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The Artist's Palette

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From the President's Pen

Hello Fellow Creatives!!


So there's been a bit of a scheduling shakeup for this month. Author Maryann McFadden has a scheduling conflict with our program this month and is unable to present to us. So instead on Saturday, May 9th, 1-3pm we are having a (inanimate) still life drawing/painting workshop. We haven't had one of these in ages, so this seemed like a good opportunity. There will be multiple still life setups and you may choose to spend your time on as many as you'd like. Bring your own supplies! Carl Ohlson has agreed to be the facilitator/instructor and will guide us through creating "gestural" drawings to get us started. Then you'll be working on your own in a social environment with friends & snacks! Hint: Please bring a little something to share for the refreshment table.

SAVE THESE DATES!

May 9: May program AND Entry forms DUE for the Juried Open Show.

May 16: Artwork pickup & drop off. Hanging Open Show (hanging volunteers welcome!)

Keep Artin'! Your Prez -

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April Photos! Working with Abstraction!



Thanks Trish!



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, 05/09/2026 1-3pm	Live	Still Life Drawing/Painting		Member- Free, Non-member- Free
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 1-3pm	Live	Cartooning	Mike Dawson	Member- Free, Non-member- \$10
Saturday, 10/10/2026 1-3pm	Live	Poetry Reading	Jane Ebihara & 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



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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

- Morgan Cook—Belvidere, NJ
- Jeanette Newcomb— Hackettstown, NJ
- Jennifer Fernandez— Hackettstown, NJ



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Treasurer's Report:

\$11,918.46

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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:

\$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.

"Warren County ARTS celebrating Since 1992"

Donations or Sponsorships are easily accepted via our website (www.wcarts.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

May Highlight: Still Life Drawing/Painting



Join Warren County ARTs on Saturday, May 9th, 1-3pm for a hands-on Still Life drawing / painting "workshop" in the Oxford Municipal Building, 11 Green St., Oxford NJ.

Bring your own supplies, or sit next to someone and share. There will be several inanimate still life setups available and it's up to you how many of them you decide to "tackle". Carl Ohlson will facilitate the workshop and start us off with creating gestural drawings of the still life. Then you will be set loose to work on your own with friends and snacks. P.S: Please bring a little something for the refreshment table.

Since space in the municipal building is limited to 25 seats, please be sure to register ahead of time, or you risk being turned away.

This program is free to members of WCARTS as well as non-members. Workshop size is limited to 25 participants.

Go to the Events page on our website WCARTS.ORG to signup or by text / emailing Pam at 908-581-5185/pjeden@yahoo.com

June Preview: Needle Felting with Ruth Byrne

Our June meeting on Saturday, 6/13, 1-3pm will feature a needle felting workshop with Ruth Byrne. From the basics to the pro tips, this needle felting workshop provides all the materials and know-how needed to pick up a new and exciting hobby.

Participants will felt onto muslin in an embroidery hoop frame to create a needle felted garden, mixing elements of flat felting and sculptural work in an enticing textural landscape. You need only bring your own flora and fauna knowledge or reference photos.

Ruth has been needle felting for 14 years and ran a successful needle felting sculpture shop for several years. Ruth prioritizes teaching foundational principles of secure structural designs while allowing choice and creative expression. Ruth is currently President-elect for Art Educators of New Jersey and teaches in Mansfield Elementary.



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

2026 Exhibit Schedule

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Date	End	Exhibitor	Reception	Title/Theme	Entry Fee
28-Feb-26	16-May-26	OPEN	22-Mar-26	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-Aug 1, 2026

Award Ceremony & Reception

June 14, 2-4pm

Oxford Municipal Building, 46 Elm St., Oxford, NJ

Applications due: May 9

Go to WCARTS.org
for details & entry
form.

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

◇ Entries due: May 9th

◇ Artwork intake & hanging: May 16th, 10am –12pm

◇ 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: 1)Oil/acrylic, 2) Watercolor, 3)Photography, 4) Works on Paper (hand drawn works in Pastel, charcoal, pencil, ink, crayon), 5) Wild Card (everything else). Ribbons will be awarded in each category with cash prizes for 1st place, Best in Show & People Choice winners at the Reception & Award Ceremony on June 14th. Additional awards have

been donated by Infloressence Gallery and Blick Art Materials. Live music by Stan & Elise Acoustic Sol.

Go to WCARTS.ORG to download entry form for more information and artwork labels. Entry form 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



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2026 Warren Co. Senior Art Show: 5/15—8/25th. IMPORTANT DATES:

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