

Andovers Artists Guild



A Community of Artists in the Greater Merrimack Valley

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From The President

Greetings to everyone! I just came back from Italy where I was alongside my critically ill mother.

I came back with renewed trust and confidence and a firm realization of the fragility of our lives and the need to respect and celebrate LIFE! As artists we have an advantage because through our art we are able to express our feelings and emotions while allowing us to discharge our stress and thus keeping us calmer and more in tune with ourselves. We cannot take life for granted, it is a gift and as such we need to safeguard it and celebrate it! While in the hospital with my mother I spent countless hours reflecting, writing down thoughts and sketching, every patient ended up with a small sketch and a poem, I saw the faint smiles on the faces of these once young persons but now afflicted by illness. It has been an incredible and sad experience, but also one that has taught me so much more about myself. I find that there is not enough time in a day to do all that we want to do. I will end my reflective mode here and get to the AAG affairs at hand.

This newsletter marks the last one for the AAG season until October 2011 and following the long awaited event of Art in the Park. Even though there will not be any newsletters please remain assured that the various committees are at work. What we do should not be viewed as hard work but it should be viewed as an opportunity for members to aid the Guild and make it an enriching experience for ourselves and other members and artists friends from the outside. That is it, the AAG's mission is to enrich your life not only artistically but the everyday life!!! It is a big responsibility but one that I took on with eagerness and commitment. The presidency is an opportunity that should be extended to other willing members. I feel that June and I have done our job but now is the time to give the reins to someone else. In order not to be disruptive we decided to look to nominate a Vice President with the understanding that the VP might take on the Presidency the following year. He/she will work alongside with me to ensure a smooth transition the following year.



Painting by Jean Winslow, who will be giving a demo following the AAG's Annual Meeting and Luncheon on Sunday, May 15th beginning at 1:30pm at the ArtSpace in North Andover.

We look forward to the last meeting of the season that will feature a good artist friend of mine "Jean Winslow". This year due to various reasons we decided to celebrate the end of the season with a potluck dinner. Please sign up by calling or emailing June Munro and see what else we need. As I said earlier, the end of the season does not mean the end of our activities. There is so much more planned for the year. I hope to see many of you at the Artspace at 21 East Mill on Sunday, May 15th at 1:30PM.

Nella

Jean Winslow

As an artist I am familiar with the paradoxical nature of the creative process. My work reflects the ambiguity that exists between what is known and resolved and what is mysterious and open ended. I am challenged as an artist to reconcile the interface between the visible world and the realms of the psyche and soul. My fascination between these two worlds is reflected in my exploration of the dualities of timelessness and immediacy, permanence and transience, certainty and doubt.

Combining the elements of design, color, texture, line and form I approach a clean canvas or paper as an explorer. I want to discover the outer limits of the materials, stretching and molding each element and combining them to discover unexpected results. To this I add a basic trust in my own intuitiveness, spontaneity and belief in my own unique vision to record what I know and care about. My work is like an internal landscape of the human experience, having the power to disturb as well as to heal – seen through the lens of the soul.

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to participate in "Pathway to the Past", the North Andover Historical Society's Machine Shop Village walking tour on Sat., June 18, 2011

By Caroline Louise Cole

The Andovers Artists Guild will host an exhibit of North Andover-themed artwork at the East Mill ArtSpace to coincide with the North Andover Historical Society's Pathways to the Past walking tours of Machine Shop Village on Saturday, June 18.

The North Andover Historical Society is expecting several hundred people to participate in the Pathways to the Past walking tours, which will be conducted from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. In addition to the Davis & Furber property tour stops will include several private homes and the Trinitarian Church.

This event is the North Andover Historical Society's major fundraising event of the year. **Tickets are \$20 though participating artists will be admitted at no charge.**

Artwork for our show can be on any North Andover theme, though scenes in Machine Shop Village are encouraged. Members can submit a painting for a **\$10 registration fee**. If your work is sold, the ArtSpace will take a 20 percent commission. You can also exhibit your painting of last year's Art From the East Mill exhibit, if it is still available.

The Machine Shop Village Historical District is the neighborhood around the Davis & Furber Machine Shop property which includes the East Mill ArtSpace. The district is roughly bounded by Davis St. on the east, Main St. on the south, Rennie's Florist on the west, and Prescott St. on the north.

The landmark Trinitarian Church on Elm St. and the Wiley house at the corner of Elm and Water St. are among the landmark properties within this district, which is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Members of the Andovers Artists Guild are invited to the Historical Society's reception which will be held in the ArtSpace at the conclusion of the event from 5 to 8 p.m. If you are interested in participating, please send me an email at

Director@EastMillArtSpace.com and I will send you a registration form, which will include drop off and pick up information.

Dates to Remember!

What to expect on the Annual Meeting and Luncheon, May 15, 2011 at the Artspace, 21 High Street, North Andover.

- 1:30 - 2 :15pm Pot Luck Dinner
- 2:30pm Presentation of the Annual AAG Scholarship

Amendments will be presented to the AAG Bylaws, Members will be expected to vote electronically on the time specified.

- Introduction of nominated Board Members
- Demo with Jean Winslow will commence soon after.

Rolling Ridge new exhibit: "JOY" 660 Great Pond Road, North Andover, MA.

- June 1st, 2011
- Wednesday from 3-5pm
- Rolling Ridge Spring/Summer Show called "JOY"

- Receiving and picking up works from previous show.
- Volunteers for Receiving:
 - Sandra Weissenhoff
 - Wendy Cole
 - Jennifer Rocco Stone
 - Diana Bourgeois
- Members, PLEASE be on time to submit new paintings or retrieve past paintings. If you can not make it, PLEASE make arrangements to have someone pick up your paintings or call the office at Rolling Ridge (978) 682-8815 to make other plans for pick-up.

June 12th Rolling Ridge - Lakeside Gallery

The staff at RR has been busy planning for a Grand Opening and dedication of the New Lakeside Gallery at 3PM of June 12, all members are invited and also encouraged to paint en plein air , please call the office of RR (978) 682-8815 let them know if you plan attending.

June 18th North Andover Historical Society

*see attached note from Caroline Cole

September 17, Art in the Park, 10 to 4PM

We are very excited that this year Art in the Park will be in conjunction with Andover Days, and we are expecting an increase of foot traffic that hopefully will generate more sales and more collectors. If you are planning to be an exhibitor and you have not yet filled your application, do so now by downloading it on www.andoversartistsguild.com and send it to the address provided.

News from Our Members

The Flint Memorial Library 147 Park St. in North Reading, MA will host an Opening Reception for the following five artists on May 23 at 6pm: Shirley D'Agati, Maureen DeSisto, Nancy Varnum and also Dot Carpenito and Laureen Luszc. (The library is closed Sundays.) Shirley, Maureen and Nancy are AAG members and there are about 40 paintings on display at the library by these artists for the month of May.