



APRIL 2010 NEWSLETTER

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Monthly Meeting, Thursday, 5/20/10

Nevins Adult Day Center

12 Ingalls Court

Methuen, MA 01844

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.

Please bring your latest work (finished or not) for "SHOW AND TELL".

For the past year, in keeping with our mission to Support the Arts in our community, our group participated in two shows, spring and fall. The shows give our artists and craftsmen opportunities to showcase their art and are the major fundraisers for our ever growing scholarship program. At this month's meeting, we will award scholarships to eight (8) talented local high school seniors who are furthering their art educations. Sharon Morley is chairperson of the Scholarship Committee, supported this year by Marcia Harris and Jim Collins.

The scholarship recipients have been invited to accept their scholarships and bring examples of their work to this month's meeting. Don't miss this opportunity to be inspired.

A word from Sharon:

It was my pleasure this year to once again chair the scholarship committee. I was not able to judge first hand this year as I had a chance to go to Florida. I asked Jim Collins, who has helped me judge for the past few years, to take the lead this year and he accepted. I also asked Marcia Harris to help judge with Jim and she graciously accepted.

The students brought their work to Nevins Memorial Library on April 10th. Jim and Marcia looked at all the artwork and the essays and made decisions based on what they saw. I had asked Jim to also take photos of each piece of artwork so that I could choose the recipient of the Alfred J. Mickee Sr. Scholarship.

Jim and Marcia did a fabulous job of judging the scholarships as I knew they would. I would like to thank them both for a job wonderfully done!

The AIGMV donated \$250.00 to Nevins Memorial Library to thank them for the use of the hall for our art show. The Director of Nevins Library, Krista McLeod, (my boss) was thrilled with the donation and asked me to choose books that were of interest to artists. I tried to choose something for everyone while also strengthening the collection in areas that we were a little weak in.

The titles I chose are:

Strokes of Genius 2-The Best of Drawing Light & Shadow by Rachel Rubin Wolf
Painting Amazing Watercolors from Photographs by Henry Dixon
Landscape Painting: Essential Concept
Figure it out- Christopher Har
Portrait Painting Atelier by Suzanne Brooker
Daring Color by Alan Abbott
Bridgeman's Complete Guide to Drawing from Life
The Big Book of Realistic Drawing Secrets by Craig Park
Painting Realistic Wildlife in Acrylic by William Silvers
The Art of Pastel Painting by Alan Flattman
Vibrant Children's Portraits by Victoria Lisi
Paint Landscapes in Acrylic by Lee Hammond
Down by the Sea with Brush and Pens by Claudia Nice

Each book has a nameplate that reads "A gift from the Arts Institute Group of the Merrimack Valley, Inc. March 2010"

You may check out these books at Nevins Library, Methuen or request them online at www.nevinslibrary.org. I just processed them yesterday for circulation and already a few of them have been checked out by Nevins Library patrons. Some were requested in other communities but there are still some left as well as our collection of art books and dvds that we have purchased through the years.

The library is very appreciative of this donation as it benefits our community. You may also donate books that we feel would be a great addition to our library by going to amazon.com and clicking on our wish list. It is a great way to give back to the community or to remember someone special. We will put a name plate in the book(s) you donate upon request.

So thank you once again Jim and Marcia for a superb job, and to my friends and colleagues for your generosity to the scholarship recipients and to the Nevins Memorial Library.

Respectfully Submitted
Sharon A. Morley
Scholarship Chairperson

There is still time to paint for the next show!
Art in the Orchard – Members Show
June 12 and 13, 2010
at Mann Orchards, Methuen, MA

The show will be hung in an adjoining enclosed tent with overnight security

Delivery: Friday, June 11 from Noon - 5PM or contact a Committee Member for early delivery. All art work must be framed (unless on gallery canvas), wired and ready to hang. Artwork which is not ready for hanging will be rejected.

Pick-up: Sunday from 4 – 6PM. Please note: If you aren't available to pickup your pieces in the allotted time, please make an arrangement to have someone else get them. After 6PM on Sunday, there will be no security and the tent will be taken down.

Show Hours: Saturday 6/12.....8AM to 6PM
Sunday 6/13.....8AM to 4PM

If you wish to join the committee, we would love your help.

You must pre-register by June 1 if you wish to be listed in the show program.
Registration- \$4.00 each Art Work- limit of (3) art works for each artist. (There is no accommodation for cards). A commission of 20% will be taken on all sales.

Categories: Oils, Acrylics, Pastels, Watercolor, Photography and Other Media
Ribbons will be awarded for: Best in Show, Second Place, Third Place (not for individual categories) and Peoples Choice.

Tickets will be on sale for a Drawing to benefit our Scholarship Program. The Drawing will be held on Sunday, 6/13 at 4PM.

Donations of quality, framed art work for this drawing will be gratefully accepted.

Contact a member of the committee if you have questions.

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Check it Out

Image-Tec Offer to AIGMV Members for May:

(1) Free 16 X 20 Fine Art Print for artists who bring an image to be scanned ~or~

1) Free 16 X 20 Premium Lustre Print for Photographers in the group who provide an image on disk

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### MAYOR MANZI NAMES MICHAEL GUELI AS MAY'S ARTIST OF THE MONTH

#### *Methuen Artist's Work on Display in the Mayor's Office*

Mayor William M. Manzi has named Michael Gueli as May's Artist of the Month. Gueli is a graduate of Central Catholic High School and Northeastern University. In his free time Mike enjoys watercolor painting particularly seascapes, still life, and landscapes. **Mike is a member of the Arts Institute Group of Merrimack Valley** and the Woburn Arts Association where he

has exhibited his artwork. He continues to paint under the instruction and inspiration of Charles Margeson, professional artist from Georgetown, MA.

Mayor Manzi stated, "Mike is one of the many talented artists living and working in our community. It is an honor to display his artwork. I am impressed by his exceptional use of the watercolor media. I encourage people to come to my office and view Mike's paintings."

The Methuen Artist of the Month Program was created by Mayor Manzi four years ago in order to give members of the Methuen Arts Community a forum to display their work and to encourage participation in Methuen's growing and vibrant creative economy. Methuen artists interested in being considered as Artist of the Month should contact the Mayor's Office.

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The Greater Haverhill Art Association's Annual Show at the Buttonwoods Museum Haverhill Historical Society

Greater Haverhill Arts Association
Annual Art Exhibit 2010
Exhibit Date; Tuesday, May 18 through Sunday May 31, 2010
Buttonwoods Museum is closed on Mondays

***Amee McNamara is working at reconstructing the group website. Please be patient for the immediate future as she simplifies and makes it more manageable. Members with websites should be sure to send Amee the link if you wish to be listed. Send to:
ericandamee@comcast.net***

Check out Tony Ross' new website: artofnewengland.com

Calendar

March Meeting – 3/18/10, Elections
April Meeting - 4/15/10, Karla Cook, Demonstrator
May Meeting – 5/20/10, Scholarship Awards
June Meeting – 6/17/10,
6/12 & 6/13 **Spring Show Art in the Orchard**

July and August Hiatus

September Meeting - 9/16
Salisbury Historical Society Show 9/26
Ann Rahming's work on display at Andover Library
In the glass cases-second floor
October Meeting – 10/21 – Art at the Library 10/27~11/6
November Meeting - 11/18
December Meeting/Party – 12/16

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