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NEWSLETTER

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**ATTENTION!**

This newsletter has several attachments.  
Please make sure to open them all for details of upcoming events.

*Next meeting~~ Thursday, May 21, 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.

This month, member and award winner, [Sharon Morley](#) ([morleystudio@aol.com](mailto:morleystudio@aol.com)) will invite you to [Color Your World](#) as she demonstrates and conducts a workshop in pastels. After she inspires us with a few techniques, she will invite the group to try their hand with pastels. Materials will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own if you wish. Work from the still life that will be set up, or your own photo. *[Look for the attachment to this newsletter](#)*

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

~~and of course, trade ATCs for your growing collection.

The "SPRING MEMBERS SHOW and Sale" is right around the corner!

*Spring is here! Finish up those new paintings and get them framed and the wire attached to be ready for display.*

Don't forget to produce one or two fundraising miniatures for the miniature wall. The aim is to price them at \$100 or less-to give the public the opportunity to own Original Art at affordable prices and to give the scholarship fund a good start.

We will also have an area for "Refrigerator Art". Children, Grandchildren, Nieces and Nephews of members are encouraged to display at no charge.

The THEME: "The Joy of Color" Opens June 3, 2009 and Closes June 13. Drop-off will be on May 30 and pick-up on June 15 and June 16.

Patty Beaulieu and Silvana Siudut are co-chairing this event. Volunteers are needed to help with all facets of the show. If we all pitch in as we did with the last show, it is sure to be a great success. (For more information, check the attachment).

### OUR ANNUAL FALL LIBRARY 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. There is so much beauty around us. We challenge you to: Get inspired and produce something wonderful for the show.

### A GLIMPSE OF EUROPE



**"A Glimpse of Europe"**  
**Rolling Ridge Retreat Will Host an Open House**  
**Celebrating Art, Artists and the Natural World**  
*Mark your calendars and don't miss it*

"A Glimpse of Europe"  
[www.Rollingridge.org](http://www.Rollingridge.org)

"A Glimpse of Europe" June 7<sup>th</sup> at the Rolling Ridge Retreat and Conference Center in North Andover (See attached flyer).

## **GIFTS**

\*Our group has been lucky to have a great place to gather for our monthly meetings. Each year we give a gift in appreciation. This year the clients at Nevins Adult Day Center had "art supplies" on their wish list. We have given them a gift of \$100.00 to purchase new art supplies.

\*For many years, Nevins Memorial Library has been the site of our annual, fall fundraising Art show. This year we are fortunate to add a spring show. We are appreciative and we have given the library \$200.00 to buy new books and to say, "Thanks".

June's Newsletter will announce the scholarship recipients. Don't miss the awards at the June meeting.

## **MEMBERSHIP DUES:**

There are still some members who have not renewed their memberships. The minimal fee of \$25.00 will keep your status as a member in good standing and will ensure you receive your monthly Newsletter along with many other benefits including reduced rates at our shows.

**Remember to inform us if your contact information changes. We don't want you to miss getting your Newsletter.** If you have any questions, please email Elaine at [laynesloft@comcast.net](mailto:laynesloft@comcast.net) or call 978-475-4628.

## **Check it out!**

**Be the Featured Artist on the Web** Contact Silvana.

## **MAYOR MANZI NAMES KAREN FITZGERALD - MAY ARTIST OF THE MONTH**

*Methuen Art Teacher's Work on Display in the Mayor's Office*



Mayor William M. Manzi has named Karen Fitzgerald as May Artist of the Month. Karen is an art teacher at Methuen High School and a longtime employee of the Methuen School Dept. Her work includes drawings, watercolors, mixed media and photography. She is a graduate of the Mass. College of Art, the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston and Lowell State College. Karen has won several awards for her art and has participated in several painting and photography regional workshops and local competitions.

## **Guidelines for Artist of the Month**

- Artists must live or work in Methuen or be a member of a Methuen-based arts group.
- We generally hang six to eight pieces of art depending on size. We prefer framed work. Artwork must have a cord on the back so that it can be properly displayed.
- Artists are responsible for hanging and removing their work.
- Artists must submit a brief bio in electronic form to be used in a press release.

Methuen artists interested in being considered as Artist of the Month should contact Matt Kraunelis in the Mayor's Office at 978-983-8505.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS ( check for updates)

MAY Meeting- 5/21-Demo/Workshop ( Pastels) with Sharon Morley  
JUNE Meeting- 6/18-Scholarship Awards  
 Members Show 6/3-13—Invitational ATC Trade Fest

\* Summer Break

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SEPTEMBER Meeting- 9/17-

OCTOBER Meeting- 10/15-Demo: Nita Leger Casey--Library Show, 10/28-11/7.

NOVEMBER Meeting- 11/19

DECEMBER Meeting- 12/17-Party

*Visit our website to keep in touch with what's new with our group.*

[www.artsinstitute.org](http://www.artsinstitute.org)

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If you have questions or want more info, or if you have info you'd like included in the next Newsletter, contact the Newsletter Editor: Gail Fuller, (617) 510-5742 or [foffsart@gmail.com](mailto:foffsart@gmail.com).

**COLOR  
YOUR  
WORLD!  
WITH  
PASTELS**



You are invited to learn the beautiful art of pastel painting in this two hour program. Award winning artist/teacher Sharon Morley will do a short demonstration of some of the more popular of pastel painting and will have a few of her pastel paintings on hand to further your understanding of the use of pastel. You then you will have a chance to work on your own painting from a still life set up which will be provided or a photo that you bring in. Sharon will help each person on an individual basis and answer all questions as they arise.

Pastel paper and soft pastels will be provided for you to use but you bring your own pastels and paper if you prefer.

No prior experience required...just come and **Color Your World!**

**Nevins Adult Day Care**

**May 21st at 7:00 pm**

Sharon at **978-372-0883** or  
email: **morleystudio@aol** for further information.  
**www.sharonmorley.com**

**ADMISSION IS FREE!**

## A Glimpse of Europe « Plein Air » Day

The Andover Artist Guild is inviting the artists of the Arts Institute Group and also the Chelmsford Arts Society to this great event. Rolling Ridge Retreat and Conference Center in North Andover will host its first "Glimpse of Europe" Open House for plein air artists and the public to explore and enjoy its 38-acre European-styled estate among the rolling hills on the shores of Lake Cochichewick on Sunday, June 7 from 10 am to 3 pm.

Artists can find inspiration in Rolling Ridge, a grand estate built for Ethan Allen in the 1920s featuring spectacular lake views, an Italian bowling green, cascading fountains, rolling hills and wooded trails. Artists are free to take photographs, paint plein-air, and enjoy the serenity and splendor of the surroundings.

From 2 to 3 pm, artists are invited to a reception to converse and to present and discuss their work. The public is welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

A selection of box lunches including a vegetarian meal for artists and visitors and "A la carte" menu items may be reserved by calling Rolling Ridge at 978-682-8815. Lunches cost \$20 or "A la carte" starting at \$5.

For full information, visit the **Andover Artist Guild** website at:  
[http://www.andoversartistsguild.com/event?event\\_id=391](http://www.andoversartistsguild.com/event?event_id=391)

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**Celebrating Art, Artists and the Natural World**  
*June 7, 2009 \* 10 am -3 pm*

### Menu options!

#### *Artist Lunch Boxes*

##### *Van Gogh's Lunch Box        17*

Pastrami Deli Sandwich on Rye bread, with sauerkraut salad and Swiss cheese  
Kosher Pickle  
Rolling Ridge German Potato Salad  
Red Delicious Apple  
Potato Chips  
Bottle of water

##### *Monet's Lunch Box        19*

Lobster Roll on Brioche  
Mixed green salad with walnuts, apple and maple lime vinaigrette  
Macintosh Apple  
Cape Cod Potato Chips  
Cranberry Juice

*Picasso's Lunch Box* 17

Grilled Vegetable Wrap in sun dried Tomato tortilla  
Pickled cucumbers with dill  
Marinated Tomato salad with pine nuts and aged balsamic  
Slices of granny smith apple  
Dried fruit chips  
Bottle of water

*A la carte Menu options*

*Cappuccino Station*

Selected coffee drinks:	coffee*	2
	Cappuccino	3
	Café latté	3
	Chai tea	3
	Frappocinos	3
	Hot chocolate	2
	Soft drinks and juices	1

\* refill available

*Cannoli Station*

Fresh made cannoli	mascarpone filling **	2	10 (1 dz)
	Ricotta vanilla filling **	2	10 (1 dz)
	Chocolate custard filling **	3	15 (1 dz)
	Vanilla custard filling **	3	15 (1 dz)
	Strawberry filling **	3	15 (1 dz)

Rolling Ridge Chocolate Chip Cookies	ea	1
	½ dz	4
	1 dz	7

\*\* 2 per portion

*Pizzedelli Sandwiches*

Pizza bread with	arugula and prosciutto	11
	Brie and Salami	8
	Smoked salmon & crème fraiche	10
	Hummus & Mediterranean vegetables	9
Three cheese pizza by the slice		3

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www.Rollingridge.org

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The public is also welcome to walk the grounds, take pictures, watch artists at work, and share in the natural beauty of the estate. Artists will also present talks and demonstrations during the event.

"Rolling Ridge is a tranquil oasis in a busy world. Just being here can restore one's sense of harmony," said Rev. Larry Peacock, executive director of Rolling Ridge. "By welcoming artists, with their wonderful sense of sight, we hope to share with our community a day to see with fresh eyes and experience peace and delight."

"A Glimpse of Europe is a feast for our senses, the beauty of the surrounding coupled with the peace and light make a wonderful inspiration for both the artists and the visiting public," said Nella Lush, co-president of the Andover Artists Guild.

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A selection of box lunches including a vegetarian meal for artists and visitors may be reserved by calling Rolling Ridge at 978-682-8815. Lunches cost \$20. Rolling Ridge's European-trained Chef Tobias Marx will also prepare a selection of European culinary delights as well as cappuccinos and organic teas.

The event is co-sponsored by the Andover Artists Guild and the North Andover Cultural Council.

Rolling Ridge Retreat is located at 660 Great Pond Road in North Andover next to the North Andover Country Club. Visit <http://www.rollingridge.org> for directions and event information. For lunch reservations or more information, call 978-682-8815.

About the Event Partners:

Rolling Ridge Retreat and Conference Center

Rolling Ridge Retreat and Conference Center is a sacred and beautiful space set apart for individuals and groups to find rest and renewal. The 38 acres of woods, rolling hills and lakefront, and the 40 room European-Georgian estate provide the setting for retreats and conferences, day meetings and overnight accommodations.

Rolling Ridge Retreat and Conference Center also offers programs and renewal days for individuals and groups. Rolling Ridge Retreat and Conference Center is a ministry of hospitality and spirituality of the New England Conference, United Methodist Church, and open to not-for-profit, public and corporate groups.

Rolling Ridge was constructed as a private summer residence for Ethan Allan of New York City. Allan had purchased the 38-acre, 40-room "Rolling Ridge", by which name it was already known, in 1899, and began work on his estate in 1916. The entire estate is in the Georgian Revival Style heavily infused with classical Italian proportions and detailing. The landscape was designed by internationally-known architect Fletcher Steele.

#### Andover Artists Guild

The Andover Artists Guild was incorporated as a nonprofit organization in 1970 with an initial membership of 9 members. Since then, it has grown to more than 90 active members. The membership includes artists and arts patrons from Andover and North Andover as well as surrounding towns and New Hampshire.

#### North Andover Cultural Council

The North Andover Cultural Council is a group of interested residents whose purpose is to support community-based projects and activities in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences to benefit the residents of North Andover and to dispense public funding allocated by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

## The "SPRING MEMBERS SHOW and Sale"

You will receive the application for this show next week it will be email or mailed to you!

If you know of any artists that wish to become members they can sign up at time of delivery.

Please propagate this message and attached flyer! Thanks!