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Greater Haverhill Arts Association

SEPTEMBER 2020 NEWS

Send items (announcements, opportunities) by the end of the month, questions and feedback at anytime, to info@ghaa.art. 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

September 1 GHAA Membership Renewal Due

September 12 Art Festival LIVE on Facebook (10-12)
September 26 Demo by Ann Jones (10 AM via Facebook)
September 30 Close of nominations for GHAA officers
October 18 Annual Meeting & Elections 1:00 PM at Buttonwoods
October 18 Demo by Julie Airoldi

WE ARE ALL VOLUNTEERS!

How can you help your GHAA serve you best?



Baby Sister ^{by} Amy Hamlet

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Lillian Favreau Melissa Morrison Suhasini Sawant

IF YOU'RE NOT A MEMBER -JOIN US <u>ONLINE</u> or 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 a \$25 stipend) by serving as a portrait model?
Volunteer for a sitting here! Always check the website and/or Facebook page for last-minute changes!

Become a member!



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 Maria Nemchuk James Tinguely Mark Hayden Teresa Machie WHAV HC Media MVArtEvents.com Haverhill Bank Flowers by Steve Bernard Clohisy UMASS Lowell iHub at Harbor Place Joseph Rampulla Michael Rossi One Path of Light Finbury & Sullivan, PC Image-Tec Creative Haverhill 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.

We are going ahead VIRTUALLY with the Art Festival! Secretary Melissa will be hosting a LIVE exhibit/sale that Saturday, September 12, 10 AM til noon. Join us by going to our Facebook page and click on the link to it. [Because of the uncertainty about a permit from the city and the church, and the stringent guidelines from the state, we regretfully had to cancel the outdoor version of the event.]

Ann Jones will share her low-tech system for Tracking Your Art in a demo via our Facebook page on September 26 at 10 AM - free to all.

Susan Kneeland has recorded four demos for you, available via links on our Facebook

Our members exhibit at the Haverhill Public Library has been postponed until January-February; by then we hope the gallery on the 2nd level will have reopened. Please watch the website and Facebook page and newsletters for updated info.

Don't forget! **Debbie Shirley, Communications Chair,** continues to share what GHAA artists are doing on our Facebook page - which has reached over 800 in one week (no small thing). 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.

The Annual Meeting and Election of Officers is planned for 1:00 on Sunday, October 18, at the Buttonwoods Museum. Nominations are now open for President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Submit your nominations for any office: info at GHAA.art no later than September 30. You must be a member to vote - it's time to renew if you haven't already.

Do you want something exciting to look forward to? Next year the GHAA turns 50! Do you have ideas about how we can honor and celebrate? We hope to make it a banner year. Send us any ideas you may have. T-shirts and car window decals with our logo are in the works!

Would you be interested in learning how to use a TV camera in order to help the GHAA record and publicize events? HC Media (Haverhill Community TV) offers classes (two 2-hour sessions) that qualify a person to borrow cameras for such purposes. Let us know: info@ghaa.art. We'll schedule lessons when it becomes safe to do so.

HELP FOR THE ART COMMUNITY!

Essex County Creative (<u>http://eccf.org/creative-county</u>) 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: <u>eccf.org</u>

And if you are a self-employed full-time artist/teacher you should apply for unemployment; the CARES Act is designed to cover you: <u>http://www.mass-creative.org/</u> 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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Past Issues

Amy Hamlet is the Featured Artist for September and October in the Art Niche at Innovation Hub (UMass Lowell at Harbor Place, 2 Merrimack Street, Haverhill). She is interested in varied subject matter and works in acrylic and collage. Security is a plus for iHub at Harbor Place; If you should go to the 3rd floor and find it locked, go to UMASS Lowell on the 2nd floor - staff there can give access. See one of her paintings above.

Teresa Machie is the Artist in Residence at The Switchboard in Haverhill beginning September 4. She plans to paint on location four days a week. There will be a sidewalk event and reception September 19 and other events scheduled - check theswitchboardhaverhill.com for the latest info.

Maria Nemchuk has had a photograph accepted into the Annual Jack Parfitt Photography Exhibition at the NHAA, and a painting into an October exhibit at Roux & Cyr International Fine Art Gallery in Portland ME.

Tracy Meola has written and illustrated a children's book Your Favorite Color, It's available at: https://www.etsy.com/listing/826422914/childrens-book-your-favorite-color-by?ref=shop_home_active_1&frs=1&crt=1

Ann Jones is the featured artist at The Grog restaurant in Newburyport for September and October.

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 cancellations.

- Judith Larmay is resuming oil painting classes in her home studio in Haverhill on Monday afternoons (2-4). She teaches serious painters who wish to improve the quality of their work. Classes are \$10, limited to 6 students who work from their own photos, with their own supplies. For more info menlar@comcast and/or visit her website larmayartstudio.net.
- The Woburn Guild of Artists offers a demo in acrylic impressionism by Elise MacDonald, Thursday, September 10 (7-9 PM) in the New Horizons at Choate, Terrace Lounge, 21 Warren Avenue Woburn MA. Check for updates: woburnartguild.org
- 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 venue hours are Monday - Friday, 8:30 - 5:00 (www.uml.edu/ihub). There is no charge to participate; the usual 65/20/15 % (artist/GHAA/venue) will apply to any sales. If you are interested in participating, respond to info@ghaa.art.

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