

# Andovers Artists Guild



*A Community of Artists in the Greater Merrimack Valley*

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## President's Letter

Let us make this New Year of 2010 a memorable one! I hope your Holiday Season was a good addition to more fun memories. After all what would life be without these memories?

It is now the time to move on and greet this New Year with open arms and enthusiasm.

There are a lot of exciting news with the Guild! We start with the first meeting of the year with Ellen Rolli, as you recall, she was scheduled to demonstrate last November but due to health reason we had to postpone it. A lot of you have expressed the excitement to witness this remarkable artist at work. The meeting will be at our usual place at the church. Let us have a good show!!

The Show at Rolling Ridge is scheduled to come down on February 24th. We will hang another show, details to follow... Larry Peacock and Staff of the Rolling Ridge Estate are very excited about the art, not only it adds another dimension to their beautiful estate but it also engages a lot of conversations amongst their numerous guests that attend their functions. I assured them that we will always have a revolving gallery there.

I have had numerous conversations with various people of our community and I hope it will help us secure more exhibit space around town as well as aiding our quest for a permanent home for the Guild. Also, the idea of having our meetings televised has been well received as a great opportunity. It will be beneficial to both the artists and the community by increasing the public awareness and the image of the Guild.

March 26, 2010 is the date for the Art and Wine Show that AAG sponsors along with the North Parish Church. As in the past it will be an evening with music, wine, delicious food and good art. More information along with the entry form will be provided in the next newsletter.

I also like to mention that the members of the Guild are always invited and welcomed to join our Board Meetings, this month's meeting will be at North Andover Cable Station (Located in the High School), on January 13th, at 7:00 PM. If you would like to attend please let me know by either calling or e-mailing me.

Please make sure you read the various announcements and



*AAG members work on display at the Rolling Ridge Conference Center in North Andover for the 1st Annual Winter Art Show (Now thru February)*

as always do not hesitate to offer any constructive feedback or thoughts that will aid the Guild to move forward into 2010!

Nella Lush,  
AAG President

## The Persistence of Vision by Robert Genn

One of the more surprising of Robert Henri's classroom ploys was to have a model posing in one room and the students painting in another. Even with folks bumping into one another

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AAG Member Art in the Rolling Ridge foyer from the Plein Air Event held in the Summer of 2009

*Persistence - continued*

in the doorway, the system was a developer of quality.

Fact is, with subject matter close at hand we can turn into lazy observers or over-dependent ones. The disadvantages of camera dependency have long been known--you can get all kinds of instantaneous reference without having to look thoroughly at the wonder. When subject matter is a little more remote and hard won, we contemplate and absorb more and yet tend to bend design elements to suit both ourselves and the needs of the work.

Currently there's a world of pros who have computer screens beside their easels—a ready reference at the touch of a mouse. It's an obvious efficiency. Try moving the terminal to some place where you have to get up and go look at it. You'll find yourself taking more time to cruise the material and noting the nuance of colours, patterns, tones and feelings that don't always appear so readily when the stuff is in your face. With the walk-away system you can "burn in" the big picture. Heightening your abilities of observation, it makes you a sharper designer, a greater lover of our visual gifts and more self-directed and willful in your creativity.

## News From Our Members

**JOAN BENINCASA** will be exhibiting at the Wave Paint Design Gallery in Ipswich, formally known as the River Gallery. Check out their website [www.wavepaint.com](http://www.wavepaint.com) Besides exhibits they also have drop in life drawing, music, lectures and other events.

Member **JODI CALLAHAN** received a Third Place Ribbon for her oil painting "Strawberry Fields" at the Reading Art Association Fall Show.

**VALERIE BORGAL** will be displaying some of her work at Country Club Heights in Woburn on Jan 28th.

Member **GLENNA EVANS** has been busy exhibiting her work in various places in New England such as:

- **Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center -- Lebanon, NH**

Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center has a rotating art exhibition program and Glenna's photography work will displayed in the Hematology/Oncology section from December through February. For the exact location, the link below will take you the current program with maps. There will be an opening reception on January 14 from 4:30 to 6:30pm if you

would like to see Glenna in person. [www.dhmc.org](http://www.dhmc.org)

- **Griffin Museum of Photography -- Winchester, MA**

The Griffin Museum of Photography will be hosting a solo exhibit of Glenna's frescoes from January 21 through March 28, 2010. Glenna's show, entitled "Glimpses of Memory," will be in the Aberjona River Gallery. Check back here, or at the Griffin's web site, for the date and time of the opening reception.

[www.griffinmuseum.org](http://www.griffinmuseum.org)

Glenna also won people's choice award in the Sculpture, FA category at the Paradise City Arts Festival in Marlborough. In October she won an HM in mixed media at the Armonk Art Festival in NY.

## Art Items For Sale

**GLENNA EVANS SAYS:**

I have a few items for sale. Things that I bought in bulk and don't need all of them so in new condition:

- Multi size cardboard corners
- 9x9 mattes with a 4 13/16 x 6 13/16 opening (float a 4x6 or overmatte a 5x7)
- 12x16 Bainbridge artcare mattes (8634)
- snap hangars
- springs for metal frames
- Klean Klay modeling clay, 8 count, 16 oz pkgs.
- email with questions on quantity and price, etc.

[glenna@glennaevans.com](mailto:glenna@glennaevans.com)

**ELIZABETH POGOR** would like to organize an art swap club, please e-mail her at: [epogor@comcast.net](mailto:epogor@comcast.net)

## Announcements

**HELP NEEDED FOR ART IN THE PARK**

We are in need for a new chair person for the Art in the Park Committee.

As per Diane Butler:

- This person will write a letter to the Board of Selectman for the use of the Park on the chosen date.
- Send out Registration letters to past participants and Acceptance letters with allotted space when these are returned.
- Make a map of the allotted spaces.
- Write a letter to the abutters to the Park telling them of the date.
- Contact Dan of the Parks Department to mark out the spaces in the Park using the map.
- Arrange for transportation and raising of the tent for the Judge's Ring.
- Arrange for screens and hooks for the Judge's Ring - Phila Slade has these.
- Be present at the Park for the day

**Any questions, please contact Diane or me or June Munro.**

**FIRST MEETING OF 2010**

- January 17 - North Parish Church from 2PM to 4PM
  - Featuring Ellen Rolli - Acrylic
- [www.EllenRolli.com](http://www.EllenRolli.com)

**QUOTE OF THE MONTH!**

"It is easier to paint a good picture than it is to paint a bad one. The difficulty is to have the will for it. A good picture is the fruit of all your good living." (Robert Henri, 1865-1929)