MIXED MEDIA

Reading Art Association
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November - December 2026



Fall Exhibit and Sale

We had to cancel the Fall Exhibit and Sale

For the first time in anyone's memory, the RAA had to cancel a show. The unfortuate situation is that the club has been run in recent years by a very small group of individuals (Rick, Lou, Rosie, Kim, and Brian). All five of us are no longer young, and we have encountered personal and health issues that preclude us from doing the work that is necessary to run the events and shows. So basically we have run out of people.

The RAA needs to hand off its operation to younger folks who want to keep it going. Since we are not getting younger, the alternative will be to shut it down unless someone steps in and takes over.

It would also be good to take a fresh look at what the RAA does. The demos and shows are old school from the previous century, and new ideas would be a boost to the club. Give some thought to what you would like Reading Art Association to be.

It would be a shame to dissolve the RAA, which has been going for nearly 70 years, so give some thought to making an efforrt to keep RAA going.

December Demonstration

No Demonstration in December

For the last few years the RAA has not done a demonstration in December. The reason for that is that nobody showed up for the demo. Part of the reason is that December is full of holiday planning that takes a lot of time, and part of the reason is the aging of the RAA membership, which makes it difficult for the members to get out in the winter weather at night.

President's Message

Hello everyone,

Unfortunately due to some unforeseen circumstances, we had to cancel the Fall Exhibit. We (the Board) are planning to have our Spring Exhibit and “Art in Bloom” in May.

We are still in need of volunteers to help us continue the traditions in which Reading Art Association is known for. Please reach out to the Board if you are interested.

I want to wish you all good health and happiness as we prepare for the upcoming holidays.

I look forward to seeing you all in February - Dianne Panarelli Miller will be exhibiting her oil painting technique on February 10th, 2027 from 7:30 - 9:30pm.

Many Blessings to you all!

Rick

Event Schedule for 2026-2027 Season

We have had some unfortunate changes to the 2026-2027 schedule due to unforseen circumstances. We are hoping to be able to finish the season in the spring. Here is a summary of the schedule.

November 13 & 14, 2026
Fall Exhibit & Sale - Canceled

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

We have encountered some unforseen circumstances this season which precluded the completion of some of our planned events. While we are hoping to be able to pick up the rest of the events in the spring, there are no guarantees that we will be in a position to do that.

Reading Art Association is currently being run by a very small group of people. 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

Brian Kimerer

Brian had a painting in the Whitelam Bookstore in October



Lynne Cassinari

Lynne has a painting hanging in the Whitelam Bookstore in November.



Beverly Cook

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

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, November 12 | 6:30–9:00 PM
Thursday, December 10 | 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

November 14 (9-12) Workshop
November 13-15 Holiday Members Show
November 28 (9-12) Workshop
November 29 (12-2, Wendy Scholes; 2:30-4:30 Charlie Gagnon) Artists-at-Work at the Buttonwoods Festival of Trees
December 6 (12-2, Melissa Casaletto; 2:30-4:30 Rosanne Bartlett) Artists-at-Work at the Buttonwoods Festival of Trees
December 12 (12-2, Shayla MacDonald; 2:30-4:30 Rebecca Pontius) Artists-at-Work at the Buttonwoods Festival of Trees
December 13 (9-12) Workshop
December 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 StreetHaverhill, MA

www.haverhillartassociation.org

Tewksbury Library Exhibit

We received a brief message from Betsy

Hi
Just a quick note…the first theme for next year will be Humor. I'll send out dates in a few weeks. Thought we might try to find some humor in the darkest, coldest part of the year.

Take care, Betsy

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 January and February of 2027. We have no events in January, but we are hoping to start up on February 10 with a demo of an oil portrait by Dianne Panarelli Miller. The deadline for sending your news for the January/ February issue is December 26, 2026. Send your request to:

webmaster@ReadingArt.org

or send using the US Post Offce to

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