th

◇ Reception & Award Ceremony: June 14th, 2-4pm

◇ \$15 for members, \$30 for non-members to enter up to 3 pieces of original new artwork.

◇ No application jury process prior to in-person delivery of artwork on the artwork drop-off day.

Open to all adult artists in the tri-state area. Artwork will be judged in the following categories: Oil/acrylic, Watercolor, Photography, Wild Card (everything else). Ribbons will be awarded in each category with cash prizes for 1st place, Best in Show & People Choice winners. Go to WCARTS.ORG to download entry form for more information and artwork labels. Entry may be mailed in or submitted online. Entries must be received by May 9th. All questions to Peggy Niece, show coordinator at 908-453-2901 or pniece67@gmail.com

2026 Warren Co. Senior Art Show: 5/15—8/25th. Applications/guidelines for the Warren County Senior Art Show are available from <https://www.WARREN200.com>. There is a new venue this year for the county show with the reception and exhibit moved to Richard D. Gardner (Belvidere) branch of the Warren Co. Library (2nd Floor), 2 Shotwell Dr., Belvidere, NJ. Those winning 1st place in the county show will automatically be entered into the NJ State Senior show where they will be judged against all other county winners in their category. Please contact the County Art show Coordinator: Gina Rosseland at 908-453-4381 or grosseland@co.warren.nj.us *in advance if you intend to participate in this show.* You must be a resident of Warren County, NJ and age 60 or older to participate in this show. Download the application from Warren200.com for additional details.

IMPORTANT DATES:

April 23rd 9am -11am: Artwork & application drop-off at Richard D. Gardner branch library

May 15th 1-3pm: County Show & Reception at Richard D. Gardner branch library, Belvidere, NJ.

Aug 26th 9am -11am: pickup artwork that did not win 1st place.

State Show: 9/28—11/4 at Meadow Lakes Senior Living, East Windsor, NJ. Reception for State show: 10/22/26