



Franklin Art Association

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Dear Members and Friends,

Lots going on as we move into our pre-spring activities! I like just saying the word "spring", even if it is a ways off!

As you know there are 4 positions open on the Board next year. Paul Guarino and Peg Munson made a very informative presentation recently to FAA members who have shown some interest in learning more about how our organization is run. Their presentation is attached to this newsletter. We are hopeful that some of you will consider taking on a more active role within the FAA by agreeing to become an officer. Please give this serious thought, and if you are interested, let either Paul or Peg know.

The FAA spring show will be at the Black Box again this year on April 30 - May 1st. Rebecca Skinner will chair the show! There will be sign up sheets available at the next meeting so that you can pick what you would like to volunteer for. It's sure to be a fabulous event at an exciting venue.

The Franklin Cultural Festival committee has started to meet to prepare for the 2nd annual Franklin Cultural Festival to be held on July 27th through July 30th. Last year the members of the art association made bowls for the Food Pantry fund raiser, painted a mural for an interactive painting event on the Common, helped kids make costumes from newspaper, facilitated watercolor painting, and exhibited paintings and photographs throughout the downtown area. So, the question is, what do we want to do this year? At a minimum, we should exhibit our beautiful artwork! Please let me know if you would like to be on the FAA committee that decides what our involvement will be this year!

Warm regards,
Sue Sheridan

FAA Monthly Meeting/Demos

Meetings take place at the Franklin Senior Center, 10 Daniel McCahill St., Franklin, MA across from St. Mary's church, from 6:30 to ~9pm, the first Wednesday of every month, September through May. Refreshments and socialization are held from 6:30-6:45pm, followed by a short business meeting. A demonstration/lecture or workshop activity follows. Our meetings are open to the public and all are invited to attend.

Calender of Events

February 3rd: Elizabeth Ricketson will be our guest artist. She will do a colorful abstract painting to brighten us up in February.

March 2nd: Chris Coyne will be our guest artist doing a watercolor painting.

May 14th: “Bold and expressive” figurative pastel painting workshop with Michele Mozzone, 9-3pm at the United Methodist Church in Franklin, MA. Details to come!

Members’ News

Marjorie Sardella and Rebecca Skinner organized and juried an all-photography exhibit, entitled “Reflections: A Photographic Expression. The exhibit which opened at the Morini Gallery in Mansfield, on January 16, will continue until March 20. Her *Beaux Regards* Photographic Art photo blog on Facebook continues to draw interest and Likes. Marjorie invites you to follow her blog, to “Like” it, and offer comments. (See *Soaking in the Fountains; Stravinski Place, France* right)

Susan Sheridan invites you to view her latest work at a reception at the Next Door Gallery, 250 North Main Street, Mansfield on February 20th, 7 - 9 PM. Light refreshments will be served. See flier at the end of the newsletter.



Call for Entries

The Norfolk Cultural Council is sponsoring a Juried Art Competition - “Norfolk Open Invitational” to be held at the Norfolk Public Library, 139 Main Street, Norfolk, MA 02056. The exhibition will run from March 28th to April 30th 2016. A reception with awards, music and refreshments will be held on April 9th from 5-7PM in the Community Hall of the Library. The competition is open to all artists; cash awards will be presented for the top ten pieces of art. A non-refundable entry fee of \$20 for one entry, \$30 for a maximum of two entries made payable to the Norfolk Cultural Council is required to be considered for the competition. Previous artwork from our 2014 competition may not be resubmitted. Applications with payment (check or money order) will be accepted between February 1st and 29th. To obtain an application and prospectus please visit our website www.virtualnorfolk.org and go to Boards & Committees, then Cultural Council.

The Post Road Art Center’s “It’s in the Bag” 2016! Drop-off runs through February 4th! If you are the type to wait until last minute... we do have some bags left if you are ready to get going :) The Opening Reception will be February 11th from 5:30-8:00 p.m. In addition they are hosting “Hidden Exhibit” in March. Drop off Feb. 18 - 25. Show opens Thursday March 3rd. For more info visit www.postroadartcenter.com.



Save the Date:

Franklin Cultural Festival

2nd Annual Franklin Cultural Festival will be held **July 27th - July 30th**. FAA artists are invited to exhibit and participate in events. Contact Sue Sheridan for more information. suesheridan@comcast.net.

Premier Image Gallery Show

Premier Image Gallery presents a combined Exhibition of the Franklin Art Association & Blackstone Valley Art Association from March 24th – May 24th. Premier is located at 290 Elliot St, Ledgemere Plaza, Ashland, MA. Drop off is March 10 & 11 from 9:30AM – 4:PM or Sat. March 12th from 9:30AM – 2PM. Open House is Thursday March 24th from 6 – 8PM. Please bring finger foods. Pick up paintings on Thursday May 26th or Friday May 27th from 9:30AM – 4PM only (no Saturday pick-up). Only entries that have never been shown at Premier Image will be allowed. You may bring 1 or 2 pieces per person. Non-refundable entry fee will be one piece for \$8 or 2 pieces for \$15. Awards will be given out at the opening reception in many categories depending on the number of entries per media. Call Don at Premier Image Gallery if you have any questions at 508.881.4730.

Classes/Workshops/Opportunities...

MetroWest Visitors Bureau is holding their 5th Annual Breakfast celebrating the best of MetroWest will take place on Friday, February 26th at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Westborough. We hope you will join us and other MetroWest Visitors Bureau members and friends from across all sectors in our region for this fun gathering including breakfast, networking and an exciting program. The Franklin Art Association has recently become part of this organization so as a member you are welcome to attend!

Danforth Art Museum hosts a number of 1 and 2 day workshops on topics including drawing watercolor, monotypes, jewelry and more during February and March. Visit <http://www.danforthart.org/workshops.html> for details.

Editor's Note: As always, we depend on you, our members, to provide information for your newsletter. So I thank you in advance for providing information concerning coming events, exhibitions, shows, etc. ~Hannah Close

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Call For Artists

*submit
your original
work by Feb 29
for consideration in*

The Norfolk Open Invitational

A juried art competition and exhibition sponsored by the
Norfolk Cultural Council

Exhibition
March 28-
April 30

Reception
April 9
5-7pm

Cash awards for top 10 works

*Follow us on Facebook for full details -
[Facebook.com/NorfolkCulturalCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/NorfolkCulturalCouncil)*

\$20 one entry, 2 for \$30, 2 entries max.. Entry fee non-refundable. Please make check payable to Norfolk Cultural Council.
Artwork previously submitted for the 2014 juried show is not eligible.

Applications must be postmarked February 29th, and may be sent with check or money order payment to:
Norfolk Cultural Council, One Liberty Lane, Norfolk MA 02056.

Please send high resolution digital images of artwork via email to: ncc@virtualnorfolk.org Media limited to 2 dimensional artwork (Paintings, mono-prints, drawings, photographs, collages and flat fiberart). Prints of original artwork will not be accepted. All work must be original. Pieces must not exceed 36"x36" (including frame).

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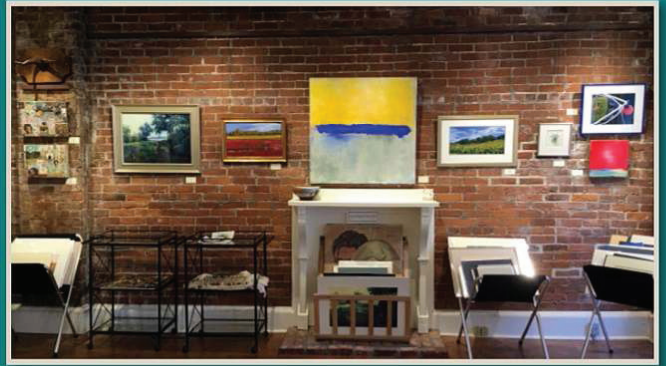
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DOOR
GALLERY**

at
Happy Hollow
Frame Shop

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Please Join Us
Saturday
February 20, 2016
7-9 pm

*Enjoy our newest collection of fine artworks
In a wide array of media from the area's top talents*



You will surely discover something special to grace your space

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