



February 2009 NEWSLETTER

Arts Institute Group of the Merrimack Valley, Inc.

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Next meeting~~ Thursday, February 19, 2009

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.

In the event of inclement weather, please check the website,
www.artsinstitutegroup.org or call Gail Fuller @ (617) 510- 5742.

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

At this month's meeting, we plan to start creating Artist Trading Cards. Please bring acrylics, watercolor or any other medium you choose and some ideas for what you would like to put on your cards. There are no rules other than the size of the card. We will supply the cards to get you started and expect to have lots of fun creating. Let's plan to have an exchange of ATCs within our group at the March meeting and maybe a swap party inviting other artists at the June Show.

Sadly we report the passing of one of our members, Jim Boie.

He was a talented artist and will be missed. Condolences go out to his wife Terry and his family.

A word from Silvana Siudut- President of AIGMV

Dear members

Spring is around the corner, maybe some more snow will fall, but it's not too bad. We've got to look forward to the new season, the rebirth and celebration of the earth, in this region we live in.

The season of Spring is also the renewal and rebirth of each of us. An artist's rebirth.

Therefore I want to remind each of you, as well as myself, that as individuals we have to have goals and motivation.

There we go! To be a part of an organization gives one the goals and the motivation to create. We have two shows planned for this year and many months of getting together to share art. And the love of art is one of the reasons of why we get together.

Simply, I want to share with you that no matter what goes on around us, the economy, difficult situations or people that we have to deal with, no matter what, we still have our art. This year with our shows and other projects as well as demonstrations, we will reach out to the people out there and bring others to know the arts, and for many to appreciate it.

This year we are giving a substantial scholarship amount thanks to all that were part of the group last year, and to individual donations and to our Scholarship Chair-Sharon Morley- she sent out the applications last week and works hard to accomplish this.

All I will say now is for you to continue to be part of this group, don't forget to pay your dues if you haven't yet. Participate at the meetings and for you to get involved with the shows. Thanks for being part of all this. You can indeed make a difference in the community.

My Best to you!

Silvana

Scholarships If you know of a local, artistically talented high school senior who intends to further her/his art education be sure to have them contact Sharon Morley for a scholarship application:
(978) 372—883 morleystudio@aol.com

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Please remember to pay your membership dues by the end of February. If you have any questions, please email Elaine at laynesloft@comcast.net or call 978-475-4628. Thank You.

You will find a membership form as an attachment to this Newsletter.

REMEMBER! You must be a member in good standing to receive your monthly Newsletter and many benefits including reduced rates at our shows.

Remember to let us know if your contact information changes. We don't want you to miss getting your Newsletter. Please call any of the officers.

LIBRARY SHOWS

Dates are set for the 2009 shows at Nevins Memorial Library, mark your calendars. The **“8th Annual Art at the Library”** show and Sale -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.

The June show has a title now and is: **“Spring Members Show and Sale”**
The **theme** for this show is the: **“Joy of Color”**

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. 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 additional recipes for the collection.

It is not too late to send in your recipes (we will be assembling the pages soon) but don't delay if you have something to include.

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 and 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.

DEMONSTRATORS NEEDED for 2009 meetings. Care to volunteer?

Our group's website has a new look. Be sure to visit:

www.artsinstitutegroup.org

- **Artists members opportunity** to be the **Featured Artist on the Web** Please call or email Silvana, if chosen artist will be displayed on our site with bio, artworks and more. A press release will be sent out.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.....

.....to help paint a mural in the lunch room of the Nevins Adult Day Center. They have requested a lighthouse. Silvana will draw it on the wall and we need volunteer artists to share the painting. We will be working Thursday evenings and maybe one other night-using acrylic paint. They are kind enough to allow us the use of the building for our meetings. What a great way to pay them back.

Be sure to visit the "Wild About Animal Art Show".*Artwork and jewelry in the show focuses on The Animal World.*

At GALLERY ONE 5 Pine Street Extension No.6 Mill Annex, Second Floor

Nashua, NH (603) 883-0603 Gallery Hours: Friday through Sunday-- Noon to 5PM

Silvana Siudut and Gail Fuller have paintings in this show.

Don't miss**Valerie Borgal's display of 30 Monhegan Island paintings at:**

Memorial Hall Library, Andover, MA

Library Hours: Mon-Thurs 9AM to 9PM, Fri & Sat 9AM to 5PM, Sunday 1PM to 5PM

CALENDAR OF EVENTS (check for updates)

<u>FEBRUARY</u>	Meeting, 2/19-We create ATCs
<u>MARCH</u>	Meeting- 3/19-Members ATC trade Fest
<u>APRIL</u>	Meeting- 4/16-
<u>MAY</u>	Meeting- 5/21 -
<u>JUNE</u>	Meeting- 6/18-Scholarship Awards Presentation Spring Members Show 6/3-13—Invitational ATC Trade Fest
<u>JULY</u>	Summer Break
<u>AUGUST</u>	Summer Break
<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	Meeting- 9/17- Demo: Silvana Siudut
<u>OCTOBER</u>	Meeting- 10/15-Demo: Nita Leger Casey "8th Annual Art at Library Show and Sale" 10/28-11/7 Open to all Artists
<u>NOVEMBER</u>	Meeting- 11/19
<u>DECEMBER</u>	Meeting- 12/17-Party

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