



Greater Haverhill Arts Association

Celebrates 50 Golden years!

February 2021 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

February 13 10 AM online meet artist **Tracy Meola**

February 27 10 AM online - pastel demo with Lisa Regopoulos

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**



by
Michael Grutkowski

WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

Henri Martin III

IF YOU'RE NOT A MEMBER - JOIN US [ONLINE](#) or [HERE](#)

Become a member!

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!*

Facebook

GHAA Website

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
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.*

Have you visited our new website yet? It is fresh and lively and easy to navigate - and we are very grateful to Secretary Melissa Morrison for creating it, and to Communications Chair Debbie Shirley for helping with the tweaking and updating. As you explore it, let us know of any snags you may encounter. And please *carefully review* the info on the Members page and send any corrections to us as we fine-tune the site.

We are pleased to welcome Teresa Machie as Hospitality Chair and Member of the Board! Teresa is a fine artist with a background also in graphic design.

Our Paint-Ins on Sundays in January at Nunan's Greenhouse in Georgetown were a success, with many artists participating and much interest from Nunan's customers. Such a lovely respite from the wintry cold! See the pictures on our Facebook page.

The GHAA celebrates 50 years in 2021 - a golden year ahead! Do you have ideas about how we can honor and celebrate 50 years? We intend to make it a banner year. T-shirts with the logo will be 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 to really celebrate, our new website is up and running with a bright fresh look that has already received rave reviews!

Calling all members! We're beginning a 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 [here](#). The interviews will be posted on Facebook and our website (you can add the link to your own). To schedule your interview, email info@ghaa.art. The interview with **Bruce Wood** is still available, and this month we're featuring **Tracy Meola**.

Lisa Regopoulos will offer a pastel demo recorded for February 27 (10 AM). 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 **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!

Vice President Michael Rossi is updating our annual Special Resources issue. If you know of any new venues for solo art shows, or learning and networking opportunities, or if you are a member who teaches but aren't flagged as such on the website's Members page, email us with corrections: info@ghaa.art.

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.

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.

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!

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 (<http://eccf.org/creative-county>) 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: <http://www.mass-creative.org/> 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.

Members' Honors, Awards, Solo Exhibits

Anne Cook is the Featured Artist for January and February in the Art Niche at Innovation Hub (UMass Lowell at Harbor Place, 2 Merrimack Street, Haverhill). She paints diverse subject matter in acrylic. Security is a plus for iHub at Harbor Place. To assure access during Covid-19 email Stephanie_Guyotte@uml.edu or phone 978-934-5560.

Mackenzie Casto, Maria Nemchuk, and Keilan Romito were chosen as contributors to Merrimack Valley's Cultural Mapping Project 2020, a book to be made available at area libraries.

Debbie Shirley has had a painting accepted for the Concord Art Association's Winter Juried Exhibit, through February 14.

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

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

Barbara Brissenden, Sarah Dugan, Judith Larmay Menihane, Tracy Meola, Debbie Shirley, and Susan Spellman had artwork juried into the Newburyport Art Association's Winter Juried Members Show, and **Susan Spellman** received an award. The show is both in-gallery and online, through February 20.

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.

- The New Hampshire Art Association has an open call for the 35th Annual Lassonde Open Juried Exhibition. All artists are welcome to enter, all mediums accepted. The theme is *Beyond the Boundaries*, and the deadline to submit online is February 5. For more info: nhartassociation.org.
- 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. For more info: <http://www.lowellartshows.com/NPS>.
- Tewksbury Library hosts exhibits that change every two months. The 2021 schedule follows. For info contact the coordinator valeriejeannesart@gmail.com.

Date of drop off:	Theme:	Pick up date:
February 23, 2021	NEW ENGLAND	April 27, 2021
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): events@dovernh.org if you are interested in participating. Visit dovernh.org/caf for the full schedule.
- 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.