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# Reading Art Association Mixed Media Newsletter



April/May 2016

[www.ReadingArt.org](http://www.ReadingArt.org)

## An Important Note!

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Plainfield Farm Spring  
by Don Ouellette



Amish Country  
by Don Ouellette

## Watercolor Landscape Demo

Don Ouellette

April 13, 7:30pm Guild Hall

First Congregational Church, Sanborn Street, Reading, MA

Don has realized a dream that started many years ago in a backyard shed. That backyard shed has given way to studio 533 and his works can be found in homes and collections across the U.S.

Don is a landscape painter working in oils and watercolors focused on rural New England. He holds memberships in several local art associations and societies including:

Art League of Lowell, Lowell Art Association, Whistler House Museum of Art, Chelmsford Art Society and Western Avenue Studios Artists Association. Don has studied with many artists, among them, Carlton Plummer A.W.S.

Don now maintains a studio at the Western Avenue Studios in Lowell and has Open Studios the first Saturday of every month between noon and 5 P.M. Studio number 533 on the fifth floor.

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## Show and Tell!

### Local Display Opportunities

The RAA Community Outreach program has been working very well for quite a few years at the library, Senior Center and other noted areas in Reading. We get members artworks out to be seen and to be sold. We have had some good results, and now have even expanded!

We would like more members to take advantage of this opportunity, as its proved very beneficial in many ways.

We already have some rotating exhibits for you to hang and now some new ones, like dentists' offices, restaurants, and businesses. The Towns Chamber of Commerce is working with us and opening more venues for us as many other businesses and public spaces in town are interested in RAA. The word is out!

One more thing if you are interested, and since we have been expanding, we need a couple more people to work on the committee to assist in some of its small duties.

Please contact me at :[jeannette\\_corbett@yahoo.com](mailto:jeannette_corbett@yahoo.com) or Joe Leto at [jletojr@comcast.net](mailto:jletojr@comcast.net).  
If you are interesting in furthering the arts in Reading.

thanks,  
Jeannette





## Spring 2016 Exhibit, Members Only

April 29, 30, May 1 Guild Hall

First Congregational Church, Sanborn Street, Reading, MA

Our Spring 2016 Exhibit...April 29, 30, May 1 ....is fast approaching and we hope you will be ready to enter your new art endeavors.

This is our uplifting time of the year, as we look forward to your entries in the upcoming show. Maybe you have already been planning and painting your chosen entry. What a happy thought!

Once again we have a coordinating effort with the Reading Garden Club for a presentation of Art and Bloom on the stage area. This has always been a beautiful and interesting display of art and floral interpretation.

We do have a couple new changes:

- 1) The Spring Exhibit has returned to a members only show, so dues will have to be paid for entry in the exhibit. If you need to check your status, you can reach our treasurer, Rick Corbett at [6179973422](tel:6179973422) or, [rickyorbett@gmail.com](mailto:rickyorbett@gmail.com)
- 2) We now can accept credit cards for payment of dues and any purchases that are made during the Art Exhibit. This change has been made for everyone's convenience.

We look forward to seeing all of you once again,  
Grace Cherwek  
Exhibit Chairperson

<http://www.readingart.org/spring2016.shtml> click for link to forms and info

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## The President's Message

Greetings Everyone!

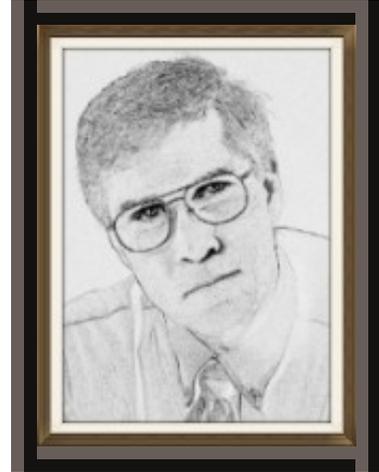
As some may know from my previous writing, Reading Art Association has been partnering with "Cultural Connections, Reading." Well it has a new name now, and is called "ARTS Reading." It is an umbrella group featuring and encompassing about fifteen to twenty cultural groups and associations in the Town, working together, and with others to possibly set up a cultural district and main ARTS building in Reading.

Part of the partnership is to help businesses in the Town and then in turn in that, helping us. One such current endeavor is given for RAA artist members to hang and sell their artwork in local businesses and establishments. The different artist specialties helps them set a professional ambience, or mood for their everyday business and/or events for their customers and associates.

RAA is putting together a list of artist members who would like to get on board to display and sell your works. You can do a whole show if you have many pieces or if you only have a few paintings/photographs, et al, you can join with another member together to fill the space. Some of the establishments are small anyway. There are plenty of options.

Email our coordinator Jeanette Corbett who can coordinate with you of a time and place to exhibit. We need names! [Jeannette\\_Corbett@yahoo.com](mailto:Jeannette_Corbett@yahoo.com)

Bests – Joe



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## Reading Art Calendar 2015/2016

RAA meetings are held in the Guild Hall of the First Congregational Church of Reading starting at 7:30 PM. It is located at 25 Woburn Street, Reading, MA, but the access to Guild Hall is on Sanborn Street. From the Center it is behind Reading Town Hall. Sanborn Street, a oneway street going from Lowell Street (Rt. 129) to Woburn St.

Reading is located North of Boston at the intersection of I93 and I95/128. Reading center is easily accessible at the crossroads of Rt. 129, Lowell Street, and Rt. 28, Main Street.

RAA Members are admitted free. Others are asked for a small donation. Membership is only \$25 annually. Please visit the RAA website above.

April 13, 2016  
Don Ouellette Watercolor Landscape Demo <http://donouellette.com>

April 29, 30 and May 1, 2016  
RAA Spring Art Exhibition <http://www.ReadingArt.org>

Please join us to enjoy all these, and other wonderful, educational, fun, events!

# GHAA Calendar

<http://www.haverhillartassociation.org>

April 24, 2 - 4 Demo with Jonathan Nix (drawing the nude from life)  
May 1 - 15 Student Exhibit at Buttonwoods  
May 1, 3 - 5 PM Student Exhibit Reception  
May 20 Deadline for GHAA Annual Open Exhibit  
May 27 - June 18 GHAA Annual Open Exhibit at Buttonwoods  
June 5, 3 - 5 PM GHAA Exhibit Reception  
June 26, 2 - 4 Demo with Jason Polins (oil landscape)  
June 27 - August 21 GHAA Exhibit at the Merrimac Public Library  
August 21, 2 - 4 PM Reception at the MPL  
September 10, 10 - 4 Art Festival on Bradford Common

2nd and 4th Saturdays of every month

9 AM - noon - GHAA sponsored workshops feature a clothed model and a still life setup, in the hall behind the First Church of Christ, 10 Church Street, Bradford, MA. A \$5 donation is requested and appreciated. For more information call [9786825602](tel:9786825602).

Artists Mark Hayden and Joan Rademacher mentor; Mimi Johnson monitors.

*Subject to change: check the website or Facebook for the latest information.*

## Some of our other Associate friends

[Arlington Center for the Arts for Kids](#)

[Arts Collaborative of Wakefield](#)

[Art Institute Group of the Merrimack Valley](#)

[The Beebe Estate](#)

[The Cabot Street Studios, Beverly](#)

[The Concord Art Association](#)

[Creative Arts for Kids](#)

[Danvers Art Association](#)

[The Griffin Museum](#)

[Haverhill Art Association](#)

[Lynnfield Arts Guild](#)

[Lowell Art Association](#)

[Melrose Arts and Cultural Assoc.](#)

[Monroe Center for the Arts](#)

[North Shore Art Association](#)

[Our Studios at Build 9, Lawrence](#)

[Reading Art Association](#)

[Tewksbury Community of Artists](#)

[Western Ave. Studios](#)

[Wilmington Arts Council](#)

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## Pleinair Day Trips

We have planned our monthly Pleinair Day Trip dates. The trips we were able to attend last year were very nice and we hope other members will take advantage and participate with the rest of us too. Some trips we were not able to attend last year for different reasons, we added again here.

We meet on Sundays, in the North Woburn Stop & Shop, northeast parking lot by the ATM, exit 35 off Rt. 128, leaving at 12:00 noon and return about 3:00/3:30 PM. We try to be in the parking lot a bit earlier, but we do try to leave promptly at 12:00, so wait for us to show.

There are sketchers, painters with easels and all, photographers, and some who just come for the enjoyment! Whatever your gig bag holds, mark these dates somewhere and or stick them on your fridge so you won't forget!

We planned out these ventures where and when there are less mosquitoes and bugs, but still bring some sprays, or what have you, with your kit.

1. May 15, 2016 Hammond Castle, Gloucester
2. June 12, 2016 Wayside Inn: Sudbury
3. July 17, 2016 Stone Zoo, Stoneham, MA (may be small cost)
4. August 14, 2016 Allyn Cox Reservation, Greenbelt Society, Essex, MA
5. September 18, 2016 – Belle Isle Marsh, East Boston, MA
6. October 9, 2016 – Heimlich Nursery, Woburn, MA
7. November 6, 2016 – Woodbrook Cemetery, Woburn, MA
8. December 11 or 18 (tentative) – Christmas in Rockport, MA

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