



## June 2024 Newsletter

Dear HAL Members and Friends,

Our Barn Show was a smashing success with nearly 140 works entered by 93 artists, 19 prizes, nearly 400 people people on Saturday for our Reception, a food fest worthy of a wedding, and an overall attendance of nearly 600 people. The renting of a tent for the reception worked beautifully and left the Barn itself and the artwork easy to visit.

Including the student art from local high schools brought attention to the work being done in our schools; and also highlighted HAL's activities and helped us move toward our goal of spreading art into the community.

There are two FREE activities coming up in June that we want to mention:

1. Stephanie Arrell is sponsoring a visit to the Buley Library of Southern Connecticut State University. **Tina Re**, director of Special Collections, has invited us to come see the library's outstanding collection of "Artists' Books." Each item is a combination of a work of visual art and a book! The library's website says, "Artists' Books may take many different forms, from the traditional codex, scroll, or fold book, to newer forms such as flip books, flag books, and uniquely engineered structures." We can also take part in a making of a mini book, a unique way of getting inspiration.

On **Friday, June 21**, at 1 pm, Tina will meet us. We will not need parking passes. Stephanie suggests that you arrange your own carpooling if you wish. Stephanie and Tina will need to know how many are attending, so let Stephanie know by Tuesday, June 18th. Stephanie can be reached by email at [sarrell2@gmail.com](mailto:sarrell2@gmail.com) or phone: 203-361-7637. It should be a unique experience.

2. 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. You must register so that we will know how many people to expect. Those attending will be emailed instructions and a supplies list. Registration is through the website <https://www.hamdenartleague.org/workshops.html> . Or click this link <https://forms.gle/sXeJcXwcismEdiiP7> . The instructions will be emailed in the next week.

The Town of Hamden has created a mural committee whose members are in the process of selecting an artist to paint a mural that will highlight Hamden. They also plan to have a map made that locates important/historical places around the town (e.g., Sleeping Giant, Town Hall). They are seeking an artist/artists to do the map. Contact **Lisa Morrison** at the Hamden Arts Commission for more information ([hamdenartscommission.lisa@gmail.com](mailto:hamdenartscommission.lisa@gmail.com) ).

**Plein Air painting** continues **Thursdays**, weather permitting. The 2024 schedule is posted on the website at <https://www.hamdenartleague.org/weekly-gatherings.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. Registration will be posted later this month.

We have scheduled a **Plein Air Painting Workshop** with **Frank Bruckman** for **Thursday September 19** at Lockwood Farm. Registration and payment will be required, and will be through the website later this summer.

**Rosemary Serfilippi** and **Jeanette Wimmer** are exhibiting at the **Miller Library** in the first floor Programs Room, with a reception on **Tuesday, June 11 from 4 to 6 pm**. HAL members will be able to exhibit 2 or 3 times a year in the Programs Room at the Miller library, or HAL can arrange special exhibits, such as a Plein Air Exhibit or a Still Life Exhibit. Rosemary will be coordinating these exhibits with the Miller Library.

Many members are exhibiting throughout the state this month. 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 <https://forms.gle/XSDzJrb9YWXw49ao8> and we will post it both on the website and in the monthly newsletter.

Reminders: 1) We are looking for volunteers to apply to join the board and/or help on committees. Please seek one of us out if you are interested. 2) Membership is from July 1-June 30, and payment is due by the end of September. We will be sending reminders this summer for existing members to renew.

Jennifer Davies, a presenter we had just recently has an exhibition of her fiber art. The show is at City Gallery, 994 State St. New Haven, Sunday, June 2nd, from 1-4pm. Titled "Amicizia: The Long Arc", it opened May 31st and closes June 30th with artist talks from 2-3pm on June 30.

We close with sharing information from the Cheshire Art League. Their final meeting is Mixed Media Painting, by Robin Le; this Thursday, June 6, 6:30pm at the Cheshire Public Library. Check the CAL website for their events: <https://www.cheshireartleague.com>

Keep painting,

**Hamden Art League Board**