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# MEMBERS' DEMONSTRATIONS

It's time to put summertime activities behind and get ready for another exciting year at **Reading Art Association!** The first meeting will be on Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7:30 in Guild Hall, First Congregational Church (Sanborn Street middle entrance), Reading. Come prepared for a relaxing, informative, fun evening. Four members will be demonstrating their skills:

**BRIAN KIMERER**, Pen & Ink; **CHARLEEN McGLAME**, Pastel; **HOLLY POPEO**, Oil; and **DAN SHELDON**, Watercolor.

The Program Schedule for 2013-2014 includes *Observational Painting in Oils* in October, by **Mary Taggart**-- that is, painting What You See rather than What you Think You See or removing the Preconceived Ideas of What Things Look Like; **Our Fall Member Exhibit & Sale, November 8, 9 and 10**; *Floral in Oils* in December, by **Kathy Cooper**; *Using Layered Oil Paint on Paper* in January, by **Debra Claffey**; *Watercolor Industrial Landscape/Glass Reflections* in February, by **Karen Nastuk**; *Pastel Landscape* in March, by **Jeanne Rosier Smith**; *Pastel Seascape or Landscape* in April, by **Robin Thornhill**; *Our Spring Exhibit & Sale* in May; and the *Annual Dinner Meeting* in June. **SAVE THE DATES FOR THESE WONDERFUL PROGRAMS!** Invite your friends to look forward to them, also.

The Members' Art Exhibit & Sale will be held on November 8, 9 and 10, 2013. The way time flies these days, November will be here before we know it. We hope you are already preparing your entries. The entry forms are enclosed, as well as the tickets for the drawing.

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# AN OBSERVATIONAL PAINTING DEMONSTRATION

## By MARY TAGGART

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2013

Guild Hall, Congregational Church (middle side door), Sanborn Street, Reading

**Mary Taggart's** art style is best described as "direct observational painting with emphasis on simplification and the relationship of adjacent tone color." Mary began her study of art as a small child, with local artist Nancy Gambone. Mary received her Bachelor of Fine Arts from Massachusetts College of Art and became a traveling art teacher and then a high school art teacher.

I eventually opened my "TaggArt Studio" in Wakefield, where I do my painting primarily in oils, and I also teach painting and drawing to both children and adults. I have studied with many painters such as Ellen Rolli, Beth Ellis, Susan Lichtman, and, most recently, with George Nick, a prominent Boston painter and teacher. I also returned to Mass Art in 2011 to study with Catherine Kehoe.

My work has been shown in the Beth Ellis Gallery in Ogunquit; The Danforth Museum in Framingham; and in many local exhibits. My paintings are also hanging in many private collections.

Mary says she believes art is her true nature. When painting, she is happy and so alive--totally connected to her true self! She is looking forward to sharing her art with you in October.

Put October 10<sup>th</sup> on your calendar now! Invite a friend to this demonstration. Refreshments will be served. There is no guest fee for attendance at our demonstrations, but a donation is always appreciated.

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#### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

refreshments at the monthly demonstrations (second Wednesday of each month). Please help!! It is only fair that more members share in the duties that make your Art Association so strong! With thanks,

#### **VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**Evelyn and Grace**

P.S. Entry forms & tickets for the drawing are enclosed.

#### **IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO ALL RAA MEMBERS**

As we look forward to the new Art Exhibit, some serious thoughts come to mind. The message this fall is to ask AGAIN for your help. We do not have a President or a Vice President. We urgently need to hear from our membership to fill these positions. We ask you to give serious thought to volunteering to fill these needs. Everyone's help is necessary to support this dynamic organization.

#### **FROM OUR TREASURER ♦ ♦ ♦**

A Note of Appreciation to **Lorraine O'Brien** for her generous donation.

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

**Sue Colozzi**, Reading Artist

Another issue that must be faced is the signup sheet for the "One-Time-A-Year" roster of people to serve

**Robert P. Marcellino**, Medford Artist

**Janet I. Moriarty**, Stoneham Associate  
**OPPORTUNITIES TO EXHIBIT** ♦ ♦ ♦

Jane Burns, Director of Elders/Senior Services in Reading, is thrilled with the ongoing exhibit sponsored by RAA. **Florence Como**'s exhibit of over 20 oils, acrylics, and watercolors of landscapes here and abroad has been there since July. They would appreciate having other RAA artists exhibit there for the next few months, since it is a rotating exhibit.

Email [jeannette\\_corbett@yahoo.com](mailto:jeannette_corbett@yahoo.com) or call Jeannette at 781 944 3181 if you are interested in a solo exhibit or jointly with other RAA artists.

Call **Lorraine O'Brien**, 781 438 3224, if you would like to exhibit at **The Savings Bank** in Lynnfield Centre or **The Savings Bank** on Salem Street in South Lynnfield.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**LAURA S. PARSONS**

An avid painter and member of the Reading Art Association passed away August 3, 2013. Laura's passions were many and were topped by her family--her husband, John; two children; two grandchildren; and two sisters. Laura was also a member of the Reading Community Singers and was active in two bridge clubs.

**PHYLLIS JOAN CALLAHAN HASEY**

Phyllis Hasey of Melrose passed away on August 15, 2013, at the age of 93, surrounded by her four daughters. She studied her lifelong passion, art, at Mass College of Art, continued to give and take art classes well into retirement, and culminated her professional life as a registrar at Mass College of Art. During World War II Phyllis worked as a wartime graphic artist at an MIT Laboratory. She had several art shows and won numerous awards for her portraits, landscapes, and still lifes. She was a long-time member of Reading, Newburyport and Lynnfield Art Associations.

**PEOPLE DOINGS** ♦ ♦ ♦

**M. E. Drummey** painted two Iron Rangers for the DCR at Salisbury Beach. Iron Rangers are 42" metal collection bins located at every State Park in MA. DCR

noticed when the IRs were painted, donations for the upkeep of the parks increased. There are over 100 bins in MA.

**Lynne Cassinari** will present a demonstration at the Danvers Art Association at 10 a.m. on May 3, 2014.

The **Lynnfield Art Guild** 2013 Spring Fine Art & Craft Show included the following RAA winners:

**Best in Show - Jeannette Corbett** *The Artist Under Glass*  
**2<sup>nd</sup> - Audrey DiPillo** *Untitled #1 Under Glass*  
**3<sup>rd</sup> - Jeannette Corbett** *Tango Dancers #2*  
**Not Under Glass 1<sup>st</sup> - Susan Manning O'Briant** *The Capt'n*

**Honorable Mention:**

- **Jeannette Corbett** *Photo Finish Saratoga*
- **Lorraine O'Brien** *Morning Glow*
- **Carol Wilson** *Orchids*

**Carolyn Latanision** was one of two artists featured in an exhibit titled *Captured Moments* at Chabot Fine Art Gallery in Providence from June 11 through July 6. She was also accepted into the Hudson Valley Art Association national exhibit at Lyme, CT, from June 14 to July 28. Carolyn will present a watercolor demo at the Danvers Art Association on Nov. 2, 2013, at 10 a.m.

**THINGS TO DO or PLACES TO GO** ♦ ♦ ♦

**AN INVITATION:** Come one, come all to the **Danvers Art Association** every Wednesday morning from 9:30 a.m. to Noon .... Paint, Draw, Etch, Write, do some Photography or Craft .... Free of charge.

**Greater Haverhill Arts Association** workshops are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays from 9 to 12 noon at the First Church in Bradford. Entry fee is \$5 (not mandatory). Instructors are Mark Hayden and Joan Rademacher. Mimi Johnson, Coordinator, 978 373 6752, or [ipaintdaily@aol.com](mailto:ipaintdaily@aol.com).

**Mystic Valley Elder Services** in Malden held a reception, *Art from the Senses*, on September 4<sup>th</sup>. Many RAA members participated in the exhibit, which was beautifully displayed throughout their reception area and halls. Several awards and ribbons were given to RAA members. The exhibit

is free and open to the public until October 1<sup>st</sup> at 300 Commercial Street #19, Malden.

**Plymouth Center for the Arts**, 11 North Street, Plymouth, MA 02703, will present *New England Watercolor Society 2013 Regional Exhibition* October 18–Nov. 14. Opening Reception & Awards Presentation: **Sunday, October 20, 2013, 2-5 p.m.** Gallery Hours: Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sun. 12 p.m.-4 p.m.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO TEACH** drawing, watercolor, acrylic, pastel or oil painting classes (for children and/or adults) at the **Danvers Art Association** during the week? *If so, call Roberta Burgess at 978 927 3432 for information.*



One day some months ago the editor’s mail brought the following poem, author unknown, which was cut out of an old magazine called *Chip Chats*.

DO YOU JUST BELONG?  
  
Are you an active member –  
The kind that would be missed?  
Or are you just contented  
That your name is on the list?  
Do you attend the meetings  
And mingle with the crowd?  
Or do you stay at home  
And crab both long and loud?  
Do you take an active part  
To help the club along?  
Or are you satisfied to be  
The kind to “Just Belong”?  
Do you work on committees –  
To this there is no trick,  
Or leave the work for just a few  
And talk about “the clique”?  
There is quite a program scheduled  
That means success if done –  
And it can be accomplished  
With the help of everyone.  
So attend the meetings regularly  
And help with hand and heart.  
Don’t be just a member –  
But take an active part.  
Think this over, member –  
Are we right or are we wrong?  
Are you an active member –  
Or do you “JUST BELONG”?

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION** ◆ ◆ ◆

The Creative Arts Course Catalog, Fall 2013, is available at [www.WeTeachCreativeArts.org](http://www.WeTeachCreativeArts.org) or [www.Facebook.com/CreativeArtsSchool](http://www.Facebook.com/CreativeArtsSchool).

**Private lessons including Theatre, Music and Art; Art Classes for different age groups; Home Schoolers or Adults; Kids Theatre, Music and Art Classes.**

**25 Woburn St., Reading, MA 01867 – 781 942 9600.**



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