



Franklin Art Association

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We are an all-volunteer association. As such, we depend on the efforts of our members for operation of the association. Our operations are organized around several committees that plan, organize, and carry out activities necessary for our success. Our committee chairs are as follow:

Scholarship

Joan Callahan and Shelly Eager

Workshops

Rick Cardoza

Spring Exhibition

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Archives

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Publicity

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Refreshments

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello FAA Artists,

We have a number of items to take care of at the May meetings - we have to vote on:

Officers - the officers from this year have all decided to run again. If you are interested, you can be nominated by someone at the meeting.

Dues - we need to raise the dues to \$25.00 per year.

By-Laws - we would like to simplify the by-laws and bring them up to date. A copy is available to anyone who would like to take a look at the revised version - let me know by email and I'll send you a copy.

In addition to these matters, we have the Annual Cook-out and Festivity Sign-Up Sheet. If you are coming to the Festivity, be sure to put your name on the sign up sheet and what you think you will be contributing to the Pot Luck Food Array - this is so we know roughly how many people and what foods will be arriving - we hope to see you there! Directions to Shelly's condo are included in this newsletter.

I'd also like to know if you would like to hear from us over the summer - plein aire sessions and other events of interest - I think we tend to lose touch over the summer and we can work on that.

I also want to thank all of you who worked on and participated in the Spring Awakening show - it looks like it will be a great show!

Jean

Meetings take place at the **Old Town Hall/COA-Senior Center**, 80 West Central Street, Franklin, MA, next to the Franklin Methodist Church, from **6:30pm** to approximately 9pm, the **first Wednesday** of each month, September through June.

Refreshments and socializing from 6:30 pm until 7:00 pm is followed by a short business meeting.

Demonstration/lectures or workshop activity follows. Our meetings are open to the public. Parking is free around the building and across the street.

CALENDAR

Wednesday, May 2

Ken Partello of Boston Caricatures will provide an evening of fun as he depicts various members of the audience on paper and encourages those in attendance to do their own sketches of the characters or relatives in their lives.

May Art Exhibit

The May Art Exhibit "Spring Awakening" will be held at the new Norfolk Library from May 5 to June 2. A reception will be held on Saturday May 12th from 1 to 4 pm. Please remember to bring finger food to the reception.

About 55 FAA artists have submitted 109 items for this exhibit. Drop off is Friday May 4th from 2pm to 4pm and Saturday, May 5th between 10am and noon.

Wednesday, June 6

End of year gathering/picnic will be held at Shelly and Scott's condo at Spruce Pond Village off King street. At the light by Joe's Bar and Grill turn toward the Boston Sports club and take a left into Spruce Pond Village Condos (Right opposite the opening to the parking lot to Joes.) Go down the hill and bear to the right with the road. Take your first left and cross over the pond. At the end of the street turn right onto Highbank Rd. Shelly's condo is 1/2 way down the street at Number 86. This is a potluck event. We will have a signup sheet at the next meeting so you can indicate what you might bring to this final event of the year. Shelly will have a grill available.

FINANCE

Our scholarship account now has \$2,949 and our general fund is \$3,516. And our membership now stands at 84.

PREMIER GALLERY

The Premier Image Gallery sponsored FAA Exhibition was held during April – the paintings can still be viewed until the middle of next week.

Awards were presented as follow:

Watercolor –

First Place Lisa Bailey

Second Place J. Kelcourse

Third Place A. Zandbergs

Other Categories –

First Place Rick Cardoza

Second Place Anne McNevin

Third Place Claire Norris

Honorable Mentions –

Paul Peterson

Vail Pagliarani

Stephanie Miksis

Susan Sheridan

Dick Fotland

MEMBERS NEWS

The 111th Annual RIWS Artist Member Show opened April 22 - May 11 at Slater Park, Pawtucket, RI. FAA member Ray Andreotti won first in watercolor with the awarding of the Fujie Wright Memorial Award (\$200) for his painting, "Frames of Venice".

Several FAA members, Ray Andreotti, Sarah Alexander, and Gail Eckberg, have been asked this year, to join **Milford Regional's Black Tie, "Melange"**, on Sat. May 12th, at the Warren Center in Ashland, MA. Planned theme, is a creation of France, which will transform the Center into a 'ooh-la-la happening' ! In addition to the area artists mentioned, who will be painting, displaying, having art for sale, on a gas lighted, Parisian street and artist loft, there will be a Cafe, Provence dining area, Monte Carlo Cabaret, and Casino for this fundraising event. Contact: kelly-mccoygroup@comcast.net for more information regarding attending, etc.

Gail Eckberg was juried into Cultural Arts Alliance for their annual 'Arts in Bloom' exhibit. Opening Reception is Thursday, April 26th, at 6:30-8:30 PM, 85 Hayden Rowe St., Hopkinton. All welcome. Exhibit will be hung until April 29th.

Wellesley Society of Artists juried Sarah Alexander as an exhibiting member of WSA. Both Sarah and WSA exhibiting member, Gail Eckberg, will have art shown in their annual Spring Exhibit, held at the Wellesley Community Center, Rte. #16, Wellesley Hills until September '07. Opening Reception, May 13th, from 3-5 PM. All welcome.

Sarah Alexander will be in the "Community of Artists" show at the Danforth museum May 31-July 29, opening reception Thursday June 14 2007 from 6-8pm. This busy artist is also having a solo show "Aaahhh Summer" an exhibit of paintings May 4th- June 29th 2007 at the Mass Audubon Broadmoor Wildlife Sanctuary, 280 Eliot Street Natick, MA 01760 508-655-2296 An opening reception will be held on Sunday May 6th from 2 to 4 pm.

Contact www.somervilleopenstudios.org for map, dates, etc., for Somerville's big annual art open studio event. Public welcome. Free.

Needham Open Studios plus silent and live auction - www.allforart.org or www.needhamopenstudios.com for more info., dates, time, map, etc.

Antonia Marshall is exhibiting 20 of her recent watercolor paintings at the Rhode Island Watercolor Society, located in Slater Memorial Park on Armistice Boulevard in Pawtucket, RI, from May 13th thru May 31. Please join the artist at a reception on Sunday, May 20th from 1 pm to 4 pm.

FAA WEB SITE

The Franklin Art Association web site went active in December. You can view the site at www.franklinart.org. The web site includes a membership application form and all the newsletters of the current season.

The gallery page continues to expand; there are presently seven FAA artists who have images on the site. Anyone wishing to place images and a biography (or comments regarding their approach to painting) can email me, rfotland@comcast.net, the text and

images and I will edit and send them on to Lynne for placement on the web site. I will take digital photographs of your artwork if you bring paintings to my studio in the event you do not have digital images of your paintings.

ART ACTIVITIES

Lisa Bailey is looking for an artist to provide paintings for the Hawthorne Suites lobby during the Oct-Dec 2007 time slot. All 2008 slots are open. Please call Lisa at 508-553-9119 or email at developing_artists@yahoo.com if you are interested.

Carlie DeGaetano is giving watercolor classes at her studio at the Water Street Mill in Holliston. If you are interested in taking classes please call Carlie at 508-883-0920.

The Premier Image Gallery is holding its annual open art Competition and exhibit June 7th through August 11. Delivery dates are Thursday, June 7th and Friday, June 8th. Following this show, their annual Photography Exhibit and Competition will be held August 9th through September 21st. For more information contact Don Gordon at 508-881-4730 or stop in at 290 Elliot Street, Ledgemere Plaza, Ashland, MA.

The Rhode Island Watercolor Society is offering a life drawing class on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 to 9:00 pm at the Watercolor Gallery. The cost is \$50.00 for members and \$60.00 for non-members for six weeks. Drop-ins are \$10.00 a night. There will be some instruction if requested. Male and female models alternate each week. Contact the RI Watercolor Society at 401-726-1876 for more information.

Come and enjoy the company of others

and learn to draw and paint the human form.

EDITOR'S COMMENT

As always, we depend on you, our members, to provide information for your newsletter. So please provide information concerning coming events, information regarding your exhibitions, news of new shows, and so forth.

Deadline for submission is the 25th of each month.

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