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September 10, 2008 Members' Demonstrations

It's time for all you artists to put summertime activities behind you and get ready for another exciting year at **Reading Art Association!** The first meeting will be on Wednesday, September 10th, beginning at 7:30 in Guild Hall, First Congregational Church (Sanborn Street middle entrance), Reading. Come prepared for an interesting demonstration by four of our members:

Mixed Media by LINDA TALANIAN; Botanical Painting by RUTH CAMBER; Acrylic by TRISHA KURDZIONAK; and "How to Fix Watercolor Mistakes and Save a Painting" by ANTHONY ABATE!

It is hoped that these demonstrations will inspire many more of you to attend our regular monthly meetings. **THIS IS YOUR ORGANIZATION!** Take full advantage of it!

Get ready for our Members' Fall Exhibit and Sale to be held on November 14, 15 and 16. The detail sheet and entry form are attached. GRACE CHERWEK and EVELYN KNOX will need many members to help with the important tasks involved in this annual event. Please give them a call and let them know when you can be available to help.

See you on September 10th. Bring your friends. Refreshments will be served.

WELCOME, NEW OR RETURNING MEMBERS!

MAUREEN M. KNIGHT of Reading
PAMELA R. PERRAS of Wakefield
ROSEMARIE WHALEN of Reading

Our October Demonstration

will feature
ANNE DEMETER
A Figurative Painter Known for her Paintings of
Children on the Beach

Wednesday, October 8th, 7:30 p.m., First Congregational Church
(Middle Entrance on Sanborn Street), Reading

More about Anne Demeter on Page 3.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to a new year at RAA. This promises to be a great year for our organization. The list of monthly demonstrators is strong and should provide for a lot of inspiration and technical knowledge.

This past summer has been a good one for me, even though the weather has not been great for use of the pool. Just recently I have received the Mary Bryan Memorial Award For Excellence in Watercolor from the North Shore Arts Association and the Winifred Jackman Hibbard Memorial Award For Excellence in Watercolor from the Rockport Art Association. My private watercolor classes are going extremely well with a wonderful group of students. I firmly believe that teaching has definitely made me a better painter.

Enough of what I've been doing. The question is, what have you been doing? As far as I'm concerned, art does not take a vacation. Even if we take time off from painting or drawing or sculpting, we should never stop being artists. Being an artist is a "state of being." I hope you feel the same way, so I am looking forward to the months ahead and the chance to show each other our creative side. See you in September. Create With Passion!

Tom

AUTUMN ART EXHIBIT AND SALE
NOVEMBER 14-16, 2008

As quickly as this summer seems to have passed, so did the 40th Anniversary of Reading Art Association ... and here we are in 2008, looking at our 50th year of pursuing art!

At a backward glance we see that the past 10 years have been years of growth, producing artistic talents and creativity at new levels and giving RAA a name for being an organization with beautiful exhibits.

We hope this wonderful accomplishment will excite all our members to participate in our upcoming **Autumn Art Exhibit on November 14, 15 and 16**. The detail sheet and entry form are attached for your use.

We urge you to start painting or sculpting now so that we may have another outstanding exhibit in November, one that will continue to reflect the excellence and beauty of an association of artists learning and working together to bring to the community and to each other a yearly opportunity to step into the wonderful world of art.

Grace & Evelyn

Cochairs

ANNE DEMETER, Our October Demonstrator

Like her mother, Anne loved to draw. She began painting lessons in Danvers at age 11. Around the corner lived Mrs. Matsubara, a gifted artist and patient teacher. Every Saturday morning she took a

half dozen children in her station wagon to different sites around the North Shore to paint in oils and pastels. She brought them into the light about color theory, warm vs. cool, limiting their compositions en plein air, and exposed them to her family life and culture.

Anne Demeter received her B.A. in art/education and went on to teach emotionally disturbed children in Brewster, NY. She and her family returned to the North Shore, where she studied with Helen Van Wyk, Betty Lou Schlemm, Charles Movalli, Don Stone, and other accomplished artists. Anne said, "These artists not only imparted their knowledge of painting, Cape Ann's history and place in American art, but more importantly shared their abiding friendship."

Anne is an artist member of North Shore Arts Association and Rockport Art Association, a former president of North Shore Arts Association, and a trustee of Rockport Art Association.

Anne Demeter will demonstrate in gouache. Bring some friends to this demonstration; enjoy inspiring art and the sociability of delicious refreshments.



THANK YOU, Susan Manning O'Briant, belatedly, for your generous donation to our Art Exhibit and Sale last May.

PEOPLE DOINGS ◆ ◆ ◆

Crist Filer, an artist who keeps busy, was recently juried into several shows: Cambridge Art Association Members Prize Show and their "Shape" Show; Caladan Gallery "Nadir-Returning Home" Show; two shows at Concord Art Association; New England Watercolor Society's Winter Members Show and their Regional Juried Show at Cotuit [Honorable Mention in Watercolor]; LynnArts "Works on Paper" Show; and Rhode Island Watercolor Society's "Winter Around the World" [Second Place in Watercolor]. He was also awarded First Prize in Painting and Honorable Mention in Painting at the Saugus Rotary Show and First Prize in Mixed Media and Second Prize in Watercolor at the Greater Lynn Art Society Show. Crist did a watercolor demonstration for the Guild of Beverly Artists and a

watercolor collage workshop for the Peabody Art Association.

Phyllis Kaplan won First Place in Minis for her watercolor, *Flamenco*, at the Danvers Art Association Spring Show.

Leo Lambert and his wife, Hazel, delivered "Hank Heron" to Saranac Lake, New York, on June 19. Hank is a great blue heron measuring 5' from beak to tail and is 5' tall. The heron, carved by Leo in basswood and painted with acrylics, will be one of the rides on a new carousel being built in a downtown park in the Village of Saranac Lake. Completion and the "Grand Opening" of the carousel are scheduled for the summer of 2009. All of the carvers involved in this project are invited back to take the "first ride" on their respective animals at the grand opening. The story of the carousel and photos of Hank and the other rides can be found at www.adirondackcarousel.org.

Lorraine O'Brien was awarded Second Place in Professional Watercolors for *The Estuary, ME* at the Danvers Art Association Spring Show.

Nancy Roll is helping this year with the preparations for the 2009 Melrose Arts Festival.

Mary Saija received an award at the North Shore Art Association in Gloucester at the Associates' Show in July.

WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITIES ◆ ◆ ◆

Greater Haverhill Art Association holds a workshop the second and fourth Saturdays each month, 9-12, at the First Church in Bradford. Contribution (not mandatory) is \$5. Instructors: Mark Hayden, Copley Master Portrait Artist, and Joan Rademacher, still-life artist in all media and landscape artist. Call Coordinator Dena Carbone, 603 382 1082, for information. Everyone is welcome, amateur to accomplished artist.

OPPORTUNITIES TO EXHIBIT ◆ ◆ ◆

Bunker Hill Community College seeks artists in many media to exhibit in their fairs on the third

Sunday of each month (unless otherwise specified). Each fair showcases a different artist or antique dealer. Hours are 10-4. Call 781 961 1149 or get more information at www.nefaaaf.com.

Greater Haverhill Arts Association Annual Art Exhibit, Haverhill Public Library, 99 Main Street, October 20-25. Open to all artists; entry fee for nonmembers is \$20 for first entry and \$10 for second entry. Registration due by October 1st. Show hours are library hours. Call your *Mixed Media* Editor (781 944 2669) if you would like an entry form.

CALL FOR ARTISTS! The **Melrose Arts and Cultural Association** (MACA) is seeking applicants for the 2009 Melrose Arts Festival, to be held on April 3, 4 and 5 at Memorial Hall in Melrose. The three-day festival is a juried show and features work by regional painters, photographers, and sculptors. The weekend includes live music and a café setting. Deadline for submission is November 30th, and applications and information are available online in September at www.melrosearts.com.

PLACES TO GO ♦ ♦ ♦

“Trend Meets Tradition: Ethnic Heritage in Contemporary Art” is on exhibit at **Cahoon Museum of American Art**, 4676 Falmouth Road (Route 28), Cotuit, from September 9 through November 2. Reception Friday, September 12, 5-7, with refreshments and Cape Cod Conservatory students providing live music. Call Cindy Nickerson or Bob Gambone, 508 428 7581. Hours 10-4 Tuesdays through Saturdays; 1-4 Sundays. General admission \$5; seniors over 60 and students \$4; children under 12 free.

Cape Cod Art Association (508 362 2909) and the Cape Cod Voice Magazine will hold “2008 Through the Lens of a Photojournalist Exhibition” from October 9-November 10 at 3480 Route 6A, Barnstable. Gallery hours 9 to 4 daily and noon to 5 Sundays.

Currier Museum of Art in Manchester, NH, is open 11-5 Sundays through Fridays (except Tuesdays), 10-5 Saturdays, and 11-8 the first Thursday of each month. Adults \$10, Seniors \$9.

Essex Art Center, 56 Island Street, Lawrence, will exhibit work in all media October 24-December 5. Information available at www.essexartcenter.com.



KEEP IN TOUCH with what’s going on at Reading Art Association. Visit our website at www.ReadingArt.org.



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DEADLINE FOR NEXT MIXED MEDIA MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2008

We’d love to know more about what OUR PEOPLE ARE DOING! Please send your news to Elaine Little, 20 Oak Ridge Road, Reading, MA 01867; e-mail it to elittlez@comcast.net (include Mixed Media in subject line); or fax it to 781 944 1346. [Note that new e-mail address.] Call Elaine at 781-944-2669 if you have any questions.

