

March 2025 Newsletter

Dear HAL Members and Friends,

Signs of Spring are all around us, and HAL has picked up the pace with vigor.



"In the Dead Woods They Fly"

The Hamden Art League will host printmaker, **Mark Grindell**, on **April 8th** as he demonstrates "**Tetra-Pak® printmaking demo with mini press**", creating printing plates, then inking and printing them. Mark is a New Haven area artist who has been creating all his life.

His personal focus is printmaking with a passion for using recycled or non-traditional materials for printing plates and mark making. He has his hands in illustration, painting, photography, mixed media, woodworking as well as written and spoken word. He designs for fun, infusing his passion for combining nature with the unexpected, no matter what subject he takes on. He enjoys experimenting with unusual and new printing substrates in his printing solutions. Collaboration and engaging with other artists are critical to his creative journey.

At the last 2024-25 meeting on **May 13th**, **Fritz Horstman** will give a presentation that covers both his new book "Interacting with Color: A Practical Guide to Josef Albers's Color Experiments" and his own artwork.



Returning artist and teacher **Eric March** will conduct "**Figure Drawing from Composition Toward Completion**". Scheduled for **Sunday, March 30th** from **noon to 4:00 pm** at the Eli Whitney Museum's Carter Workshop. Space is limited to 20. Priority will be given to Hamden Art League members. Eric has been a favorite instructor of HAL members. This workshop will walk through how to conceptualize and plan a figure drawing as well as the key steps to take in the beginning of the drawing process to end up with a piece that hits the marks of your composition-while creating good proportions and accurate form modeling. Students

will practice this process with several quick "starts" and then move on to develop one drawing to a more completed state. Students are encouraged to work in charcoal on tone paper but pencil is fine too. The class will consist of demonstrations in charcoal, short lectures and individual coaching. We will work from a live clothed model.

The cost is \$48.50 via PayPal for members and \$58.50 via PayPal for non-members. Registration and payment is through the website. Registration is a 2 step process; click on <https://forms.gle/rdXzTfn5SqWzqD6z6> to begin the process.



Our final spring workshop will be “**From Realism to Abstraction**” with **Stephen Henderson**, at Quinnipiac University on **Sunday, April 13th** from **10:00 am to 2:00 pm**. Stephen Henderson recently spoke to HAL about "Abstracting Your Art", and this is an excellent chance to loosen up and experiment with various media and materials.

We are also opening up this workshop to Quin students and faculty, 16 people max., so register early. The cost is \$26.50 via PayPal. Registration and payment is through the website. Registration is a 2-step process. Click

on <https://forms.gle/dmSg6NrGDDgNvFvR6> to begin the process.

Free Open Studio Sessions started. Every Thursday from **10:00 am to 1:00pm** at **Hamden's Miller Library** in the first floor **Program Room**. Arrive any time after 9:30 to get set up. The sessions at the library will be more for independent projects, a time to finish up paintings, do some sketching and to enjoy each other's company. We have reserved the space through the end of April (April 24th), as long as interest and participation continues. It is a relatively small space, but it is well lit and has access to water and bathrooms. No registration required. Try it out!

We really need your assistance with **Membership Supported Award for the Barn Show**

Have you wanted to sponsor an award for one of our Exhibitions but don't feel you can spring for the whole amount? Well here is your chance to contribute as little as \$10 to a Membership sponsored award for our upcoming Barn Show in May. Just click on the link below and your contribution will be gratefully accepted.

<https://www.hamdenartleague.org/join--pay.html>



The 3rd **Eli Whitney Barn Show** will run **May 29th – June 1st**. If you attended, you know that there is a lot of space for large paintings and sculptures. Members will be able to enter two pieces of art per person as before (however only one quilt), and non-members will be permitted one piece. On line registration will open **April 16th**. Entries must be submitted electronically through the Hamden Art League website by midnight **Wednesday, May 14th**. Submission of an image of artwork is required. The show is non-juried for entries but judged for awards. **Receiving will be Wednesday, May 28th**.

Show prospectus, links for registration and payment, and additional information will be available on the HAL website

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

LOCAL HAPPENINGS



left: Mary Burke, right: Kate Henderson

Mary Burke & Kate Henderson
Sanctuary of the Soul
March 13 - April 13, 2025

Opening Reception: Sunday, March 23, 2-5 PM
Artist Talk at 3:00pm | Featuring Live Irish Music
Artist Demo: April 6th, 1:00 - 2:30

Members Kate Henderson and Mary Burke have a show at Kehler Liddell Gallery from March 13 – April 13th.

<https://www.kehlerliddellgallery.com/sanctuary-of-the-soul>

Eli Whitney Museum & Workshop hosts an art auction and celebration to raise funds for k-12 students in the Greater New Haven community during their Leonardo Challenge. The **Leonardo Challenge** theme is “**Leonardo’s Landscape**”, and takes place on Thursday, **May 15th**. If you are interested in donating artwork sign up using the link below



<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfXB1IUOdUhYkzIzJxcjieSEXL8ELRuwOU8p-eTC8IAcQZ-Lg/viewform> .



Remember the **Great Give**, May 7 and 8. 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>



The Cheshire Art League announced a "**Cold Wax Workshop**" with **Ann O'Brien** scheduled for Sunday **June 29th**, 2025 10 -2 pm. It will take place in The Reading Room @ The Watch Factory. The workshop is limited to 15 people. (There will be a wait list.) Cost: CAL members..\$45.00, non members \$55.00, Lunch will be provided For more information go to their website <https://www.cheshireartleague.com/workshops.html> .

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