

MIXED MEDIA

Reading Art Association
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May - June 2018



RAA 59th Annual Spring Show

The RAA 59th Annual Spring Show is over. It was marvelous fun, and we hope that you were able to attend. We had many wonderful paintings on display. If you were not able to get there, you can see some photographs of the event on our web page, www.ReadingArt.org

This year we collaborated with the Reading Garden Club again for the Art in Bloom display. Many thanks for the artists and Garden club members for sharing their work.

The Artists

- Peter Cain
- Grace Cherwek
- Ruth Kelloway
- Brian Kimerer
- Evelyn Knox

Garden Club Arrangers

- Christine Exner
- Mary Ann Higgins
- Suzanne McCance
- Denise McCarthy
- Louise Morrison
- Kathleen Moynihan
- Betty Walsh

Spring Show Ribbon Winners

Best of Show Category

Lorraine O'Brien "Back Road" - Watercolor

Oil Category

1st Place Grace Cherwek "Morning Sunrise"
2nd Place Jeannette Corbett
"Long Ago & Far Away"
3rd Place Walter Osterberg "Prickly Pear Cactus"

Acrylic Category

1st Place Ruth Wierenga "Spring at Last"
2nd Place Louise Conti "Essex View"
3rd Place Sandy Kirby "Winter's Glow"

Mixed Media Category

1st Place Danielle Wager
"Calla Lilies Under the Moon"
2nd Place Rick Corbett
"Nubble Light, Cape Neddick"
3rd Place Charlene McClame "Trees"

Photography Category

1st Place Bill Dexter "Washington Tower"
2nd Place Maryellen Stone "Bleeding Hearts"
3rd Place Phillip Herman
"Cape Poge Lighthouse"

Watercolor Category

1st Place Mary Richard "Motif #1 – Another View"
2nd Place Patricia Canney "Sunset Walk"
3rd Place Florence Como "Early Winter Sunset"

Award of Excellence

Carol Galayda "Doorway of Tuscany" - Watercolor
Rick Corbett "Bella" - Graphite Pencil
Ginger Greenblatt "Journey on Broadway" - Oil

Mary Saija Award

Fred Peters "Everglades, Florida" - Watercolor

Popular Award

Rick Corbett "Elizabeth" - Graphite Pencil

President's Message

Hello Everyone,

I wish to congratulate not only the ribbon winners at the Reading Art Association's Spring Exhibit and Sale but also all members who entered the exhibit. Every year the Exhibit gets bigger and the artwork continues to be even more amazing and breathtakingly beautiful.

I would also like to thank the Reading Garden Club for another successful and magnificent "Art in Bloom". The floral arrangements were beautiful and complemented their painting counterpart masterfully.

I believe that art is a celebration, a celebration of life, of creation, let's all celebrate who we are as an organization by continuing to share our gifts with each other and the community.

Thank you,
-Rick

People Doings...

Liz Noble

Liz is currently exhibiting her art at Whitelam Books in Reading center. The bookstore is right next to the bank on the corner of Main Street and Haven Street. Stop in and have a look.

Opportunities...

Tewksbury Library Exhibit

The Tewksbury Community of Artists is holding its monthly shows in the library. Each month has a specific theme.

May – Infants, Toddlers And Youth – May 1 - June 5
Asleep, awake, eating, playing, cuddling, interacting, smiling, crying, exploring, working, doing what babes and kids do.

June – Guiding Lighthouses – June 5 - July 3
The seas would be treacherous especially in storms, fog or sudden squalls, if it were not for the guiding lights from on shore lighthouses.

Anyone wanting to take part may get in touch with Val at valeriejeannesart@gmail.com and she will send you the information. More information and application forms are available at the web site.

tewksburycommunityofartists.com

Whitelam Books

Liz Whitelam, the owner of Whitelam Books in Reading center is looking for artists to display their work in her store. There is space for only one painting at a time since the walls are full of bookshelves. But the location is front and center over the fireplace, and it is a very visible presentation. We are currently showing each painting for two months.

Contact webmaster@readingart.org if you are interested in this opportunity.

The Philadelphia Water Color Society

In October of 2018 The Philadelphia Water Color Society will be hosting the 118th Anniversary International Exhibition of Works on Paper. The exhibition will include not only watercolors but pastel, acrylic, graphite, gouache, charcoal, pen & ink, colored pencil and hand pulled prints. PWCS was founded in 1900 to bring attention to those artists using aqueous media and held its first exhibition at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts.

The prospectus for the show is on their web site, www.pwcsociety.org/, or go to to the RAA web page for more details.

Happenings...

Meet and Sketch

The Meet and Sketch group is still being held at the Reading Library. This is an informal get-together to sit and sketch and yak. There is no need to sign up; simply drop by the Innovation Studio and join in.

The meetings are on Tuesdays, nominally every two weeks, however they do move around week by week so check the Reading Public Library event calendar to make sure of the dates.

The next dates for Meet and Sketch are:

- May 15th
- June 19th
- July 10th
- July 24th
- August 7th
- August 21st

Get the details on the RAA web site:

<http://www.readingart.org/notices.shtml>

Reminder to members about Dues

We have many people who owe dues to RAA. In order to stay on the membership list, your dues need to be paid. There is a grace period but some people have not paid dues for quite a while. Your date is on the envelope label. Or check with Rick or Rosie if you need to know when your dues are due. Their phone numbers are in the RAA Contacts box on the last page of this newsletter.

And remember that all of our exhibitions are now Members Only, so if you are in arrears with your dues, you will not be able to exhibit.

Note: Did you know that we have a Student class for our membership. A student member is anyone who is still in school and is 21 years or younger. The dues are reduced for Student Members to only \$10 per year, and they have full privileges.

New Resident Open House

The Reading Public Library had its New Resident Open House in March to welcome new residents to Reading. The Reading Art Association was there and had a table at the event to hand out fliers and information. It was an excellent event, and the Library intends to make it an annual event.

RAA 60th Anniversary Celebration

We are preparing to celebrate the 60th anniversary of existence of the Reading Art Association. Our first Spring Festival on the Common was in 1959. That means that the 1958 - 1959 was our first ever season. We started out as the "Village Associates", and our Spring Show was put up on the common on cedar

fencing. The show was so popular with the town that it became a tradition. A few years later, the group changed our name to the Reading Art Association, and in 1967 we were formally incorporated as a non-profit organization.

We are making mugs to celebrate our 60th anniversary.

Would you be interested in purchasing a 60th anniversary souvenir mug with our logo on it? These are high quality mugs that we have had custom printed with the Reading Art Association logo. The mug looks like this:



If you are interested in purchasing a mug let us know so we can get a head count of interested members.

Don't like the idea of a mug? Come up with your own ideas. Email your ideas to webmaster@readingart.org.

The Board is planning a big celebration next year at the Fall Show and the Spring Show. This is still in the planning stage, so drop by the board meeting some time and bring your ideas about what we can do. You can learn more about the history of our organization and how we work. For example, we now know who the gentleman is who is standing at the easel in our logo. Curious? Stop by and find out.

Hint: Look it up on the RAA History Page. Go to the main web page, ReadingArt.org and click on the "About RAA" button.

Deadline for the next Mixed Media

This is the last Mixed Media for the 2017 - 2018 season. Our next Mixed Media will address the events for the 2018 - 2019 season. I would like to publish that issue in late August, so I am setting a tentative deadline of Friday, August 24 for entries that you would like to include.

Email news to

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or send using the US Post Office to

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Annual Dinner Meeting

We usually have our Annual Dinner Meeting in June, but as of the publication of this Mixed Media nothing has been planned.

If you would like to be involved in planning or attending a dinner meeting this year, contact one of the officers and let us know. We can always use some volunteers to help us set up the meeting. Send us your ideas and thoughts.

Events for 2018 - 2019

The Spring Exhibit and Sale was the final event of the 2017 - 2018 season unless we have a dinner meeting. We are looking forward to next season, which will be our 60th season. Here is a summary of next year's activities.

Please note that there is no demonstration in December.

September 12, 2018

Oil Landscape..... Mark Richards

October 10, 2018

Acrylic Landscape..... Maris Platais

November 2, 3 & 4 2018

Fall Exhibit & Sale

December 2018

No Demonstration

January 9, 2019

Pastel Pet Portrait..... Karla Cook

February 13, 2019

Watercolor Seascape..... Marion Rayner

March 13, 2019

Oil Contemporary Still Life..... Jeff Hayes

April 10, 2019

Acrylic Wildlife..... Steve Greco

May 3, 4 & 5, 2019

Spring Exhibit & Sale

June (Date to be announced)

Annual Dinner Meeting

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