

MIXED MEDIA

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President's Message

Hi Everyone!

I hope you and your families are well during these difficult times. 2020 has been unique, sometimes scary, and it caused us to change how we do things. Right now it is uncertain what the 20/21 season will look like for Reading Art Association. Please visit the RAA website for news and the newsletter, which will be published soon. Please stay tuned as we try to figure out how to move forward during this ongoing pandemic. In the meantime, please continue to take all of the necessary precautions to keep yourselves and your families safe. I miss you all and hope we can get back to some normalcy soon.

Rick

Message from your Mixed Media Editor

You may have noticed that this issue of Mixed Media is short. The reason for that is that most of the art and cultural events in Reading have been canceled or postponed due to the Covid-19 outbreak. There are a few, limited events happening in town, but there is not much to write about.

The Church is still not allowing events that are open to the public, so the schedule for the RAA 2020/2021 season is mostly canceled. The Board has decided to cancel the season for at least the rest of this calendar year. We are hoping that something will break so that we can have some of the spring events, but that is unlikely, and you should assume that a previously scheduled event will be canceled unless you hear otherwise.

Check the web site, readingart.org, for last minute updates.

In other news, Mixed Media is now available only

online. The reason for this change comes down to the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter. Because of declining membership and members that are delinquent on dues, Reading Art Association is very low on funds. The Board decided that it would be better to spend the money we have on things other than printing and mailing the Mixed Media. It was a difficult choice, but there really is no way around it at this time.

The Mixed Media will be available for download on the web site as a .pdf document as it has been for years. A notice will be posted on the web page and a link will be sent out in an email once the newsletter has been posted. We normally post one issue of the newsletter every two months.

Because we are no longer printing the newsletter, I have changed the format slightly. We are no longer restricted by printing issues so I will be using more color in the content, such as the photographs of the paintings seen in the sections below. When the events start up again, I will add more content since I will not be limited to four print pages in black and white.

People Doings...

Nancy Smethurst

Nancy had a painting hanging in the Whitelam Bookstore through the months of March, April, May, June, and July, trapped by the closure for the pandemic.

The painting was in danger of being deemed "on permanent loan". However the bookstore is now open for browsing by appointment, so we sprung Nancy's painting and put up the next one on the list.



Susan McFarlane

Susan had a painting hanging in the Whitelam Bookstore through the month of August.



Holly Popeo

Holly now has a painting hanging in the Whitelam Bookstore.



Opportunities...

Whitelam Bookstore Display

Most of the normal venues for displaying our artwork have been closed down. However we have begun to hang paintings in the Whitelam Bookstore again. There is space for only one painting in the store at a time, which is over the fireplace. We are scheduling one painting per month.

We have openings on the schedule , so let us know if you want to be put on the schedule to display your painting.

Happenings...

Downtown Reading Art Walk

The Downtown Reading Art Walk is actually happening this year. Postponed from its original June date, the Art Walk is now hanging in various venues throughout Downtown Reading during the month of September. The official dates of the exhibit are September 6 through September 27.

Many of the stores are open again in a limited fashion, so take a walk downtown and see the art.... maybe do some shopping.



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More information about the Downtown Reading Art Walk is available at

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Regarding Dues for 2020

Due to the fact that most, if not all, of the 2020-2021 season is canceled, RAA is suspending the collection of dues. If you would like to send in dues as a donation, please feel free to do so.

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Last year, the Board decided to drop the method of collecting dues on the anniversary of your joining RAA. The bookkeeping for that method was too difficult. So we have gone back to expecting dues to be paid in September for all members. If our 2021-2022 season looks more viable than this season, your next dues should be paid in September of 2021.

Deadline for next Mixed Media

The next issue of Mixed Media will cover November and December of 2020. The issue will be published in early November so I am setting the deadline for news to Friday, October 30.

Email news to

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