

MIXED MEDIA

Reading Art Association
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January - February 2022

In Memoriam - Nathalie Nordstrand

Nathalie Nordstrand, charter member of the Reading Art Association, has passed away.

Nathalie was our last remaining charter member.

In the fall of 1959, Nathalie and 16 other artists met at the home of Elizabeth Lautzenheiser and started the Reading Art Association. For several years, the group was known as the Village Associates, but they later changed the name to the Reading Art Association. In the intervening years, all of the original members have passed on. But the organization they started lives on.

Many thanks to Nathalie and the others for starting the RAA. Nathalie will be very much missed.



President's Message

Happy New Year Everyone!!!

2022 is here. As I look back on 2021, it's bitter sweet. On a sad note, we lost our beloved Nathalie Nordstrand on December 3, 2021, at her memorial service, she continued to inspire me with her love of art and life.

Also, our beloved Ruth Camber passed away on May 28, 2021. Ruth was not only an amazing artist, she was a nurse and loved Reading Art Association, often volunteering to help at many events.

My thoughts and prayers go out to not only the families of Nathalie and Ruth but to all of those who knew and loved them dearly.

Some of the positives in 2021, we have seen some the restrictions that were put in place due to the Pandemic be loosened a bit, we got to return to a modified normalcy somewhat. We were able to go out and visit with friends and family, we were able to return to some of the events we know and love, such as our Annual Fall Exhibit - even though it was different, it had the same sense of community and welcoming to all.

I don't know what 2022 has in store for us, but I know that no matter what, we can and will get through it. As far as the future of Reading Art Association, we are strong and vibrant still, the Board will be meeting in a few weeks to discuss the possibility of a demo as well as a Spring Art Exhibit.

At this time, there are a lot of unknowns, especially with the number of infections are increasing, especially among those of us who are fully vaccinated. Hang in there, keep creating, and view the Reading Art Association Web Site for the latest information and updates. I miss you all, please stay safe!!

-Rick

Message from your Mixed Media Editor

The RAA still has no events scheduled due to the Covid-19 resurgence. Therefore, this Mixed Media issue contains news sent to us from our intrepid

members. Hopefully, we will have some events to report in the next issue.

Stay tuned.

Brian

New Ways to Follow the RAA

The RAA is modernizing our social media presence. We have had a website and a facebook account for 20 years now. Recently we added Instagram, Twitter, and Gmail to the mix. Here are the contact links.

Gmail:

readingartassociation@gmail.com

Instagram:

www.instagram.com/readingartassociation

(or @readingartassociation for those who have an Instagram account)

Twitter:

www.twitter.com/readingartassoc

(or @readingartassoc for those who have a twitter account)

People Doings...

Holly Popeo

Holly had a painting in the Whitelam Bookstore through the month of December.



Cheryl Flatley

Cheryl has a painting hanging in the Whitelam Bookstore through the month of January, 2022



Theresa Galasso

Theresa is scheduled to hang a painting in the Bookstore during the month of February.

Mary Kelly

Mary Kelly will be exhibiting paintings at the Weston Library for the month of February .

Opportunities...

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. Contact:

bkimerer@gmail.com.

Greater Haverhill Art Association

The Greater Haverhill Art Association is celebrating 50 Golden years. Check out their upcoming events.

Calendar at a Glance

January 8 (9-12) Saturday Workshop
January 9 (10-2) Paint-In at Nunan's
January 15 (10 AM) Podcast Interview Chloe Reynolds
January 16 10-2) Paint-In at Nunan's
January 22 (9-12) Saturday Workshop
January 23 (10-2) Paint-In at Nunan's
January 30 (10-2) Paint-In at Nunan's

Send items (announcements, opportunities) by the end of the month, questions and feedback at anytime, to

info@ghaa.art.

Also, check out their website for more information.

<https://haverhillartassociation.org/>

Tewksbury Library Shows

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.

2022 Themes for Tewksbury Library Show

The color must be prominent in the artwork. You have lots of room for your imagination to create works of art using these colors. Let's see the beauty you capture.

PURPLE - Dec. 28th to Feb 22nd.
BLUE - Feb. 22nd to April 26th
GREEN - April 26th to June 28th
YELLOW - June 28th to Aug. 23rd
ORANGE - Aug 23rd to Oct. 25th
RED - Oct. 25th to Dec. 27th

To find out about these exhibits, get in touch with Valerie Borgal at

valeriejeannesart@gmail.com

and she will send you the information.

Classes and Events with Susan McFarlane

Susan McFarlane teaches the following classes, in person as noted, most virtual via Zoom.

Zentangle® - In person 1 PM - 2 PM Mondays at Stoneham Senior Center Cost: \$5/week payable to the instructor at the time of the class.

January 10., **Zentangle on Fabric**, bring a fabric marker and a solid color cloth bag or other item to draw on. A nice way to create a handmade gift.. (Identi Pen brand marker recommended.) Contact the Stoneham Senior Center to register. 781-438-1157

Virtual Art - Supported by The Pleasant Street Center in Reading. Cost: \$5/week payable to the instructor electronically or by check. Taught each week alternating between pencil drawing and Zentangle via Zoom.

Drawing with Pencil - Mondays via Zoom 11 AM - Noon. Cost: \$15/week

Tuesday Tangles and Zen Wednesday - Zentangle via Zoom offered most weeks. These are free classes, however, donations and tips are gratefully accepted.

Pencil Drawing -In person at LexArt Tuesdays 1:30-3:00 PM. Classes start Jan. 11. Visit Lexart.org for more information.

Susan also offers private and group lessons for watercolor, drawing, and Zentangle. Last year a mother bought a Zentangle session as a holiday gift for her family. It was easy to arrange a time for all to meet via Zoom.

Send an email to

smcfarlane.arts@gmail.com

to receive more details or specific registration information.

Deadline for the next Mixed Media

Our next Mixed Media will address the news for March and April of 2022. We currently have no plans for events in March or April, so we depend on you for the content of our newsletter. Send us your notices for those months so we can include them in the next issue. Let's set the deadline for Friday, February 25.

Email news to

webmaster@ReadingArt.org

or send using the US Post Office to

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Important Notice About Your Dues

RAA is collecting dues again. Please note that last year RAA raised the dues to \$30 per year.

In past years your dues were due on the anniversary of your membership start. That procedure has caused an undue amount of bookkeeping for our treasurer. Hence, we are going back to the way we used to do it: All dues are now due on September 1 for each season. Please add an event to your calendar to pay your RAA dues by September 1 of each new season.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

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