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John Gaston



"Umbrella"

*"My career in the arts has exposed me to some life defining moments. I wouldn't have it any other way. A respected colleague of mine once told me, "it takes a lifetime to learn how to paint"*

*I'm still working on it."*

## "Watercolor Demonstration"

**John Gaston, Artist/Instructor**

**September 14, 2016, First Congregational Church, Sanborn St., 7:00 PM**

Born in Medford, MA in 1949 I have been and continue to be a resident of Shrewsbury since 1962. As a graduate of Shrewsbury High School I pursued my love of the visual

arts and attended the Vesper George School of Art, Boston, MA. My early concentrations were in the field of the applied arts through graphic design and illustration where I worked with clients from around the world. My career has stretched over forty years. My accumulated experiences and knowledge then led me to instructing at secondary institutions in both Boston and Worcester, MA. Now I dedicate much of my time to painting in my home studio or on location. I have been teaching private drawing and painting classes and lessons in the studio at Gastonart & Frame in Shrewsbury; a family business started in 2004. I was the founder and President of the Artists Guild of Shrewsbury in 1997. A community arts group that is still active today.

Whatever art is, it should move you, move you to feel something, speak to you, good or bad. In all instances, no matter what the medium there is one common thread that runs through all of my work: Passion.

Passion – The human element!

Passion for the moment, things envisioned and executed by humans with one eye focused on tradition and the other on the unexplored.

Art conceived with feeling, intellect, and integrity.



*Merri Beninoto*

# "Painting on Silk"

**Merri Beninoto**

**October 12, 2016, First Congregational Church, Sanborn Street, 7:00 PM**

Merry Beninato is an award winning painter specializing in the unique, vibrant technique of painting on silk with French dyes. She has exhibited in regional & national juried shows & has won numerous awards. She also creates in oil, mixed media, watercolor & collage. Merry shares her experience & knowledge by giving demonstrations at art groups, offering workshops & teaching in her studio. Lessons are for all ages and levels, no experience necessary. "I am dedicated to teaching art to people of all ages, levels & abilities. Whether you aspire to pursue art as a career or to enjoy as a hobby, it should be fun and rewarding. I emphasize the elements of drawing to equip you with the most important tools for success. My joy is in helping you to succeed." website at [tinyurl.com/merrybeninato](http://tinyurl.com/merrybeninato)

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## Annual 2016 Business Luncheon/Dinner



*Joe, Dan, Bethany, and Rick.*



*Jeanette, Peter, Mary, and Ruth.*



*"Poppies" - Dan Sheldon*



*"Chester Park Bridge in Spring"  
- Dan Sheldon*

This Years Annual Dinner/Luncheon was very nice and welcoming. Celebrating our year end, and our new Season's beginning, were about five tables, twenty membership individuals, who enjoyed the huge assortment of food delectables that the Horsehoe Grill provided for the day, including drinks, desserts, and coffee!  
We had a fun time and welcomed in our New President, Dan Sheldon, and his Vice President (wife) Bethany Nolan!

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## Reading Art Association's Fall Exhibition

This is a small reminder to let all of our members and others know that our Annual Fall Exhibition will be here soon, on November 11, 12, and 13, 2016.

Get those paintings, photographs, mixed Media, what have you, going to enter them into the Exhibit! As always there will be many prizes, ribbons, and awards given.  
Enter some of your smaller pieces into the Mini Exhibit!

Reading Art always has one of the best Exhibitions around with many talented individuals. Our many thanks to our solid group of individuals working with Exhibition-Chair Grace Cherek.

Time goes by fast, and it will be here before you know it.  
All the last minute stuff gets you and everyone else stressed out!  
So think about it now!  
Information and applications will be out to you soon!

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## RAA Member Robert Pyle's Exhibition at Newbury Art Association

Robert Pyle is always busy preparing for another great photographic exhibition!

Bob recently had a solo exhibit at the Newbury Art Association's June 21 Exhibition called

*"Aups, a Small French Village".*

The photographs were of the small town Pyle visited in Provence, France, called "Aups."

See more of Bob's Classic photography at [RobertPyle.com](http://RobertPyle.com)



Chapel, Abbaye du Thumnet, Provence 1997

*"Chapel Abbaye du Thumnet"*  
- Bob Pyle



Dormitory Windows, Abbaye de Silvacane, Provence 1997

*"Chapel Abbaye du Silvacane" - Bob Pyle*  
*Sorry if the titles are spelled wrong Bob!*

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## Andover's Arts in the Park! Calling All Artists!

The Andovers Artists Guild invites you to participate in the 2016 Andover Art in the Park in Andover, MA!

Art in the Park 2016 date is September 17, 2016 (10:00am to 4:00pm)

Rain date: September 18, 2016

To download the application or for more information please visit:

<http://www.andoversartistsguild.com/page/2016ArtinThePark>

Andovers Artist Guild, Art in the Park, PO Box 254, Andover, MA 01810

Or contact: Kevin Meisinger, [meisingerk@yahoo.com](mailto:meisingerk@yahoo.com) 203-515-8600

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## Call for Artists!

The Haverhill Art Market is looking for local artists for our juried monthly marketplace held in downtown Haverhill.

Upcoming Market dates are June 18, July 16, August 13, September 24, October 22, November 19 and December 3, 2016.

More information and applications are available at: [www.HaverhillArtMarket.blogspot.com](http://www.HaverhillArtMarket.blogspot.com)

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## More New Excellent Demonstrations!

The Woburn Guild of Artists would like to invite you to come and see their 2016 September and October demonstration speakers!

**Dianne Panarelli Miller** will be conducting an "Oil Portrait Demonstration" on Thursday, September 15, 2016



**Geoffrey Brahmaer** will be doing a Photographic Demonstration called "The Burning Bush", Thursday, October 6, 2016.

Both demos start at 7:00 PM and are held at New Horizons at Choate, 21 Warren Street, Woburn MA, in their Terrace Lounge. [WoburnArtGuild.org](http://WoburnArtGuild.org)

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## Greater Haverhill Arts Association

The popular GHAA workshops at the Federal Church of Christ, in Bradford will resume on September 24 (9 - 12) with artists Mark Hayden and Joan Rademacher as mentors and Mimi Johnson as monitor.

### Calendar at a Glance

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September 10, 10 - 4 Art Festival on Bradford Common

September 24, 9 - 12 Saturday Workshops Resume

September 25, 2 - 4 Demo (TBA)

October 8, 9 - 12 Saturday Workshop

October 22, 9 - 12 Saturday Workshop

October 30, 2 - 4 Demo (TBA)

November- December Holiday Show at the Haverhill Public Library



GHAA ART FESTIVAL  
Exhibit & sell your fine art: paintings, sculpture & photography

Saturday Sept. 10, 2016 RAIN or SHINE  
10 AM - 4 PM Bradford Common  
Route 125 (S Main) Bradford MA 01835  
Sponsored by the Greater Haverhill Arts Association  
to support our workshops and demonstration program  
[www.haverhillartassociation.org](http://www.haverhillartassociation.org)

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## Reading Art Calendar 2015/2016

RAA meetings are held in the Guild Hall of the First Congregational Church of Reading starting at 7:30 PM.

It is located at 25 Woburn Street, Reading, MA,  
but the access to Guild Hall is on Sanborn Street.  
From the Center it is behind Reading Town Hall.

Sanborn Street, a one-way street going from Lowell Street (Rt. 129) to Woburn St.

Reading is located North of Boston at the intersection of I-93 and I-95/128.  
Reading center is easily accessible at the crossroads of Rt. 129, Lowell Street, and Rt. 28, Main Street.

RAA Members are admitted free. Others are asked for a small donation.  
Membership is only \$25 annually. Please visit the RAA website above.

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**December 14, 2016**

**Tracey Levesque** Acrylic Painting

**February 8, 2017**

**Michael Milezarek** Oil Painting Landscape

**March 8, 2017**

**Alan Bull** Acrylic painting

**April 12, 2017**

**Mary Rose O'Connell** Oil Painting Demo

**May 5, 6 & 7 (Tentative), 2017**

**RAA Spring Art Exhibition** <http://www.ReadingArt.org>

Please join us to enjoy all these, and other wonderful, educational, fun, events!

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