

Andovers Artists Guild

A Community of Artists in the Greater Merrimack Valley

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Co-Presidents' Letter

2009 - THE YEAR OF CHANGE

Cheers!

Let me preface by introducing ourselves — June Munro and Nella Lush. I know many of you already know Nella. I am a new member and have enjoyed meeting other artists, participating in the meetings/demonstrations and being involved in the Andovers Artists Guild.

Nella was the reason I joined the Guild; her enthusiasm, her inspiration in art and life have led to a wonderful friendship, I look forward to working together in our new position as co-presidents and bring forth new ideas to AAG while working along with all of you.

Firstly, we would both like to thank Cindie and Deb (our current co-presidents) for their time, expertise, and a "job well done" in the past 2 years. We are enjoying working with both Cindie and Deb throughout the transition process- which will be on-going for a few months. They have been very gracious with their time to help us transition. Nella and I both hope to see them often in the future as viable members. Thank you again Ladies!

This is the year of Change. Other slogans which come to mind:

"Yes We Can"— Get Involved — Volunteer

During this time of financial uncertainties, groups need to remain strong and still create art and share our passion and craft. While galleries are closing because of the economy we cannot lose the focus, it is even more important now to bring forth excitement and passion of our art in all of our lives.

One common denominator is that we all have is love for the Arts. "Art" is contagious, "Enthusiasm" is contagious, "Positive Thinking" is contagious, and with that in mind both Nella and I hope to attract some new members who will actively participate and embrace the existing members and have fun!

Some ideas which are on the agenda for the future:

- Revitalizing the Web Site
- Raffles at the meetings in order to raise money for the Web Site
- Involving High School Students — in the meetings, positions etc.
- Find new avenues to exhibit as a group more often (Wendy Cole is our new Exhibit Coordinator)

There are more ideas which the board has been mulling over — your ideas and comments are always welcome and valuable. We need you — we need volunteers.

Nella recently had art students from North Andover High, along with their art teacher Shawn Farrell, visit her studio and talk about art and the way "art" affects and helps shape life and people. This was a visit that had to be approved by the school and it was an educational 2 hours for the students. The students knew nothing about AAG; we need to change that, we need to have the local community know the AAG as an active artistic group. Nella and I are excited about the future and hope that you share the same enthusiasm.

We will leave you with a quote from Picasso: "Inspiration exists, but it has to find us working".

Looking forward to seeing and meeting you all. Thank you,

June Munro and Nella Lush

Dues Reminder!!!

AAG annual membership dues are to be paid in August. This year we have a significant number of members who have not yet paid, but don't despair — there is plenty of time! In fact, I only recently remembered to pay my dues so you need not be embarrassed. Dues pay for our demonstration meetings, mailings, website, demonstration space, etc. so pay today. Thank you!

Calendar of Events

Feb 15	2 to 4	Leslie A. Miller – Paper Cutting (Rescheduled)
March		Members' Exhibit at Memorial Hall Library
Mar 15	2 to 4	Carol Boileau – Paintings and Poetry
Apr 19	2 to 4	Joan Rademacher – Watercolor
May 17	2 to 5	Sarah Roche – Botanical Illustration Annual Meeting and Member Luncheon

All events are at North Parish Church at the corner of Academy and Great Pond Roads in North Andover unless otherwise noted.

Upcoming AAG Art Exhibit

Our first art exhibit of the year is fast approaching! The Memorial Hall Library in Andover has again asked us to show our work during the month of March. We can hang about 20-25 pieces, depending on size. Sign up at the regular AAG meeting on Sunday, February 15th, or contact Deb at debphotog@aol.com.

Works must be labeled on the back and have wire for hanging already attached. A form must accompany each entry, but there is no fee. Wendy Cole and June Munro will be coordinating with Emily Classon of the library to ensure a nice display. Works must be delivered to the library during the last week of February.

This is always a nice exhibit for the Guild. If you haven't participated before, consider it this year!

WINE & CHEESE

On the next page is the entry form for the Art and Wine Show which we will be sponsoring with the North Parish Church. We expect that it will be a gala evening as it has been in the past — wine, yummy food, music, and of course wonderful art! People are already looking forward to it — and we have always had good sales.

I will be looking for helpers for setup, hanging, receiving, selling and takedown, as usual. Note that we have receiving hours on Thursday for anyone who can't come Friday afternoon. An estimate of the sizes of entered works, even without full title, on the entry form will be helpful as we plan the space for hanging. (Not sure what you will enter? tell us the size as best you can!)

Phila Slade

AAG Scholarship Committee

As you know, the money we raise at Art in the Park each year goes into a scholarship fund for high school students pursuing their art career. We judge the work during March or April, and checks are given to students during their School Banquets in May. Usually we have about \$2500. to give out.

Sharon Morley is head of this committee, and she could use 2 or 3 more people to judge the work and dispense the money. It usually only takes one Saturday afternoon commitment, and it's a lot of fun. Contact Sharon at morleystudio@aol.com to participate.

Extras for Creative Learning (ExCL)

Extras for Creative Learning is an art supply non-profit group. They take excess supplies from companies and recycle them as art supplies. The organization's primary focus is providing art supplies for Boston Public Schools, but anyone can become a member. The arts community is encouraged to take part.

With a membership, you get a certain number of visits (depending on the level of your membership) and you can take as much stuff with you as you want when you leave. Most things are free. Some limited or high demand items may have a small charge or have a limit on the number you can take with you. They have all kinds of things: office supplies, art supplies, fabric, plastic, components, books, ribbon, yarn, tile, metal, office furniture, all kinds of things and it's always changing.

It's located in the basement of the Boston Latin Academy in Dorchester. Here's the link to the website: <http://www.exclrecycles.org/>

Their materials are great for mixed media, collage, sculpture and drama artists.

Contributed by Diane Maroun

Registration Form for AAG Members and Church Members

Name _____
Address _____ - _____
Phone _____

Fee: \$15 (includes admission to wine tasting) All sales to the artist

Framed art work — up to five works; all work must be ready to hang, with wire or display
Two large (30x40"); three small (16"x20" or smaller) four matted (and wrapped) works

Deliver to North Parish Church Thurs 5-8 PM or Fri 2-3 PM, Pick up 8:00 PM or 9 –11 AM Saturday.

Title	Size	Medium	Value	Pick Up
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E.) _____

Matted

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Cards: # _____ Price _____ Sold _____

Please Sign: I, _____ do not hold the Andovers Artists Guild, Inc., or the North Parish Church, liable for any loss or damage to my artwork while it is under the care of this show.

Please return this form with fee payable to the North Parish Church to Phila Slade 21 Bradford Street, North Andover, MA 01845 before March 15, 2008