

MIXED MEDIA

Reading Art Association
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November - December 2023

RAA 2023 Annual Fall Show

The RAA 2023 Annual Fall Show is over. The show was small, and the turnout was light. But the quality of the art was very high. If you were not able to get there, you can see some photographs of the event on our web page,

www.readingart.org/fall2023.shtml

The Board is constantly striving to improve our exhibits. Let us know what you would like to see in the future direction of our shows and demonstrations.

Fall Show Award Winners

Best of Show

Lynne Cassineri “Fire and Ice” - Oil

First Place

Holly Popeo “Springtime at Stevens Coolidge”- Oil

Second Place

Bruce Welsh “Harvard Square” – Oil

Third Place

Carolyn Latanision “At the Olson Farm” – Watercolor

Award of Excellence

Jeanette Corbett “Rubies & Emeralds” – Oil

Kathleen Connors “Young Engineers” – Gouache

Mary Saija Award

Sandra Kirby “Heading Home” – Acrylic

Nathalie Nordstrand Award

Beverly Cook “NightWatch”- Acrylic

Popular Award

Beverly Cook “NightWatch” – Acrylic

President's Message

Hello Everyone,

I hope you all are well and have been doing something creative. We recently had our Annual Fall Exhibit and Sale at the First Congregational Church of Reading on November 10th & 11th. Congratulations to all of the ribbon winners.

I would like to thank our Judges Dianne Panarelli-Miller and Eva Cincotta.

I would also like to thank our Board members Rosie Palmer, Lou Doto, Brian Kimerer, and Ruth Kelloway. Without them, we wouldn't have an organization.

A sad truth is that our exhibit had not only less artwork but there were less in attendance. Our demonstrations over the past few years have seen less and less people attend, which is not only disheartening but it is also disrespectful to the visiting artist who genuinely wants to teach, demonstrate, and share their techniques and process with you.

I am sending out a Call to Action for EVERY member of Reading Art Association. We cannot sustain the organization with the way things are currently. We need HELP!! We need Board members and we need committee members such as Hospitality, Exhibits, and Exhibit/Demo Set-Up and Breakdown to name a few. Without help, we will have no choice but to start eliminating exhibits, demos, and ultimately, we will have to dissolve the organization.

I DO NOT want to see that happen. Reading Art Association has always been a vibrant organization filled with a rich history and traditions. I am asking for YOUR help to help us revitalize Reading Art Association. If you would like to know more about the Board or Committee Chair positions, please reach out Rosie Palmer, Lou Doto, Brian Kimerer, Ruth Kelloway, and myself. We are all here to help and we are in this together. I am confident Reading Art Association can continue to thrive and prosper, but it takes a village - we can do this.

Our next demo is in February 14th, I (Rick Corbett) will be doing a demonstration on Drawing - sharing my tips and techniques on how I achieve hyperrealistic portraits in graphite - this will also be a hands-on demo where everyone will be drawing - especially if you think "I can't draw", well I'd like to challenge that way of thinking - we can do anything we set our minds to it - but it takes work!

As President of Reading Art Association, I am willing to put in the work and do what needs to be done. I will ALWAYS do my part, I'm asking you to do yours. Let's work together to rebuild Reading Art Association and keep the legacy of our Founding Members alive!!!

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please contact me directly. My cell phone is 617-997-3422 and my email is rickycorbett@gmail.com.

I want to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Holidays. May your days be always filled with love, happiness, joy, peace, and many Blessings. I will see you all in February.

-Rick

Message from your Mixed Media Editor

This issue of Mixed Media is a bit late so that we could include the results of the Fall Show.

The RAA web site continues to post news, so check the website, readingart.org, for last minute updates.

-Brian

A Message from your Fall Show Committee

Our Fall Show this year was small. We had only 40 entries. However, the quality of the art was very high. It would be nice to have more participation in our exhibits.

One again, the show was put together by a skeleton staff of 5 people plus a half dozen volunteers to set up, tear down, and sit at the reception tables. The work would be much lighter if we had more hands to do the work.

A Message from your Webmaster.

I attempt to keep the website up to date in order to keep you informed of what is going on in a timely manner. Please check the website for things like weather cancellations and other timely issues.

I have posted some photographs of the Fall Show and the names of the award winning entries on the website.

<http://www.readingart.org/fall2023.shtml>

Due to low turnout and inclement weather in previous years we are not hosting demonstrations in the month of December and January. Our next demonstration will be February 14, 2024. That is Valentines Day, so give your Valentine a unique treat and bring them to the art demo.

<http://www.readingart.org/scheduleentry.html>

Here is a summary of the remaining schedule for the year.

- February 14 - Graphite Drawing - Richard Corbett
- March 13, 2024 - Pastel on Black Paper - Robert Frascella
- April 10, 2024 - Oil Landscape - Rosalie Sidoti
- May 3 & 4, 2024 - Spring Exhibit & Sale

People Doings...

Jeannette Corbett

Jeannette had a painting in the Whitelam Bookstore through the month of September.



Mary Kelly

Mary had a painting in the Whitelam Bookstore through the month of October.



Ruth Clark

Ruth has a painting hanging in the Whitelam Bookstore through the month of November.



Lynne Cassinari

Lynn is scheduled to hang a painting in the Whitelam Bookstore in December.

Beverly Cook

Beverly displayed her art at Gallery Twist in Lexington during September and October. Gallery Twist is in a lovely victorian house just behind the square in Lexington.

Here is an example of the work that was displayed.



That piece is actually fabric art.

Opportunities...

Whitelam Bookstore Display

Opportunities to exhibit your work continue to open up, and one opportunity that is still available is in the Whitelam Bookstore. There is space for only one painting in the store at a time, which is over the fireplace. I am scheduling one painting per month.

There are openings on the schedule, so let me know if you want to be put on the schedule to display your painting. Email to:

bkimerer@gmail.com

Tewksbury Library Exhibits

Betsy Grecoe has taken over from Val Borgal running the art exhibits at the Tewksbury Library. She has sent out the dates for the exhibits in 2024. Here is some of her message to the artists.

"I'd like to shorten the current show to end on January 2nd. That will allow a full month for the January show which will end on January 30th. From that time on, we will go to two months per show."

I will send out the forms to fill out for the next show once we get closer to the date.

Please send along any questions that you might have.

Take care, Betsy"

For more information, contact Betsy Grecoe at bgrecoe@gmail.com

Dates	Form Due	Change Over
1/2 - 1/30	12/27/2023	1/2/2024
1/30-3/26	1/23/2024	1/30/2024
3/26-5/14	3/19/2024	3/26/2024
5/14-7/30	5/7/2024	5/14/2024
7/30-9/17	7/23/2024	7/30/2024
9/17-11/26	9/10/2024	9/17/2024
11/26-1/28	11/19/2024	11/26/2024

Happenings

Greater Haverhill Art Association

Here is a quick overview of the upcoming schedule at the GHAA.

- November 17- 19 (12-4) Holiday Show at Veasey Park
- November 17 (10-12) Delivery to Veasey Park
- November 18 (12-4) Reception at Veasey Park
- November 19 (3-4) Pickup at Veasey Park
- November 25 (9-12) Saturday Workshop
- December 2 - March 2 Penacook Art Hall Winter Exhibit
- December 9 (9-12) Saturday Workshop

You can download the entire schedule for 2023-2024 from the GHAA website

<https://haverhillartassociation.org/>

Regarding Dues for 2023/2024

Reading Art Association is collecting dues again. Dues are generally due in September for everyone. Dues are \$30 per year for artist members.

You can now pay your dues using Paypal. There is a link on the main page of the website.

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You can pay your dues by sending a check to:

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Deadline for next Mixed Media

The next issue of Mixed Media will cover the months of January and February.

The deadline for items in the January/February issue will be Tuesday, December 26. Send us your news so we can publish it in the newsletter.

Email news to

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