



October 2008 NEWSLETTER

Arts Institute Group of the Merrimack Valley, Inc.

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Next meeting, October 16, 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.

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

BILL CLOUTMAN will demonstrate his oil painting talents at this month's meeting.

Bill was born and raised in Marblehead, MA. He was artistically inclined from an early age and there was never any doubt as to what he would do in life.



After graduating from Marblehead High School, he entered Vesper George School of Art where he met and studied under renowned artists Robert Douglas Hunter, Don Stone, Charles Cooper and others. Stone and Hunter were the most influential artists in Bill's fine arts career.

Soon after his graduation Bill joined the U.S. Navy. His artistic talent was immediately recognized and he was put to work as a photographer on an aircraft carrier. Following his discharge, he returned to Boston to pursue a career in commercial art. Bill earned a reputation as an outstanding art director and creative director at a number of major ad agencies. He also taught advertising and design at the Art Institute of Boston and fine arts to an adult neighborhood program.

The desire to pursue fine art was strong and in the early 90's he rekindled his friendship and scholastic relationship with Robert Hunter. With his help, Plein Air oil painting has become his passion and focus.

Post Impressionist would best describe his painting style, with a muted palette and a soft touch to the brushstroke. His works most typically depict New England seaside, marshes and farmland, but also include street scenes and cityscapes.

Bill loves what he does and often goes out of his way to do it. Recently, while painting outdoors, a woman stopped, eyed his canvas, then stared at his face. "Say", she said. "Aren't you the man I saw here last year painting in the rain?" He was. And he still does.

It is in awareness that we bring everything to life that lives within us. There is no time like the present to give birth to creativity. Listen and you will hear. (Kathleen Arnason)



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Invites You to
"Art at the Library"



Nevins Memorial Library
305 Broadway RT28 Methuen, MA 01844

Wed. November 5 to Sat. November 15 2008
"7th Annual Fine Arts & Fine Crafts Show"
Sale of Original Paintings, Photography,
Prints, Cards and Fine Crafts
Reception Thursday, November 6th 5-8 PM
Refreshments Served
Entertainment by *Greg Curtis*
Public Invited - Free Admission

This event is our Scholarship Program Fundraiser
Please support the ARTS!



Thanksgiving Day Hunt - Laura Stover
2007 Best of Show



Hand - Crafted Wooden Bowls
Al & Marilyn Goldosi-Methuen

NOVEMBER SHOW

7th Annual Exhibit and Sale at Nevins Memorial Library will be November 5~15, 2008. The theme for Fine Art is: "HARMONY". Applications may be downloaded from the website, www.artsinstitutegroup.org.

Janis Cosby will be the judge for the Fine Arts portion of the show.

This year, Fine Crafts will also be included in our show. Items will go through a jury process to eligible to display. Anyone who is interested may contact Elaine Rando, Chair, Fine Crafts (978) 475-4628, laynesloft@comcast.net. Applications may be downloaded from the website, www.artsinstitutegroup.org.

Lynn Vidler, our new Head of Publicity, is doing a fine job of promoting the show. She has sent info to the various media outlets and has designed an eye catching poster. We will have post cards available soon.

Volunteers are essential for all facets of the show. It is important we all, in some way, participate to achieve success. Please join the members who have already volunteered to make our 10th year anniversary memorable. When you complete the entry form for the November Show, be prepared to enter your name on the schedule for gallery sitting. As members we share a common goal and it is only fair that we share the responsibility.

All work you intend to display must be ready to hang. This means any painting or photo must be framed with wire attached to the back. Works not ready for hanging will be rejected. There should be no commercial advertising on the front of your painting/photo.

* Last year was the first year we tried a silent auction of miniature paintings. It was profitable for our group's scholarship efforts. There is still plenty of time. Let's do it again. Here are the guidelines: The paintings should be no larger (that means it can be smaller) than a post card. And, come on guys, we are trying to raise funds for scholarships. Please offer your paintings as a full donation. Any paintings that don't sell will be returned to the artist. Contact Gail Fuller if you have questions.

* Consider donating an item to the raffle. (Or maybe you can persuade a business associate to donate an item or service).



Once again and by popular demand, Greg Curtis will entertain us on the evening of the Reception, Thursday, November 6. Last year everyone loved his traditional and patriotic songs.

COOKBOOK

We are **STILL** actively working on our cookbook but it is tough to accomplish the task without member participation. We don't have nearly enough members submitting recipes for a good collection. We assume that everyone in our group eats, so you must have favorites! A few members have sent in recipes (some sent a bunch). We need more than a few 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.



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. We are asking you to help us out here!

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: The

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Check it out!

- **Mayor's Artist of the Month Program** Methuen artists interested in being considered as Artist of the Month should contact Matt Kraunelis in the mayor's office at, (978) 983-8505. If chosen, the artist will be asked to display several works of art in the mayor's reception area and will receive special recognition from Mayor Manzi.
- Would you like to be the **Featured Artist on the Web** ?
- Artist for the **Meeting Mini Exhibit**
(Bring several paintings to a monthly meeting for display to the group)
- **The Library Show**. Make sure to ask all of your artist friends to participate. I am confident it will be a repeat success.

If you have questions or want more info, contact Gail Fuller, (617) 510-5742 or foffsart@gmail.com.

MY TWO BITS ~ Gail Fuller

The temperature has dropped and we are surrounded by all of Nature's beauty. I so enjoy my daily commutes when the light is perfect and the autumn color is so vibrant. I wish my destination was not my job, but to photograph and paint. My hope is that you share my inspiration.

The "COOKBOOK" has been delayed for another season. (Please..... if you haven't already done so, send me your favorite recipes).

Just once more, I'd like to remind my fellow members that when you join, you are not buying a service. We should be inspiring and supporting each other. In reference to the Library Show, please don't leave all of the work to the few who always seem to make it happen. Anything you can do to lighten the load is much appreciated. It will be a spectacular event if we all pitch in.

See you on the 16th?

Best to you,

Gail Fuller

Art that serves an artist best is an experiment in expanding awareness. ([Peter London](#))

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