



# Franklin Art Association

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Spring Has Sprung! How about this weather. The temperature may have it's ups and downs but I'm loving it. This is nature's next big show. It feels great to be outdoors, even if it's just to do yard work. Getting the flower beds cleaned up always makes me happy, especially when those flowers begin to appear. Yes, there are some setbacks as well, like the spring flower bulbs I planted last fall having been eaten by "my friends" the squirrels and rabbits. (I guess they need to eat as well.) Also, getting out to paint feels sooo good! There's nothing like getting out there and capturing nature's progress on canvas. It just makes me feel like I'm part of the party!

Speaking Of Big Shows... I'm told that we have at least ninety-seven entries for our FAA Spring Show that will be exhibited in the Patriot Place Artist's Studio and Gallery beginning at the opening reception and awards ceremony on Friday, March 30th from 5 to 9 pm. The gallery will also be open on: Saturday, Mar 31st from 1 to 9 pm; Sunday, April 1st from 11 to 6 pm; Friday, April 6th from 5 to 9 pm, and Saturday April 7th from 1 - 9 pm.

Thanks to Sue Sheridan and Paul Peterson for co-chairing the show and to all who are participating in the show and especially those to have volunteered to help make it a success.

FAA's artists and photographers were well represented in the Norfolk Cultural Council Art Show, the Breakout Show at Mansfield's Black Box Theater and Morini Gallery, the Grafton Cultural Council Art Show and The Next Door Gallery in Mansfield among others.

Don't miss our April FAA meeting (April 4th) which will feature Leif Nelsson, a pallet knife painter from Chester, CT. He has just returned from a trip to Italy. Aside from showing his expressive painting style, Leif will provide some practical tips on how to pack for an extended painting trip and airline travel. What can be worse than planning a trip, finally getting there and discovering you forgot to bring something you really need!

Did You Know... If you enjoy going to Boston's MFA and other art galleries you can often get free passes for yourself and a companion from your local library. Also, if you would like to be a member at the MFA, to take advantage of the member benefits, you can save \$30.00 on the cost of single membership by applying as an artist.

Looking For Ideas... I'm always interested in hearing from our membership about opportunities that our members may be interested in, upcoming exhibits and shows, things we may want to try, etc. With the good weather on the horizon I'm thinking it may be fun to have an FAA picnic, paint out and photo shoot somewhere local. The question is, how many of our members would like to do this and where would be a good place to go. Let me know what you think.

Take care, Frank

Meetings take place at the Franklin Senior Center, 10 Daniel McCahill St., Franklin, MA across from St. Mary's church, from 6:30 to ~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.

# Calender of Events

**April 4:** The FAA will host Leif Nelsson for a palette knife demonstration.

**May 2:** Pottery Demonstration, details will be forth coming.

## Call for Entries

**The Rhode Island Watercolor Society** is seeking artists for its upcoming Open Juried Competition: *Show Us Your Best* which celebrates all 2-D media and collage. Works selected for the show will on display and for sale from May 6 - 31, 2012.

**The Taunton Art Association** is hosting a *Budding Artist's Show* on Sunday April 22, from 12-4pm. Contact Sue at 508-279-1590 if you know a child who would like to participate!

**The Next Door Gallery at Happy Hollow** is hosting *City Views: A Visual Interpretation* of Boston May 12- June 2. 2 submission maximum. Drop of April 21, 23, and 24th. Deadline for entries is April 24th 4:30pm. For more information call 508-339-1234 or email [nextdoorgallery.happyhollow@gmail.com](mailto:nextdoorgallery.happyhollow@gmail.com).

**Hawthorn Suites.** Deadline: Open. The Hawthorne Suites would like to have artwork from local artists to hang in their lobby area that also doubles as the breakfast room. They

have between 12 and 16 fixed wall hooks that you can hang your artwork. It can be paintings or photography. It can be traditional or modern. This opportunity previously was only open to Franklin Art Association, but it is now open to any local artist that is a member of an art association. It is now only for a one month span instead of three months. You can do it alone or with other artists. If you are interested or want more info, you must contact Lisa G Bailey at #508-553-9119 or email her at [info@LisaGBailey.com](mailto:info@LisaGBailey.com) and not the Hotel.

**The Norfolk Cultural Council** is looking for artist's who would like to show their work at the Norfolk Library Gallery/meeting room. The first opening for the room is in November 2012. The walls will be newly painted and ready for the artist work. Please contact: [janyceconklin@comcast.net](mailto:janyceconklin@comcast.net) .

**See the end of the newsletter for additional call to entries!**

## Workshops/Classes/Events/Opportunities

**The Westboro Gallery** is pleased to announce the opening of its latest exhibit, "Seasons" by Paul Norton. The photography exhibit will run from January 15-April 8,2012.

**Paul Guarino** would like to know if there are any freelance designers that may be interested in doing some work for a small paper company that he works for. If so, please contact him at (508) 404-7547 - cell or [pauljm1@comcast.net](mailto:pauljm1@comcast.net).

**The Woodshed Gallery** will host Dianne Panarelli Miller to conduct an oil painting portrait workshop on Saturday May 12th. In addition realist painter Stuart Dunkel will instruct a two-day still life workshop on July 28 & 29. Details at [www.woodshedgallery.com](http://www.woodshedgallery.com)

**The Taunton Art Association** is hosting a watercolor demonstration by Lavonne Suwalski on Wed. April 18th at 7pm.

# FAA Scholarship

Please be reminded that the FAA Scholarship is being offered again this year. Any member's son/daughter or grandchild who is a senior and pursuing a career in art is eligible to apply. Portfolios will be judged Thursday April 5th. The applicant may receive the application from Tina Guarino by calling 508 541-4685.

## Members' News

**Lisa G. Bailey** was accepted into the 13th Biennial North American Open Show of the New England Watercolor Society. This national show will take place at the Attleboro Museum on April 19th through May 12, 2012. The opening reception and awards ceremony will take place on April 28 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

**Dick Cook** is currently exhibiting 18 photographic art works at Jai Ho India Place, a combination restaurant and ethnic grocery store located at 23 Hutchinson Street, off Union and Wachusett Streets, in Franklin. Members of the FAA will receive special attention on identifying themselves. Art can be viewed Tuesday through Sunday, from noon-8 p.m. A South Indian menu is featured.

**Shelly Eager** has been admitted to the Copley Society of Art. She has also won a place in the Pastel Journal 100 Competition and her painting will appear in the April issue of *The Pastel Journal*. She will be conducting a three day workshop at the North Shore Art Association on August 17, 18 & 19. Please contact the NSAA for information.

**Gail Eckberg** will be exhibiting new art work in Needham at the Prudential, in Grafton for their 7th Annual Fine Arts Exhibit, and in Mansfield's Morini Gallery as well on on-going pieces for direct sales, at Gallery of Design, 254 Summer St., Franklin. Call for appointment 508 528 1280.

**Claire Griffin** has recently started a calligraphy blog. "This is a journal of life, love, art and calligraphy. They are the daily bread that sustains and inspires me." You can visit it at: <http://griffinink.blogspot.com/>

**Daydre Hamilton** won First Place in the Norfolk Open Juried Art Competition. The show is at The Norfolk Library from March 3rd to March 31st.

**Helene Mohn** and Joan Percy and will be exhibiting their paintings at the Norfolk Library Gallery through April. This exhibit is sponsored by the Norfolk Cultural Council.

**Kristy Morrill** participated in the Grafton Fine Arts festival March 23-26 and RIWS "Five Alive!" A 5 member show running March 18-April 12th.

**Kris Occhino** will instruct a six-week drawing class at The Woodshed Gallery starting Monday April 23, and will conduct a plein air workshop for watermedia artists in May 19 & 20. Details at [www.woodshedgallery.com](http://www.woodshedgallery.com)

**Marjorie Sardella's** photography was featured in a solo exhibit at the Norfolk Public Library, with over 60 photos including some of her B & W darkroom photos. A selection of her photos is currently showing at the Hawthorn Suites in Franklin. Also, she had two photos juried

into the art competition sponsored by the Norfolk Cultural Council in March. Three of her photos were entered into the art competition at the Grafton Art and Music Festival. (*Rainy Day Departure* right)



**Rebecca Skinner** has work at the Plymouth Center for the Arts located at 11 North Street, Plymouth, MA 02360. “The Fine Art of Photography” will be on exhibit thru the month of April 2012. Opening Reception: Sunday, April 1st from 2:00-5:00 pm. <http://thefineartofphotography.org/>

As well as at Cultural Arts Alliance of Hopkinton is located at 98 Hayden Rowe Street, Hopkinton, MA 01748. “Arts in Bloom 2012” will be on exhibit April 6th thru April 27, 2012. Opening Reception: Thursday, April 5th from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. <http://www.caahop.org/artists/call-for-artists/arts-in-bloom-2012>

**Bruce Wood** had three paintings juried into the “Artists Travels” exhibition at the Lyme Art Association. He is instructing a six-week class in impressionist landscape painting in acrylics at The Woodshed Gallery in Franklin. Classes start Wed. April 18.

**Aivars Zandbergs** received an award at the 8th, Annual Grafton Arts & Music Festival, for the “Best Nature Artwork”, (any medium) for “Along the Path”, acrylic. Also at the Rockport Art Associations Contributing Members Exhibition, he was awarded the “Excellence in any Medium,” Mary James & Slater Brown Memorial Award. For a pen & ink, “All Tied Up.” Show runs March 25--- April 22.



When ordering supplies for those spring paintings—Dick Blick will donate a portion of the proceeds from each order to the FAA as long as orders are made by clicking through” to the Dick Blick website from the FAA homepage.

## March Demonstration by Watercolorist Marla Greenfield



**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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## A CALL FOR WORK:

*“Seductive Surfaces”*

*A Juried Exhibition of Fine Art Fiber*

June 5th - July 21st, 2012

**(Entry Deadline: April 12th, 2012)**

- Open to New England artists 18 years or older working in Fine Art Fiber. All textile processes including mixed media (**some fiber must be included**) will be accepted. **Looking for work to be hung on wall as fine art: NO 3D work, quilting, wearables etc. accepted.** All work must be an original creation by the artist. No piece larger than 32 x 40 inches.
- Guest Juror: Erica Licea-Kane, Assistant Professor in the Art Department and the Director of the Towne Art Gallery at Wheelock College.
- Non-refundable \$25 submission fee for up to 3 pieces
- **Entry Deadline: Mail jpgs on a cd with payment and Entry Form. Work must be received by April 12th.**
- **FOR FULL GUIDELINES & ENTRY FORM PLEASE GO TO:**  
[www.gallerysevenmaynard.com](http://www.gallerysevenmaynard.com) and click on the “Gallery” link. There you will see a “Juried Exhibitions” link with full details and Entry Form.