



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:

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello dear fellow artists and associates,

In case you couldn't be there last month, we did have a vote on the increase of our dues next year - the dues will be \$25.00, as always to be paid in September. We had an interesting meeting which somewhat to our surprise was accompanied by some choral singing from the other side of the wall. We will be trying a new arrangement of the sound-proof moveable wall which might muffle the hearty singing from the invisible singers - otherwise, we will probably have to find another solution!

Do take note that the Spring Show is nearing - get your framing done soon!

And make note that we plan to have an additional show following our Norfolk library show - a members-only show in June and July at Premier Images in Ashland.

Please also note that our annual picnic and farewell in June will take place on a Friday, not on a Wednesday, evening - make your plans accordingly - it is always a nice event and a pleasant way to end the Franklin Art Association year.

And, on the subject of ending the year, we have been thinking that perhaps, we should have a few outdoor painting sessions during the summer. The weather is finally nice and open air painting can really freshen the way we look at landscapes. Some of us participated in a few informal painting excursions last summer - and thought maybe there would be more people interested in painting sessions during the summer - let me or any other officer know if you would like to participate and when are good times for you to be included.

Richard Cook has also let us know that there may be an opportunity to look at some very interesting old photographs which would provide inspiration for paintings - if you would be interested, please contact Richard Cook.

If you would be interested in working on the November Show please let us know. We are hoping to have the show in the Hayward Manor again - it was such an elegant venue and made a great setting for our artwork - and it is not too soon to start to plan for November!

Also - if you are interested in running for any office or chairing any committee next year, please let me know. We would like to make sure that everyone who is interested has a chance to serve as an officer, chairperson, or on a committee!

See you at the April meeting!

Jean

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 May.

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

Saturday, March 29

Spring Workshop – see details below

Wednesday, April 2

Caroly Letvin: oil stick and monotype (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

Drop off dates are May 2nd and 3rd and the reception will be held on Saturday, May 10th.

Wednesday, May 21

We will be having a special joint meeting/demonstration with our neighboring Foxboro Art Association at the Norfolk Library. Richard Schmid will be doing a landscape demonstration. No, we cannot afford Schmid but Vail Pagliani has agreed to show his Schmid video and provide us background at this event. This is a fine opportunity to view a demo by this very well known artist. And, our spring exhibition paintings will be on the Library walls at this time.

Friday, June 6

End of year gathering/picnic at Joan Callahan's

SPRING WORKSHOP

The FAA is holding a one day workshop, Saturday March 29, at The Mass Audubon Stony Brook Wildlife Sanctuary from 10 am until 4 pm. This event is oversubscribed and, because of the high degree of interest, we hope to have a plain air workshop later in the spring or early summer.

ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS

An increase in dues, from \$20 to \$25, was approved at the March meeting. Two other minor amendments were approved that clear up confusion and better align the By-Laws with present practice.

SPRING ART SHOW

Plans for The Spring Show, "WARMING UP WITH ART", to be held at the Norfolk Public Library from May 4 through May 30, are well underway. Attached to this newsletter are your entry form and rules as well as other critical information about your entries. Please note that the deadline for entry is April 16, 2008.

This show will be juried by Mim Brooks Fawcett, Executive Director of the Attleboro Arts Museum. There will be five categories: Oil and Acrylic, Watercolor, Pastels, Mixed Media, and Photography. The awards will be: Best in Show, First, Second, and Third in each category, and two Honorable Mentions regardless of category.

Show dates: Drop Off Friday, May 2, 2 to 4 PM and Saturday May 3, 9 to 11 AM. The reception will be Saturday, May 10 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. Please bring finger food to this event. Bin sales will be allowed at this event as well.

Also attached to the newsletter is an e-mail flyer which you can download and send to your clients and friends. We encourage you to send it to as many people as possible.

The next meeting of the committee will be at Bill Noble's house on Tuesday, April 8 at 7:30 PM. You can contact Bill for directions by e-mail at noble.w @ comcast.net, or you can call his home at (508)695-6136. We need more help and input, so please attend.

ART EVENTS

Live ARTS SUNDAY

CONCERT SERIES

at the Meetinghouse of the First
Universalist Society of Franklin

Metropolitan Opera singer HEIDI SKOK performs on Sunday, April 6, at 3:30 pm, in the final concert of the *LiveARTS* 07-08 season. As presenter of a classical music series in Franklin, *LiveARTS* has had record audiences this year at the Meetinghouse on Chestnut St., hosting Boston Symphony Orchestra musicians and other top-drawer talent. Miss Skok has sung under the baton of James Levine at the MET and is also a master teacher and champion of new music by American composers. Come hear songs of the Baroque masters, Richard Strauss, and Jake Heggie – whose popular opera “Dead Man Walking” has taken the opera world by storm (based on the movie of the same title).

Franklin Art Association members receive \$5 off our regular admission prices of \$15 for adults and \$10 for seniors/youth. For more information, please call 508-533-2599 or consult

The summaries of demonstrations by well know artists may be viewed at www.artist-videos.com/index and videos purchased at this site.

Needham Art Association welcomes all to their annual Open Art Studios. This yearly event is a wonderful example of how a town supports its artists. FMI go to: **Needhamopenstudios.com** Mark your calendars for the dates: April 12, 10aAM-4:00 PM and April 13, Noon - 4:00 PM.

The Blackstone Valley Art Association is having an open exhibition at the Whitin Mill, Whitinsville on May 2,3 and 4. An application form is available from their web site www.bvaa.org. Whitinsville, near Uxbridge, is about a 30 or 35 minute drive from Franklin.

MEMBERS NEWS

Carol Rafferty, the Franklin artist who recently judged the Franklin Art Association fall show, has had some exciting news. Carol’s painting titled “Iris & Hydrangea”, a 30” x 36” floral still life in oil, was selected by the Movie Production

Company filming the movie “The Women”, starring Meg Ryan, among several other well-known Hollywood actors. This movie was filmed in and around the Boston area this past summer/fall and should be released in the coming months. Carol’s painting was selected from among the many exceptional paintings displayed at the J. Todd Galleries in Wellesley. Congratulations Carol!

We have an opening for the months of Oct., Nov., and Dec. for anyone wishing to exhibit at the Hawthorn Suites in Franklin. If you are interested please contact Lisa Bailey at 508-553-9119.

Shelly Eager is offering a pastel painting class in the spring at the Franklin Mill Store. The start date will be determined based upon what works for interested participants.

Shelly Eager and Rick Cardoza will be having a two person show at TCAN, the center of the arts in Natick during the month of April. The show is called “Wet ‘N Dry”. There will be a mixture of watercolors and pastels, about 20 paintings per artist. Please stop by and see the show. Apr.3-Apr.30

Stacey David's painting "Old Church, Chahir, Ireland" was accepted into the Northern California Society of Arts in Miniature annual juried exhibition. The piece hung for the month of March in the Sierra Artists Gallery in Mariposa, CA. The annual juried exhibit was hung through March.

Carol DeCamp won First Place at the Milford's Patrons in Art Exhibit, with Sarah Alexander capturing two plaques/ribbons, as well. Both Stacey and Carol are students of Gail Eckberg.

Sarah Alexander will be teaching "Intro to Watercolor" at The Franklin Mill
Tuesday Evenings: 6:00 - 8:00 pm
April 1, 8, 15 & 22 Thursday Mornings: 10:00 - 12:00 am
April 3, 10, 17 & 24
Franklin Mill Store. Sign up in the Yarn Department or call: 508-528-3301
She will also be participating in the 2008 MA Artist's Charity Art Show to benefit the U.S. Fund for UNICEF
Saturday April 19 @:00pm-10:00pm
17 Willow Street Westborough, MA
Admission is 20\$

The Franklin art teachers are excited to announce the opening of a new gallery in Franklin. Members of the Franklin Art Association are cordially invited to the opening reception of GALLERY 218 on April 14 from 6:30-8:30 pm. The first exhibit will be of student work which was submitted to art shows this year. In the future, the art teachers would like to collaborate with the FAA, as Gallery 218 may be a venue for our work. The gallery is located at Franklin High School on 218 Oak Street in a room which is part of the cafeteria. I hope to see you there.
Tina Guarino

Beth Hoffer, "Every Picture Tells a Story", solo exhibit, Ashland Public Library. Opening reception April 3, 5:30 - 7:30

Anne Diamond McNevin has five works in "The Show of Champions" at the Amazing Things Art Center in Framingham. In two previously juried shows she received a second and third place in photography and a second place in the Fine Arts Show. One of her pieces was accepted into the Concord Art Association's Members Juried II exhibition.

Michael Evans has an exhibition, running until the end of April, at "The Next Door Gallery at Happy Hollow Frame Shop" in Mansfield.

FAA WEB SITE

You can view the site at 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 25th of each month.

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