



"Perspectives" Newsletter

March 2009

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Presidents Message by Frank Tencza:

Here we are, already into another year with plenty of chances to exhibit your art, to learn more about art, and to meet fellow artists and just hang out and talk about art. It has already been busy and there is so much more to do.

Drawing the live model we had at last month's meeting was a challenge. She did her part and was gracious and patient. We had some great sketches of her. We should probably do this again. I need help here for sure.

The Mill/Dane Gallery show looks good and I hope that those of you who have not seen it will stop by. It is really packed with some high-quality art. On hanging day, it was a pleasure for me to watch everyone working as a team and with the goal of presenting a strong exhibit. So many contributed to, and helped with the opening reception. Teamwork, initiative, and leadership were exhibited by you and those characteristics help form the base for a strong organization.

To say that I'm proud of this League is an understatement and I thank you all.

Time is moving swiftly. We have the Baystate Show and the Duets Show right around the corner.

To keep up with what's happening, make sure to check out our WAL website. If you want to know anything about WAL, the information is in the website. I am a believer and the website has saved me many times. Check it out!

One last thing - don't forget about the Social Art in the Senior Center on Wednesdays from 1:00pm - 3:00pm. This is a great time to get a bit of art done and to talk about art with other artists. See how other people do their art and talk to them about it. It is a nice time just to hang out and talk art. Seemingly, it is all right to get there a bit early if you want. As I have mentioned to you, if we don't have more than one or two people, the Senior Center will give that slot to other groups. Everyone seems to want meeting space.

This is it for now.
Cheers and Best Wishes! Frank

Hospitality

Mar. - Fran Levesque and Doris Barsalou

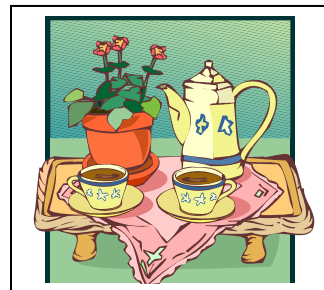
Apr. - Mary Massidda and Elizabeth Kowal

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

March Annual Friend Art Show

April..... Sue Chaffee

May... WAL Duets Show, themed: Literary

June..... Teen Art

July..... Paul Bloomfield

WAL Meeting March 10, 2009

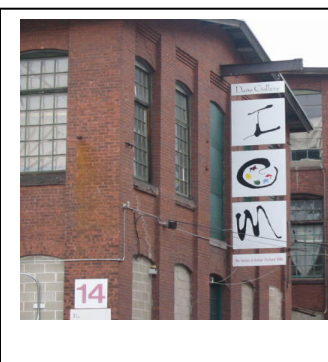
– The painting that **Susan Pecora** produces for the March program at the Senior Center will be raffled off. Angela Egerton will be selling tickets at the March meeting. They are being sold for 3 for \$5.00 and 1 for \$2.00. Susan Pecora is a fantastic Springfield area artist and her paintings are beautiful in any setting. Please come on March 10, 2009 and support her. You could win an amazing painting if you purchase the lucky ticket!

Pia's Coffee Shop

Caryl Macleod says that a sign-up is available for anyone who is interested in exhibiting his or her work at the Sturbridge Coffee House at 479 Main Street, Route 20, Sturbridge. Only June is available now. Details are still being ironed out. Members are urged to call Caryl if they plan to exhibit.

Indian Orchard Mills Show - March 21, 28, February 7 and 14. Time 12-4 P.M.

Indian Orchard Mill (IOM) 14 Front Street, Indian Orchard, 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 Restaurant on the left. As the road forks, stay right. Continue on Main St. passing Hampden Bank. This will bring you into the driveway of the mill on the right side of the road. (Ignore Front Street, as it is a longer walk). Take a right. As you enter the driveway of the mill, cross over the canal, and look for a large sign that reads: IOM it is the fourth brick building and has a rug factory outlet in the lower level. Enter the building under a smaller I.O.M. sign that is written vertically. The area looks like a brick ally. The door is on the left of the brick ally. The Dane Gallery is on the second floor. Sorry, not handicapped accessible. Charles@indianorchardmills.com



Indian Orchard Mills

The Dane Gallery is on the second floor. Show continues March 7 and 14 from 12 – 4 P.M.

Wilbraham Friends of the Library 2009 Annual Art Show

The Wilbraham Friends of the Library are once again gearing up for their *annual Art Show*, which will be held from March 1-30th. Refreshments will be served at the *opening reception* for the exhibit, which will take place in the Library's Brooks Room on **Saturday, March 7th from 1-3 PM**. Please note that you must be a Friend of the Library to participate.

The art show has been one of the library's most popular events for many years. It showcases a variety of work by *local people*. This year it will showcase 48 artists. Contributors run the gamut from well-known Valley artists to talented beginners.

For the second year, guests will have the opportunity to buy *unframed art from bins* that will be set up for the duration of the reception on March 7th. Who doesn't love rummaging through art bins in the hopes of finding that perfect little piece -- at a bargain price? Twenty five percent of proceeds are donated to the Friends and used for upcoming programs.

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

Baystate Medical Center Show will take place March 7 to May 2, 2009.

DELIVER ART PIECES ON MARCH 7 AT 8 A.M. Pick -up is **May 2nd at 8 a.m.**

Baystate Arts Alive, Susan Fontaine, Gallery Director, 280 Chestnut St., 5th Floor, Springfield, MA 01199. sue.fontaine@bhs.org (413) 794-7630 phone, (413)794-4333 fax.

We will need 50 paintings maximum. Depending on how many sign up will depend on how many each artist can hang. Photography is included. Twenty-five artists have signed up; therefore **two pieces per artist** should fit in the space allowed.

PLEASE REMOVE ALL HOOKS AND WIRES. No hooks and wires will be accepted. Frame must be at least a half an inch wide and will be mounted on security tracks. Unframed canvases are suitable for hanging.

Due to the public nature of the exhibit, no nudes, overtly political statements or subject matter too macabre will be accepted for display.

Each piece is insured up to \$250. Baystate will take 10% of a sale. Sizes: 8" x 10" to 32"X50", ½" wide frame. Fran urged members to get a deposit from the buyer.

All paintings must hang until the end of the show. Baystate does not handle sales; all sales are between the artist and the buyer. Ten percent of your sale goes to Baystate Medical.

The artist or his or her representative should be available when the show is hung and when it comes down. Saturday morning at 8:00 A.M., on March 7, 2009 is drop off and **May 2, 2009 is pick-up**. For the protection of your pieces please be there at pick-up time.

A sign up sheet was passed around at the Nov., Jan., and Feb. meetings. If you have questions please contact Fran Levesque

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 artist's inspiration. "Members will partner with another member and each interpret the same literary piece." And they should not necessarily bring a photo reference guide, but should bring a literary sample or similar for reference.

WAL website: The address is 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.



Lucy Peltier's Scanography

Social Painting We meet at the Senior Center on Wednesdays from 1 pm to 3 pm . We are very informal. Come when you can.

The Senior Center is in the YMCA on Boston Road in Wilbraham. We have 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.

Plein Air Painting

The month of 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.

Current WAL Board Members:

Officers

President.....Frank Tencza

Vice President, Caryl MacLeod

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Secretary.....Fran Selva

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Phone, Community liaison.....Kris Crimmins

Plein Aire.....Sue Tosh

Membership Renewal – May 1, 2009

The Wilbraham Art League's first meeting was almost two years ago in May. If you want to sign up for the league please use the membership renewal form on the next page. Send your dues for **May 1, 2009** to **April 30, 2010** to: P.O. Box 253, Wilbraham, MA 01095 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

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You: New Member Renewing Member

Name _____ Phone (_____) _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail Address _____ Website _____

Do you give permission to pass your e-mail address and/or website on to other WAL members? Yes No

Do you give permission to allow candid photos of yourself at WAL events to be posted on our website? Yes No

Do you give permission for your art to appear in photos of WAL events to be posted on our website? Yes No

Your Media: Check all that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Acrylic | <input type="checkbox"/> Collage | <input type="checkbox"/> Oil | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Calligraphy | <input type="checkbox"/> Graphics | <input type="checkbox"/> Pastel | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ceramics/Pottery | <input type="checkbox"/> Jewelry | <input type="checkbox"/> Pen/Ink | <input type="checkbox"/> Textile |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Charcoal | <input type="checkbox"/> Multimedia | <input type="checkbox"/> Pencil | <input type="checkbox"/> Watercolor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | | | |

Volunteer! WAL is an all volunteer organization! Please check the ways you can help.

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| Marketing: | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Shows/Exhibits: | <input type="checkbox"/> Hanging | <input type="checkbox"/> Calligraphy |
| Hospitality: | <input type="checkbox"/> Food & Set-up for Meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> Food & Set-up for Exhibits/Receptions |
| Workshops/ Education: | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Programs/Demonstration for meetings: | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Publicity: | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Newsletter: | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Membership: | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Historian: | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Communications: | <input type="checkbox"/> Website maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> Telephones |
| Plein Air: | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

Other ways I'd like to help: _____

Membership & Fees: Membership runs from May 1st to April 30th

Type of Membership: Individual \$25.00 Family \$50.00 Full-time student \$10.00

Make Check Payable to: The Wilbraham Art League

Mail to: P.O. Box 253, Wilbraham, MA 01095

Contact us at: (413) 596-9911

www.wilbrahamartleague.org

About the Wilbraham Art League: Monthly general meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Demonstrations by artists, painting groups, special presentations and the opportunity for sharing ideas enliven our gatherings. Dates of the meetings, location and program information are posted on our website www.wilbrahamartleague.org and in our quarterly newsletters. To receive a copy of our quarterly newsletter please call the above number or visit the website.

May 1, 2009