



JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2022



**Celebrating 300 Years
Yellow Springs**

2022—WE BEGIN A NEW YEAR!

We invite you to join us at Historic Yellow Springs as we welcome 2022 and look to new and safe happenings here in the village.

In 2022, we celebrate 300 years of Yellow Springs. American colonists brought with them a long history of the use of mineral waters and sought such waters as they settled the colonies. We know that Yellow Springs, the yellow waters, were used by the Lenape Indians before the settlers arrived and was known as early as 1722 as a gathering place for healing. We encourage you to read on to learn about our early history. We are pleased and proud of our unique historic village and continue to exclaim:

THERE IS NO VILLAGE LIKE IT!

In addition, we will celebrate our exciting 49th Yellow Springs Art Show. Plans are being made to bring you great art experiences at the Chester Springs Fine Art and Ceramics Studio. Our 27th season of Town Tours and Village Walks are already in the works. Later this year we will be planning the Recycle Your Art Show and our Fine Arts and Crafts Show. Remember to check our [Calendar of Events](#) for additional programs as they develop.



JOIN US!

We encourage you to get involved: [join us or renew your membership](#); [volunteer](#) in many different ways; [lend financial support](#) to our work in the village. And, we continue to remind you that we are a private PA non-profit 501 c 3 organization. We raise our own funds via grants and support from YOU, our friends, and neighbors. For this, we are most appreciative.

We look forward to seeing you out in the village for all events and activities now that we have more freedom to do so. And remember that our historic village and its pathway and trails remain open for you to visit and stroll and enjoy. Take in the beautiful winter landscape and the welcoming fresh air that awaits you.

STAY WARM! BE SAFE!

300 Years The Springs at Yellow Springs

As we celebrate the 300th anniversary of the mineral springs at Yellow Springs, we will be printing a series of articles to tell the story of what occurred in the village beginning in 1722 and before. The story of healing waters, early medicine, and the social history attached to both will give a picture of the spa life that became so important at Yellow Springs.

The Lenape Indians first built their campfires and erected their lodges in our area, establishing a village here. Long before white settlers were to name the area Pikeland, the Lenape knew of the curious "yellow water" which bubbled up from the ground and were the original people to name the area Yellow Springs. Archaeological evidence suggests that the Lenape utilized the magical springs for medicinal ceremonial purposes.



In 1681, William Penn arrived in the New World And in 1705, Welch Quakers, German Lutherans, and English farmers began to settle the area and learned of the mineral springs

from the Lenape who assisted their settlement. As word of the "yellow waters" reached Philadelphia, a stream of visitors made their way west of the city to partake of the medicinal qualities of these waters.



Beginning in the early 1700s, springs became popular in Virginia, the Boston area, and Philadelphia. Yellow Springs became known as early as 1722 as shown in this letter of inquiry printed in the *American Weekly Mercury*, the first newspaper in America delivered to general stores, taverns, and post offices.

A letter came to us last Post, dated from Hemstead Harbour Long Island, requesting a particular Account of the New Bath or Mineral Water found in the Great Valley about 30 Miles Westward of this City, for the Satisfaction of the publick in general, and of several Gentlemen in particular who are included to come to it from those Parts for Relief; though we have by us several Instances of remarkable Cures done by the said Water, we are obliged to defer answering the Gentleman's Letter till another Paper, when we hope to give a true and demonstrative Account of its Virtues and Cures.

Medical knowledge was limited at the time; these mineral waters became very important for health



The Greeks used thermal waters as medication and the baths became worship centers for their deities. Water was considered the "gift of the gods."

The Roman Civilization took the healing water to the height of perfection in architecture and splendor. *Sanitas per Aquas*, was a vital part of life and where we first find the use of SPA in the history of water cures. Spa, Belgium, founded in 1326, further encouraged the use of "spa" to denote any town or resort possessing a mineral spring.

Consequently, American colonists brought with them a long history of the use of therapeutic waters. The *American Weekly Mercury* article of 1722 as well as other later publications brought them to the Yellow Springs.



By 1750, roads to the springs were constructed and the first record of a building to serve those who came is the petition from Robert Prichard for a "Publick" house of entertainment. Dr. Benjamin Rush, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, wrote of the healing properties of area springs. He said, "...These waters...have now become a very important part of the *materia medica*."

Dr. Samuel Kennedy purchased the spa property in 1774 and Yellow Springs held a prominent place in the social and medical life of Colonial Pennsylvania.

However, the clouds of war were gathering and the Revolutionary War came to Yellow Springs when General George Washington arrived on September 17, 1777, and set up temporary headquarters here after the Battle of the Clouds. With war surrounding the village, the winter encampment at Valley Forge, and the establishment of the first military hospital in America built here, the spa closed.



We will continue the story of Yellow Springs in future e-News issues. You will learn about Margaret Holman who took the village to the height as a fashionable spa, structures reportedly designed by renowned architect Thomas U. Walter, and celebrities who visited. Therefore, the Historic Yellow Springs mission of sharing, preserving, and celebrating the 300 years of our unique village of Yellow Springs is so important.

49th Annual Yellow Springs Art Show Underway!

All the behind-the-scenes details are falling into place as HYS prepares for the **49th Annual Yellow Springs Art Show**. The 2022 art show poster and artist have been selected and the committee has revitalized under Chair Maureen Fendrick. Artists are busy preparing their work for the show and the HYS staff is gearing up for all the functions that need to happen to make this show the success it has been for 49 years! We will be presenting more than 200 of the finest artists in our show.

The 2022 Art Show will run from April 23rd through May 15th with Lincoln Building galleries open 10 a.m. through 4 p.m. daily.



May 8 – ART AROUND THE VILLAGE CELEBRATING MOTHERS’ DAY. This event invites you to come to the village, view the show and enjoy the beauty that brought the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts to the village all those years ago with its Country School. And be sure to bring your Mother to share in this special day at the art show.

Life’s Patina’s Mercantile Café will be offering the chance to purchase lunches for the day.

We also encourage you to bring picnics and spend time enjoying music to entertain you, a clay throwing demonstration, and artists painting in the French Impressionist *en plein air* style.



The Art Show poster Fanny Kemble, Abolitionist, by Denise Sedor will be up for auction during the duration of the show. You will also see it on all our marketing messages. You can read more about Denise Sedor in this enews edition.

Please check our e-News, website, and social media for more activities, making reservations for brunch and new updates, at: http://www.yellowsprings.org/event/art_show.html

Show Chair Mo Fendrick has been busy highlighting all the areas of this 2022 show and she is excited to be bringing this "harbinger of spring" to Yellow Springs once again. She will be working with our art show committee and volunteers to follow all COVID guidelines to ensure the safety of all involved working or visiting. Masks will be required to enter the show.

Mo happily exclaims, "**IT'S ART SHOW TIME**"! And that phrase does evoke springtime at Yellow Springs and the beauty of art in the village.

WANT TO HELP OUT AND BE A PART OF THE SHOW, HERE'S HOW:

BE ONE OF OUR SPONSORS – We are seeking sponsors for our show. Sponsors receive space in our popular catalogue for their message or advertising and there is a sponsorship level for everyone. Please check our website for details of sponsorship and the benefits that come with each. A sponsor packet can be sent out to you. Call 610 827-7414 or you can sign up directly and view those opportunities at: <https://www.yellowsprings.org/contribute/sponsorship.html> to request it. This is a great way to support our show and Historic Yellow Springs and share your message with those attending the show.

SHOW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – We are always seeking volunteers to assist with our show. There are openings on the Art Show Committee, which is great fun in hanging the art, meeting the artists, checking out the show, and making new friends. Volunteers also help with sales during the show and meet and greet our visitors who support this fabulous event. Contact Kathy McGarry at kmgarry@yellowsprings.org or call 610 827-7414 Ext. 12.

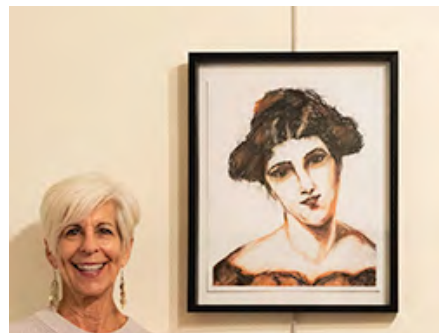
Volunteers are vital to the success of the show and we could use your help. Your help keeps the show open and running and provides valuable support to HYS.

Check the website: http://www.yellowsprings.org/event/art_show.html for show details as they develop.

Follow us on FACEBOOK for updates on the show and to see some of the art work we will be exhibiting.

Yellow Springs Art Show Announces Poster Artist for 2022 Denise Sedor

DENISE SEDOR, and her painting **FANNY KEMBLE, ABOLITIONIST**, is our 2022 poster artist for the 2022 49th Yellow Springs Art Show. Denise competed with fellow artists at the Poster Competition and Exhibition in December 2021. Her work will be used to highlight the 2022 show in all facets of marketing and promotion including the 2022 catalogue. In addition, prints of the poster and notecards will be available for purchase at the show.



Denise's poster is a portrait of the English actress Fanny Kemble (1809-1893) who was a feminist before that became a popular description of strong women who could have influence in the world. And she surely did, as she spoke out against slavery and published "A Residence on a Georgian Plantation" which is believed to have been influential in turning the tide of the Civil War.



Fanny Kemble is pertinent to Historic Yellow Springs as she visited the Yellow Springs Spa with her two children in summer 1843 escaping the steaming heat of Philadelphia. In a letter she wrote, "The country is pretty, the air pure, the baths delightful; and my chicks (children), thank God, already beginning to improve in health and spirits." She stood out as she rode horseback alone in petticoats and fished in pantaloons. She was per own person and some thought this was in bad taste. However, they stated she was charming, had a kind heart, a radiant personality and was a genius.

Denise told us that she has been doing portraits for the past few years and wanted to do a portrait for the art show poster competition. She described her portraits as being done in her own way and not necessarily realistic. She researched our archives and two women stood out but one caught her eye. Or as she exclaimed, "Did she pick me?"

Denise has been going to Canyon Ranch Spa in Lenox, MA, for over 20 years. It is on Kemble Street. This is what jumped out to her in her research when she learned that Fanny Kemble summered in Lenox and spent time with, among others, Louisa May Alcott, Emerson, Henry James, Henry Cabot Lodge as well as Edward Everett Hale. She helped found the library there.

Canyon Ranch, in Lenox where Fanny summered, is a place of healing for Denise and she knows that Yellow Springs is also a place of healing. With that in mind, she embarked on her poster embodying Fanny as her hero who had been at both places. Her portrait is a mixed media creation using charcoal and crayon with a bit of color. She wanted it to have an "old" feeling when viewed.

Denise has always been interested in art and considers herself quite creative. In her early years she was self-taught always drawing something. As a teen, she purchased her first camera and enjoyed taking photos. She began working in an office and the company agreed to pay her tuition for college where she majored in business. However, all her electives were in art and her photography skills resulted in a gallery exhibition and doing photography professionally. She pursued her interest in painting taking classes at the Chester Springs Studio, the Chester County Art Association and the Wayne Art Center, learning, she said, from great teachers.

She grew up in the Bronx, NY, and currently lives in Devon. She considers herself an abstract expressionist who loves to experiment in new things. The Yellow Springs Art Show is very dear to her, and she first visited the show with her mother on one of the Mothers' Day events. She told her mother that day, "I'm going to be in this show!" And while she was moved to get juried into the show in 2014, she never expected to become one of the poster artists. It has brought her much joy

The original artwork will be sold by silent auction at the [2022 Art Show](#) in the Lincoln Building galleries.

We encourage you to view this original poster work as well as all of Denise Sedor's paintings at the show. Remember prints of the poster and notecards showing the poster image will be available for purchase.



Another Kiln Added

The Chester Springs Studio Ceramics Studio announces the addition of another new kiln. They now have two brand new electric kilns to support the vibrant ceramic work produced there.

The kiln is an L & L Kiln, Equad-Pro Production electric kiln. Ceramics Studio Supervisor Matt Wren reported that these kilns are more powerful than the previous kilns used and are safer, more reliable, and capable of keeping up with the demands of this busy studio.

HYS thanks Cindy Thompson and Polly Gable who spearheaded the fundraiser that supported the kiln purchase. Both made significant contributions of their own to this purely grassroots collective student effort in gathering funds. Sale of pottery by the late Dolphin Greenspace also contributed to the purchase. A special thank you to all who made this purchase possible.

The Ceramics Studio has been growing rapidly over the past few years and is a major part of the art that is offered at the Chester Springs Studio. Check our website for a list of the classes and workshops that are available.

In addition, check our Calendar of Events for dates for the wood kiln firings. It is exciting to report that the schedule is full for 2022. Email Matt, at mwren@yellowsprings.org, if you would like to be notified when kiln space becomes available. It is always a fun two-day event when the kiln is fired and many hands make this happen.



HYS Volunteer-of-the-Year Announced

Lisa Seward has been named the Historic Yellow Springs Volunteer-of-the-Year for 2021. We are pleased to honor Lisa who has been involved at HYS for many years and whose support has been invaluable to the work that we do here.

Lisa is, and has been, a co-chair of the Yellow Springs Art Show. She has been a member of the Art Show Committee since 2015 and has consistently stepped up to help man the show in whatever way was needed. No task was beyond her. And she always brought a ready smile.

In particular, she is always available to fill time slots for working at the show and handling sales. She is quick to learn the new computer systems and able to handle checking out purchases for our visitors. And she can be counted on to travel around the community and beyond putting up the law signs to promote the show.

Lisa also volunteers for almost every other event or opportunity where we need her assistance, and she is someone that we can trust to do the job. She is reliable, consistent and comes with a great attitude. She has served as a costumed character for our Town Tours and Village Walks program. Lisa is known to step up to assist handicapped visitors to our events and so much more.

We congratulate Lisa and thank her for her years of service and support to HYS and look forward to seeing her at our events in the future.

If you would like to join Lisa in volunteering at HYS, please contact Kathy McGarry, Volunteer Coordinator, at 610 827-7414 Ext. 12.

2022 SPRING CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

2022 Spring Semester classes begin on March 21, 2022. Registration will open soon. If you would like to be notified when class registration goes live, register for [Class Updates](#) and you will receive emails about class activities.

The Art of Shibori with Jean-Marie Baldwin

April 10, 11AM - 3PM

Learn the ancient art of Shibori, a traditional Japanese resist-dyeing technique dating back longer than any other fabric dyeing method. The word Shibori comes from the Japanese root "shiboru," meaning to wring, squeeze, press," In Shibori, fabric patterns are made by...



Slipping into Good Pots with Jeanie Silver

May 14 - 15, 10AM - 4PM

This is a two-day hands-on workshop. It is designed for people who want to work with color and imagery but who are not satisfied with dip-and-pour glazing or commercial transfers. Learning to use slip opens your work up to a host of new techniques and traditional methods...



Raku Firing Workshop with Dina Schmidt

June 11, 10AM - 3PM

Join us for a Raku workshop. Experience the mysterious, spontaneous, and immediate process of Raku firing. Bring 6 - 10 bisque fired, average sized pots made of Raku clay or stoneware (low-fire clay will not survive the process). All glazes will be provided but you may bring your own if you wish. We suggest long pants and closed shoes if you wish to actively participate in the firing process...



Summer Camps

We are working on details of our Summer Camp. Email Cher Pizzi, Arts Program Director, cpizzi@yellowsprings.org if you would like information about HYS Summer Camps. Please specify which age group you are interested in. We are looking forward to offering Teen, Tween and Kids Camps this year!



Check our website for more information and registration. HYS member discounts apply. Email Cher Pizzi, Arts Program Director, with questions cpizzi@yellowsprings.org.



Join Us in Preserving and Continuing All that is Historic Yellow Springs...with a Gift that Costs Nothing Now

You can protect, preserve, and save our unique village of Yellow Springs with a gift that costs you nothing now. We encourage you to consider us in your estate planning legacy.

It is easy to leave a gift to Historic Yellow Springs in your will, trust or by beneficiary designation. You can designate HYS to receive a portion of your estate in any of the above resources.

We would be happy to assist you and direct you to council as to the best methods for you to follow. Your estate giving to HYS is a living legacy for you and will keep our village strong and vibrant into the future.

Remember, too, you can give a gift in honor or memory of loved ones. Tribute cards are available to acknowledge these gifts which are a wonderful way to support HYS.

For all your questions regarding estate planning and memorial gifts, please contact Karen Walter, Executive Director, kwalter@yellowsprings.org, 610 827-7414 Ext. 14. She will be happy to assist you and provide guidance for you to move forward with your estate plans

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Celebrating 300 years at Yellow Springs

Village pathways and trails are always open to enjoy a stroll, the fresh air, and the beautiful winter landscape.

We are following CDC and PA guidelines for our activities and entry into HYS buildings is limited.

Check our website www.yellowsprings.org for details.

MARCH

March 9 – Schuylkill River Heritage Center – [“Welcome to Spring”](#) – HYS to participate in ZOOM Program – check SRHC at www.phoenixvillefoundry.org

March 5-6 – [Wood Kiln Firing](#)
Chester Springs Studio, Ceramic Studio

March 21 – [2022 Spring Semester begins](#)
Chester Springs Studios

March 24 – [Figure Drawing & Painting](#), 6:45 - 9:45pm, Walk-Ins welcomed
Chester Springs Studio, Fine Art Studio

March 26-27 – [Wood Kiln Firing](#)
Chester Springs Studio, Ceramic Studio

March 31 – [Figure Drawing & Painting](#), 6:45 - 9:45pm, Walk-Ins welcomed
Chester Springs Studio, Fine Art Studio

APRIL

April 1-3 – [Wood Kiln Firing](#)
Chester Springs Studio, Ceramic Studio

April 7 – [Figure Drawing & Painting](#), 6:45 - 9:45pm, Walk-Ins welcomed
Chester Springs Studio, Fine Art Studio

April 9-10 – [Wood Kiln Firing](#)
Chester Springs Studio, Ceramic Studio

April 10 – [The Art of Shibori Workshop with Jean Marie Baldwin](#), 11am - 3pm
Chester Springs Studio, Fine Art Studio

April 14 – [Figure Drawing & Painting](#), 6:45 - 9:45pm, Walk-Ins welcomed
Chester Springs Studio, Fine Art Studio

April 21 – [Figure Drawing & Painting](#), 6:45 - 9:45pm, Walk-Ins welcomed
Chester Springs Studio, Fine Art Studio

April 22 – [Wood Kiln Firing](#)
Chester Springs Studio, Ceramic Studio

April 23 – May 15 – [49th Yellow Springs Art Show](#)
Lincoln Building 10-4 Daily

April 28 – [Figure Drawing & Painting](#), 6:45 - 9:45pm, Walk-Ins welcomed
Chester Springs Studio, Fine Art Studio

MAY

May 1-2 – [Wood Kiln Firing](#)
Chester Springs Studio, Ceramic Studio

May 5 – [Figure Drawing & Painting](#), 6:45 - 9:45pm, Walk-Ins welcomed
Chester Springs Studio, Fine Art Studio

May 7-8 – [Wood Kiln Firing](#)

Chester Springs Studio, Ceramic Studio

May 8 – Art Around the Village Day Celebration

Lincoln Building and HYS grounds 10am - 2pm

May 8 – HYS Kids and Teen Mothers' Day Art Show, 10am - 2pm

Chester Springs Studio, Fine Art Studio

May 12 – Herb Sale – Philadelphia Unit Herb Society of America

Meadow on Yellow Springs Road- Morning, time TBD

May 12 – [Figure Drawing & Painting](#), 6:45 - 9:45pm, Walk-Ins welcomed

Chester Springs Studio, Fine Art Studio

May 14-15 – [Slipping into Good Pots - 2-Day Workshop with Jeanie Silver](#), 10am - 4pm

Chester Springs Studio, Ceramic Studio

May 19 – [Figure Drawing & Painting](#), 6:45 - 9:45pm, Walk-Ins welcomed

Chester Springs Studio, Fine Art Studio

May 26 – [Figure Drawing & Painting](#), 6:45 - 9:45pm, Walk-Ins welcomed

Chester Springs Studio, Fine Art Studio

JUNE

June 4-5 – [Wood Kiln Firing](#)

Chester Springs Studio, Ceramic Studio

June 11 – [Raku Firing Workshop with Dina Schmidt](#), 10am - 3pm

Chester Springs Studio, Ceramic Studio

June 25-26 – [Wood Kiln Firing](#)

Chester Springs Studio, Ceramic Studio

JULY

July 9-10 – [Wood Kiln Firing](#)

Chester Springs Studio, Ceramic Studio

July 23-24 – [Wood Kiln Firing](#)

Chester Springs Studio, Ceramic Studio

AUGUST

August 4 – [Town Tours and Village Walks](#)

Washington Building and HYS Grounds, start time TBD

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