



Wilbraham Art League
“Perspectives” Newsletter
Winter 2007

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 Holiday Message by Frank Tencza:

It is December, snow is on the ground, and there's a vast difference in the world around us than back when we first began the WAL. The rainy days of Spring turned into the really hot days of Summer and we sat through many exhibits in The Barn musing dreamily of air conditioning.

Now it is the year's end and we're still here! That's a good thing and we will soon be entering a new year.

The holiday party at Angela's was a great time and we owe her many thanks for hosting us. Seems that everything was just perfect and it was nice to be with those of you who attended. The gift thing was neat, too. I'm happy - I now have an original Caryl MacLeod!

I wish you all a great holiday season and a wonderful New Year. It has been a delight to have met you all and to have worked with you doing something we all love.

The New Year brings new things to do. A wonderful present for our League would be for someone to step forward and volunteer to be Secretary. This position is so important and currently we are sadly crippled without a real Secretary. Please think about this and volunteer or find someone who is willing and would be a good Secretary. The position is not only that of keeping track of everything, but also being part of the day-to-day decision-making team. It is a good opportunity to help with something needed, but also to have a significant effect upon the operation, activities, and future of the League.

The New Year will also see the composition of our Officers and Board change. You may want to take on a more active role in the League and so consider the various positions. The Board will be selecting a Nominating Committee and that Committee will be charged with nominating at least a new slate of officers. Think about becoming an officer or director. We need new people to step up and infuse our organization with fresh energy and new ideas.

This is it for now. Again, Best Wishes for a great holiday season and a wonderful New Year!
 Sincerely,
 Frank W. Tencza
 President

Board of Directors:

President.....Frank Tencza
Vice President.....Susan Nieske
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General Meeting Schedule 2008

December 2nd Angela's Holiday Party – (takes the place of our meeting)
 January 8th at 6:30, February 13th at 6:30
 March 11th at 6:30, April 8th at 6:30 P.M.

Please note all general meetings take place the second Tuesday of each Month



Sue Nieske's demonstration of oil pastels was terrific and we thank her for her demonstration this fall

Wilbraham Public Library

Art shows are scheduled for each month in the Brooks Room. Here is what is going on for the winter season.

December 12 --31: Frank Tencza, acrylic painter
January 2--31: Joanne Buonicontt
February 1--28 Kris Crimmins, watercolors, oils, and pastels
March 1-31 Artists from the area in a group show.

Thorndike Mill Art Center, Studio Open House and Sale, 4145 Church Street, Palmer, MA

Painting, Pastels, Sculpture, Children's Books and Prints by Susan Pecora, Jeff Kern and Ruth Sanderson

December 15th 10am - 6pm
December 16th Noon -

Directions: From Mass Pike, take exit 8, turn left onto Route 32. At second light, turn left. Keep straight and go over RR tracks and the factory will be on your left. Turn left into gate 4 and Enter door with blue arches.

Gallery 137, Arts and Crafts Show, 137 Main Street, Indian Orchard.

A holiday Gift Boutique Exhibit featuring fine, unique pieces handcrafted from glass, wood, metal, ceramic and fiber.

Opening Reception is December 8, from 3 P.M. to 5 P.M.
The items will be on display from December 7 Thru January 5, 2008.
Hours: Wed-Sat: 11 am to 3 pm

Heidi Coutu, Gallery Director, is inviting us to register for the Gallery mailing list so that we can be aware of events and exhibits as they occur. Send your name and address to Heidi Coutu, Gallery Director

Gallery 137
137 Main Street
Indian Orchard, MA 01151

If you want to join the gallery, please request a membership form. 543-6994, info@gallery137.org

Heidi Coutu spoke about marketing our art in November and we thank her for her time and for teaching us some of her experiences.

Quotes:

"As music is the poetry of sound, so is painting the poetry of sight, and the subject-matter has nothing to do with harmony of sound and color." - James Abbot McNeill Whistler, 1834-1903

"A painting is never finished - it simply stops in interesting places." - Paul Gardner, 20 century

"When you paint look at you're work in a mirror; when you see it reversed, it will appear to you like some other painter's work and you will be a better judge of its faults." Leonardo Da Vinci, 1452-1519

Susan Pecora Workshop

Susan Pecora will be willing to have a workshop for WAL on Friday, January 25 as long as we can guarantee her at least 10 artists. (Susan Pecora is a watercolorist. Her workshop will be on technique and an afternoon painting session on those techniques.) The cost is \$55.00 for the day 10:00 to 3:00. We can bring sandwiches for lunch. The workshop will be at her mill studio. For those who are interested, **please email Joyce Emerle at emerle@prodigy.net.**



Thank you Angela Egerton and her husband Bob for hosting a lovely holiday party for Wilbraham Art League on December 2, 2007.

Frank Tencza's exhibit at the Library opens on Friday, December 14 from 4:30pm to 7:00pm in the Brooks Room. Everyone's invited!

Meetings

January Meeting – **Joyce Emerly**, watercolor demonstration.

February Meeting – **Artists's Perspectives** Still life Drawing Workshop – bring your drawing paper and any drawing utencils and draw a still life for 45 minutes to 1 hour. A still life will be provided. Enjoy some dessert and then we will have a cretique regarding space, value, tone and quality. Feel free to work in charcoal, pencil, colored pencils or any other drawing medium you desire.

Thank you Ray Hunt for your demonstration on wood carving. Your birds and numerous pieces are really well done and we appreciate your showing us the process.

Enjoy the winter!

