

FRESH Gallery Newsletter - January 2020

Larry DeGraff - January Guest Artist



2019 Annual Juried Exhibition "Best of Show"
Summer Shadows by Larry DeGraff

Every year in January we welcome the recipient of the Best of Show Award in our Annual Juried Exhibition from the previous year, to exhibit their works. In 2019 this was Larry DeGraff.

Larry paints mostly the landscape but is also inspired to paint still life and figurative pieces. He paints both in the studio and outdoors and finds that

painting from life is essential. Many of his paintings are of humble scenes that reflect his midwest roots. Whether it's buildings and old vehicles haunted with memories, clear, rocky streams or majestic mountains, Larry strives to paint the light as he sees it.

Larry is an exhibiting member of Oil Painters of America, the American Impressionist Society, the National Oil and Acrylic Painters Society and the Heart of America Artists. He is a Signature Artist with the Missouri Valley Impressionist Society. His work has earned many national and regional awards and been featured in Southwest Art and Plein Air Magazine.

We are delighted to have Larry's beautiful works on exhibit to share with you. Larry will be available for a "Meet the Artist" event on January 11, 2020 from 12:00 - 5:00 P.M. We hope you stop by and visit with him, he is looking forward to chatting with you!

FFAW



We hope you will join us for First Friday Art Walk! In addition to our guest artist, we have some wonderful new artists who will be showing their works! Start your New Year's resolutions with seeing more art!

News

Friends of Fresh

In our last newsletter we told you about our new patron membership organization, **Friends of Fresh**. We are excited to tell you about the following benefits we have added.

10% discount year-round on Fresh Gallery purchases for all members

Private invitation and early access to special or private events, such as house concerts and artist talks

FFAW "perks" announced in our newsletter and on social media

Members only newsletter to notify you of all current benefits and events

Recognition in our Fresh Gallery monthly newsletter

In addition, for anyone who comes into the gallery and joins before January 31st, 2020, we are offering your choice of one of our hand-painted wine glasses done by our Fresh Gallery artists (while supplies last).

If you would like to join online, click [HERE](#).

Our 1st Friends of Fresh Event is our Valentine's Day House Concert with none other than our February Featured Artist - John Whytock. In addition to being an award-winning artist, John is also an accomplished musician and a published composer. His forte is fingerstyle guitar, though he plays various instruments. He has produced 2 CD's of his original music. Seating for this event is limited and requires a reservation. Suggested donation is \$10. Click [HERE](#) for more information.



John Whytock

"Spring into Something New"

From mid-January to April 2020 a collection of works from our Fresh Gallery artists will be on exhibit at the offices of Elliott Robinson, CPA. The following artists works are included in the exhibit:

Alan O'Neal
Ann Marie Rausch
Becky White
Cheryl Vowels
Karla Breeding Trammell
Kim Hoskinson
Linda Kirchner
Lucinda Baker
Nancy Brown Dornan
Rebecca Lewis Smith
Rick Atwell

Click [HERE](#) for more info about the venue.

New Artist



We want to welcome our newest artist to the gallery - Leigh Ann Thomas. Though a native Missourian, she has had many adventures abroad that provide perspective and reference for her lovely contemporary oil paintings.

Call for Artists

If you, or someone you know is interested in becoming a FRESH Artist please click the link [HERE](#) to apply. We currently have openings for 2-D artists, but are accepting applications in all mediums. This is a wonderful opportunity to become involved in Springfield's artist community and get your work out there!

Upcoming Events

February

Our February Featured Artist is John Whytock. John is an award-winning artist and muralist. He paints in oils and acrylics with a realistic style.



The Grey by John Whytock

March



Eggplant by Nancy Brown Dornan



Nautilus Dawn by Cheryl Vowels

Nancy Brown Dornan is our March
Featured 2D Artist.

Cheryl Vowels is our March
Featured 3D Artist.

All of us at Fresh Gallery hope that your holidays were safe and wonderful and we wish you a happy and prosperous New Year! Thank you all for your continued support. We hope you stop by and see us soon, but if you can't see us in person, be sure to follow us on FaceBook and Instagram for the latest news!