



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

Dear Artists and Associates,
At last - Spring! And our spring exhibition is on the doorstep - don't forget to deliver your artwork to the Norfolk library - and definitely do not forget to come to the reception on May 10, 1-4PM - and if possible, bring some finger food along. There will be a sign-up sheet at the May meeting so that you can indicate what sort of treat you will be bringing.

Also, in the Spring, spring cleaning is the name of the game - so the May meeting is when we elect new officers! There will be nominations and voting, so be prepared! The entire slate will be new next year, so this is a pretty important election! Important meeting!

In fact, this is the last formal meeting of the FAA year - the next meeting will be a picnic- summer is actually approaching! Hello and Goodbye spring! Daffodils to roses in the twinkling of an eye - probably a Robin's eye, since there are more of them around this year than ever, but possibly a wild turkey's eye since there are more of them, too!

Remember, it is a great season (between rain drops and when it warms up a bit and wearing waterproof boots) for painting outdoors!

Jean

MONTHLY MEETINGS

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, 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. Officers will be elected for the 2008-2009 season.

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. Joan will be sponsoring a cookout at her home on Pond Street. More details in June newsletter. Please join in and

meet our significant others who are always welcome at our spring outing.

SPRING ART EXHIBITION

The Spring exhibition, "WARMING UP WITH ART", will be held at the Norfolk Public Library from May 4 through May 30.

This show will be juried by Mim Brooks Fawcett, Executive Director of the Attleboro Arts Museum. There are 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.

LOCAL ART EVENTS

The Blackstone Valley Art Association is having an open exhibition at the Whittin Mill, Whittinsville on May 2,3 and 4. Whittinsville, near Uxbridge, is about a 30 or 35 minute drive from Franklin. FAA members Sarah Alexander, Karen Pendleton, and Gail Eckberg will be among the artists exhibiting with Blackstone Valley Art Association Festival.

The Rhode Island Watercolor Society is seeking artists for its upcoming open, juried exhibition, entitled "Light". The competition will run from June 22- July 10, 2008, and is open to all artists in New England. Work must be original, watermedia based, and have been completed within the last three years.

Cash awards will include First Prize - \$150, Second Prize - \$100, and Third Prize - \$75. Cynthia Baron, Signature Artist of the American Watercolor Society. A national award winning artist and teacher based in RI, Cindy Baron's work has been accepted into prestigious shows across the country. Entry submissions can be delivered from June 3-15 at the Society's Gallery, located at the J. C. Potter Casino (Boat House) in Slater Memorial Park, Armistice Boulevard, Pawtucket, RI. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 AM to 4 PM and Sunday from 1 to 5 PM.

For more information and show prospectus, please visit the Society's web site at www.riws.org or contact Mary Lou Moore, Gallery Director, at (401) 726-1876 and marylou.moore@cox.net.

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The Grafton Fine Arts and Music Festival Committee would like to extend a special invitation for you to exhibit your artwork in our 3rd annual arts festival, to be held this year from May 16-18th. The Grafton Fine Arts and Music Festival, funded in part by a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, is a three-day event celebrating artists and musicians throughout the Blackstone Valley. Exhibited will be framed art, photography, fiber art and sculpture by local and regional artists. Serious buyers are in attendance and artists will have the opportunity to sell their works. The Friday night opening reception will include wine, hors d'oeuvres and live music. If interested,

check out www.graftonartsfestival.org for more information and application forms, or contact Jennifer White (508-839-8838).

Visions Art Gallery, in collaboration with Art and Discord, is excited to announce the exhibition of the photographic works of eight local photographers at the 2008 Spring Photography Show. The work of Shannon McDonald, Sarah Montani, Alyson Marcell, Jaesun Duggan, Angela DelPrete, Angela Cannistraro, Canman and Phaeidra will be exhibited from April 27th through May 24th. Their work includes black and white images of a local necropolis to studies of light and color and images plucked from the natural world; museum specimens to urban landscapes and abstract depictions of everyday objects. The work is intense and engaging, offering something compelling to all viewers. Prints and framed works will be for sale during the exhibition.

The opening reception will be held at Visions Art Gallery on Sunday, April 27th from 1:00pm to 5:00pm. The public will be able to meet the photographers for afternoon tea. Ambient music will also be performed during the reception by a local musician and live painting will be performed by Canman and Jaesun.

MEMBERS NEWS

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 will be running a pastel class through the Franklin Mill Store in May. It will run for 4 consecutive weeks starting with the first Thurs. in May. The class will be from 6:30 to 9:30 at night. To sign up please contact the Franklin Mill Store at 508-528-3300.

Stacey David won 3rd place in Landscapes for her piece "Old Church, Cahir, Ireland" in the Northern California Society of Arts in Miniature's annual juried exhibition held at the Sierra Artists Gallery in Mariposa, CA. She also had two pieces accepted into the juried 17th International Miniature Art Show held at the Seaside Art Gallery in Nags Head, NC, which will hang from May 5-31, 2008; and one piece accepted into the 27th Annual Juried Miniatures Art Show at the El Dorado Fine Arts Gallery in Colorado Springs, CO, which will hang from April 27-May 18, 2008.

Susan Sheridan took 1st place at the Post Road Art Center's Creative Figure Show for a charcoal and acrylic painting entitled "Water's Edge". See www.postroadartcenter.com for more information.

The Hopkinton Cultural Arts Alliance juried Karen Pendleton, Sarah Alexander, and Gail Eckberg into the 10th annual ARTS In BLOOM Exhibit, opening May 2nd evening with reception and ending May 27, 2008, at 85 Hayden Rowe St., Hopkinton.

Gail Eckberg and Sarah Alexander have work with Wellesley Society of Artists, opening reception May 4, 2008 at the Wellesley Community Bldg., Rt #16, Wellesley, MA. The Boston Museum of Fine Arts floral artists will incorporate floral designs with chosen art work, to complete this annual ART IN BLOOM exhibit.

Venice, Italy will be the destination for an Artist-in Resident Workshop with Becky Haletky for 6 artists, including Brenda Hutchinson and Gail Eckberg. They will travel to Venice, the islands of Murano, and less traveled Burano and Torcella where

they will paint plein air during this international workshop.

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.



April meeting demonstrator Carol Letvin showing novel monotype techniques

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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