

ART FIRST GALLERY

Fredericksburg's oldest Artist Co-op Gallery

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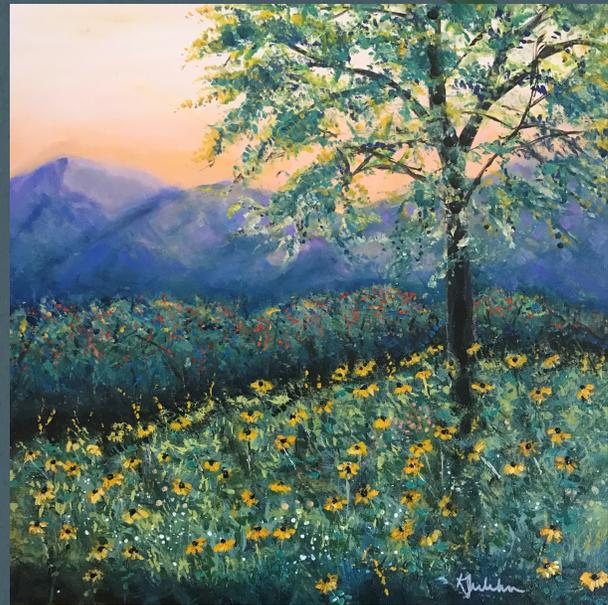
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Art First Gallery

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Current Exhibit:

A Change of Seasons



Opening Reception:
Friday April 9th 6-8pm

Exhibit on View:
April 8-May 2
Thurs-Sun. 11am-5pm

A Change of Season

by Karen Julihn

“Dabbling in paint has become a favorite pastime of mine,” says artist, Karen Julihn, who presents a show of work in April entitled “A Change of Season” at Art First Gallery in downtown Fredericksburg. “I am not a realist painter. My art may look unrefined to some people but I enjoy its slightly abstract quality because it reflects my personality. I consider myself an expressive painter.”

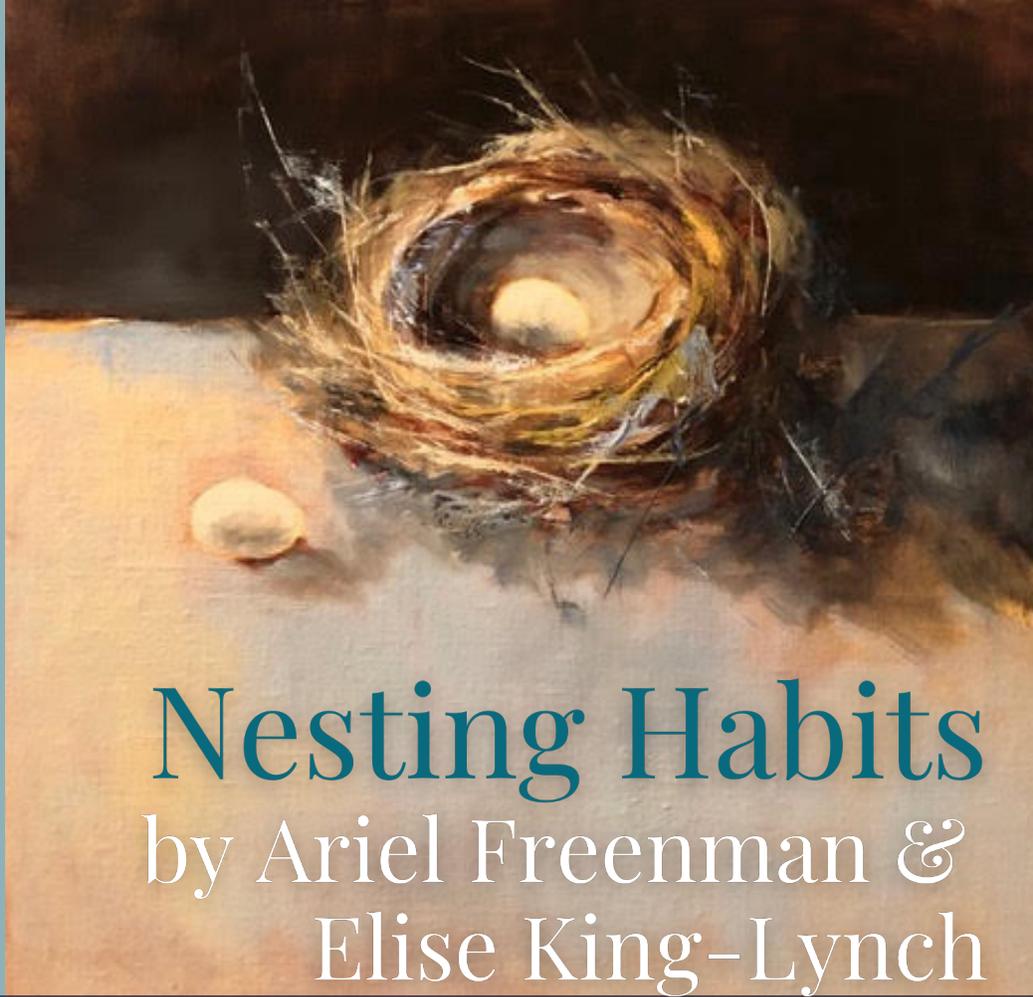


Karen has been a member of the Fredericksburg art community since 2009. Her work has been on display at various galleries in Fredericksburg, Colonial Beach, and Richmond for a number of years. Looking for a fresh start, Karen joined Art First Gallery last year after a long tenure at Brush Strokes Gallery. “I didn’t go very far away,” she says. “Art First and Brush Strokes Galleries share the same address!”

Formerly a copy writer and graphic artist, Karen started out by creating retail ads and mailers for a number of commercial clients. She earned a Master’s degree in Education from George Mason University and taught in an elementary classroom for a while. Forever a student, she has supplemented her skills with numerous courses and workshops in a variety of art mediums and continues to share her love of art by sponsoring painting workshops through the Artists’ Alliance Gallery in Colonial Beach. Before Covid, Karen also enjoyed teaching watercolor classes at the Dorothy Hart Community Center in Fredericksburg. “Once this pandemic is over,” she says, “I hope to start up a painting group again.”

Karen believes that her passion for creating art will be a life long journey. “When I travel, I am always interested in taking pictures and finding new inspiration for painting. I believe that this hobby has given me something wonderful to share with other art lovers.” A sampling of Karen’s work can be found on Pinterest, under Karen Julihn and Crossroads.

The two artist could not have paired up for a more perfect show. The softness of Ariels nests and intricacy of Elise's eggs compliment each other in a wonderful contrast. Demonstrating that even though there are many differences in their work they are stronger together.



Nesting Habits

by Ariel Freenman &
Elise King-Lynch

More Shows to Look Forward to:

June: "Portals"
Nicole Myers

July: A collection by
David Lovegrove

Aug: Artwork by
Ken Searles

What does it take to become a member?

To Apply:

- Submit an online application: www.artfirstgallery.com/membership-application
- Interview & meet with current members to review your portfolio

Once accepted:

- Docent the gallery once a month
- Volunteer on 1 gallery committee
- \$90 Monthly dues
- Exhibit your work!

Questions? Contact us!

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