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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Whenever I have sat down in the past to write a president's message, I always felt like it was only one of many more to come. Now it has hit me that this is my last message to you as president of the Reading Art Association. I have been serving at this post for the past three years and will leave as your president this coming June. I plan to continue being an active member and helping out in many ways.

My job has been made incredibly easy because of the fabulous board members that we have here. It takes a lot of work to run an organization like this one, and we have a group of hard-working and very committed people. I want to thank each and every one of you publicly for helping me over the past three years, and I know most of you will continue to keep our association viable for many years to come.

We have had many new members join our ranks over the past year. I challenge these new members to get involved in the many functions that are required to make the Reading Art Association one of the best art organizations around. Please call any of our board members to find out how you can help.

I’m actually writing this a few days before our annual spring show, but I already know that this is going to be a fine exhibition of artwork. Congratulations to everyone who volunteered to make this show happen and to all of the exhibitors and award winners.

Don’t forget that our annual dinner is coming up on June 3.

I’m going to close with just one thought. No matter what level you perceive your artwork to be (this also goes for everything else you do), do it with PASSION. Don’t just do something in a mechanical way or rely only on technique without emotion, because this will produce only ordinary results. Put your soul and heart into your work, and it will show to everyone who sees it. Do this, and you can achieve great things.

Thanks again for a great three years.

Tom

WELCOME, NEW/RETURNING MEMBERS

Patricia Canney of North Reading
 Cheryl A. Flatley of Methuen
 Kenneth Kellar of Melrose
 Katherine Koppel of Reading

**SINCERE THANKS FROM OUR SPRING
SHOW CHAIRS ♦ ♦ ♦**

We would like to thank everyone who participated in and came to view our Spring Exhibit. The paintings and photos continue to be “better and better,” and we appreciated your visit with us at our Monet Garden!

As always, we want to thank all those who worked to take in paintings, set up easels, greet guests, baked and served refreshments, and stayed to take down everything we used and returned it all to our storage closet. Working together surely makes our association a stronger one. We missed you if you were not able to be there. It takes many hands to lighten the load. Our sincere thanks to all who gave their time and help.

Evelyn Grace and

FROM OUR TREASURER ♦ ♦ ♦

There were 124 main entries in the exhibit held on May 1-3, 2009. We thank all artists who participated, and we hope you members all keep busy this summer getting ready to participate in the Fall Show next November. Here is the report of this year’s sales:

1 Main Entry	\$150.00
10 Mini Entries	510.00
5 Unframed Entries	210.00
24 Note Cards	<u>83.00</u>
 Total Sales	 \$983.00

New members may not be aware that the Reading Art Association does not take any commission on the sale of artwork at our shows. However, donations by the artists are always welcome.

**Leo Lambert,
Treasurer
PEOPLE DOINGS ♦ ♦ ♦**

Anthony Accettullo will have a Watercolor & Oil Exhibit at the Beebe Estate Gallery, 235 West Foster Street, Melrose, every Saturday in September 2009 from 11-3. The Opening Reception will be on Friday, September 4th, from 7-9 p.m.

Christina Ferrin and **Nancy Stewart** have an exhibit of photography, mixed media, and drawing at the Flint Library in North Reading from May 4-29, 2009. “Mother Daughter Teacher Friend” is a delightful jump start into summer!

Nancy Freeman’s oil paintings, “Chiaroscuro” and “Tuscan Hillside,” were juried into the Grace Chapel exhibit in Lexington which ran from March 21-April 29.

Jack Jones exhibited his watercolors at the Melrose Arts Festival April 3-5.

Phyllis Kaplan has been a very busy artist this past year. She won First Prize for her watercolor, “Early Morning Journey,” at the Wilmington Arts Council Fall 2008 Show, and that painting was one of 80 works juried into Concord Art Assn.’s First Winter Show in January 2009. Her watercolor, “Weather Report...Wet and Windy,” was juried into Newburyport Art Assn.’s February show, and Phyllis was juried into the Melrose Arts Festival, where she showed 15 watercolors.

Bridge Gallery, 1R Water Street, Newburyport, presents *My Soul Sings*, 25 oil paintings by **Judith Larmay** on exhibit May 1-31. Judith’s artistic goal has always been to lift the human spirit!

Leda Sullivan was juried into the March 21-April 29 exhibit at Grace Chapel in Lexington

and showed two oils, "Blue Glass Vase" and "Daffodils - Signs of Spring."

Tom Sutherland will conduct a plein aire watercolor workshop on Cape Ann June 15-19, 2009. For information, call Michelle at Concord Art Association, 781 369 2578, or email education@concordart.org.



RAA PROGRAMS LINED UP FOR 2009-2010

Looking ahead to the fall:

Sept. 9, 2009, Members' Demonstrations

Jack Jones - Watercolor

Mary Kelly - Oil

Dennis McQuillen - Oil

Ed Rice - Watercolor

October 14, Maris Platais - Acrylic Landscape

November - Our Members' Fall Show

December 9, Tom Gill - Acrylic Figurative

Jan. 13, 2010, Lt. Jerry Scally - Forensic Artist

February 10, David Curtis - Oil Landscape

March 10, Alix Porras - Oil Landscape

April 14, Joan Radamacher - Watercolor

May - Our Open Spring Show

June 2010, Annual Dinner

SOME EVENTS TO ENTER OR VISIT

Bunker Hill Community College seeks artists in many mediums to exhibit in its fairs the 3rd Sunday of each month (unless otherwise specified) from 10-4. Each fair showcases a different artist or antique dealer. Call 781-961-1149 or go online at www.nefaaaf.com for information.

Cahoon Museum of American Art has an exhibition of 38 pictures of "The Pastels of Elizabeth Haywood-Sullivan," one of America's foremost pastel artists, through June 7th. Among

the diverse artworks are *River Road, Chatham; Boston Garden Stroll*; and *Sante Fe Fireworks*. The Cahoon Museum is located at 4676 Falmouth Road (Route 28), Cotuit. Open Tuesday through Saturday, 10-4, and Sunday from 1-4. For information, call 508 428 7581.

Danvers Art Association, 105 Elliott Street: **Yard Sale** June 6; or **Danvers Places Show** June 27 & 28 and July 4 & 5, 12-4.

Grace Chapel Art Gallery, 59 Worthen Road, Lexington. Next exhibit is July 11-August 19, *All Things Summer*. All artists from surrounding communities, regardless of religious affiliation, are welcome to submit 2-D artwork in these juried, themed exhibits. Artists do not have to attend Grace Chapel to submit artwork. A \$5 donation per entry submitted for consideration in all exhibits is appreciated, to help cover gallery costs. Artist registration Wed., June 24, 6-8 p.m., OR Sat., June 27, 9-2 p.m. Reception Sat., July 11, 4-6, featuring Live Music TBD. [Post-show pickup Wed., Aug. 19, 6-8 p.m., OR Sat., Aug. 22, 9-1 p.m.]

Visit the **Greater Haverhill Arts Association Spring Show**, May 13 through May 23, at Buttonwoods Museum Haverhill Historical Society, 240 Water St. It will include a silent auction. Show hours Tuesday through Sunday, 10-5; reception Friday, May 15, 6:30-9. **Also, workshops** are held 2nd and 4th Saturdays at First Church in Bradford, 9-12 noon. Call Dena Carbone, 603 382 1082, for information. Contribution \$5, not mandatory. Amateurs to accomplished artists are welcome.



DEADLINE FOR NEXT MIXED MEDIA Monday, August 17, 2009

Please send your news to Elaine Little, 20 Oak Ridge Road, Reading, MA 01867; email it to

elittlez@comcast.net; or fax it to 781-944-1346.
Include “For MM” in subject line of e-mails.
Call Elaine at 781-944-2669 if any questions.