

TAG News

February 2026



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2026 GALLERY SCHEDULE

January 17-February 20
School Show

March 7-April 3
TAG Member Exhibition (Non-Juried)
Opening reception: March 7 • 6-8 pm

April 18-May 29
No Guarantees
Opening Reception: April 17 • 6-8 pm

June 13-July 18
Photo Invitational: Photo Journalists
Main Gallery

Exhibit TBA
North Gallery
Opening reception: June 13 • 6-8 pm

August 8-September 18
TAG / RAA Annual
Opening reception: August 8 • 6-8 pm

October 3-November 6
Jim Conti Curator Project
Main Gallery

Exhibit TBA
North Gallery
Opening reception: October 3 • 6-8 pm

November 19-January 2
"Trees at the Gallery" Holiday Marketplace
Small Business Saturday Open House:
November 28 • 11 am-4 pm

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### Artist of the Month

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

Although the AOM Calendar for 2026 is  
completely booked, dates are still available for  
2027. If you would like to display your work,  
contact the Gift Shop for complete details.

## Welcome to 2026 at the Trumbull Art Gallery!

### A WORD FROM THE CHAIR...

Dear TAG Members and Friends,

As we step into 2026, I am filled with excitement and gratitude for all that lies ahead at Trumbull Art Gallery. On behalf of our dedicated board, volunteers, and staff, I want to extend a warm welcome to both our long-term supporters and those who are new to our creative community. This year promises vibrant exhibitions, inspiring programs, and even more ways to connect through the arts.

### Looking Ahead: Upcoming Exhibitions and Programs

We are kicking off the year with a dynamic schedule of exhibitions that showcase the talent and diversity of our region's artists. Our "Artist of the Month" series returns, shining a spotlight on outstanding creators and giving visitors an inside look at their unique processes and perspectives.

For those eager to explore their own creativity, our art and ceramics classes offer hands-on experiences for all ages and skill levels.

Whether you're picking up a paintbrush for the first time or looking to refine your techniques, there's a place for you at TAG. Be sure to check our website and calendar for upcoming class dates and registration details.

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SAVE THE DATE

### TAG Member Exhibition

Non-Juried - No Fee - All Mediums Welcome



Opening Reception Saturday, March 7, 2026

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Exhibition Dates March 7 - April 2, 2026

Artist Delivery of Work: February 26, 27, 28  
During Open Hours

Visit our Website for more information (Size Restrictions and Delivery Appointments)  
<https://www.trumbullartgallery.com/>

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### **Gift Shop: Support Regional Art and Find Unique Treasures**

Our TAG Gift Shop remains a beloved destination for one-of-a-kind gifts and artwork. Every purchase directly supports local and regional artists, and you'll find everything from handcrafted ceramics to original paintings, prints and jewelry. When you shop at TAG, you're not just finding a special piece, you're helping sustain the creative spirit of our community.

### **Community Collaboration: Building Partnerships and Showcasing Young Talent**

Collaboration is at the heart of everything we do. Over the years, we have developed partnerships with area artists, arts organizations, and local non-profits to offer joint programs and outreach. We will continue this process throughout 2026. An example of this is our first exhibition dedicated entirely to student artwork. By celebrating young artists and working closely with local schools, we are helping foster the next generation of creative thinkers and makers.

### **Thank You to Our Members, Board, and Volunteers**

TAG's success depends on the dedication and passion of our members, board, and volunteers. Your support makes it possible for us to bring art, education, and inspiration to our community. From organizing exhibitions to leading classes and events, your contributions are essential—and deeply appreciated.

### **Join Us: Become Part of the TAG Family**

If you're not yet a TAG member, I invite you to join us this year. Membership is a wonderful way to support local arts, enjoy benefits, and be part of a welcoming and creative community. Your involvement helps ensure that TAG remains a vibrant hub for the arts in our region. Thank you for being part of our journey.

**William Mullane – Board Chair / Gallery Director**



## **VOLUNTEER NEWS**

Every day, we find ourselves saying the same thing: time seems to move faster and faster – especially around the holidays. With all the hustle and bustle, we rush to finish last minute shopping, finalize our plans and prepare to celebrate with family and friends. This year has been no exception. In fact, it has felt even busier than usual and the added ice and snow have reminded us to slow down, take our time, and stay safe. As we move into the new year, let us all remember that there is no need to fly "into" it too quickly.

From all of us at the Trumbull Art Gallery, we wish our patrons, members, friends, and supporters a safe and successful year. Your encouragement and commitment to the arts means more than words can say. We look forward to seeing your smiling faces again in 2026 and to sharing another wonderful year of creativity together.

At TAG we always need new volunteers!

**Salli Kowalski – Volunteer Committee Chair**



## EDUCATION NEWS

The Art Education Program at TAG is offering many creative opportunities for the year 2026. Classes will be offered for all ages, in all mediums. All classes will have a learning component built in so new skills and techniques can be applied to all future paintings. All new classes are on our website and posted on Facebook.

We also offer private classes with your own group. You choose the medium and the style. Great for parties, showers, girls' night out, etc. All supplies will be provided. Email us with your ideas, questions or concerns. Fees depend on medium, amount of people and length of class.

Outreach is a big part of our Education program. We will once again be working with schools, organizations, and the community to bring art to the people. Our Angels for Art Education Program makes many of these classes possible. Call 330.395.4876 during hours of operation or email at [TAGEdChairperson@gmail.com](mailto:TAGEdChairperson@gmail.com) for more information.

**Sue Senvissky – Education Committee Chair**



## BUILDING / FACILITIES

Although two Board members chairing other TAG committees are currently sharing the duties of the Building / Facilities Committee Chair, TAG is still in need of someone to take over the duties of the Chairperson. This person must be a member of TAG but is not required to serve on the TAG Board.

This volunteer position 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 conducts and documents regular facility inspections and oversees and documents 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) .

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Membership dues and additional donations collected during 2025 totaled close to \$20,000.00, resulting in nearly 300 members who either renewed their memberships or joined for the first time. These contributions are vital for the continuing success of TAG's mission to serve and promote the arts in our local community.

Our 2026 Membership Renewal Campaign has begun and renewal packets are arriving in your mailboxes.

**Please note: if your 2026 dues were already paid during the last few months of 2025 or in January of this year, you will not receive a packet and should have already received your 2026 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 are invited to display and sell their work in our Gift Shop.

Additionally, Individual, Senior, Student and Family members each receive a 10% Savings Card for a one-time purchase in the Gallery or Gift Shop. TAG Patrons (those paying \$100 or more) receive a 20% Savings Card for a one-time purchase in the Gallery or Gift Shop. And Silver and Gold Patrons (those paying \$250 and \$500 respectively) are 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. Your continued support makes possible the  
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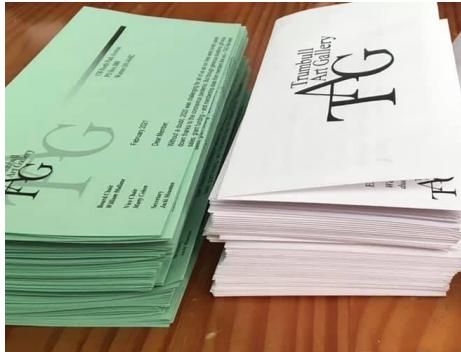
variety of gallery shows and exhibits we offer. It allows us to continue our art education outreach programs. And it enables us to promote the arts throughout the local community. Simply put: our members help make what we do possible.

TAG dues are tax-deductible and based on a calendar year – January-December. And to make things easy, 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.

In the meantime, we hope you'll take some time during the coming months to 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.

We hope to see you soon!

**Kirsten Burkey – Membership Committee Chair**



## GIFT SHOP NEWS

Wishing you all a 2026 to remember.

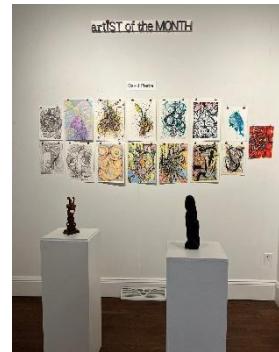
The year 2025 was one of the best years for the Gift Shop with great sales and lots of visitors throughout the year. It is so encouraging and uplifting to hear positive feedback from our members, customers and visitors sharing how impressed they are by our beautiful facilities, the excellent artwork presented in the Gallery and the Gift Shop and our volunteers' attention to make one's experience special. Everyone loves to take the grand tour, learn about our journey and all the programs that we sponsor or the classes that we offer. It is a tribute to the excellence of talented local artists and to TAG's collective hard work, perseverance and longevity to promote the arts in our community. And that's what keeps us going!

Our wonderful volunteers strive to make the shop look attractive and professionally run while informing visitors about gallery shows and ongoing classes. We showcase a wide variety of original artwork and fine arts & craft by local artists who keep surprising us with their talent and constantly renewed creations.

Our very popular Artist of the Month program is another fantastic opportunity to shine. Signing up for 2027 is open! This past year, nine new artists found their way to TAG to be part of our regular consignors and enrich our unique shop inventory. We always encourage artists to volunteer, get involved in this great organization and promote their own artwork while connecting with visitors and customers. Maybe this year, you too will consider volunteering and join TAG's great spirit of camaraderie. There is much energy in the air when classes are in session, just a lovely lively place to be!

Thank you to ALL for your continued support, encouragement, and patronage. A very special "thank you" to the Gift Shop Committee members: Sue Senvissky, Patty Cleary-Talstein, Diane Lubert, Marilyn Pogue, Salli Kowalski and Kirsten Burkey.

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



## TREASURES FOR TAG

The “Treasures for TAG” program remains very successful and helps support the organization’s operation and special programming including Education.

Thanks to our TAG friends who generously donate gently-used ART-related items such as paintings, drawings, sculptures, ceramics, jewelry, collectibles, art books, and art supplies, visitors to the gallery can find these treasures displayed throughout TAG’s facilities. All are available for purchase at reasonable prices and sold through the Gift Shop.

We thank both the generous donors and those who purchase these items for supporting this worthwhile program.



## NEWS FROM THE TAG UNDERGROUND

It was another busy year in the Clay@TAG Studio. A total of 194 students attended 31 Open Studios, classes and workshops. Six of the 31 were private. Nearly 1,500 pounds of new and reclaimed clay was used during the 130 sessions. The kilns were loaded, fired and unloaded 90 times. Firing times totaled 1,015.15 hours at a cost of less than \$700.00 for electricity.

Our four-week Basics of Clay Hand-Building Class, which is a prerequisite for attending the popular Open Studio sessions, was offered twice. The much-favored Wheel-Throwing Class continues to nearly sell out each time it's offered. The Tuesday Night Open Studio continued to gain momentum and remains a popular option for those who are unable to attend the Thursday Afternoon session, which will celebrate its fifth year in March. Five of the initial group of students have remained members of the Thursday Afternoon Open Studio since its inception in 2021.

Our two-session two-hour Clay@TAG Workshops remain popular with those who want to experience working with clay but are unable to attend the four-week Basics Class. Workshops held this past year included: Bird Feeders, Gnomes and Snomes, Luminaries, Holiday Trees and Ornaments. This year we plan to bring back our popular Coin Banks and Angel Statues Workshops while introducing several new ones such as Paper Tower Holders, Woven Baskets and Beer Steins.

On behalf of Kat Devadan and myself, we thank each and every one of our students who have been supportive of the Clay@TAG Program. It wouldn't be the success it is without all of you!

The next time you're in downtown Warren, stop by for a tour of the TAG Underground. We love showing off the space!

**Stephanie L Sferra – TAG Underground Committee Chair**



## 2025 “Trees At the Gallery” Holiday Marketplace

The sixth season of our TAG “Trees at the Gallery” event opened on November 12<sup>th</sup>, with a “Members-Only” Preview party and sale, launching a very successful eight-week run. Extended TAG business hours during the event, proved to be successful once again. We were very fortunate to receive substantial media coverage from multiple local television and print outlets, which had a noticeably positive effect on overall event attendance. Once again, a TAG Open House was held concurrent with Downtown Warren’s “Small Business Saturday” activities.

Twenty-nine artists participated, with several wonderful “first timers”, who brought a fresh energy to the gallery. A special “thank you” to TAG Gift Shop Chair; Veronique Gerard, for her efforts to recruit participation of the Gift Shop vendors, expanding the variety of items available for our shoppers. Vendors’ gross sales rose sharply this year, increasing more than 50% above last year’s level, to more than \$9,000, generating \$2,700 for TAG coffers.

Raffles, featuring a fully-decorated Christmas tree, a \$50 TAG Gift Shop Gift Certificate and a gift basket of unique ornaments and items raised \$390, an \$80 increase from last year. We extend congratulations to the Tree Raffle winner, Michele Monroe; the Basket of Ornaments & Items winner, Lauren Mathews; and Gift Certificate winner, Stephanie Shimko.

The “Angels for Art Education” fund-raising project returned with \$780 raised, a \$300 increase above last year. We again thank Stephanie Sferra, who provides the angel ornaments used in this effort. These funds help defray costs of TAG art outreach projects that target underserved children and adults in our area. Many organizations have adopted this program as their favorite charity and continue to support it.

A totaling of vendor space and items sales fees, raffle earnings, and Angels program donations for this year’s “Trees at the Gallery” event shows nearly \$4,700 raised in support of Trumbull Art Gallery.

We are always open to incorporating new ideas and suggestions for improvement. The Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley held a morning Christmas gathering at TAG during our event, giving us exposure to many first-time visitors, and shoppers. Also, the event committee hosted a TAG Volunteers Reception which was very well received.

I want to thank all our participating artists, who went all-out to make their crafts and display spaces truly special and original. Especially, I wish to express my appreciation to the vendors who invested their time to provide “in-person” crafting demonstrations. Your partnership truly makes this event even more special.

Finally, without the effort of our committee, this event would not be the success that it’s been. I feel truly indebted to Veronique Gerard, Sue Senvissky and Stephanie Sferra, for their tireless commitment towards making “Trees at the Gallery” a premier arts and crafting event.

I wish good health and peace to everyone, and look forward to an even more successful event next 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.

# WANTED: ARTISTS AND MODELS

Do you like to draw, sketch or paint portraits? Are you looking to enhance those artistic skills in a creative environment? Maybe you'd like posing as a model.

If any or all of these things interest you, TAG's weekly Thursday Afternoon Portrait Group would like to meet you!

The group meets most Thursdays from 1:00-3:00 pm.



**For more info contact:  
Salli  
330.395.4876**

## 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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