

# MIXED MEDIA

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January - February 2021

## President's Message

Happy New Year Everyone!!

2020 presented us with many hardships, and tested us in ways we never thought possible, we have all proven to be quite resilient and strong. I hope each of you reading this is safe, healthy and feeling hopeful for a new year.

Unfortunately, the COVID numbers aren't coming down as quickly as we'd hope, as a result, the Reading Art Association Board made the difficult decision to cancel the rest of the season, as well as the Spring Exhibit. We are hopeful that we all can return in the Fall, we are keeping our fingers crossed. Hopefully now that the vaccine is here and beginning to be administered, it will make a difference and we can return to some type of normalcy in the near future. Please visit the Reading Art Association website for updates and more information.

I am thinking of all of you. We have some members who are nurses and first responders, I cannot put into words how much I admire you and thank you for all that you have done and continue to do.

Everyone, you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Please be safe and healthy, and hang in there. We will get through this together. I miss you all and hope to see everyone again in the near future.

Thank you!  
-Rick

## Message from your Mixed Media Editor

As you read in the President's message, Reading Art Association is still closed down for events, and the Board has canceled the remainder of the 2020-2021

season. We are hoping for a return to activities in the fall of 2021. Even with all this disruption, our members are continuing to create and show their art. You can read about some of them in this issue of Mixed Media.

The RAA web site continues to post news, so check the web site, [readingart.org](http://readingart.org), for last minute updates.

As a reminder, Mixed Media is now available only online. The reason for this change comes down to the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter. Because of declining membership and members that are delinquent on dues, Reading Art Association is very low on funds. The Board decided that it would be better to spend the money we have on things other than printing and mailing the Mixed Media. It was a difficult choice, but there really is no way around it at this time.

The Mixed Media is available for download on the web site as a .pdf document as it has been for years.

-Brian

## People Doings...

### Lynne Cassinari

Lynne exhibited a painting in the Whitelam Bookstore through the month of November.



Lynne's Painting

### Jeannette Corbett

Jeannette showed a painting in the bookstore through the month of December.



Jeannette's Painting

### Liz Noble

Liz is currently showing a painting in the bookstore.



Liz's Painting

### Jeannette Corbett

Jeannette won First Prize for oils at the Danvers Art Association at their last virtual exhibit in December. Congratulations, Jeannette.

### Liz Noble

I will let Liz describe her activities in her own words.

"I've opened an online store in Q4 of 2020, selling my own original art as well as cards and prints of past work.

"I'm looking to art for my full-time income these days. I have always been entrepreneurial and an artist, so I'm scratching both itches simultaneously."

"You can find my cards in Tin Bucket and at The Flower Shoppe of Eric's in Reading."

"While I'm namely doing commissions all Q1 2021

I'm also working to actively engage folks and promote creativity so I'll have a couple instagram lives this month and I'm opening a Valentine's day shop (online) on Thursday January 28th. You can follow along on my new website

<https://elizabethnoble.studio/>

and on my instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/elizabethnoble.studio/>

or @elizabethnoble.studio in the instagram app and my facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/elizabethnoblestudioart>

Drop off	Theme	Pick up
Feb 23, 2021	NEW ENGLAND	Apr 27, 2021
Apr 27, 2021	SPRING AWAKENING	Jun 22, 2021
Jun 22, 2021	UNDER THE SUN	Aug 24, 2021
Aug 24, 2021	FALL	Oct 26, 2021
Oct 26, 2021	GLORY	Dec 28, 2021

## Opportunities...

### Whitelam Bookstore Display

Most of our usual venues for displaying artwork are still closed down, especially since the beginning of this new winter spike in the Covid-19 infections. However we are still hanging paintings in the Whitelam Bookstore. There is space for only one painting in the store at a time, which is over the fireplace. We are scheduling one painting per month.

We have openings on the schedule , so let us know if you want to be put on the schedule to display your painting.

### Tewksbury Library Show Themes for 2021

The Tewksbury Library shows are back. All shows will be up for approximately 2 months give or take a few days. Set up will be on the 4th Tuesday of the month. Send Val your registration by mail or e-mail by the Friday before set up.

The themes for 2021 are shown in the table in the next column.

Here are some ideas to bounce off of and I am sure you can come up with your own ideas.

**New England** - historical monuments, historical places, towns centers, New England Patriots, pilgrims, May Flower, rivers, beaches, gardens, our capitol cities, mills, fair grounds, mountains, ski areas, etc.

**Spring Awakening** - flowers, new growth, buds, birds, animals, baby chicks, baby rabbits, etc.

**Under the Sun** - Summer activities, beach, boating, sailing, swimming, gardens, sunbathing, etc.

**Fall** - fall down, autumn, leaves falling, pumpkins, scarecrows, harvest, farm stands, hay rides, apple picking, pumpkin picking, colors, waterfall, etc.

**Glory** - sun rays, heaven, Thanksgiving turkey, sparkles, angels, Old glory, glory days, mountains, etc.

To find out about these exhibits, get in touch with Valerie Borgal at [valeriejeannesart@gmail.com](mailto:valeriejeannesart@gmail.com) and she will send you the information.

More information and application forms are also available at the web site.

[tewksburycommunityofartists.com](http://tewksburycommunityofartists.com)

## Online Courses with Susan McFarlane

Susan is continuing her online teaching in January. Plus she will be offering classes through LexART, as well as teaching at Snow Farm in May and September for special Wellness retreats. Below are some details:

### January Classes

Zentangle® 2/week plus 2 special events  
Tuesday Tangles, 8:30-9:30pm EST FREE  
<https://tinyurl.com/y4c7cxmn>

### Zen Wednesday, 1-2:00pm EST FREE

<https://tinyurl.com/y569gapy>

### Monday Drawing, Flowers

11-12 noon EST \$60  
<https://tinyurl.com/y4eckylg>

### Watercolor, Wet in Wet Project

Jan 11, 1-3 pm EST \$30  
<https://tinyurl.com/y53dg5qk>

### Experimental Watercolor I

Jan 22-Feb 12, 10-12 noon EST \$160  
Through LexART.org

### COMING SOON:

Susan will be teaching for the Wellness Retreat at Snow Farm in May and September. Find more details here:

<https://www.snowfarm.org/art-wellness-retreat-mind-body-soul>

## Regarding Dues for 2020

Due to the fact that all of the 2020-2021 season is canceled, RAA is suspending the collection of dues. If you would like to send in dues as a donation, please feel free to do so.

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Last year, the Board decided to drop the method of

collecting dues on the anniversary of your joining RAA. The bookkeeping for that method was too difficult.

So we have gone back to expecting dues to be paid in September for all members. If our 2021-2022 season looks more viable than this season, your next dues should be paid in September of 2021.

## Deadline for next Mixed Media

The next issue of Mixed Media will cover March and April of 2021. The issue will be published in early March so I am setting the deadline for news to Friday, February 26.

Email news to

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