



DECEMBER 2008 NEWSLETTER

Arts Institute Group of the Merrimack Valley, Inc.

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Holiday Party and Yankee Swap, December 18, 2008

At: Nevins Adult Day Center
12 Ingalls Court
Methuen, MA 01844.

The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM with a brief business discussion.

Directions: From Route 93 take Exit 48, Route 213-East. Take the first exit (Route 28). Bear Right at the end of the ramp onto Rt. 28/Broadway. Go through Methuen Square and continue South. Go straight through the next traffic light (Oakland Ave.) and then turn Right into the driveway of Nevins Home. Follow the driveway back passing both the Nevins Manor and the Nursing Center until you reach the Adult Day Care Center on the Left. Park in the lot that is behind the Adult Day Care Center.

This Year's party will be a Pot Luck event. Please bring a dish to share with a copy of the recipe you used to prepare it. We'll be able to "taste test" and will have the recipe for our cookbook. Bring a wrapped gift (spend no more than \$10.) for the Yankee Swap.

Please call or E-mail and let me know that you are planning to attend and what food category (i.e. appetizer, salad, entrée, dessert, you will bring). (671) 510-5742 or foffsart@gmail.com.
Thanks, Gail

You are always welcome to bring your latest work (finished or not) for "SHOW AND TELL".

LIBRARY SHOW (S)

Our group has had the good fortune to display at Nevins Memorial Library in an annual Fall show for the past seven years and we are happy to announce the dates are already set for 2009. The annual show-open to all artists, will open on October 28, 2009 and close on November 7. Drop-off will be on 10/24 and pick-up on 11/9.

GREAT NEWS! We will also have a **“MEMBERS SHOW”** and Sale in June. Show opens June 3, 2009 and closes June 13. Drop-off will be on May 30 and pick-up on 6/15 and 6/16. Patty Beaulieu and Silvana Siudut will co-chair this event. We are looking for a clever theme and show name. Please forward your suggestions to Silvana or Patty. If we all pitch in as we did with the last show, it is sure to be a great success.

COOKBOOK



We are working on the cookbook and have received a few more recipes. We need more members to participate. So, if you haven't already, won't you please submit the recipes for your best dishes? It's not necessary they be original. We'll give credit to the author. We want family favorites, etc. If you don't cook, perhaps you can supply directions to the frozen food section of your favorite grocery store, or a workshop on "Microwave".

If you want a cookbook for 2009, please don't put this off!

Send us favorite/family recipes (yes, that's plural~ so we can assemble a nice collection from those received). **IMPORTANT!** Include anecdotes, photos of your artwork or, better yet, photos of YOU.

Send information to co-chairs Silvana Siudut~ silart@comcast.net or Gail Fuller at foffsart@gmail.com, If you have no way to Email, send snail mail to:

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Check it out!

City Hall Program needs artists who want to display their artwork.

Would you like to be the **Featured Artist on the Web** ?

Artist for the **Meeting Mini Exhibit**

(to bring several paintings to a monthly meeting for display to the group)

DEMONSTRATORS NEEDED for our Spring meetings. Care to volunteer? If you have questions or want more info, contact Gail Fuller, (617) 510-5742 or foffsart@gmail.com.

Remember to let me know if your contact information changes. We don't want you to miss getting your Newsletter.

A word from the AIGMV President...Silvana Siudut

Welcome all to this years show. Help us celebrate 10 years of promoting art, artists and educational events for our community. We are very grateful of our partnership with the staff of the Nevins Memorial Library, City Hall and elected officials also the Nevins Family Service that provided space for us to assemble as artists. And just as important to be recognized, is you the community that has accepted, participated and supported our events.

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We welcome to our group artists from all over New England. We found here in Methuen a very special place that understands the importance of ART and what art can do for us all.

When Jim and I decided to establish this institution we knew that it was going to cost us, it does in fact cost us our time. With this commitment we find less time to create art. But as I always say the "Lord does work in mysterious ways" and we both have been blessed, encouraged and supported by artists and non artists that want to make a difference and change our community for the best possible and positive way. Our young people are learning from what goes around them and should be given a chance. The Arts help.

We have at this moment dedicated volunteers in our organization and we are looking forward to a great future. Thanks to all the volunteers and participants that have made this show possible.

The above was part of the show brochure, now I want to take the opportunity to wish everyone Happy Holidays, a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year. Thanks for being part of this organization and to contribute to our common goal. We did in fact match last year amount for the 2009 Scholarship Program. As we enter our eleventh year we already have two shows in the works with the possibility of one other for 2009. You have plenty of time to get ready for June, this show is just for members. It's your time to shine! Please do your part: Create, participate and enjoy life.

Below is the awards list for the "7th Art at the Library" show. Congratulations to all who have received an award and congratulations to all others that participated, being part of a show is a great achievement.

Sincerely,
Silvana Siudut

Awards 2008

Best of Show Ribbon and \$50 *Amea Mc Namara* "Joel, James and Anthony" Oil

Theme Award Ribbon and \$50 *Patricia Beaulieu* "Spritey" Pastel

Founders Award - Jim and Silvana Siudut Ribbon and \$50 *Lynn Vidler* "Gloucester at Dusk" Photography

Mayor William Manzi III—Mayoral Award Ribbon *Sharon Morley* "Spiggot Falls– Methuen" Oil

Walter E. Red III - Memorial Award Ribbon and \$25 *Sharon Morley* " Spiggot Falls– Methuen" Oil

Categories - All receive a Ribbon, First Place \$25

Acrylic Media

1st Place *Jim Collins* "What We Have Done"

2nd Place *Gail Fuller* "Future Pie"

HM *Barbara Burns* "Autumn Glory"

HM *James Siudut* "Rocky Coast"

HM *Shirley D'Agati* "The Toy Teapot"

Oil Media

1st Place *Sharon Morley* "The Musician, the Storyteller, the Man-Guy Davis"

2nd Place *Shirley D'Agati* "Big and Little"

HM *David Jones* "Hollis"

HM *Dawn Robinson* "Brookgreen Garden Black-eyed Susan"

HM *Patricia Crowley* "Grannies Window"

Watercolor Media

1st Place *Lorna Brain* "Sunlit Echinacea"

2nd Place *David Drinon* "Monhegan Roots"

HM *Mary Ann Manning* "Antique Evening Bag"

HM *Marcia Harris* "Our View of the St. Lawrence River"

HM *Valerie Borgal* "Graced by Roses"

Photography Media

1st Place	<i>Bridget Douillette</i>	"Mason Finds a Starfish"
2nd Place	<i>Laurie Gagnon</i>	"Harmony and Company"
HM	<i>Lynn Vidler</i>	"Butterfly"
HM	<i>Arthur Schwartz</i>	"Wine Glasses"
HM	<i>Daniel Carney</i>	"Safe Harbor"

Other Category Media

1st Place	<i>Lili Mayer</i>	"Sunrise on Wingaersheek Beach" Pastel
2nd Place	<i>Erica Buschmann</i>	"Bradley Palmer Forest" Pastel
HM	<i>Brenden Keegan</i>	"Lighthouse Pemaquid Point" Pen & Ink
HM	<i>Nancy Varnum</i>	"Harmony by Mail" Encaustic
HM	<i>Laureen Luszc</i>	"Touring Italy" Pastel

Librarians' Choice Awards

1st Place	Jim Collins	"What Have We Done" Acrylic
HM	Patricia Crowley	"Afternoon Tea" Oil
HM	Sharon Morley	"Formal Portrait of Mike" Oil

MY TWO BITS ~ Gail Fuller

Many thanks again to all who have found the time in their busy schedules to help make the November show at the library a success. I'm excited to know we will have (2) next year.

As we near the end of 2008, predictions lead us to consider the challenges of the future. It is looking like the next few months may be more difficult for artists who try to sell their work. Ever the optimist, I'm thinking "If we spend more time on our art, hone our skills and produce great works, we'll have lots to sell when the economy improves".

*It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver.
([Mahatma Gandhi](#))*

See you Thursday the 20th? Gail Fuller

LynnArts*inc* Is having a Holiday Show and Sale November 22, 2008 to January 5, 2009 Member's and Neighbors Open House Saturday, December 13, 2 to 4 PM Gallery Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 AM to 4 PM Thursday, 10AM to 7PM. Closed Sunday Located at 25 Exchange Street, Lynn, MA- in Lynn's Central Square www.lynnarts.org Come do some shopping!Valerie Bourgal

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When prosperity comes, do not use all of it. ([Confucius](#))