

MIXED MEDIA

Reading Art Association
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November - December 2020

President's Message

Hi Everyone,

I hope you and your families are well and staying safe. Though the Pandemic has caused us to cancel the first half of the season, we are hoping things will get better and we can salvage the second half, please keep checking the website for updates.

I also want to wish everyone Happy Holidays as Thanksgiving and Christmas is approaching (this is already the November/December newsletter, I can't believe it). I am praying that in the New Year we can be together.

I miss all of you and I am keeping everyone in my thoughts and prayers. Try to stay positive and try to look for ways to stay active, in body, mind, and spirit. Please continue to stay safe and healthy, keep being creative, and I hope to see you all very soon!

-Rick

Message from your Mixed Media Editor

Reading Art Association is still closed down for events. I spoke to the administrator at the Congo Church, and she says that they are not yet open for public events. The status of the Spring events is still up in the air, and no definitive decision has been made about them. Given the rising numbers of infections in Massachusetts, there is a good chance that they will be canceled. However, we are keeping our options open.

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

As a reminder, 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...

Maria Vagianos

Maria has a painting in the Whitelam bookstore through October.



Lynne Cassinari

Lynne is scheduled to hang a painting in the bookstore for the month of November.

Jeannette Corbett

Jeannette is scheduled to hang a painting in the bookstore through the month of December.

Holly Popeo

Holly was juried into the **Grass Roots: Emerging Artist** show at the Rockport Art Association and Museum. Check it out at:

RockportArtAssn.org/grassroots-exhibition

Mary Kelly and Jeannette Corbett

Mary and Jeannette are participating in the Lyndfield Art Guild Virtual Fall Show 2020. The virtual show opens on November 14th at the web site:

LynnfieldArts.org

Opportunities...

Whitelam Bookstore Display

Most of our usual venues for displaying 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.

Tewksbury Library Show Themes for 2021

The Tewksbury Library shows are back. All shows will be up for approximately 2 months give or take a few days. Set up will be on the 4th Tuesday of the month. Send Val your registration by mail or e-mail by the Friday before set up.

Here are the themes for 2021.

| Drop off | Theme | Pick up |
|--------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Dec 29, 2020 | SPARKLES and TWINKLES | Feb 23, 2021 |
| Feb 23, 2021 | NEW ENGLAND | Apr 27, 2021 |
| Apr 27, 2021 | SPRING AWAKENING | Jun 22, 2021 |
| Jun 22, 2021 | UNDER THE SUN | Aug 24, 2021 |
| Aug 24, 2021 | FALL | Oct 26, 2021 |
| Oct 26, 2021 | GLORY | Dec 28, 2021 |

Here are some ideas to bounce off of and I am sure you can come up with your own ideas.

Sparkles and Twinkles - diamonds, stars, sequins, treasures, sun on water, sparkle in an eye, fireworks, etc.

New England - historical monuments, historical places, towns centers, New England Patriots, pilgrims, May Flower, rivers, beaches, gardens, our capitol cities, mills, fair grounds, mountains, ski areas, etc.

Spring Awakening - flowers, new growth, buds, birds, animals, baby chicks, baby rabbits, etc.

Under the Sun - Summer activities, beach, boating, sailing, swimming, gardens, sunbathing, etc.

Fall - fall down, autumn, leaves falling, pumpkins, scarecrows, harvest, farm stands, hay rides, apple picking, pumpkin picking, colors, waterfall, etc.

Glory - sun rays, heaven, Thanksgiving turkey, sparkles, angels, Old glory, glory days, mountains, etc.

To find out about these exhibits, get in touch with Valerie Borgal at valeriejeannesart@gmail.com and she will send you the information.

More information and application forms are also available at the web site.

tewksburycommunityofartists.com

Reading Cultural Council

During the Covid-19 pandemic, the Massachusetts Cultural Council continues to modify the grant cycle to accommodate changes to the situation. The latest news is that the Reading Cultural Council deadline for grant applications has been moved out again. The current deadline for Cultural Council grant applications is December 14, 2020. They are also removing some of the funding restrictions that have been in place in the past, such as funding for capital equipment purchases.

So, if you are planning a cultural event in Reading and would like to apply for help with the funding, you still have time to fill out an application.

To find out the details of the process, go to the RCC web page.

<https://mass-culture.org/Reading>

Happenings...

Downtown Reading Art Walk

The Downtown Reading Art Walk (DRAW) actually happened. It was one of the few public cultural events that actually happened in 2020, and it was very well received. It was postponed from its original June date to September, and the Art Walk was hanging in various venues throughout Downtown Reading during the month of September.

Due to its popularity, the DRAW committee has made this an annual event to occur simultaneously with the Reading Street Faire. While DRAW is not officially a part of the Reading Street Faire, we are considering establishing that relationship. Stay tuned.

More information about the Downtown Reading Art Walk is available at

facebook.com/DRAW01867
draw01867@gmail.com

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 January and February of 2021. The issue will be published in early January so I am setting the deadline for news to Friday, January 1.

Email news to

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