



# 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 Message by Frank Tencza:*

Happy Birthday WAL! Well, it's March and this means that the Wilbraham Art League is about one year old. Thank you all for joining and supporting the WAL. It has been a busy time. We're off to a strong start and should work to keep our League strong. What we've done is consistent with our mission statement – essentially to promote art and provide opportunities for our members. It hasn't been easy doing this, but it is what we committed to and we're on track to make the WAL the premier art organization in the area, for the sake of art, art in our region, and present and future members.

As mentioned in the meetings and in our By-Laws, April is the time for nominations for Officers and May is elections.

If you are interested in becoming an Officer of this League, Please let Kris Crimmins know. Kris is the Chairman/person/woman of the Nominating Committee and her and Roberta Wilson and Ray Hunt are working hard on this. There will also be nominations allowed from the floor in the April meeting. Just so you know, WAL Officers are President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. These are significant positions with significant responsibilities and should not be taken lightly. They take, if done properly, time, attention, and grinding work. Make sure you can make a real commitment to the job.

April will see two significant exhibits for us. The Duets show at the Library and the exhibit at the Indian Orchard Mill. The theme of Duets is from Angela Egerton and is something she ran out in Colorado. I'm glad she suggested this and can't wait to see the show. Exhibiting at the Indian Orchard Mill takes us out of our usual haunts and into a completely different venue. This idea is from Roberta and Jerry Wilson who have their own studio at the Mill. We owe thanks to Angela and Roberta and Jerry for thinking outside the box and creating new creative possibilities for us.

Yesterday evening found Sherri Montagna, Susan Nieske, Caryl MacLeod, Lucy Peltier, Natalie Long, and me at the Soule Road School. We had been asked to judge Souleto Posters from each grade level and also to come up with an overall winner. Well, we did that. There were some great submissions and I think we came up with real winners. As you may recall, we did choose an overall winning poster for the school last year. We also found out that the Soule Road School mascot is the Penguin. No, not the Batman Penguin, but the real sort of penguin with feathers, a beak, a built-on tuxedo, and an odd, but charming, manner of walking. I'm glad that we of the WAL were chosen to do the judging. It is all part of supporting art in the community. Thanks to Susan Nieske for following up on this opportunity.

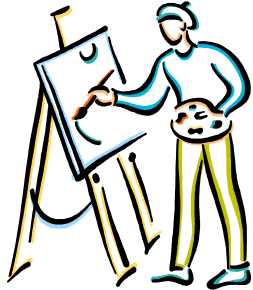
This is about it. Again, thanks to all of you for participating and helping make our League what it is –

### **Board of Directors:**

**President.....Frank Tencza**  
**Vice President.....Susan Nieske**  
**Treasurer.....Natalie Long**  
**Secretaries Joyce Emerly & Sue Tosh**  
**Committees**  
**Membership.....Caryl MacLeod**  
**Plein Aire .....Caryl MacLeod**  
**Publicity.....Joyce Emerle**  
**Hospitality.....Angela Egerton**  
**Newsletter.....Sherri Montagna**

strong, interesting, and strengthening art in our region. Caryl MacLeod and other talented artists hang out at the Senior Center on Wednesdays to do art, and talk about art. Think of it as plein air under a roof. It's really lots of fun and you are certainly welcome. And, if you have not been there yet, please join us.

Best Wishes – Frank W. Tencza, President



Joyce Emerly presented a demonstration of watercolor in January. She painted a beautiful tree in autumn. The vibrant colors and painting techniques were a delight to view. Thank you Joyce.

## *Wilbraham Public Library*

**Art shows are scheduled for each month in the Brooks Room. Here is what is going on for the end of winter and spring seasons.**

March 8-29	Friends of the Library Show group show
April	Wilbraham Art League, Duets Show – Opening April 5,
May	Deb Padden's Students Art Show
July	Frank D'Agostino
August	Hampden Art League
September	Joyce Emerle
October	Marcia Soja
November	Frank Tencza
December	Natalie Long

***Remember to send out your Duets Post Cards – Thanks Natalie Long for designing and printing them up for us to send to our family and friends.***

**Duets Show** at the Wilbraham Library - Hanging will take place April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12 noon , with a reception on Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 P.M., taking the show down on April 31<sup>st</sup>. Please bring a photo reference guide to hang with the two pieces of artwork so viewers can see the artists inspiration. Please call Angela Egerton to help with appetizers or desserts the show 599-1318. Thank you.

**Mill Show** – held at the Indian Orchard Mills, Dane Gallery. Bring artwork April 9, at 1 P.M. for the show to be hung. An April 12 – reception from 12 – 4 will take place, and finally April 26 – please return to pick up your art. Artists showing will need to sign up for helping with refreshments of Hors de oeuvres, desserts or beverage . Contact Angela Egerton 599-1318. Two paintings for each artist may be hung, depending on space and a third may be brought in the event paintings are sold. Artists will be asked to replace a painting if one is sold. Please email Angela if you plan to participate in the show [anegerton@gmail.com](mailto:anegerton@gmail.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. Bring your 2-3 pieces into building # 4 .

During our March meeting we had the opportunity to draw from still lifes brought in by Sue Nieske and Joyce Emerly. We have many talented artist among us and it was awesome to see the end results. A \$1.00 per ticket Artist book was won by Jackie Birchanough. Congratulations to you! Thank you to everyone who participated. Thanks Sue and Joyce.

Traditional Fine Arts Organization. Visit them on the web [Tfaoi.com](http://Tfaoi.com) This web site has links and articles

## Enjoy the Spring!

At the April meeting Nancy Bryant the president of Glicee Of New England will be our speaker. She will explain the process and other important matters regarding artwork and printing. The nominating committee will present a slate of officers. The nominating committee has been working during the month of March to prepare for elections which will take place at our May meeting. Please be prepared on May 10 to vote for Secretary, Treasurer and President.



### The Annual Friends of the Library Art Show Pick Up Schedule

The show closes March 29. Pick up is scheduled for March 29- April 1. There are programs and meetings in the Brooks Room for some of the times between March 29-April 1. The window of times to pick up artwork is as follows:

Saturday, March 29 – 9am-4pm

Monday, March 31 – Noon-6pm

Tuesday, April 1 – Noon-5pm

Please check in at the circulation desk before removing your piece. Thank you for making the show a success.

## Social Painting

If you enjoy getting together with others and talking about art while you are painting or carving or whatever, please join us on Wednesday afternoons from 1 to 3 pm. It is a wonderful way to exchange information, learn new techniques and get encouragement on your projects.

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 Caryl MacLeod know and we will set a day to go . (596-3486) . 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. If you want to join us, please call Caryl at 596-3486.

## Membership Renewal

The Wilbraham Art League's first meeting was a year ago in May. We have had an amazing year and now it is time to renew our commitment to the group by renewing our memberships. Send your dues for May 2008 to April 2009 to Caryl MacLeod, 511 Ridge Road, Wilbraham, MA 01095 by May 1<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 : \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Media: \_\_\_\_\_

(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: Caryl MacLeod, 511 Ridge Road, Wilbraham, MA 01095

---

