



## *“Perspectives” Newsletter*

December 2009

*The Wilbraham Art League was established by a group of committed artists for the purpose of developing active community interest and providing education in the field of fine arts. Membership is open to artists, patrons, businesses, and all other persons interested in and supportive of fine arts in the Hampden County area.*

### *President’s Message:*

This past year has been one of continual experiment, adjustment, and development. We have learned more about each other, our organization, our strengths and weaknesses. For example, your Board decided that we needed to strengthen the demonstrations and presentations offered to you - and to allocate the money that will take. I hope that you've noticed the results. We've had many interesting people to talk to us - including an artist who works with twigs. We've been fortunate to have a series of good demonstrations by great presenters.

I, for one, could sit and watch and listen for a long time to Jerry Wilson talk about his sculpture with his knowledge, vast experience, wonderful sense of humor, and the gentle grace with which he brings us into his art.

Our most recent presentation was by Alexandra Walters, who gave us an in-depth look at working with colored pencils. Alexandra works in a world of tiny lines and colors added to colors and on top of other colors - slowly bringing to life the detailed, vibrant art she makes.

Ruth Sanderson brought us into the work of an illustrator. She took us through the processes of book illustration, which, as we found, is much more than just doing a painting or a drawing. By the way – an editorial comment here – NC Wyeth used to wish he were an artist and not just an illustrator. He was a great artist. If you want to really get into it, Rembrandt was an illustrator. He illustrated Bible stories. He was also a great artist. I think that artists are artists and that’s that.

So, we’ve had some really good programs this past year and a huge vote of thanks has to go to Joyce Emerle and Angela Egerton for their hard work on this front.

Here’s something new. This will be the last, traditional issue of the Newsletter.

From now on, our League's highlights will be on the website. We will send out a brief overview of what's happening available for those for those who would rather be staked out slathered with honey on a hill of crazed, African Fire Ants, than to mess around with computers.

This bit of news has a logically sequential corollary. Sherri Montagna is resigning as Editor and Chairperson and there no longer will be a newsletter. Although she is resigning from those positions, Sherri is continuing her service on the Board by heading up the signage effort for our events. Our signs need to be updated and strategically placed for the greatest visibility and effect. Sherri will also be handling the overall "look" of many of our events. We owe Sherri a debt of gratitude for her patience and hard work on the Newsletter and her willingness to be of help wherever she can benefit the WAL.

Mary and Bill Massida are leaving us and moving to Maine. Good for them, and I wish them well. Mary has been a welcome source of information for me. I've known Mary and Bill for some time and will miss them around here, but wish them the best in Maine.

Don't forget, we're having another show in the Dane Gallery at the Mills in Indian Orchard – from mid-February to mid-March. Exact dates and times will be sent out soon. This Show is a good time and is an exhibit where we seem to really look good. I was looking over some of the pictures Lucy took at the two Dane Gallery exhibits and was so impressed with how good we looked. I also was looking at us – the Wilbraham Art League artists – and thinking how far we have come together, how many wonderful people I've met, and how much I sincerely like you all. This has been a great experience and an amazing journey with good friends. I appreciate it.

This year's Holiday Party on December 8 is going to be at the Senior Center in place of our regular December Meeting. The details are on the website so check them out.

This is about it for me for now. Pay attention to the WAL website. It is a good one chock full of helpful information. Don't miss out on anything; stay up-to-date! Also, I'll be designing a questionnaire to send to all members during the first quarter of 2010. It will be good to see what people have on their minds.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Holiday Party. There will be a Party Announcement with more of the details so keep your eyes open for it.

Sincerely and with Best Wishes –

Frank W. Tencza, President  
Wilbraham Art League

## Calendar of Events

December 6<sup>th</sup> Atheneum Society's Festival of Trees 1 - 5 p.m. – 450 Main St., Wilb.  
December 8<sup>th</sup> **WAL Holiday Party at the Senior Center 6:30 p.m.**  
January 12<sup>th</sup> Barbra Cohen, pastel demonstration  
February WAL Duets Show at the Wilbraham Library, 12-4 reception Feb.6  
February 9<sup>th</sup> John Robertson will model  
February Dane Gallery Show – Feb. 20 through March 13  
March Friends of the Library Show  
March 9<sup>th</sup> Debra Padden – oil painting demonstration  
April 13<sup>th</sup> Doug Gillette - silver point demonstration  
May 11<sup>th</sup> Fran Selva - basket making  
June 8<sup>th</sup> open

### Atheneum Society's Festival of Trees

Open house on December 6<sup>th</sup> between 1 and 5 p.m. – 450 Main Street in Wilbraham.

The artist trading cards will be redistributed at the **WAL holiday party**, which will be on **December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** at the Wilbraham Senior Center. Items for the store at the Atheneum tree festival can be dropped off at the Old Meeting House (450 Main Street Wilbraham) during one of these two times: Friday evening (12/4) at 7-8 pm, Saturday morning (12/5) at 9-10 am. Come in the back door through the porch.

If you miss Lucy, you can leave your items on the back porch. We'll be giving a 10% commission to WAL and 10% to the Atheneum Society. You can pick up your remaining items at 5 pm on Sunday, December 6, at the end of the open house. For information on the Atheneum Society, check out their website:  
<http://www.wilbrahamatheneum.org/>

### WAL Holiday Party

**December 8 at 6:30 P.M.** at the Senior Center. If your last name begins with A-L please bring a heavy appetizer. Last names beginning with M – Z please bring a dessert. Members are asked to bring their own beverage choice with no restrictions. Spouses are welcome.

**Gift Swap** - As usual, we will have a gift swap of a piece of original art done by our members. If you want to participate, bring a gift. If you do not bring a gift of your original art, you can't participate.

## Wilbraham Town Hall

Pam Beall from the Wilbraham selectmen's office has asked Frank if we would be interested in hanging art in the Town Hall lobby. A rotation of artwork could take place. Secondly, they are interested in purchasing three pieces of artwork for the selectmen's office. Their approximate spending budget would be \$400 apiece. Frank will be preparing a proposal for Pam Bealls and the Board of Selectmen to review.

## Monson Arts Council

The Monson Arts Council Spring Show Prospectus is online at [Monsonartscouncil.com](http://Monsonartscouncil.com) for everyone who wants to enter. The show is early this year, March 13 - March 28

## Wilbraham Art League

The Art League Board and committees work tirelessly to make things run smoothly for the club that we all benefit from. WAL provides: Programming, show development, meeting minutes, the holiday social, treasury, membership, publicity, calligraphy on art tags, hanging, communications, plein air, hospitality, community communications, and signage for shows, which are all important aspects of what is done to make this an enjoyable association. We hope you enjoy and participate in this league to the fullest.

## Hospitality

Please sign up to bring snacks, a drink and some cream to a future meeting by calling Angela Egerton. Two people per meeting are needed. Thank you for your contribution of hospitality items that are enjoyable to all of our members.

January - Judy Dasso, John Robertson

February - Gloria Rousseau, Dot Gerrish, Jackie Birchenough

March – Elizabeth Kowal, Frank Tencza

April – Beverlee Corriveau, Linda Lastoff

May –Vickie Fritz, Fran Levesque

June - -----, -----

## Social Art Winter Schedule

Social Art takes place every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> **Wednesday** from 1-3 pm at the Senior Center at 45 Post Office Park off Boston Road, Wilbraham. Enter the YMCA on the right side of the building.

December 9, and **30\***  
January 13 and 27  
February 10 and 24  
March 10 and 24

\*During December **a schedule change has been made** due to the holiday. December 30 falls after the busy holiday. **Please note that at times artists will be meeting in the North Room instead of the regular room.** The *North Room* is to the right after entering the building's senior center entrance.

### **John Robertson and Harriette Block receive awards**

John received a third place award for his drawing: "*Drinking Fountain in Rome*".

Tobacco Valley Art League in Somers, Ct. held a competition at the Chicopee Library and there were 53 entries total and 17 in the mixed media area. John won in the category of mixed media. Congratulation John!

Harriette Block received first place during the same competition in mixed media for her artwork entitled "*Story Teller*." Her artwork was created in silver point.

Congratulations Harriette!

Any Wilbraham Art League member who would like to share their news of awards granted is asked to email or call Lucy Peltier so that she can put the good news onto the website.

### **Duets Exhibit - February**

The Duets Show will run from February 1 through February 27, 2010, at the Wilbraham Library. Drop off will be February 1 from 12 – 1 p.m. and hanging by a committee from 1-4 p.m. The theme is: "Different Artistic Perspectives." A reception will take place on February 6 at 1-3 p.m. Set-up is 12-1 p.m. and clean-up is 3-4 p.m. Please bring a dessert, an appetizer or a drink for the Duets Show at 12 p.m. Thank you. You should pick up your artwork on Feb 27 between 10 a.m. and noon when the show is finished. Volunteers are needed.

## **Dane Gallery Show - February to March**

The Dane Gallery is located in the Indian Orchard Mills on the second floor. Enter the building under a vertical sign that reads IOM. The show runs February 20 through March 13, on Saturdays only. The reception is on February 20 from 12 noon through 4 p.m. (Drop-off and pick-up times to be announced.) The show will need volunteers to sit during *all* Saturdays that it is open from 12-4 p.m. Two-hour time frames for sitting are helpful. Please bring refreshments or a drink to the reception if you are unable to volunteer. Thank you for volunteering to sit or bringing a refreshment to share.

## **Friends of the Library Show - March**

Drop off one piece of your artwork February 19–24 anytime during library hours. Hanging will be on March 1 from 10 a.m. - noon by a committee. The reception is March 6 from 1-3 p.m. with set-up from 12-1 p.m. and clean up from 3-4 p.m. This exhibit is open to all members of the Friends of the Library. Contact the library for an application. Paintings should be picked up on March 31 from 12-4 p.m. Volunteers are needed.

## **Library Exhibits**

December – Nick Gioscia and Betsy Koscher’s sculpture

January – Robert Waleryszak, Zuo Hua Liu

February – Duets Show Wilbraham Art League

March - Friends of the Library Show

*Happy Holidays*

*Sherri Montagna, WAL Newsletter*