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NEWSLETTER

## Arts Institute Group of the Merrimack Valley, Inc.

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Next meeting, September 18, 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.

Marcia Harris – Watercolor Artist will demonstrate her watercolor techniques at this month's meeting.

Marcia a very talented and award winning artist is also a teacher.

She gives instruction at her home in Salem, NH as well as area school programs for the Continuing Adult Education.

Please join us to welcome Marsha to our meeting and enjoy her demonstration.

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

*"I'm not inspired every day I go to the studio, but you've got to push yourself. Do it every day and once in a while things will really click. That's the biggest high you can imagine." (Jamie Wyeth)*

## NOVEMBER SHOW



Laura Stover received Best of Show 2007



Happy Artists – Happy Hearts 2007

This year's annual show at the Nevins Memorial Library will be November 5~15, 2008. The theme is: "HARMONY" Applications and details are forthcoming.

Lynn Vidler is doing a fine job as our new Head of Publicity. She has already sent info to media outlets and has the experience necessary to get the job accomplished.

**Volunteers are essential** for all facets of the show. It is important we all, in some way, participate to achieve success.

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.

\*\*\*This year we are inviting Fine Crafters to submit examples of their work which will be juried for display in this year's show. Contact Gail (617) 510-5742, for more information.

\*\*\*Last year was the first year we tried a silent auction of miniatures and 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. You can offer your painting as a full donation or 50% (of the selling price). 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 coerce a business into donating an item).

This is our 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary and we want to make the celebration memorable.

*"You don't get into the mood to create - it's discipline."* (Twyla Tharp)

## 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! We were committed to having the cookbook available for sale at the November Show (just in time for the holidays), but unfortunately it won't happen this year. 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](mailto:silart@comcast.net) or Gail Fuller at [foffsart@gmail.com](mailto:foffsart@gmail.com), If you have no way to Email, send snail mail to:  
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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 office reception area, and will receive special recognition from Mayor Manzi. Current Artist of the Month is Lynn Vidler.
- Would you like to be the **Featured Artist on the Web** ?
- Artist for the **Meeting Mini Exhibit**  
(to bring several paintings to a monthly meeting for display to the group)
- **DEMONSTRATORS NEEDED** for October and November monthly meetings.  
Care to volunteer?

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

## *MY TWO BITS ~ Gail Fuller*

*If you didn't make it to Jim and Sue Collins' garden party in June, you missed a lovely afternoon. The weather cleared and the gardens and wildlife were spectacular. A wide variety of feeders lure the most beautiful birds to visit their yard. This catbird (which perched very close to the gazebo) is feasting on a grape jelly stuffed orange. There was gourmet food a plenty. Our group boasts not only some great artists, but some fine cooks. I can safely say a good time was enjoyed by all. We are hoping this turns into an annual event.*



*Summer is gone. ~There is so much to do and so little time. I'm hoping it has been an inspiring season for all and you have found much to photograph and paint.*

*We now look toward the November Show with hopes it will be a repeat success. The "COOKBOOK" has been delayed for another season because of a lack of participation. (Please....., if you haven't already done so, send in your favorite recipes)*

*I am forced to remind my fellow members that when you join, you are not buying a service. We should be inspiring and supporting each other.. If you intend to include your works in 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 Thursday?*

*Best to you,*

*Gail Fuller*

*The challenge for the artist is to persevere whether or not recognition is forthcoming. (Alice Rich)*

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