



April 2024 Newsletter

Dear HAL Members and Friends,

Spring is here, and the outdoors and art shows are calling to us artists. Keep your calendar handy, because lots of dates need to be recorded!

At this month's meeting, **Jennifer Davies** demonstrated a Japanese method of making of paper which was then turned into the art object itself. Amazing and very beautiful!

At our May 15 meeting, **Margot Rocklen** will be demonstrating **Japanese Block Printing**. Meeting starts at 7:00 pm at the Senior Center. Be sure to check our website <https://www.hamdenartleague.org/>. This is the last regular meeting of the season.

HAL continues to offer special events and workshops, some for a modest price and some free.

On May 5 **Jeanne Carol Potter** will give a workshop "**Portraits in Watercolor**," at the Eli Whitney Museum from 12 to 4 pm. The cost is \$45 for members plus PayPal fee and \$55 for non members plus PayPal fee. Register and pay on our website (<https://www.hamdenartleague.org/workshops.html>). A materials list will be provided to those who register. If you are interested, register now!

Remember the **Great Give** May 1 and 2. Donating to HAL at that time gives us a chance to win one of the random gifts (funds!) that are distributed over the two days. We won two in the short time that we have been part of the Great Give, thus giving our budget a boost. <https://www.thegreatgive.org/organizations/hamden-art-league>

Our big **Spring Eli Whitney Barn Show** is almost upon us! **Receiving is May 29 (Wednesday)**; the show will then be up through the weekend, coming down Sunday evening, June 2. Show is non-juried for entries but judged for awards by **Greg Shea**. There will be awards given on Saturday at the Reception. Registration and Payment is through our website <https://www.hamdenartleague.org/exhibitions.html>. A detailed prospectus, as well as sign-up links for you to volunteer to help can be found there. Remember that this year teens from local high schools will be participating, and there will be special awards for their outstanding art. If you attended the Barn Show last summer, you know that the venue especially lends itself to showing large work, so don't hold back those big ones! **Don't delay, register to participate in this exciting event.**

Plein Air painting begins **Thursdays** in May. The 2024 schedule is posted on the website at <https://www.hamdenartleague.org/weekly-gatherings.html>. We will distribute it to this same mailing list. Come and leave whenever you like, and experience the energy we get from being outside and from painting with your fellow artists.

On **Thursday, June 20** HAL will hold a **free** special studio session on using **watercolor painted papers to create collage**. We will be working under the pavilion at Lockwood Farm. Be sure to register so that we will know how

many people to expect. Those attending will be emailed instructions and a supplies list. Registration will be posted shortly on the website <https://www.hamdenartleague.org/workshops.html> .

The last event of the summer will be the **August 25 Watercolor Landscape Workshop** with **Joan Cho** at the Eli Whitney Museum. The workshop will run Sunday from 12 to 4 pm and cost \$45 for members and \$55 for non-members (plus Paypal fee). There is a 20-person maximum. A materials list will be available for those who register.

Our weekly Open Studio Sessions are winding down. These free sessions are on Thursdays from 10 until 12 pm at Hamden's Miller Library in the first floor Program Room. May 2 is our last day. There is no need to register; just come and enjoy the time making art.

Reminders:

If you are new to HAL and join at our Barn Show, that membership is good for the 2024-25 HAL season.

We will need lots of help for the Barn Show, so please sign up!

<https://www.hamdenartleague.org/exhibitions.html>

We have openings on the HAL Board. Ask about the possibilities!

Keep painting,

Hamden Art League Board

Members in the News – On Display:

It has become very difficult to track members' works in exhibitions. To that end we ask that you provide the information through a form on the HAL website at <https://www.hamdenartleague.org/members.html> . Any HAL paid member who has artwork in an upcoming or current show, let us know the specifics by [completing this form](#) and we will post it both on the website and in the monthly newsletter.

Members in the News – Teaching Classes:

Similarly it is tough to track the classes you are teaching. To that end we ask that you provide the information through a form on the HAL website at <https://www.hamdenartleague.org/members.html> . Any HAL paid member who is teaching a class or doing a demonstration, let us know the specifics by [completing this form](#) and we will post it both on the website and in the monthly newsletter.