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Dear members and friends,

One of my New Year's resolutions was to spend more time in my studio. I have many good intentions - my mind is racing with ideas for paintings, I have plans to check my resource material, I have thumbnail sketches in mind, I see the colors, the composition... Then, I make a slight detour to my new iMac, just to check e-mail.

Hours later, after answering e-mails which sometimes require thoughtful responses, or offers of help or advice, or handling art association business, cultural council business, and of course just general communications with friends and family, catching up on the latest headlines, perhaps a search or two or three on the internet -- I hear John's voice calling upstairs "I thought you were going to paint?!"

While e-mail and the internet, iPhones and blackberries etc. are truly wonderful enhancements to our lives, they can also creep up on us and insidiously steal the precious gift of time away from us.

Friends, we need to heed the advice of an anonymous sage, who very wisely advised us all to "Eat dessert first!!!"

So I think I'll go to my studio now. E-mail will just have to wait.

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

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 into Art Show

The spring FAA show will be held at the Norfolk Library. Drop off will be Feb. 27th with the show's opening reception 1-4pm March 13th. The show will run through March 26th, with tear down March 27th. **Please see accompanying document for additional details.**

April 7th Meeting

Robert Noreika will join us with a watercolor demonstration, featuring techniques used to revive an over-painted image.

Welcome New FAA Member:

Maria Yanoshak 36 Lakeside Ave. Wrentham 571-217-2827 maria@yanoshak.com

Workshops/Classes/Events/Opportunities

Kris Occhino still has room in her Tuesday morning watercolor class in her Treetop Studio in Attleboro. Time: 9:30 am - 12:30 pm. All levels are welcome. Please contact her for more specific information. (508) 226-2278 or thetreetopstudio@yahoo.com.

The Westboro Gallery *Wish You Were Here!: Landscapes Near & Far* by pastel artist Nancy E. vonHone. Show runs Feb. 7-May 2, 8 West Main St. Westboro www.westborogallery.com

Artist studio space is now available at 23 W. Bacon Street, Plainville, MA. This space former warehouse space and can be rented at between \$125 and \$225 per month which includes heat and utilities. 2nd floor, no elevator. Floor plan available though not to scale. There are 8 spaces available, of varying sizes. Spaces could be shared and landlord would be happy to knock down walls to make larger spaces. There is access to water, bathrooms and a full kitchen. Spaces can be rented month to month or with a lease. Please contact Matt Miller at 508-277-3808 cell, or e-mail mmiller@totalbz.com. He can arrange to show the space if you are interested.

Member's News

David Bastille will be showing his paintings this coming February at the Goodnow Library, 21 Concord Road in Sudbury. The show runs February 2nd - 27th. (*Freight House, Franklin* right).

Hannah Close is pleased to announce that 11 of her digital photography & printmaking students' work received Scholastic Art awards and 6 will be featured in the Scholastic Art - Boston Globe show held at the State Transportation Building Feb. 1 - March 20.

The show features student art from across the state and is open to the public.

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*. The idea is to get us out of the winter doldrums and spring into color. For more info contact saseng@comcast.net or the Concord Art Association www.concordart.org.

Also from May 15 to June 5 Shelly Eager will have a one person show in the Gordon Grant Gallery of the North Shore Art Association in Gloucester. The Art Association



has a beautiful gallery open to all and it is well worth the day trip up to the area. Right down the street is the Rocky Neck Art Colony to add to your art enjoyment for the day.

Claire Griffin announces an update to her weblog which can be viewed at www.griffinink.com. She would also like to invite members to view her work on display at the Hawthorne Suites through March.



President Sue Sheridan is pleased to announce that *City Showers* (left) was the 1st place winner of the cityscape show at the Post Road Art Center.



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

Seen here, at the January meeting, Gigi Horr-Liverant pastel artist and mother of FAA member Hannah Close, kindly donated her time to serve as an emergency demonstrator when the scheduled presenter fell ill.



www.gigiliverant.com



Call for Entries

The Post Road Art Center is hosting *Animal Show 2010*. Drop-off for the show is **Feb. 19-25**. Opening Reception is March 4th 5:30-8:00 p.m.

In addition they are hosting *Flower Show 2010* Drop-off for the **April 22nd-29th** Show opens May 6th, 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Additionally The Post Road Art Center is also host *Budding Artist Show 2010*. **Drop-off is May 20-28**. www.postroadartcenter.com

The Norfolk Cultural Council has an opening for one or more artists who would like to show their work in the month of October in the meeting room of the Norfolk Library. If interested contact: Janyce Conklin janyceconklin@comcast.net 508-528-8485

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.

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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