



## “Perspectives” Newsletter

Winter 2008

*The Wilbraham Art League is 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.*

### ***Presidents Message by Frank Tencza:***

Incredibly, we are at the end of another year. Sometimes it seems as if we started the WAL yesterday and other times it seems as if we’ve been at this for centuries.

2008 has certainly been a different sort of year. We changed our exhibits at times from the Barn to the Brooders. It seemed as if the Brooders would be better for us, but I don’t think they were. Sales dropped through the floor at most of our shows. Could be the economy, but we need to plan better for sure. The Mill show was great but very few people came. We need to have better coordination way up front.

On the plus side, our art looks good. We have good-looking shows with solid work. The Mill show, thanks to Roberta and Jerry Wilson, brought out our best and I was proud of everyone who showed there. Cooperation was superb and it was nice to be with everyone. Our Duets show was amazing and a winner. This year’s Small Works show really did not get the attention it should have. The Program people - Joyce and Angela – are doing a great job. The talks and demos are getting better and better. The evening with Doug Brega was interesting and, certainly for me, inspirational.

Board Members are hard at work. Caryl looks very vice-presidential these days and is a huge help and relief. Sue Tosh was gracious enough to take over the Plein Air and took us for a really nice trip to Mt. Holyoke, where we learned swiftly to appreciate Thomas Cole’s painting talent as we struggled. Ann

#### **Board of Directors:**

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**Plein Air.....Susan Tosh**  
**WAL phone 596-9911 Kris Krimmins**

Carver's help with Membership is wonderful as is Kris Crimmins in the area of local liaison and intelligence. You know, just working with people such as Fran and Natalie and Caryl and the entire Board is a pleasure. I sometimes sit back and just watch this fine group of strong, competent, talented women in action and think about how fortunate I am to know them. I'm also glad to see Susan Nieske with us again.

This has been a good year, all in all, and 2009 will be even better and busier. Imagine even having a show in Baystate Medical. This is thanks to Fran Levesque. She kept at this and made it happen. Thanks to Joyce, we may have a show at WNEC. What with the Friends of the Library show many of us are usually in, the 2009 Duets show, the Spring Festival, the Peach Festival, the Fall Festival, The Mill show, possibly a WAL show at the Rutabaga Gallery, Baystate Medical and the Summer Concert Series, we should be quite busy in 2009. Get going on your art, because you are going to have lots of places to hang it!

Best Wishes for a wonderful holiday season and a great New Year! Don't forget our upcoming party at Angela's home. Check out the website and the newsletter for all the details. I look forward to seeing everyone...

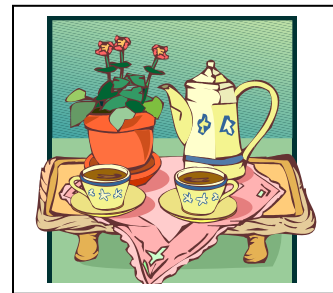
Sincerely,

Frank W. Tencza, President

## Hospitality

Sept. - Pauline Babineau and Aline Deraleau  
Oct. - Paulette Charpentier and Jackie Birchenough  
Nov. - Ellen Russell and Ray Hunt  
Jan. - Fran Selva and Betsy Koscher  
Feb. - Gloria Rousseau and Dorothy Gerrish  
Mar. - Fran Levesque and Doris Barsalou  
Apr. - Mary Massidda and Elizabeth Kowal  
May - Carole Colitti and Vi Petrolati  
June - Vickie Fritz and Patti-Gay le Newman

\* Each person is asked to bring a plate of goodies and one soda or juice and half and half creamer, put coffee on and check to see if supply box needs anything, and if so purchase what is needed (paper cups etc.) and the treasurer will reimburse that member. If for some reason you can't be there that evening, please contact another member to take your place or trade places.



## Art at the Wilbraham Library

**December** ..... Natalie Long and Marcia Long  
**January/February** .... Picturing America Posters  
**March** ..... Annual Friend Art Show

## WAL Christmas Tree

Be sure to stop by the Atheneum Society's Open House to see the WAL Christmas Tree and its creative and artistic homemade ornaments. The Winter Wonderland Open House, featuring a display of Christmas trees decorated by local businesses and organizations will take place Sunday, December 7th from 2 - 5 PM at the Old Meeting House, 450 Main Street in Wilbraham. Free admission. Enjoy some baked goodies, mulled cider and some Christmas spirit!

The **Annual Wilbraham Friends of the Library Art Show** will take place in the Brooks Room in March 2009. Any artist, 18 or over, is invited to show one piece of work. All levels of artists are welcome.

The **drop off** period will be between Friday, February 20 and Wednesday, February 25. Please bring your art to the circulation desk during normal library hours.

A **reception** will be held in the Brooks Room on Saturday, **March 7** from **1-3 PM**.

**Pick up** will be held 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31. Please check in at the circulation desk before removing your art

**The art committee is looking for volunteers** to help make this event a success. If you're considering participating and would like to help out, please contact Kris at 596-4057 or [kristinecrimmins@gmail.com](mailto:kristinecrimmins@gmail.com). In addition, we encourage you to support our programs by becoming a member of the **Friends**.

The **Duets Show** (a literary theme) is scheduled for May 2-29, 2009 at the Brooks Room of the Wilbraham Library. Members will partner with another member.

**Registration** will take place Friday May 1, 12-1 p.m.

**Hanging**, by committee only, will take place 1-4 p.m.

**Reception** Saturday, May 2, 1-3 p.m. Set up is from 12- 1 p.m. and cleanup from 3-4 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to organize and man the table.

**Take down** is set for Saturday, May, 30, 9 a.m. -12 p.m.

Please bring a photo reference guide to hang with the two pieces of artwork so viewers can see the artists inspiration.

**Indian Orchard Mills** Fran Selva, basket maker, will be teaching beginner basket weaving classes beginning in January at the Indian Orchard Mills. Three baskets are featured. For more information and a brochure, please contact Jenni Bentley of RavenTree Studio, 14 Front Street, Indian Orchard, at 413-455-9715 or [raventreestudio@yahoo.com](mailto:raventreestudio@yahoo.com). Indian Orchard Mill (IOM) address is 34-40 Front Street, Indian Orchard (owner Charles Brush). The easiest way to get to the Mill is: From Rt. 20 (Boston Rd.) follow Stony Hill Road ( past Wilb. CVS) under the train overpass continuing on Stony Hill after taking a left at the stop sign. Go to the set of lights by A-1 Pizza shop. Continue straight onto Main Street Indian Orchard. Pass by The Ribbery Restaurand on the left. As the road forks, take a right. This will bring you into the driveway of the mill. (Ignore Front Street, as it is a longer walk). As you enter the driveway of the mill look for a large sign that reads: IOM it is the fourth building and has a rug factory outlet in the lower level.

**We now have a website!** The address is [www.wilbrahamartleague.org](http://www.wilbrahamartleague.org). Keep watching the website for updates on the league. We have member news, a calendar, and exhibit info. We also have a list of artists. Each artist's name can be a link to his/her individual page with an artist's profile, email address, website address, and/or a small sample of their work (up to 3 digital photos no larger than 400 X 400 pixels). Just send the info to Lucy, our website administrator, by emailing [webmaster@wilbrahamartleague.org](mailto:webmaster@wilbrahamartleague.org).



Frank Tencza's  
Santa with Chickadee

## 2008 Wilbraham Christmas Home Tour

### Artists beware ... Christmas inspiration abounds!

Saturday, December 13, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Six lovely homes and bonus, festive holiday tables set for the season, food sale, raffle and tickets at Wilbraham United Church, 500 Main Street, Wilbraham \$20/ ticket ... \$18 if purchased before December 13 at WUC and other select stores

## The Rutabaga Art Gallery

League members/guests are invited to come to Rutabaga Art Gallery on **Sunday, December 7, 2008, Time: 2-4 P.M.** Please direct any questions or comments to Betsy Koscher [lizabethann2@yahoo.com](mailto:lizabethann2@yahoo.com) Please get in touch with Betsy if you are interested in showing in the future. WAL welcome

## Winter Party at Angela and Bob Egerton's Home

**December 14, 2008 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

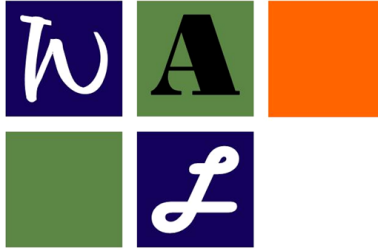
Members are welcome to bring a wrapped piece of original art work to swap. Members whose last names begin with A to L, please bring appetizers, and M to Z are asked to bring desserts. No RSVP needed

## Baystate Medical Center (Art Alive Gallery in Centennial Hall)

A March 7 to May 2nd show is available for WAL members. Guidelines, labels, registration forms, and a sign-up sheet were made available on the table in the back of the meeting room in November. The registration form must be submitted at least one week prior. There must be at least a total of 50 paintings exhibited, each of which is insured up to \$250. More information will follow at the January and February meetings. A voluntary 10% contribution of all of your sales is appreciated. All accepted work must remain on exhibit until the close of the show. All hooks and wires must be removed as a security mounting will be attached to the back of your frame. It will not damage your frame. Thank you Fran Levesque for helping to get us into Centennial Hall at Baystate Hospital.

## Membership Renewal

The Wilbraham Art League's first meeting was a year ago in May. If you want to sign up for the league please use the membership renewal form below. Send your dues for May 2008 to April 2009 to: Ann Carver 20 Westwood Drive, Wilbraham, MA 01095<sup>st</sup> with the Membership Renewal form at the end of the newsletter. Upon receipt of your dues, you will receive your membership card. Thanks for your support.



**WILBRAHAM ART LEAGUE**  
Membership Application

Name

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Address:

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Media:

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(Please Circle)

Renewing Member/New Member      Renewal Address Change? Yes/No

I am interested in volunteering in: (Please Circle)

SHOWS                      HOSPITALITY                      DEMONSTRATIONS  
EXHIBITS                      NEWSLETTER                      HISTORIAN

OTHER Ways I'd like to help: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership runs from May 1<sup>st</sup> to April 31<sup>st</sup>

Dues:

Individual \$40.00      Family \$60.00      Business \$40.00  
Senior (60+) \$25.00      Student (full time) \$15      Patron \$40.00

Please make checks payable to: The **Wilbraham Art League**

Send to: Ann Carver 20 Westwood Drive, Wilbraham MA 01095

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**Congratulations Lucy Peltier on the new Logo for Wilbraham Art League! We appreciate your hard work and dedication to our group.**

## **Current WAL Board Members:**

### **Officers**

President.....Frank Tencza 596-3450 [frankjane@charter.net](mailto:frankjane@charter.net)

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### **Committees**

Publicity & Programs.....Joyce Emerle 596-2032 [lemarle@verizon.net](mailto:lemarle@verizon.net)

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Website/email Communication.....Lucy Peltier 596-4074 [lenlucy@charter.net](mailto:lenlucy@charter.net)

Membership.....Ann Carver 595-8587 [carverrhc@charter.net](mailto:carverrhc@charter.net)

Phone, Community liaison.Kris Crimmins 596-4057 [Kristinecrimmins@gmail.com](mailto:Kristinecrimmins@gmail.com)

Plein Air.....Sue Tosh 783-8193 [user478006@juno.com](mailto:user478006@juno.com)

**Thank you Natalie Long for purchasing and filling a hospitality box, that is kept in the kitchen at the Senior Center, with paper goods, coffee and other items for our monthly meetings.**

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## **Marketing Chairperson Wanted**

**Please speak to Frank Tencza if you are interested.**

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## *Social Painting*

Due to the hectic schedules we all have around the holiday season, Social Art will be cancelled for the month of December. After the holidays we will resume meeting at the Senior Center on Wednesdays from 1 pm to 3 pm beginning on January 7. We are very informal. Come when you can.

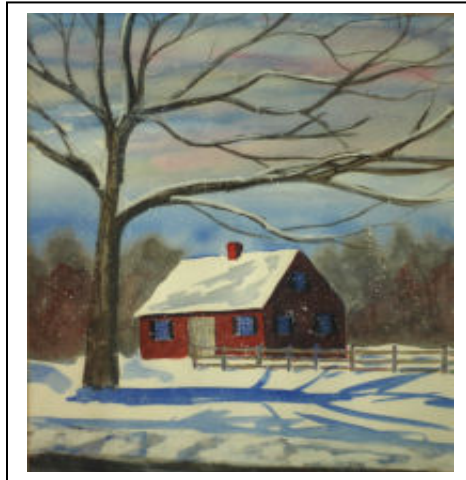
We have been meeting at the Senior Center in the YMCA on Boston Road in Wilbraham since February and have had from 5 to 8 artists for every session. You not only work on your projects but you also get to know other WAL members. Being social is an important part of the program. The Senior Center has given us this time span for as long as we want it. Mark it on your calendars. Come when you can.

## *Plein Air Painting*

May will probably mark the beginning of painting outside (plein air) depending on the weather and will go through September. Dates and places have not been determined as yet. If you have any favorite sites, let Susan Tosh know and we will set a day to go 783-8193. Wednesdays will most likely be the day we choose to plein air paint as we are already accustomed to painting on Wednesday. If the weather is unfavorable, we will paint from 1-3 at the Senior Center. More detailed data to follow.

Thank you Sherri Montagna.  
Two new banners have been purchased by WAL to promote our league during shows. They are 3'x8' and show up well from a distance.

**Enjoy the beauty of  
of the winter season!**



**Artwork by: Caryl McLeod**