

# ART FIRST GALLERY

*Fredericksburg's oldest Artist Co-op Gallery*

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Preview:  
"Ancient of Days"  
a solo show by  
Gary Close

## Coming Soon:

"I Am Woman"  
a collaborative show by  
Patti Durbin &  
Patricia Giovannoni

Check out our 2023  
Show Calendar

Don't forget you can  
**SHOP ONLINE!**

## *Art First Gallery*

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## On Display Now:

"Ancient of Days"  
a solo show by Gary Close



## *Opening Reception*

*First Friday* September 1st  
6-9 pm

## *Exhibit on View:*

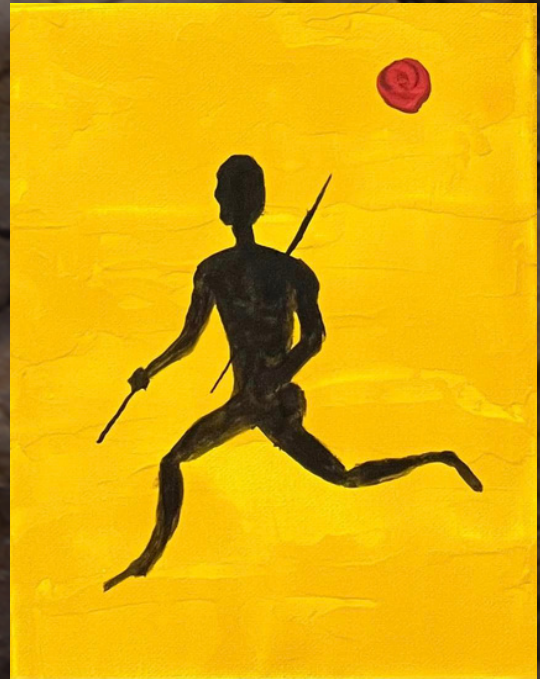
*Sept 1- Oct 1*  
Thurs-Sun. 11am-5pm

# ANCIENT OF DAYS

A SOLO SHOW BY GARY CLOSE

SEPTEMBER 1-OCTOBER 1 2023  
THURS-SUN 11-5

In a courageous departure from his traditional painting techniques, Gary Close delivers a bold and exciting show of new works in oil and mixed media ranging in size from 8"x10" to an impressive 47"x30." His collection of new work is inspired by cave paintings of ancient cultures. Gary shares this thought about his endeavor: "Our ancestors sent us messages about their world through their art—as we do today. I wanted this series to capture that in color and texture."



OPENING  
RECEPTION:

9.1.23

6-9 PM

OCTOBER 2023

# I AM WOMAN

A COLLABORATION BY  
PATTI DURBIN & PATRICIA GIOVANNONI



## Our 2023 Show Calendar

<b>January</b>	<i>Red Tag Sale</i>	<b>July</b>	<i>"As Above" by Nicole Myers</i>
<b>February</b>	<i>Tribute to Johnny Johnson</i>	<b>August</b>	<i>"The Epic of Flight" by Joel Simpson</i>
<b>March</b>	<i>"Spring Into Art"</i> an All Member Show	<b>September</b>	<i>"Ancient of Days" by Gary Close</i>
<b>April</b>	<i>"Pretty Little Things"</i> an All Member Show	<b>October</b>	<i>"I Am Woman" by Patti Durbin &amp; Patricia Giovannoni</i>
<b>May</b>	<i>"the Dailies"</i> by Ariel Freeman	<b>November</b>	<i>"Beautiful Places" by Wayne Russell &amp; Judy Green</i>
<b>June</b>	<i>"Water Water Everywhere"</i> an All Member Show	<b>December</b>	<i>All Member Holiday Show</i>

More to see & SHOP Online!



# Now Accepting Applications!

Are you an active artist looking for somewhere to show and sell your work? Become a member of the Art First Gallery, Fredericksburg's oldest continuous co-op gallery.

*What's a co-op gallery?*

In our gallery, all members take equal ownership of and responsibility for the gallery, its upkeep and its longevity!

## How to become a Member

### Prepare a portfolio

- 10 of your favorite pieces that best represent you as an artist
- Artists of all media are welcome and encouraged to apply!

### Fill out the application

- Fill out the application online at: [www.artfirstgallery.com/membership](http://www.artfirstgallery.com/membership) or pick one up at the gallery
- Send digital files of your portfolio to: [Creative@ArtFirstGallery.com](mailto:Creative@ArtFirstGallery.com)

### Membership Requirements

- \$90 monthly dues
- Docent the gallery 1 x every month
- Participate on 1 gallery committee (usually 1 x each month)
- Gallery Commission is 25%

*\*See the website or contact us for more details\**



### Interview

- Meet with a small panel of current gallery members to show off your work and get a better overview of us and our gallery.



Check out [www.artfirstgallery.com/membership](http://www.artfirstgallery.com/membership) for more!