

# Andovers Artists Guild

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*A Community of Artists in the Greater Merrimack Valley*

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## From The President

What an exciting month March is going to be, not only Spring will be with us but we also have a myriad of art events to keep us busy.

The new show at Rolling Ridge "Rebirth and Renewal" looks very good. A big thank you to all the volunteers that helped hang the show. Larry Peacock was talking about giving us a reception but at this point I do not have an exact date.

The February Members' Show at the East Mill was an exciting time. The paintings created by all of us will be exhibited at the East Mill Davis and Furber on March 21 (drop off date), the reception is scheduled to be on March 25, (information to follow).

On March 26 we have the "Art and Wine Show" at North Parish Church. If you have not signed up and wish to do so please go to the website and click on the application, or call Phila Slade for more information.

There is a change for the March 21, AAG meeting. Due to conflicts of schedule Marla Greenfield will not be able to demonstrate. We were fortunate to have been able to secure Dennis Sheehan, please check his bio and website. We are so excited to have him demonstrate. Not only has he an incredible knowledge but he is also very humorous, so please bring family and friends as this is going to be a fun afternoon.

Before we know it, April will be upon us. I will be leaving for Japan on April 9th and will be back on April 24th. I am sorry that I am going to be missing April's meeting. Charlotte Wharton will not be able to be with us but instead we have Paul George, and you all know his great watercolors.



### 1st Place in the East Mill Gallery Competition

*Jane Lovey's painting (above), a beautiful depiction of the East Mill in North Andover, won first place.*

Lastly, we have just completed the application for Art in the Park. This year's event will take place on September 11. Please check the website for information, there is a section dedicated to AIP.

I look forward to seeing you all on March 21 at North Parish Church.

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## Dennis Sheehan

### *March 21 at the North Parish Church from 2PM to 4PM*

Dennis Sheehan [b.1950] has work in major public & private collections, including the White House. Sheehan paints in the Barbizon mode with remarkable authority & faithful adherence to his 19th century precursors. In the tradition of the Tonalist painters, Sheehan creates landscapes of mood, affected by nature's changing seasons.

"Today, in a cultural firmament that has been defined as Postmodern, a new generation of American painters is returning to the old landscape seeking a renewed vision. The cultural strategies that they employ are as diverse as any from the past; in most cases, these painters consciously strive to enter into a dialogue with the history of the White Mountains art. Their work, grounded in a sophisticated appreciation of what has come before, is in many cases deliberately discursive with a tradition that has been all but erased twice by historical and cultural forces.

The contemporary work of Dennis Sheehan, for example, affords a great nineteenth-century-predecessor George Inness. Like Inness, whose influence is consciously acknowledged, Sheehan employs the dark palette and thickly pigmented surfaces of the French Barbizon School.

[www.sheehanacademy.com](http://www.sheehanacademy.com)

## News From Our Members

- **Elizabeth Pogor** was the recipient of Best in Show in the Newburyport Art Association Show
- **Jane Loveys** - Had two paintings juried in the Newburyport Art Association
- **Steve Lush's** watercolor "The Dog Watch" was chosen in the 34th Annual National Exhibition, transparent Watercolor Society of America, at the Kenosha Public Museum, Kenosha, WI. Steve Lush also had 3 of his watercolors juried in the American Society of Marine Artists, East Regional Show. The paintings will be traveling during a six month period to 3 different museums from Delaware to Maryland and New York state.
- **Val Borgal** has 2 pieces in the "Bon Appetite!" juried exhibit ending on March 7th. During the month of April, Val will be exhibiting her flower paintings at the Andover Senior Center on Bartlett St, Andover.
- **Ed Pedi** took part in the annual Professional Photographers of MA convention and print competition held from Feb. 26-March 1 in Plymouth, MA where he was honored to receive a first place blue ribbon for his entry, "The World is her Canvas". The image also received the prestigious Kodak Gallery Award and the Court of Honor award for best conceptual image in show. The Court of Honor is the highest level of photographic excellence achievable in state competition and signifies the 'best of the best'. The photograph depicts a plein air painter photographed at Menemsha on Martha's Vineyard this past summer. My concept for the image was to capture the artist in black and white while showcasing the background and her canvas painting with a watercolor affect, hence the title; "The World is her Canvas".
- **Jodi Callahan** has been juried in the Melrose Arts Festival. MACA (Melrose Arts and Cultural Association) will hold its annual Arts Festival April 16-18, 2010 at Memorial Hall in Melrose. The three day Festival is a juried show and features original fine art and fine craft by over 40 exhibitors who will display their own works. The Arts Festival presents local Melrose artists as well as artists from surrounding areas. Show hours are Friday April 16: 7:00-10PM, Saturday April 17: 11AM to 8PM, and Sunday April 18: 11AM to 5PM. The Melrose Arts Festival includes live musical entertainment throughout the weekend, with food and drink available for purchase. Memorial Hall is an extremely attractive historic Melrose Landmark, centrally located and easily accessed by public transportation.