



# Monthly Newsletter

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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

**open**

Fall Exhibition

**Richard Cook**

Archives

**Karen Pendleton  
Anne McNevin**

Refreshments

**Bernie McNichols**

Website

**Lynne Fitzpatrick**

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Buon Giorno Franklin Art Association -

We have all reached the New Year! Good for us! And an excellent way to start the New Year is to gather up our art materials - pencils and watercolors and cameras - whatever is your favorite medium - and come to the brand-new senior center in Franklin at 6:30PM on January 2 for a meeting. We are going to bring in various delightful still life materials for your artistic perusal and painting pleasure - and we can chat while we paint or otherwise wield our artistic tools.

We have a couple of things to discuss at the meeting - mainly, we will be talking about the officers' duties - since we will be looking for new officers next year and we want you to think about participating and offering suggestions for people to serve at that level. Dick Cook, Vice President, Sue Sheridan, Secretary, Paul Peterson, Treasurer, Dick Fotland, Corresponding Secretary, and I will all be retiring from our offices at the end of the 2007-2008 FAA Year. I hope to have a nominating committee appointed by next week, but if not, definitely by March's meeting.

Speaking of future meetings, we have also decided to replace the clown demonstrator with something more conventional, though clown costume, gestures, makeup, and traditions are strongly bound to artistic culture - going back thousands of years - but there were strong objections to looking beyond the 'paint a .....' type of techniques demonstrator. The objections won the day and we will replace the clown with a quite splendidly conventional demonstrator of techniques - we also hope to have that settled soon enough for a specific announcement next week.

In the meantime, stay warm and think of Italy!

Arrivederci!  
Jean

P.S. I am trying to learn Italian via the well-advertised Rosetta Stone software. There are paintings in Italy which I have never seen! Landscapes yet to be painted! Ruins to be appreciated! And the Italian language is beautiful - though more difficult than I had hoped.....

Meetings take place at the new **Senior Center**, a large new building located diagonally across from the town common and across from St. Mary's 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 and all are invited.

## CALENDAR

### Wednesday, January 2

Members to paint from five setups provided by FAA officers, and should bring personal art materials to paint/sketch in their choice of medium.

### Wednesday, February 6

Live model sketching and painting with Bill Robinson (Bill will not be the model)

### Wednesday, March 5

Carole Berren, who teaches beginning, intermediate and advanced watercolor, and is a prominent member of the R I Watercolor Society and other groups, with major awards from the prestigious American Watercolor Society, will be the presenter.

### Wednesday, April 2

Caroly Letvin: oil stick and mono type (animals)

### Wednesday, May 7

Acrylic painter Ellen Rolli, widely known on the North Shore, will demonstrate her skills and educate some interesting facets of creating acrylic images

### May Art Exhibition Norfolk Library Month of May, reception May 3

### Wednesday, June 4

End of year gathering/picnic at Joan Callahan's

## VOLUNTEER SOUGHT

The new Senior Center is seeking a volunteer to teach seniors art (drawing, watercolor, etc) on Monday afternoons from 1 to 3PM. Some knowledge of painting techniques required but teaching experience not necessary. Instructor will be paid \$3 per student per

session. This is a great chance to contribute, have some fun, meet some interesting seniors, and pick up some pocket money. If interested, please call Susan Barbour at the Senior Center, 508-520-4945, or contact Dick Fotland.

### **DECEMBER SMALL WORKS EXHIBITION AND SALE**

The Holiday Small Works Exhibition and Sale is being held at the Norfolk Library during the month of December. Exhibitors are reminded to pick up their works on either Friday or Saturday December 28 or 29.

### **MEMBERS NEWS**

Bill Noble will be at the Hawthorne Suites Hotel from Jan 1, 2008 to March 31, 2008.

Shelly Eager is teaching a Pastel painting course through the Franklin Mill Store. It's a real nice venue in the small house in front of the store. If anyone is interested just contact Shelly or the store. Shelly's number is 508 528 3616.

### **LOCAL ART EVENTS**

The Duxbury Art Association is holding a juried art exhibition, Winter Wonderland, in February, 2008. Registration is January 17 and 18. Information regarding this show can be found at [www.duxburyart.org](http://www.duxburyart.org).

### **FAA WEB SITE**

The Franklin Art Association web site went active last December. You can view the site at [www.franklinart.org](http://www.franklinart.org). Please contact Dick Fotland if you wish Lynne Fitzpatrick, our webmaster, to add your painting images and bio to the web site.

### **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 25<sup>th</sup> of each month.

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