



ARTS INSTITUTE GROUP OF THE MERRIMACK VALLEY

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MONTHLY MEETINGS:

Next Meeting JUNE 15th

- Meetings will be held the third Thursday of the following months – April, May, June, September, October & November. Our meetings are held at the **Nevins Home** in Methuen. Directions – Route 93 to Exit 48 (Rt. 213) to Route 28 South. Through Methuen center. About 1 mile down, go through the lights and take the next right to the driveway of Nevins Home. Follow the driveway past the Nevins Manor and Nursing center until you reach the Home Adult Day Care Center on the left. Parking just pass the center.
- Meetings will begin at 7:00pm with a brief business discussion and then an art demonstration.
- Next meeting will be **June 15th**. We will be awarding our **Scholarship Winners** and then we will have an **Art Forum**. Please bring your artwork completed or in progress. We will discuss the artwork-questions, problems, techniques or any other related topics. We will also be showing a video by a famous contemporary artist explaining his approach to “en plein air” painting.
- A special thank you to **Gail Fuller** for treating us to her tasty cookies at the meetings.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- An opportunity to showcase your artwork at the Methuen City Hall. **Matthew Kraunelis**, the Mayor’s Chief of Staff, has offered our group a chance to show artwork at the City Hall. The program will start next month and will be displayed for four weeks. Please contact **Silvana** if you are interested. Matt is very interested and active in the arts. He writes poetry and does collages. If you recall, when Matt was a City Councilor, he was looking into the possibility of turning some of the closed schools into an art center. The opportunity fell through but there is always hope for the future.
- The Chelmsford Art Society show July 3rd and 4th. Please contact Claire Gagnon (President) at 978-957-5058 or visit online www.chelmsfordartsociety.org for more information.
- Our Annual November Exhibit at the Nevins Library in Methuen. The theme will be “**Seascapes, Rivers and Lakes**”. We will report all other pertinent information at our June 15th meeting.



Ponte Vecchio Bridge in Florence, Italy

PREVIOUS EVENTS:

- The trip to the Currier Museum of Art was enjoyed by all. Thank you to Nancy Varnum for organizing the trip.

MEMBERS NEWS:

- Please welcome our newest members – **Crystal-Ann Korzep, Josiah Morgan and Lisa Saad.**
- Congratulations to **Jim Collins** for the People’s Choice Award at the recent Greater Haverhill Art Association Show. Congratulations also go to Maureen DeSisto for her Award.
- **Maureen DeSisto** will be exhibiting at The Flint Memorial Library, North Reading – 978-664-4942 - from June 5th - June 30th.

SCHOLARSHIP:

- At our **June 15th** meeting **Sharon Morley** will award this year’s winners. Our winners are invited to bring some of their artwork for display. Each student will receive a certificate, the award and a one-year membership to our group. Please be sure to welcome and encourage these young artists.
- Our thanks to **Sharon Morley**, chairperson and **Mark Hayden** for reviewing the applicants’ work and essays and making the scholarship program a reality each year.

NEWSLETTER:

- Our newly formatted Newsletter will begin with the July issue. We will include all our general information, Members News, profile of the Artist of the Month, a Calendar of upcoming events in our area & information about our website – www.artsinstitutegroup.org.
- *If you would prefer to have our newsletter emailed instead of mailed through the Post office, please let **Elaine** know and make sure she has your email address.*
- Our website will include all of the above information and our Artist Links to your website at no cost as long as the artist will list our organization’s website as a link. Members may add their own personal web page with their bio, paintings and events. The cost would be \$20.00. Please call **Silvana** about further information regarding our website and adding your own page.
- If you have some news to include, please email or call **Elaine Rando** before the 2nd of each month to be included in that month’s Newsletter. elainerando@artsinstitutegroup.org or call 978-475-4628.

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MESSAGE FROM SHARON MORLEY, CHAIRPERSON



I was very pleased once again to have had the opportunity to chair the Arts Institute Group Scholarship Committee. This year AIG raised \$700.00 to be given away to scholarships recipients. Another \$200.00 was donated from the Alfred J. Mickee Sr. Scholarship. We were thrilled to be able to offer \$900.00 in scholarship awards to graduating high school seniors of the Merrimack Valley.

The rules state that the applicant must be a graduating senior in good standing who will attend an art college or pursue an art degree. Each student was asked to submit three original pieces of art along with a short essay expressing why they had chosen the art field. I delivered the scholarship rules and application form letters to each guidance

counselor and art teacher in the seven public high schools in the Merrimack Valley.

Three students complied with all requirements. On May 13th the students brought their work and essays to the Nevins Memorial Library. Mark Hayden, c.m. and I read the essays and discussed each piece of art. It was a very tough decision as all the applicants are very talented. We decided, based on both the artwork and the essays, that each student should receive a part of the scholarship award.

The recipients and the awards of the ***Arts Institute Group Scholarships*** are:

Alexander McCargar of Andover, Andover High School: \$400.00

Erin Fili-of Salem, NH(Sparhawk High School): \$200

Margaret Gormley-of Methuen, Methuen High School: \$100

The Recipients of the ***Alfred J. Mickee Sr. Scholarships*** were:

Alexander McCargar of Andover, Andover High School: \$100.00

Erin Fili-of Salem, NH(Sparhawk High School): \$100

All awards and certificates will given out at our June Meeting.

Thank you to all who helped make these scholarships possible. If you would like to donate to the scholarship fund, please call Jim or Silvana for more information.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon A. Morley
Scholarship Chairperson