

# MIXED MEDIA

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March - April 2021



## President's Message

Hi Everyone,

I hope you and your families are safe and well. Though we are still unable to meet in person, I hope everyone is creating and keeping busy. As more and more people become vaccinated, hopefully soon we'll be able to all get back to some normalcy. Until then, please stay safe. I miss you all and hope we can come together soon. Please view the Reading Art website for updates as they become available.

Thank You,  
Rick

## Message from your Mixed Media Editor

While opportunities to get together are still very limited, artists are working and showing their work where possible. This issue contains some news of ongoing activities in spite of the Covid-19 lockdowns.

The RAA web site continues to post news, so check the web site, [readingart.org](http://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 is available for download on the web site as a .pdf document as it has been for years.

-Brian

## People Doings...

### Susan McFarlane

Susan exhibited a painting in the Whitelam Bookstore through the month of February.



### Holly Popeo

Holly has a painting hanging in the bookstore for the month of March.



## Danielle Wager

Danielle is scheduled to hang a painting in the bookstore during the month of April. Look for it.

## Mary Kelly

Mary Kelly will be exhibiting 3 paintings in the Tewkesbury Library for the month March and April.

## Philip Hermann

Philip Hermann's watercolor painting "Dazzle of Zebras" has been accepted for the New England Watercolor Society show in Plymouth, MA.

The show will be from March 5th to April 28th at the Plymouth Center for the Arts.

## Beverly Cook

Beverly continues to work on a series called "Red Barn". In her own words:

*"First, I painted a 5x5 block of Red Barn which I like so much, I did a pictorial quilt (20x24) which is free-form pieced and then thread painted.*

*A little embellishment of acrylic snow on trees and dryer sheets for clouds and ouila a quilt that looks as good as the painting.*



*I liked that so much that I did it one more time in 10x14 acrylic.*



*Talk about keeping busy during Covid times."*

## Opportunities...

### Whitelam Bookstore Display

Most of our usual venues for displaying artwork are still closed down, especially since the beginning of this new winter spike in the Covid-19 infections. However we are still hanging paintings in the Whitelam Bookstore. 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.

The themes for 2021 are shown in the table in the next column.

Drop off	Theme	Pick up
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.

**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](mailto:valeriejeannesart@gmail.com) and she will send you the information.

### Downtown Reading Art Walk

The Downtown Reading Art Walk committee is already meeting to plan the next annual art walk. The Art Walk is scheduled for September, 2021, so it is quite a ways off. But think about what you might paint anyway.

### Greater Haverhill Art Association

The GHAA is celebrating 50 years in 2021. They

have a vibrant on-line presence during the pandemic.

Check out what is happening at GHAA at their new web site:

[haverhillartassociation.org](http://haverhillartassociation.org)

### GHAA Calendar at a Glance

**March 13 10 AM** online meet artist Debbie Shirley

**March 27 10 AM** online - demo with Doris Rice

**April 15** deadline for scholarship applications

**April 24 10 AM** online - demo with Emily Passman

**April 27** Student Art Exhibit entry deadline

**April 30 (2:30-4:30)** student art delivery

### Interesting Gallery

#### gallery twist

a gallery... with a twist. This looks like an interesting gallery to visit. The gallery is inside a beautiful house just off the lexington green. The work displayed is high caliber and the way it is displayed in the 5 rooms, stairways, and even in the bathrooms is just so interesting and creative. It's worth the trip and open every day.

Check it out at [gallerytwist.com](http://gallerytwist.com)

### Regarding Dues for 2020

Due to the fact that 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 May and June of 2021. The issue will be published in early May so I am setting the deadline for news to Friday, April 23.

Email news to

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