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Dear Members and Friends,

This is the time of year when we become more inward, partly because we are driven inside by the frigid New England weather, and perhaps because the season lends itself to quiet reflection. Maybe this is the time of year when you take stock of the past year's artistic gifts - the successes and maybe some of the failures as well - those paintings that may have started out with great hope and expectation, and ended up being painted over, or placed in the recycle bin! It's also the time to remember our brilliant moments, when the colors on the canvas were perfect, when the light touched all the right spots, when the painting practically painted itself!

The making of art can be a humbling experience, and I'm sure you'll agree that we are our own worst critics. I hope you will take some time to think of those moments in the past year, when your art elevated you to a new and wonderful place, when you truly captured what it is you were after, when you fully expressed yourself through paint or lens. These are the moments that give us the confidence to believe that maybe we can do this after all! Please be kind to yourself, and feel gratitude for the gifts you have been given. How fortunate we are to be able to do what we love!

I wish you all a very merry holiday season and all the best for a happy healthy new year!

Warm regards,

Sue Sheridan

President

Meetings take place at the Franklin Senior Center, 10 Daniel McCahill St., Franklin, MA across from St. Mary's church, from 6:30 to approximately 9pm, the first Wednesday of every month, September through May.

Refreshments and socialization are help 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.

Calendar of Events

January 6th Meeting

Our January meeting demonstration will be an interactive experience. Inez Gornell will show us how to use porcelain paints on a large tile. Then we will all try our hand at this unusual medium on smaller tiles. Because of the particular characteristics of porcelain paints it is required that we have some special equipment. The FAA board has tried to supply most of the supplies, but it would be appreciated if you could please bring the following in order to participate:

- small glass jars (baby food size)
- roll of paper towels
- plastic bag for rubbish
- palette knife
- soft lead pencil

This should be a lot of fun. You will get to see some beautiful work done with this method. I hope everyone will attend.

February 3rd Meeting

Painter Cindy Baron will be featured at this month's Art Association meeting. This award winning Rhode Island artist specializes in oil and watercolor landscape paintings. www.cindybaron.com

March 3rd Meeting

This month the Franklin Art Association presents Massachusetts' artist Susan Swinand. Swinand is a multimedia and watercolor artist who uses abstraction to consider nature and the forces of the universe. www.swinand.com

Spring Art Show

The spring FAA show will be held at the Norfolk Library. Drop off will be Feb. 27th with the show opening reception between 1-4pm March 13th. The show will run through March 26th, with tear down March 27th.

Volunteers Needed:

Spring will be here before you know it. The FAA spring show will be at the Norfolk Library in March. I am looking for people who would like to help with the planning and hanging of this show. If your interested please contact me: janyceconklin@comcast.net or phone: 508-528-8485

FAA member, and owner of **FrameSense** frame shop in Uxbridge, MA would like to invite all FAA members in to her shop. To show her appreciation she will gladly offer a 20% discount to all FAA members! 508-278-2768

Member's News

Janyce Conklin, Deanna Grimm, and Richard Denzer with invited guest artist, **Marilyn Healey**, will exhibit oil, watercolor, and acrylic canvases. *Diversity in Art and Color* is the title of the January 9-29, 2010 exhibit at the Norfolk Library Community Room. The reception for the exhibit will be January 9, 2010 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm in the library Community Room. The public is invited. Library hours are Mon. 2- 8, Tues. - Thurs. 10 am - 8 pm Fri. and Sat. 10am - 4pm.

Sarah Alexander was in a show with the Wellesley Society of artists at the Wellesley Library and won second place for my oil painting *Spontaneous Combustion*. She & **Ann Diamond McNevin** were also featured in the Southboro Art Centers recent juried exhibit. Alexander continues to teach watercolors at the Broadmoor Wildlife Sanctuary in Natick, and in her home studio on Thursday mornings (people may contact her for more info at 508 478-1855 or wanderingmind1@netzero.com). Private and semi-private lessons by appointment.

Shelly Eager will be conducting a one-day workshop March 20 sponsored by the Concord Art Assoc. titled *Bold Color, Bold Strokes: A Workshop in Pastels*. For more info contact saseng@comcast.net or the Concord Art Association www.concordart.org.

Gail Eckberg's watercolor *Repairs and R 'n R* was juried into The Rhode Watercolor Society's *Winterland* exhibit held during the month of December. In addition, for the second year in a row, the Mithas Law Group of Westborough, MA., chose Eckberg's artwork to be their holiday season card, which is sent to over 250 clients and associates in the Boston, and Massachusetts, as well as New York, areas.

Michael and Tina Guarino will be the featured artists at Cafe Dolce in Franklin from Nov. 17 through the middle of January.

Kristy Morrill's work *Cardinal on a Snowy Bush* will be on the cover of Medicine & Health/Rhode Island's January or February issue.

Frank Robertson's watercolor painting was chosen out of 535 entries in the Concord Art Assoc., Frances N. Roody open competition. Also, another watercolor received an honorable mention award at the Rhode Island Watercolor Society's *Winterland* juried show.

FAA Storage: The FAA now has a storage cubicle.

If you have any FAA paperwork, signage, or supplies please bring them to the next meeting so they can be transferred to our new storage unit!

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Workshops/Classes/Events/Opportunities

Franklin Continuing Education: Register now for art classes at the Franklin High School with teacher Gail Eckberg. Monday and Wednesday evenings, beginning at 6:30 PM, starting the first week in February. Sign up early as spaces go quickly. Online registration: www.franklin.k12.ma.us > Lifelong or call 508-541-2100 x3178, after 12pm. Checks made payable to Town of Franklin. FYI: Look for course catalog in your mail!

Gail Eckberg will be hosting a workshop on Saturday, Jan. 23. 10am-2pm at her studio. Class size is limited, all media, fee \$22, deadline Jan. 13th. Rain or shine, unless a blizzard! geckberg@aol.com to sign up or call 508-528-1280 Location: Galleria of Design, 14 School St., Norfolk. Mail checks payable to Gail Eckberg, P. O. Box 528, Norfolk, MA 02056. 1 on 1 attention in all medium. Bring your own photo or work from still life set up. Bring your own art materials, easel if desired.

Call for Entries

The Post Road Art Center is hosting *Show of Hearts* drop-off donations **Jan 25th-Feb. 3rd**. Bidding begins Feb. 6th.

Closing bid party Feb. 11th, snow date 13th, just in time for Valentines Day! www.postroadartcenter.com

The Westborough Cultural Council is soliciting color artwork to be the logo for the next *Arts in Common* Arts Festival on the Bay State Green on October 2nd of 2010. Deadline for submission is **January 20**. The winner will receive credit on all graphics. Submit entries to the Westborough Cultural Council at 34 West Main St., Westborough MA 01581, or by email to: LSWATTS@verizon.net. Contact chairperson Lynn Watts at 508-366-5034 for details. Details are also

available at the council website at: www.westboroughculturalcouncil.org.

The Woodshed Gallery is now accepting exhibition proposals from artists and groups. Both free and fee-based shows are available. For more information, visit their website at www.woodshedgallery.com/24.html.

Hawthorn Suites. Deadline: Open. The FAA has an exclusive partnership with the Hawthorn Suites to hang artwork in their first floor lobby and eating area. Each artist that signs up would need about 12 paintings to be placed on fixed hooks. The art is changed every three months. Slots are now being filled for the 2010 calendar year. Artists can choose to share the space. Please contact Lisa G. Bailey at 508-553-9119 or lgb@lisagbailey.com.



When ordering supplies for those winter paintings—Dick Blick will donate a portion of the proceeds from each order to the Franklin Art Association as long as orders are made by clicking through” to the Dick Blick website from the Franklin Art Association homepage. www.franklinart.org

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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