



Wilbraham Art League “Perspectives” Newsletter

Fall 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.

A Message from the President – Frank Tencza:

Since March, when our Art League was formed, we have been busy. So far, we’ve had 7 exhibits, three demonstrations, some plein aire events with more to come, an upcoming opportunity to learn from a nationally recognized plein aire artist Robert Brooks, and a handful of meetings.

I think it fair to say that we have lived up to our mission statement of “developing active community interest and providing education in the field of fine arts.” We have created an art entity where there was none. We have provided our members with opportunities to exhibit and have begun to create an awareness of art in the community. We have begun to educate our members with demonstrations. And there’s more! On 20 October 20 we will have a “Small Works – Big Art” show and sale at the Barn and we will have a Holiday Social at Angela Egerton’s home.

This fall and winter we should be preparing for 2008. Before the 2008 season begins with a Library Spring Show in April, our League will be focusing on solid educational demos at the meetings. We should be learning all we can to develop our individual talents and to increase our inventories of art works for a busy and profitable 2008.

In addition to the probable 2008 events in conjunction with the WNCC, your Vice President, Susan Nieske, and I have put together a host of other event possibilities – such as an open-air exhibit at Crane Park near the Civil War statue in the Town center, an open studio tour, and more. These and other events are possibilities right now and will move on to the planning stages.

I want to thank all of you for your patience and cooperation. We’ve bitten off a big chunk of work here and it takes everyone to keep our League going. In particular I want to thank the League’s officers and committee heads. You have shared your experience, expertise, and energy to bring our League to life. You have my most sincere thanks. A big thank-you also goes to Celine Gaudreau and the Wilbraham Nature and Cultural Center. Their help has given our League a running start and I expect that we will be working closely with them next year.

These have been an interesting last few months, but one of the nicest things that happened to me is meeting all of you!

Best Wishes – Frank W. Tencza, President

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***Calling all artists: Small Works Fall Art Show
on Oct. 20, 2007 at the white barn at Fountain Park 12-6pm!!!***

This show will be an autumn theme with pumpkins, corn stalks, and hay! There will be tables set up for children to paint small pumpkins and refreshments will be served.

This is a “small works, big art” themed exhibit and the size of all artwork including frame should be no larger than 12”x14”. Art larger than this size will not be admitted to the show. Each piece should be finished with wire to hang in the back and should have a title and price. The Drop off time for all artwork to be in the show is at 9:00a.m. on 10/20/07 at the barn and pick up of all work not sold is promptly at 6:00pm. Commission for this show on all sold pieces shall be as follows: 10% to WAL, 10% to Wilbraham Nature and Cultural Commission, and 80% to the artist.

To Register for this October 20, 2007 Small Works Show Call Sue Nieske at 596-2076 or Frank Tencza at 596-3450.

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www.jerrysartarama.com
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Plein Aire drawing and painting -

The art league has been painting outside since July at various locations in the area including Fountain Park at the Summer Concert series. Now that September is here and the leaves are changing, Plein Aire painting is winding down. The last three sessions planned for Monday or Friday from 9 to 12 are as follows:

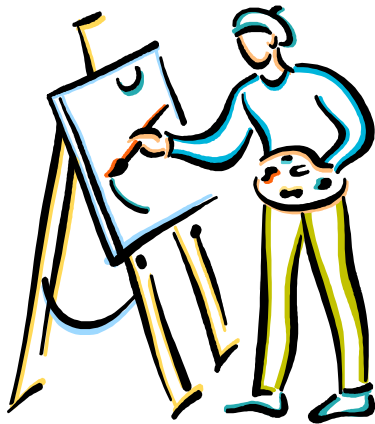
1. Monday, September 10: Fountain Park, Tinkham Road between Main Street and Stony Hill Road.
2. Friday, September 21: Quabbin Reservoir, Route 9 east from Belchertown to East Access Road.
Right on Administration Road to Quabbin Hill Road. We will leave from Crane Park at 9 a.m. Call Caryl if you are coming at 596-3486.

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3. Friday, October 5: Roberta and Jerry Wilson's at 8 Maynard Road. Park in vacant lot across the street. Autumn view of Chicopee River and gardens.

Please notify Caryl if you are coming to any of these sessions. We will notify you if the date, time or place is changed. In case of rain, we will paint indoors at the Senior Center in the YMCA on Boston Road from 9 to 12. Caryl's e-mail: harrycarylmac@aol.com or phone: 596-3486.

Pack up your stuff and join us!!!



General Meeting

Second Tuesday of the month

Sept. 11, Susan Nieske demonstrates Oil Pastels for us at the Wilbraham Senior Center.

October 9, Ray Hunt demonstrates Bird Carving 101 at the Wilbraham Senior Center. Don't miss this!

November 13, to be announced

December Holiday Party at Angela Egerton's home on December ____ 2007

Robert Brooks

Plein Air Painting Workshop

This workshop will be on September 17, 2007 at Wilbraham & Monson Academy from 8:45 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. The workshop will start at the Wilbraham Senior Center at 8:45 a.m. with an explanation by Rob on Plein –Air painting equipment and tools. After this, all participants will travel to the academy together to paint alongside the artist after he completes a painting demonstration. The workshop will conclude at 3:45 p.m. A suggested materials list is available and please bring a bag lunch. Contact Vice President Susan Nieske at 596-2076 to sign up for this exciting workshop. The cost is \$50. for league members and \$70 for non-members Visit www.rob-brooks.com to learn more about the artist.