



May 2022 Newsletter

Dear HAL Friends,

There is a great deal going on with HAL. I will start with the bad news: Dee Coviello, who has been managing our website (<https://www.hamdenartleague.org/>) is retiring. She has been terrific at putting up information and taking down dated material. But she has gone beyond that, especially in her work with photos of our art. Remember our online 2020 Silverbells Exhibition which had 102 paintings? She worked on every one of them to be sure each would be presented in the best and most accurate light. We thank her bunches!

Obviously, we are now in need of someone to manage our website. We are hoping that one or more of you will step up to manage HAL's site. We also need a Recording Secretary, who would take notes at our Board Meetings and then distribute them to the Board online.

If you are interested in either position, please email me (rdserfilippi@sbcglobal.net). We are a warm and fun group, if I do say so myself!

Our final meeting of the year is on May 10, 7-9pm, at the Hamden Senior Center our presenter is well-known artist Jack Montmeat who will demonstrate "Charcoal Portrait Fundamentals." He will not only draw a portrait, but also talk about line quality, shading, and measuring. I think we will learn a good deal from him, so I hope you can come.

The following Tuesday is pick-up day for the paintings you have in our Goldenbells show. That's May 17, 4-6 pm. If you can't come, please have someone retrieve your paintings, because we have no storage space at the Senior Center.

The names and pictures of our Goldenbells Award Winners are on our website, so have a look!! I am sure that I have missed congratulating one or two of you, so I do so here: Great Work!!! Here is our proposed slate of Board Members and Managers for the 2022-2023 year. Please look over the list. At the May meeting you will be asked to accept/reject the slate. Any input ahead of time is welcome.

Hamden Art League Proposed Slate 2022-2023

President – Rosemary Serfilippi

Vice President – John Alvaro

Treasurer – Brenda Burt

Recording Secretary – Unfilled

Publicity – Ruth Resnick Johnson

Program – Liz Scott

Membership – Diane Chandler

Exhibitions – Patty Meglio

Judges - Stephanie Arrell

Audio-Visual – John Alvaro, Joan Lakin

Plein Air – Candace Klein, Floyd Caplan

Hospitality – Kati Demmon

Newsletter – Rosemary Serfilippi

Grant Committee

Brenda Burt

Ruth Resnick Johnson

Liz Scott

Online Managers

Facebook – Wendy Kohli

Website – Unfilled

Plein Air has started. Since we do not have a website manager after May, you can get up-to-date information on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/hamdenartleague>) or from the emails we send out to our members and friends. Let us know if you want to be added to that list.

We are still working hard on our Grant requirements. One of them involves gathering demographic data. When you come in to the May meeting or after you are seated (we haven't decided!), we'd appreciate your answering a few questions. The Grant Committee has attended workshops and continues to do so. There is a great deal to learn.

On May 14, HAL plans to have a table at "Amplify the Arts" at the Hamden Town Center. We hope that participating in this event will increase our visibility and, perhaps, bring us more members. We will have tables and art supplies set up so that anyone who has not "Made Art" before, can go at it!! The event runs from 1 pm to 7 pm, a long stretch. We are hoping that some of you will "man" the booth for part of that time. Let us know.

We are now on the "Hamden Cultural Assets Map," which is being managed by Alisha Martindale as a way to publicize places and organizations that enrich the Hamden community. The map can be reached through the town website.

John Alvaro has been researching A-V equipment that we plan to acquire through the Grant so that our presentations' quality can improve. We are still a good distance from being able to make videos available on line, but we hope that with increased knowledge, equipment, participation, and funds, we will be able to reach that point in the future.

All of us are happy that so much is developing for our art group. We always want to hear from you, whether it is to volunteer, pay dues, or suggest a new direction for the group.

Thanks for caring about HAL,

Rosemary Serfilippi, President