

MIXED MEDIA

Reading Art Association
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September - October 2026

September Demonstration

Steve Greco

Wednesday, September 9, 2026 at 7:30 P.M.

Guild Hall, First Congregational Church (middle side door), Sanborn Street, Reading

Steve Greco is a wildlife artist and a naturalist. He describes himself in this way, "As an artist and a naturalist, I believe that the natural world deserves mankind's total attention and compassion in its 'Eleventh Hour'. We are at a crossroads concerning our environment and change must come from within each individual. There are no neutral parties in my opinion. We are all part of the problem, therefore we must all be part of the solution.

Steve's wildlife paintings are truly exceptional. You can see some of Steve's work at his web site,

<http://fineartamerica.com/profiles/steve-greco.html>

He studied at the Butera School of Art, earning his Bachelor of Arts degree in Commercial Art, Graphics and Advertising. He also attended Velmore Studio of Art in Wakefield; studied Marine Biology and Journalism at Middlesex Community College; and has an Associate's degree in Wildlife Conservation and Forestry from Harcourt School.

October Demonstration

Jeff Fioravanti

Wednesday, October 14, 2026 at 7:30 P.M.

Guild Hall, First Congregational Church (middle side door), Sanborn Street, Reading

As a youth, Jeff's relatives would often encourage his creative pursuits, however it wasn't until later in life that he started to seriously develop and refine his artistic interests.

A juried member of the Copley Society of Art, Jeff is a signature member of the Pastel Society of America (PSA), and an IAPS (International Association of Pastel Societies) Eminent Pastel member, an Artist Member of the North Shore Art Association (Gloucester, MA) as well as the Newburyport Art Association. Jeff creates images based on his life experiences and that are designed to stimulate the viewer to make an emotional or personal connection to each painting.

He has taken "1st Place Landscape Division" and "3rd Place Landscape Division" in the Pastel Journal "Pastel 100 International Competition", "Gold" in the International Association of Pastel Societies Juried International Exhibition and "Best in Show" at the CT Pastel Society National Exhibit, in addition to multiple awards at the international, national and local level. Currently living in Lynn, Massachusetts, he is also a member of the Saugus High School Athletic Hall of Fame. He is represented by the Sidoti Gallery of Art in Rockport, Massachusetts. His website is <https://www.fioravantifineart.com/>

President's Message

Hi Everyone,

I hope you all had a wonderful Summer. September is right around the corner, with that Reading Art Association will be having our monthly demonstrations starting with Steve Greco who will be doing a wildlife demonstration in Acrylic on September 9th from 7:30 - 9:30 in the Guild Hall at the First Congregational Church at 2 Sanborn Street.

We are also in need of volunteers and also looking for Board members to help keep Reading Art Association continue to thrive. If you are interested in volunteering or becoming a Board member, please reach out to a Board member.

Also with September approaching, that means annual dues are due September 1st. If you haven't done so already, you can pay your dues by check or by clicking the link on the website.

Enjoy the rest of the Summer and I look forward to seeing you all at the demonstrations.

Rick

Event Schedule for 2026-2027 Season

Welcome to the 2026 - 2027 season. Here is the list of events that we have planned for the new season.

September 9, 2026
Acrylic Wildlife.....Steve Greco

October 14, 2026
Pastel Landscape.....Jeff Fioravanti

November 13 & 14, 2026
Fall Exhibit & Sale

December, 2026
No Demonstration

January, 2027
No Demonstration

February 10, 2027
Oil Portrait.....Dianne Panarelli Miller

March 10, 2027
Pastel Landscape.....Jeff Ventola

April 14, 2027
Watercolor Landscape.....Don Ouellette

May 7 & 8, 2027
Spring Exhibit & Sale

June (Date to be announced)
Annual Dinner Meeting

As always, the program is available on the website, and we will be sending out reminders shortly before they happen.

From Mixed Media Editor

Greetings from your Mixed Media editor. We have finalized the 2026 - 2027 season, and you can see it in this issue as well as on the website. We have a roster of excellent artists again this year, so do come out to the demonstrations.

Reading Art Association is staffed by a group of like-minded people who come together to support the arts in Reading. Unfortunately our group size has decreased in recent years to just a few intrepid folks who carry the load. The people who are running the organization now are aging out and can no longer support the workload that is required. We need to bring in younger people to take over some of the jobs. Here is a list of the functions and who is performing them now.

- President - Rick
- Vice President - Kim
- Treasurer - Rick
- Membership - Rick
- Show Judges - Rick
- Secretary - Rosie
- Corresponding Secretary - Brian
- Church Liaison - Brian
- Webmaster - Brian
- Mixed Media Newsletter Editor - Brian
- Spring Exhibit Chair - Brian
- Fall Exhibit Chair - Brian
- Programs Chair - Lou
- Publicity Chair - Kim
- Hospitality - Rosie

- Awards - Rosie
- Art In Bloom Display - Rosie

This is not sustainable in the long term, so please give some thought to picking up one or more of these tasks. Let's keep RAA going for another 68 years.

Brian - your Mixed Media editor

We Have A New Email address

You can now contact us at our new email address:

ReadingArtAssociation@gmail.com

People Doings...

Whitelam Bookstore Display

Tommy Beaudoin

Tommy had a painting in the Whitelam Bookstore in June



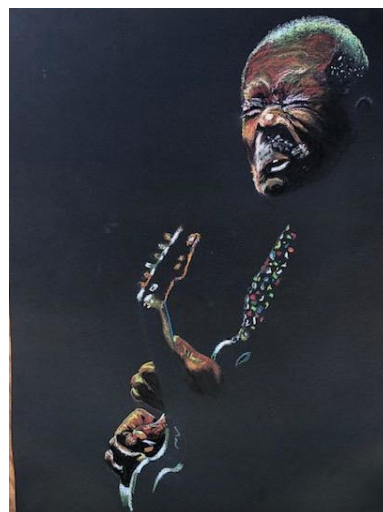
Cheryl Flatley

Cheryl had a painting hanging in the Whitelam Bookstore in July.



George Connelly

George had a painting hanging in the Whitelam Bookstore in August.



Brian Kimerer

Brian is scheduled to hang a painting in the Bookstore in September

Opportunities...

Figure Drawing in Reading

Creative Arts in Reading is hosting life drawing sessions for artists. Artists will draw from a nude model, starting with short gesture poses and moving on to more lengthy poses in a relaxed and supportive atmosphere. All skill levels welcome!

Upcoming Dates:

Thursday, September 10 | 6:30–9:00 PM
 Thursday, September 24 | 6:30–9:00 PM
 Thursday, October 8 | 6:30–9:00 PM
 Thursday, October 22 | 6:30–9:00 PM

Cost is \$25 and can be paid cash or Venmo at the door or register and pay online at

<https://www.weteachcreativearts.org/>

Sessions are facilitated by A.J. Jerrett. For more information, email ajjerrett@gmail.com or call

Creative Arts at 781-942-9600.

Greater Haverhill Art Association

Here is a preview of the GHAA schedule

September 1 (1-6) Pick-up Andover Library
September 2 (4-6) Receiving Merrimac Public Library
September 12 (9-3) Art Festival on Bradford Common
September 20 (1-2) Board Meeting, Buttonwoods
September 20 (2-4) Demo -Watercolor Reflective Surfaces with Esther Donlon at Buttonwoods
September 25 (5 PM) Nominations Deadline
September 26 (9-12) Workshop

"Our workshops are held 9-12 on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month in the hall behind the First Church of Christ on Bradford Common. All ages, all levels, all mediums are welcome. Drop in - no registration required. Work on portraiture (live model provided) or still life (setup provided). A \$5 contribution is requested and appreciated. We ask that masks be worn and social distances be observed."

"Mark Hayden, a Copley Master and art teacher, circulates and offers guidance one-on-one, without pressure. Set up your easel, work at a table, on your lap, or on the floor. Young and old enjoy the camaraderie and support of fellow artists. Bring your own materials; chairs and tables are available."

First Church of Christ (on Bradford Common)
10 Church Street Haverhill, MA

www.haverhillartassociation.org

Tewksbury Library Exhibit

The Tewksbury Library shows are back. All shows will be up for approximately 2 months give or take a few days.

The remaining themes for 2026 are shown below

August/September August 4 - October 13
Aging (of people or things)

October/November October 13 - December 8
Shadows

December/January December 8
Signs of the Seasons

For more information, contact Betsy Grecoe at bgrecoe@gmail.com. More information is available at their facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/TewksburyCommunityOfArtists>

Whitelam Bookstore Display

We still have openings for paintings to hang in the Whitelam Bookstore, so let us know if you want to be put on the schedule to display your painting.

bkimerer@gmail.com

Deadline for next Mixed Media

The next issue of Mixed Media will cover November and December of 2026. The issue will be published in early November so that we can include the winners of the Fall show ribbons. The deadline for the November/December issue is therefore Friday, November 1. Email news to

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or send using the US Post Office to

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