

**Greater Haverhill Arts Association** 

## Celebrates 50 Golden years!

Send items (announcements, opportunities) by the end of the month, questions and feedback at anytime, to <a href="info@ghaa.art">info@ghaa.art</a>. If you are having a solo show, open studio, or similar event, or have your work juried into an exhibit or receive an honor, tell us so we can share the good news. Have you not received recognition when your colleagues have? We do our best to stay abreast of the art scene, but we depend on you to notify us directly of your honors. Don't be modest - we want to rejoice with you!

If you or another member experiences a life event (marriage, birth, hospitalization, etc.) and would welcome recognition/support from the rest of us, do let us know.

#### Calendar at a Glance

March 13 10 AM online meet artist Debbie Shirley March 27 10 AM online - demo with Doris Rice April 15 deadline for scholarship applications April 24 10 AM online - demo with Emily Passman April 27 Student Art Exhibit entry deadline April 30 (2:30-4:30) student art delivery

#### WE ARE ALL VOLUNTEERS!

### How can you help your GHAA serve you best?

THE GHAA SATURDAY ART WORKSHOPS will resume when it's safe to do so!

We're waiting for the hall behind the church (FCC) on Bradford Common to reopen. They are held 9-12 on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays, with a still life set-up and a posed model. Mark Hayden mentors all participants. All mediums, all levels, all ages welcome! No registration necessary - drop in anytime. A \$5 donation is requested and always appreciated. Want a bit of immortality (and



Swirly Night clay-relief by Denise Delongis-Chesky

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

IF YOU'RE NOT A

MEMBER 
JOIN
US ONLINE ORHERE

Become a member!

Facebook

# a \$25 stipend) by serving as a portrait model? Volunteer for a sitting here when the workshops resume! Always check the website and/or Facebook page for last-minute changes!



#### Thank you to our valued Benefactors!

Please take every opportunity to patronize and thank them for their valuable support

Nunan's Florist & Greenhouses

Buttonwoods Museum Irena Sienko Maguire

Joan's Art Gallery (JAG)

Pentucket Bank James Tinguely Mark Hayden Teresa Machie

WHAV

HC Media

Haverhill Bank

Flowers by Steve

Bernard Clohisy

UMASS Lowell iHub at Harbor

Place

Joseph Rampulla Michael Rossi One Path of Light Finbury & Sullivan, PC

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Art Supplies Wholesale

#### Enlist or become a Benefactor - It can be done online or HERE

Benefactors subsidize our programs, including the Saturday Workshops.

#### The GHAA NEWS

It's always important to check our website and Facebook page for any changes, but especially so during this pandemic. We cancel events as we must in order to keep us all safe.

If you haven't yet *carefully reviewed* the info on the Members page of our new website, please do so and send any corrections to us as we fine-tune the site. Also, check the Gallery to see if you'd like to replace images of your art. It's a good time to think about updating your bio for the GHAA Artists Notebook too.

The GHAA celebrates 50 years in 2021 - a golden year! We're still looking for ways to celebrate 50 years. When we can actually get together again, there'll be gray T-shirts with the logo available for \$10. Car window cling decals with our logo are free for members and sponsors. If you have pictures from the GHAA past, we'd love to have you scan and send them. And of course there's our beautiful new website! Have you been a member for all 50 years? Please tell us so we can give you special recognition!

Calling all members! We're continuing with our series of podcasts "Meet the GHAA Artists" conducted and recorded (virtually) by Joan Turner. The interviews are whatever length is comfortable. You can speak of what's important to you or respond to the interviewer's prompts - see <a href="here">here</a>. The interviews are posted on Facebook and our website

(you can add the link to your own). To schedule your interview, email info@ghaa.art. The interviews with **Bruce Wood** and **Tracy Meola** are still available. Next we're featuring artist **Debbie Shirley**, who is also our dedicated Communications Chair!

The date for the Art Festival on Bradford Common is September 11, but the ad for it is in the current issue of Art New England, and the guidelines and link to enter will soon be on the website. The best spots go first!

We are looking forward to again hosting out Annual Student Art Exhibit May 1-8 at Buttonwoods. Middle- and high-schoolers can begin planning now to share their art (done in class or at home). Entry is online, but the guidelines are <u>here</u>. Encourage all the budding artists you know to participate!

**Doris Rice'**s demo recorded for March 27 (10 AM) will be a watercolor landscape. Check the website and Facebook page for the link. During this Covid-19 pandemic we bring you all demos free, sponsored by Pentucket Bank.

Previous demos with **Susan Kneeland** are available: watercolor, still life with oil bars, animal portrait in charcoal, portrait in white on black paper, landscape in three primaries and white, and a monochromatic portrait. And **Lisa Regopoulos**' pastel, **Nella Lush**'s encaustic, **Mary Taggart**'s gouache, **Ann Jones**' demo *Tracking Your Art* and **Joan Turner's** many teaching videos can be viewed (more to come). We are bringing these to you free while we wait for the Saturday Workshops to resume!

You should have received our annual **Special Resources** issue. We thank **Vice President Michael Rossi** who verified and updated the listings. If you know of any new venues for solo art shows, or learning or networking opportunities, or if you are a member who teaches but aren't noted as such on the website's Members page, email us with corrections: <a href="mailto:info@ghaa.art">info@ghaa.art</a>.

The 2021 Robert Gablosky Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to an eligible graduating senior continuing in the visual arts. To determine eligibility or to apply, refer to the Scholarship page on the website (the deadline is Tax Day).

Don't forget - **Debbie Shirley, Communications Chair,** continues to share what GHAA artists are doing on our Facebook page - which reaches hundreds in any given week. We encourage members to continue sending her images of artwork: dshirleyart@yahoo.com - jpegs around 1MB, noting title and artist. Or let her know if you've resumed art activities; Painting outdoors? Taking classes? Teaching? Exhibiting again? We're all hungry for good news, so share yours please.

#### **HELP FOR THE ART COMMUNITY!**

**MassmocA** is offering a series of free webinars for professional artists via Zoom on a variety of topics such taxes, grant writing, financial strategies, and marketing. For registering or more info: https://www.assetsforartists.org/blog/2020/12/30/spring-2021-webinars.

**FindHelp.org** is a resource for finding specific resources by zip code - for assistance paying for utilities, mortgages etc.

**Essex County Creative** (<a href="http://eccf.org/creative-county">http://eccf.org/creative-county</a>) lists resources for artists during these troubled times, and links to other helpful sites. To contribute to the relief fund or to

apply for assistance: eccf.org

And if you are a self-employed full-time artist/teacher you should apply for unemployment; the CARES Act is designed to cover you: <a href="http://www.mass-creative.org/">http://www.mass-creative.org/</a> has links to keep you informed to facilitate relief efforts.

And for 2020 taxes, contributions up to \$300 will be allowed for non-itemizers - an incentive worth considering.

Are you receiving our news and benefiting from all the GHAA has to offer, but are not yet a member? We hope you'll join us! The GHAA year is September 1 - August 31. If your membership has lapsed, consider renewing - still a bargain at \$30 (if you attend the five demos and enter one piece in the Annual Open Exhibit as a non-member, it would be more than the membership fee). We do not mail individual renewal notices to keep expenses down. It's also a good time to **UPDATE YOUR BIO**; send the current one to info@ghaa.art or bring it to the next event. Do you have representative **IMAGES ON THE WEBSITE**? Have you updated them recently? Did you notice that each newsletter features the work of a different member? Send images to dshirleyart@yahoo.com.

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#### Members' Honors, Awards, Solo Exhibits

**Denise Delongis-Chesky** is the Featured Artist for March and April in the Art Niche at Innovation Hub (UMass Lowell at Harbor Place, 2 Merrimack Street, Haverhill). Her unique and fascinating work is in clay - see an example above. Security is a plus for iHub at Harbor Place. To assure access during Covid-19 email <a href="mailto:Stephanie Guyotte@uml.edu">Stephanie Guyotte@uml.edu</a> or phone 978-934-5560.

**James McCarthy** has a solo exhibit at G's Restaurant on Washington Street in Haverhill during March and April.

**Debbie Shirley** has had a painting accepted for the National Association of Women Artists' Winter Small Works Show, through April 30, and another painting for the Spring Salon Exhibition March 20 through May 20. International Guild of Realism - IGOR

**Kathleen Bennett** and **Debbie Shirley** have paintings juried into the exhibit at the Marblehead Art Association through March 14.

**Kathleen Bennett** has a painting juried into the show *Love Is Love* at the Firehouse Gallery in Newburyport. through March 28.

**Ann Jones** has a painting accepted for the Fall 2020 Portfolio Art Show at art call.org, through August.

Kathleen Bennett, Ann Jones, Judith Larmay Menihane, Maria Nemchuk, and Susan Spellman had artwork juried into the Newburyport Art Association's Winter Juried Members Show II, and Susan Spellman received an award. The show is both in-gallery and online, through March 27.

#### **ARTISTIC OPPORTUNITIES**

\*The GHAA will adhere to CDC guidelines during these trying times, so updates will be on our home page and Facebook page.

Check with the sponsors of other events for possible changes.

- Essex County Greenbelt will be hosting the annual Art in the Barn online again this
  year, June 3-13. It is a juried show, no entry fee; 50% of sales support this non-profit
  land trust. Artists are welcome to submit online <u>HERE</u> by April 4. Email Jane
  (artinthebarn@ecga.org) with any guestions.
- Brush Gallery and Lowell National Historical Park have issued an open call for artists
  on the theme What does community look like to you? For \$25 (\$10 for students) any
  artist, any level, can submit up to three entries for this juried show; the deadline is
  March 26. For more info: <a href="http://www.lowellartshows.com/NPS">http://www.lowellartshows.com/NPS</a>.
- Tewksbury Library hosts exhibits that change every two months. The 2021 schedule follows. For info contact the coordinator <u>valeriejeannesart@gmail.com</u>.

 Date of drop off:
 Theme:
 Pick up date:

 April 27, 2021
 SPRING AWAKENING
 June 22, 2021

 June 22, 2021
 UNDER THE SUN
 August 24, 2021

 August 24, 2021
 FALL
 October 26, 2021

 October 26, 2021
 GLORY
 December 28, 2021

- Visual Arts Showcase will be held in Henry Law Park, Dover NH, August 16 (10-2): <a href="mailto:events@dovernh.org">events@dovernh.org</a> if you are interested in participating. Visit <a href="mailto:dovernh.org/caf">dovernh.org/caf</a> for the full schedule.
- The Newburyport Art Association is seeking teachers for a variety of art classes. For more information and to express interest email Wanda at <a href="mailto:education@newburyportart.org">education@newburyportart.org</a>.
- Innovation Hub of UMASS Lowell at Harbor Place (2 Merrimack Street, Haverhill, 3rd floor) is partnering with the GHAA to showcase members in an Art Niche, a space that lends itself to featuring a single artist for a two-month period. Two adjacent walls (5 ft and 8 ft) can accommodate 2 very large paintings or 10 very small paintings, or a mix of in-between sizes. There is a surface for promotional materials and perhaps a small sculpture. The artist may include work previously shown with the GHAA and not-for-sale work. There is no charge to participate, and no commission is taken on sales. The venue hours are Monday Friday, 8:30-5:00 (www.uml.edu/ihub). If you are interested in participating, respond to <a href="mailto:info@ghaa.art">info@ghaa.art</a>.

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