

President's Message

Hi Everyone,

I hope you and your families are doing well. With the holiday season behind us, we can now focus on the second half of the RAA season. Sadly, due to the still unsureness of the pandemic, we are still limited with what we can do at the First Congregational Church of Reading, the RAA Board decided not to have any demonstrations the rest of the year, it's just too risky right now still. Hopefully the statistics of COVID cases will continue to decrease, and as we continue to see the restrictions that were put in place in the beginning lessen, we are hoping to have demo's again in September.

On a happy note, we are going to have a Spring Exhibit in May, though it will be slightly different than past Spring Exhibits, it will be just as great, if not better than those past shows. Please continue to view the RAA website for updates on the Spring Exhibit and for all news relating to RAA.

I can't thank you all enough for you patience and support. YOU are the foundation of Reading Art Association, YOU keep the traditions and history alive. Reading Art Association has deep roots in the community and those roots keep getting stronger because of you. Thank you again and I hope to see you all soon. In the meantime, continue to stay safe and healthy, and continue to be creative my friends.

- Rick

Message from your Mixed Media Editor

As Rick mentioned, planning is under way for a Spring Show the first weekend in May. The Congo Church is still dealing with the damage from a flood that they had during the holidays. Please remain flexible in anticipation of the show, but if there is

any way we can make it happen, we will.

The ideas that we have been tossing around include increasing the number of entries per artist to two. We are planning on having judging and ribbons again, but we will not put the paintings into categories. All entries will be judged for the same awards.

These details have not been finalized and can change quickly, but as soon as we have made those decisions we will send out the new rules and entry forms.

Let us know what you think.

The RAA web site continues to post news, so check the website, readingart.org, for last minute updates.

-Brian

People Doings...

Liz Noble

Liz had two drawings accepted into the Newburyport Art Association's juried winter show and one of them won best in drawing.

She will also have another solo show at Biss Botanicals on Haven Street in Reading opening up on April, 1st 2022 with more details on that coming as the date approaches.

Theresa Galasso

Theresa had a painting hanging in the Whitelam Bookstore through the month of February. The title of the painting is "Angel of Light".



Ruth Clark

Ruth is scheduled to have a painting hanging in the Whitelam Bookstore through the month of March.

Lynne Cassinari

Lynne is scheduled to have a painting in the Whitelam Bookstore through the month of April.

Jeannette Corbett

Jeannette had a Solo exhibit at the Weston Library called "Utopia" through the month of January. She also had paintings at Innerspace. Interiors Gallery in North Reading.

Happenings

Tewksbury Library Exhibit

The Tewksbury Library show with the theme of BLUE is up with 12 artists and 25 pieces of artwork! It is up and waiting for all of you to come see it with your friends and family.

Here is an example of the art that is on display.



Albion Cultural Exchange Art & edibles exhibit.

The Albion Cultural Exchange and the Wakefield Farmers Market are hosting a show called "Art & edibles". The event is a celebration of the love of food and will feature visual art, sculptures and food related information sessions. They will not only celebrate food but Wakefield restaurants, food stores, chefs, the Wakefield Farmers Market and anything else food or fun related. Lastly, they will be collecting donations for the Wakefield Food Pantry.

Exhibit dates are from Thursday March 17, 2022 until Friday April 29th 2022.

The Albion Cultural Exchange is located in the heart of Downtown Wakefield at 9 Albion Street. The building was originally constructed as a Post Office in 1910 and also used for many years as administrative offices for the Wakefield Municipal Gas & Light Department(WMGLD). For the past 7 years, the building has been known as the Albion Cultural Exchange and the facility supports Art, Culture and Community by integrating the Creative Economy into the community for the benefit of all. For more information please email

AlbionCulturalExchange@wakefield.ma.us

or visit

https://www.albionculturalexchange.org/.

Opportunities...

Whitelam Bookstore Display

Opportunities to exhibit your work continue to open up, and one opportunity that is still available is 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.

There are 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 2022

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 2022 are shown in the table below.

Theme	Dates
BLUE	Feb. 22nd to April 26th
GREEN	April 26th to June 28th
YELLOW	June 28th to Aug. 23rd
ORANGE	Aug 23rd to Oct. 25th
RED	Oct. 25th to Dec. 27th

The color must be prominent in the artwork. You have lots of room for your imagination to create works of art using these colors. Let's see the beauty you capture.

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

Dowtown Reading Art Walk

The Downtown Reading Art Walk (DRAW) committee is already meeting to plan the next annual art walk. It is still too early to publish the dates of the Art Walk, but consideration is being given to extending the exhibit time to keep the art up during the Arts Reading "Discover the Arts" festival in October. Stay tuned for updates. You can get more information about the Art Walk by sending an email to:

DRAW01867@gmail.com

The DRAW has a new website where you can find all the details.

DRAW01867.org

Greater Haverhill Art Association

Here is a quick overview of the upcoming schedule at the GHAA.

March 12 (9-12) Saturday Workshop March 19 (10 AM) Podcast Interview Judith Larmay Menihane March 19 (11-12) Demo at Image-Tec March 23 (12-2) delivery to Member Appreciation Show March 26 (9-12) Saturday Workshop March 28 - April 23 GHAA Member Appreciation Exhibit April 9 (9 - 12) Saturday Workshop April 23 (9 - 12) Saturday Workshop

You can download the entire schedule for 2022 from the GHAA website

https://haverhillartassociation.org/

Regarding Dues for 2021/2022

Reading Art Association is collecting dues again. If you paid your dues to exhibit in the Fall Show then you are good to go. Dues are generally due in September for everyone.

You can pay your dues by sending them to:

Reading Art Association P.O. Box 114 Reading, MA 01867

Deadline for next Mixed Media

The next issue of Mixed Media will cover the months of May and June. We will delay the publication of that issue so that we can include the award winners of the Spring Show in it. Currently, the Spring Show is planned for the first weekend in May for two days, Friday May 6 and Saturday, May 7, so the Mixed Media will be published shortly after that.

I am setting the deadline for items in the May/June issue to Friday, April 29. Send us your news so we can publish it in the newsletter.

Email news to

webmaster@ReadingArt.org

or send using the US Post Offce to

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