

ART FIRST GALLERY

Fredericksburg's oldest Artist Co-op Gallery

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30 Years!

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original & founding member of
the Art First Gallery

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&
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Art First Gallery

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You're invited!

Current Exhibit:

"Glamour & Pearls"

*an all-member show celebrating
Art First's 30th Anniversary*



Opening Reception:
Friday February 4th
6-9 pm

Exhibit on View:
February 3-27
Thurs-Sun. 11am-5pm

Artworks from left to right by:
Barbara Taylor Hall, Judy Green, Ariel Freeman & Wayne Russell

"Glamour & Pearls"

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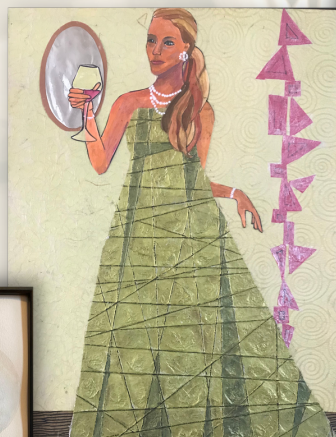
Did you know that the Art First Gallery is
Fredericksburg's oldest artist co-op?

Founded in 1992, the Art First Gallery has proudly stood the test of time celebrating many talented local artists over the last 30 years! And because pearls are the traditional 30th Anniversary gift, our members have decided to glam up the gallery and have curated a show with artworks showcasing "glamour & pearls."

*Be sure to stop by our opening reception
for light refreshments and our Anniversary party!*

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Artwork Top: Nicole Myers

Artwork Bottom: Judy Green, Sara Wenger, Karen Julihn, Rick Klingbeil and Linda Warshaw

Celebrating an Artist:

ORIGINAL GALLERY MEMBER

LINDA WARSHAW

By Jennifer Galvin


Linda Warshaw has been a member at Art First Gallery since the beginning. As Art First Gallery celebrates its 30th Anniversary this month, we would like to celebrate Linda and all she has brought to the gallery.

Linda Warshaw works in graphite, acrylics, mixed media, wire, and found objects. She also works in 2D, 3D, wearable art, cartooning, and writing. Linda says she, “does art for the sake of beautiful things, happy things, and hopeful things.” Linda’s art always has a positive message. She also has an amazing sense of humor which is often shown in her artwork. When I asked Linda what her favorite media was she said, “Mr. DiBella at University of Mary Washington says I’m a painter.” But, Linda loves it all!

Linda says, “I started doing art at a very young age with things that she found.” Linda got good comments about her artwork from other students and peers all through school. Her family appreciated her artistic talent but were more practically oriented in their advice for her future. They encouraged her to become a teacher.

Linda went to college and became a teacher in New Jersey and moved to Virginia in 1969. Linda then moved to Fredericksburg in 1972 and has lived here ever since. Linda taught in





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various schools for 15 years. And, during the summers, she started to take art classes. In 1984, Linda received a BA in art and became an art teacher in the middle school. Linda says, “she loves to teach all aspects of art.” She taught art for another 15 years, so she taught a total of 30 years—what a gift!

Linda took drawing classes from Mr. Lamph at University of Mary Washington. He told them, “don’t worship yourself—just do it!” By this he meant to get your work done and not think too much of yourself or your art—be honest. A way to stay humble about your artwork. Linda also met Jane Snead (a fellow past member of Art First), her best friend, while in this class. They shared experiences together and are still friends to this day.

In 1992 Art First was formed by a group of people in King George who were inspired by Jack Darling. The first space for Art First was on Hanover, then Art First moved here to 824 Caroline Street in 2004. At first Art First was in the back, and then they moved to the front where Art First still is today.

Over the last 30 years, there have been many shows. At first, on Hanover Street they started out in studios. Then they moved to having more of a whole gallery look with new shows every month, which the gallery still does today. Linda’s favorite shows over the years have been the All-Member shows. Linda says she like them because, “Everyone gets to show their work.” She also says that it is, “Nice to have a show where we celebrate our anniversary.”

Linda basically does it all! She has even written a self-illustrated book on horsemanship called “The Unofficial Incomplete Guide to Driving.” Which is still for sale if you are interested you can contact Linda.

From 1998-2004 Linda and her husband even ran a theater for kids in Falmouth. Linda says, “We just had so many students interested that we outgrew our space at the school.” Linda made many of the costumes for the children at the theater.

Linda’s artwork has won many awards over the years. She is also multi-published and has been part of many organizations in addition to Art First. Linda loves horses and is an active member in the Virginia Equine Artist Association. Linda has been an amazing part of the Fredericksburg art scene for many years and Art First is proud to have had her here as a member since 1992.

*Welcome new members:
Judy Green & Anne Timpano!*

JUDY GREEN



Originally from Northern Michigan, Judy and her family now reside in Stafford. She cites her upbringing in Michigan as a strong influence on her love for nature, which she captures brilliantly in her paintings. She also enjoys painting still life, architecture and animals and often works from commissions.

ANNE TIMPANO

Anne Timpano is a painter, printmaker and multimedia artist with a vast background in art, having retired from a career in museums, most notably the Smithsonian American Art Museum. Her work has been featured and awarded in numerous shows across the country. Many of these showcase her affinity for water and water scenes amongst other motifs.

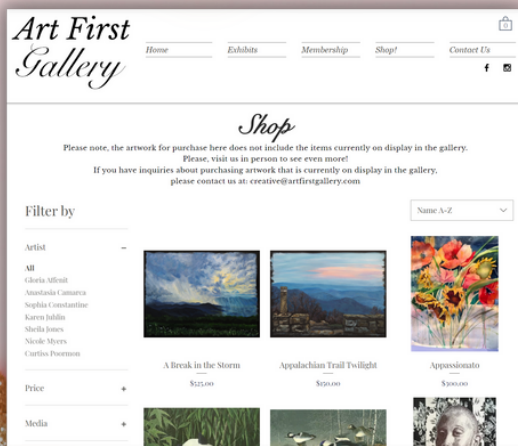


BIG Announcements!

More to look forward to: Announcing our 2022 Show Calendar

JAN	Red Tag SALE	JUL	Ariel Freeman
FEB	30th Anniversary Celebration	AUG	Nicole Myers
MAR	Anastasia Camarca	SEPT	All-Member Show
APR	Curtiss Poormon	OCT	Linda Warshaw & Sheryl Crowell
MAY	Wayne Russell & Sophia Constantine	NOV	Lisa Gillen
JUN	Karen Julihn	DEC	All-Member Holiday Show

Shop the Art First Gallery Online!



We are thrilled to announce the launch of our online shop! Check out our website to see more artwork available from our many talented artists with options for **FREE Delivery & Gallery Pick-Up!**

As always, thank you for supporting your local artists!



*This Valentine's Day,
give her the timeless gift of original Art!*

*...but let her pick it out
just to be safe....*

Art First Gallery
Gift Cards are available!