

# TAG News

February 2025



## Board of Directors

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## 2025 GALLERY SCHEDULE

### School Show

January 18-February 21

### Mahoning Valley Watercolor Society

Main Gallery

March 8-April 18

Opening reception: March 8 • 6-8 pm

### Work by Dan Rauschenbach

North Gallery

March 8-April 18

Opening Reception: March 8 • 6-8 pm

### Tony Armeni & Friends

May 3-June 27

Opening reception: May 3 • 6-8 pm

### Photo Invitational

Main Gallery

July 12-August 21

Opening reception: July 12 • 6-8 pm

### Works of Jonathan Popper & Joshua Kronauer

North Gallery

July 12-August 21

Opening reception: July 12 • 6-8 pm

### TAG / RAA ANNUAL

September 13-October 31

Opening reception: September 13 • 6-8 pm

### "Trees At the Gallery" Holiday Marketplace

November 12-January 3, 2026

Small Business Saturday Open House:

November 29 • 11 am-4 pm

### Artist of the Month

Don't miss our Artist of the Month Gallery showcasing exceptional talent each month.

## A Year in Review... A Look Ahead

Dear TAG Members and Friends,

Happy New Year and welcome to 2025 and the beginning of another exciting year at the Trumbull Art Gallery!

This year we'll continue to offer a wide range of Educational Programs, Exhibitions and a delightful Gift Shop experience.

Are you looking for a way to volunteer and give back? Join our Board. We're currently seeking individuals to fill a few open Board positions. We're specifically looking for someone with the skills to lead our Building Facilities Committee, which is responsible for maintaining and ensuring compliance with required inspections and upkeep. Additionally, we're interested in Board members who are current volunteers, those who have legal experience or are eager to contribute to existing Board Committees.

If interested, please send an email to [Info@TrumbullArtGallery.com](mailto:Info@TrumbullArtGallery.com) expressing your interest, and we will send you Board Application Packet.

And last, we've curated a diverse schedule of exhibits that promise to deliver a rich tapestry of artistic experiences. Whether you're an art enthusiast or casual visitor, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

I hope you'll join us throughout this year to celebrate and enjoy the vibrant art community at TAG.

*William Mullane, Board Chairman / Gallery Director*

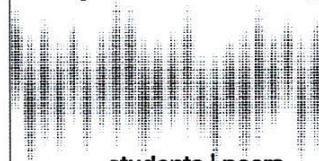
## CALL FOR ARTISTS

How to Participate:

<https://www.trumbullartgallery.com>

Deadline: March 15, 2025

### ARCS/ANGLES/SOUND Tony Armeni Sculpture



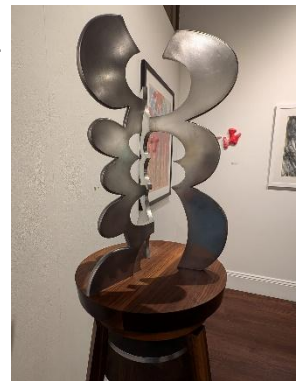
+ students | peers  
and community

Exhibition: May 3 - June 27, 2025

Opening: Saturday May 3, 6-8pm



Trumbull Art Gallery, 158 N Park, Warren, Ohio 44481



## VOLUNTEER NEWS

At TAG we always need new volunteers!

TAG was built by volunteers who focus their time, energy and skills to continually keep everyone updated on what's happening in the art world and bring that information to the public, patrons, visitors, local community and local artists.

Whatever your motivation might be, come in and sign up to volunteer. You'll reap many benefits by socializing and being active, stimulating your brain and improving your own overall happiness and health. The only requirement needed is your spirit and willingness to help wherever needed.

THANK YOU volunteers so very much for all your support throughout the years. Without you we don't exist!

**Salli Kowalski – Volunteer Committee Chair**



## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

During 2024 nearly 300 individuals and families either joined TAG or renewed their memberships in our organization. Dues and donations collected this past year totaled nearly \$17,000.00. These contributions are vital for the continuing success of TAG's mission to serve and promote the arts in our local community.

Our 2025 Membership Renewal Campaign has begun and renewal packets have begun arriving in your mailboxes.

**Please note: if your 2025 dues were already paid during the last few months of 2024, you will not receive a packet and should have already received your 2025 Membership Card.**

All TAG members, regardless of membership level, receive the TAG newsletter; special mailings announcing gallery events and classes; email notifications through Constant Contact provided a current email address is on file; discounts on classes and juried shows; and invited to display and sell their work in our Gift Shop.

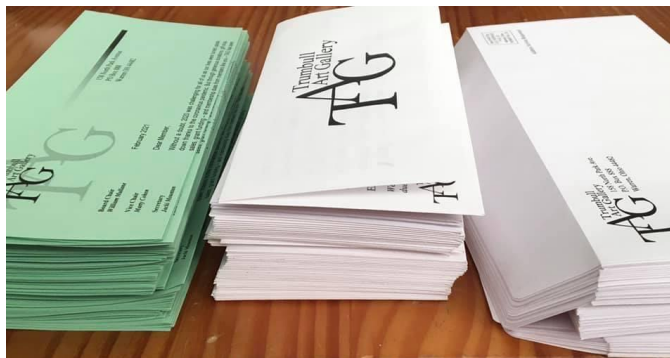
New this year, those purchasing Individual, Senior, Student and Family memberships will receive a 10% Savings Card for a one-time purchase in the Gallery or Gift Shop. And TAG Patrons (those paying \$100 or more) will receive a 20% Savings Card for a one-time purchase in the Gallery or Gift Shop. Silver and Gold Patrons (those paying \$250 and \$500 respectively) are always issued a 10% Savings Card that can be used throughout the calendar year in the Gallery or Gift Shop.

If you haven't already done so, we hope you'll renew your membership. TAG dues are tax-deductible and based on a calendar year – January-December. For your convenience, you can pay online by visiting our website at [www.TrumbullArtGallery.com/plans-pricing](http://www.TrumbullArtGallery.com/plans-pricing) . With the exception of American Express, we accept all other credit cards as well as PayPal.

And don't forget. The next time you're in downtown Warren, we hope you'll stop by for a visit. The gallery is open Thursdays and Fridays from Noon-4:00 pm and Saturdays from 11:00 am-3:00 pm. Other times by appointment.

Thank you for your continued support!

**Kirsten Burkey – Membership Committee Chair**



## GIFT SHOP NEWS

It was another successful year in the Gift Shop, capped off by the very popular and ever-growing *Trees at the Gallery Holiday Marketplace* which brings great exposure to TAG, our Gift Shop, and all of our consignors. We strive to present unique fine art and handcrafted items along with original artwork, all created by local artists and displayed in a professional and beautiful setting.

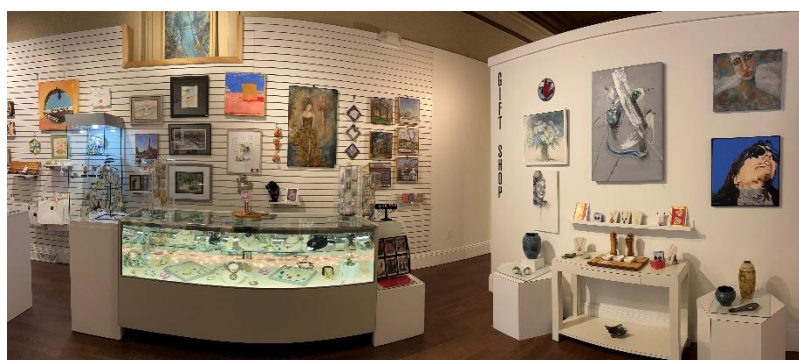
There are many components in running a successful Gift Shop: merchandising; managing inventories, returns, supplies, and storage; running the Artist of the Month and Treasures for TAG programs; and preparing sales reports and artists' payments.

We are energized by the recurring positive feedback from TAG customers and visitors, which is greatly appreciated and deeply rewarding. Bravo to all TAG volunteers who keep our facilities open throughout the year and work extra hard and long hours during the end-of-the-year season.

The TAG Gift Shop contributed a net income of just over \$4,600.00 to the organization in 2024 which included both Shop and Treasures for TAG sales. More than \$6,000 was disbursed to artists. The Gift Shop Committee's goal is to continue growing our pool of volunteers while welcoming new consignors who, in turn, are encouraged to become volunteers to promote their artwork and join a wonderful group dedicated to the success of our organization. Get involved! Give it a try!

Many thanks to the Gift Shop Committee members – Kirsten Burkey, Diane Chopko, Salli Kowalski, Diane Lubert, Marilyn Pogue, Sue Senvisky and Patty Cleary-Talstein -- for their support and hard work behind the scenes.

**Veronique Gerard -- Gift Shop Committee Chair**

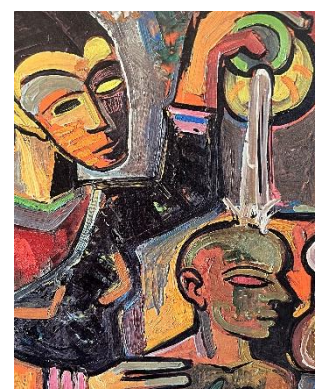
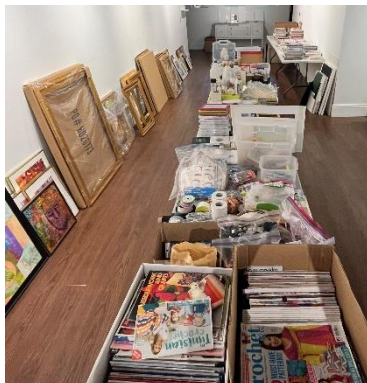


## TREASURES FOR TAG

The "Treasures for TAG" program remains very successful and helps support the organization's daily operations and special programming including Education. The generous donations by TAG friends of art-related items such as paintings, drawings, sculptures, ceramics, jewelry, collectibles, art books, and art supplies are displayed throughout the gallery and are for sale.

To the delight of many artists and teachers this past August, TAG held a HUGE ART SALE featuring a large number of items – four carloads -- including artwork, prints, frames, books and art supplies all donated by a local artist who was retiring and downsizing.

In 2024, “Treasures for TAG” raised over \$2,000.00. We thank all generous donors for their gently-used items and appreciate those who purchased these items.



## EDUCATION NEWS

TAG's Art Education Program offered a number of classes in 2024 that ranged from watercolor and acrylic painting and stained glass. The new year kicked off strong with stained glass, acrylic pour, watercolor and oil classes taking place in January and February.

New classes and new mediums for kids, adults and couples will be introduced during the spring and summer. Fall will see the return of our popular Holiday Cards in Watercolors and Winter Scenes in Acrylics classes. Plus, an oil painting class using brushes and palette knives is planned. And be sure to check back later this year for a look at some of the new class ideas that are currently being developed.

TAG's community outreach continues to be a primary focus of the Education Committee. From providing short art workshops during the Warren Farmers Market to being involved in programs with the Warren City Schools to having groups of kids come to the gallery, we bring art into the lives of those in our local community. Later this month, TAG will hit the road and offer a watercolor class at the Niles McKinley Library and in March the Peter Allen Inn in Kinsman will host a TAG oil painting class.

The annual Student Arts Show, which runs through February and includes Warren City, Trumbull and Mahoning County Schools, always provides us an opportunity to showcase work by the many talented young artists who live in our local community.

Many of our outreach activities are funded through our Angels for Art Education Program which allows us to offer classes at no cost to both kids and adults who might not otherwise have the means to attend classes. Although we receive donations for this program throughout the year from organizations and individuals, most of the funds come from the Angel ornaments, which are made in our Clay@TAG Studio and then sold during our annual Trees at the Gallery Holiday Marketplace.

Be sure to check our Facebook page and website for a list of current classes. Reservations and payments can be made via the TAG website. And as always, more information can be obtained by calling 330.395.4876 or sending an email to TAGEdChairperson@gmail.com .

**Sue Senvisky – Education Committee Chair**



## BUILDING / FACILITIES

### **HELP WANTED!**

TAG is in need of a Chair for our Building / Facilities Committee. This person must be a member of TAG but is not required to serve on the TAG Board.

This is a volunteer position that oversees the interior maintenance of our building including but not limited to purchasing and replacing items such as furnace filters, lights bulbs, etc. It's not required but it would be helpful to have light construction and minor repair experience.

The Building / Facilities Chair will need to conduct and document regular facility inspections as well as to oversee and document the regularly scheduled inspections conducted by accredited outside vendors for items such as the TAG elevator and building sprinkling and backflow systems. Additionally, this person will recommend maintenance, mechanical, electrical and facility repairs to the TAG Board Chair when necessary.

If interested, please send an email to Bill Mullane, TAG Board Chair at [TAGGalleryCommittee@gmail.com](mailto:TAGGalleryCommittee@gmail.com) .

## NEWS FROM THE TAG UNDERGROUND

It was another busy year in the basement area of TAG. And our Clay@TAG numbers prove it: 227 students; 31 Open Studios, classes and workshops; 120 total sessions; over 1,500 pounds of new and reclaimed clay were used; and we loaded, fired and unloaded the kilns 99 times. Of the 31 Open Studios, classes and workshops, a total of 10 were private.

Our four-week Basics of Clay Hand-Building was offered twice. Our popular Wheel-Throwing Class continued to sell out every time it was offered. And our weekly Thursday Open Studio celebrated its third anniversary. The five who have been a part of this popular program since its inception will celebrate the beginning of their fourth year together this March. Those interested in joining the Thursday group must first attend our Basics of Hand-Building Class as a prerequisite in order to become familiar with our procedures and how the Clay@TAG Studio operates.

Our two-session Workshops remain popular with those who don't have the time to attend our four-week classes. Gnomes, holiday trees and ornaments continued to be a big hit. But we also introduced workshops that focused on bird feeders, coin banks, angel statues and lanterns.

But the big news this past year was the first-ever "Clay@TAG Invitational: Our Clay Journey" which showcased a collection of work produced by both current and emerging clay artists in the Clay@TAG Studio from July 1, 2021 to September 2024.

Curated by Kat Devadan, Veronique Gerard and Stephanie Sferra, the show featured 55 clay artists who answered the call for artists invitations that were sent to nearly 250 current and former Clay@TAG students.

As a result, this non-juried show featured 116 submissions including 29 of the more than 125 Gnomes that have been made by both adults and kids in the Clay@TAG Studio since 2022. These mythical characters were reunited for a special "Gnome Reunion" in TAG's Main Gallery.

An accompanying photo exhibit featured 22 images that focused on classes, students of all ages, studio equipment, tools and supplies along with finished ceramic work.

To those of you who participated in the Clay Invitational and to those of you who have attended our Open Studios, classes and workshops this past year, thank you for your continued support. The Clay@TAG Program wouldn't be the success it is without all of you!

In the meantime, if you find yourself in the downtown Warren area, stop by and take a tour of the TAG Underground. We love showing off our downstairs space!

**Stephanie Sferra – TAG Underground Committee Chair**



## 2024 “TREES AT THE GALLERY” HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE

The fifth season of our TAG “Trees at the Gallery” event opened on November 13, with a Members-Only Preview Party. Attendees were first greeted by Ron Krygowski’s amazing window installation of a golden domed mystical city.

Our regular TAG Holiday Open House was held concurrent with Warren’s “Small Business Saturday” on November 28, from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. A special thank you to Laurie James, who brought her accordion and fine talent, to fill the gallery with Christmas and polka tunes.

Featuring extended business hours, our seven-week event proved to be successful once again.

Twenty-six artists participated, with several “first-timers” who brought a great energy to the gallery. Trees and displays twinkled, amazing many of our devoted and loyal shoppers who visited many times during the season in search of special items and an impressive shopping experience.

Expanding on our Raffle Event, we saw an increase in sales. The always popular, fully-decorated Tree Raffle, was joined this year by two other items: a Basket of Donated Goods and Ornaments from all participating artists; and a \$50.00 TAG Gift Certificate that can be used for classes or purchases in the TAG Gift Shop and Gallery. We extend congratulations to both the Tree Winner, Regis Shuttic and a very lucky Lana Wilcox, who won both the Gift Basket and Certificate.

The popular “Angels for Art Education” fund-raising project also returned. We are very thankful to Stephanie Sferra for creating the one-of-a-kind angel ornaments for this activity. The monies collected through the sale of the Angels help defray the costs of TAG outreach projects that target the underserved children and adults in our area. Many organizations have adopted this program as their favorite charity and have continued to support it.

I wish to thank all of our participating artists who went out of their way to make sure their spaces were truly special and original. Your partnership in this endeavor makes it the success that this event has become.

We tried many new ideas this year, including the addition of two “Meet the Artists” Saturdays that were very well received. We’re always open to improvement suggestions.

The event would not happen if it were not for the tireless efforts of the “Trees at the Gallery” Committee. A special “thank you” to those members: Veronique Gerard, Sue Senvissky, Stephanie Sferra, and Rebecca Nan.

I wish all good health and peace throughout the months ahead and look forward to seeing you later this year.

***Patty Cleary-Talstein – “Trees At the Gallery” Holiday Marketplace Chair***



## TAG’s MISSION / VISION

TAG’s Mission is to operate as a visual arts center that serves the local community and area artists by promoting, educating, inspiring, showcasing and nurturing creativity.

TAG’s Vision is to promote awareness of TAG; enhance our educational programming to include underserved populations; strengthen our relationships with local artists and other arts organizations; elevate the cultural experience within our region through visual arts; and promote TAG as an art destination in Trumbull County... all leading to the long-term sustainability of TAG while fulfilling our mission.

## WE THANK YOU!

Because of members and generous donors such as you – and your continued support – TAG has been able to sustain its daily operation and continue its mission within the community. Simply put: None of this would have been possible without YOU!

**HOURS OF OPERATION:**

Thursday & Friday – Noon-4:00 pm  
Saturday – 11:00 am-3:00 pm

TAG is also open by appointment for individuals and groups. Call to make an appointment.

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**WANTED:  
PORTRAIT MODELS**

**TAG's Portrait Group  
is looking for models  
to pose  
during its weekly sessions  
every Thursday afternoon  
1:00-3:00 pm**

**Contact Salli at TAG  
330.395.4876**

