



February 2024 Newsletter

Dear HAL Members and Friends,

It is very sobering to realize it is already February. The good news is we have loads of upcoming ART opportunities.

We will host via Zoom art historian **Bob Potter** at 7 pm on **Feb. 13, 2024** as he presents "**Power and Remembrance: Reclaiming Black Lives Through Art**". In honor of Black History Month, this lecture will explore the art and lives of various artists through examples of their work, biographical profiles, historic context and in videos where the artists share their own personal journeys as artists. To participate use the zoom link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89401371982> and wait in the 'waiting room' until the host lets you in.

In March, we will be meeting in person back at the Miller Senior Center on March 12th at 7PM. **Marian Wittink** will speak and demonstrate, "**Abstraction and Collage**". Later this year, on April 9 at 7:00 pm is demo by **Jennifer Davies** entitled "Magical Transformations, Japanese Fibers in Contemporary Art", and on May 14 at 7:00 pm is a demo by **Margot Rocklen** on "Japanese Block Printing".

Free Open Studio Sessions have already started and will continue every Thursday through early April from 10:00 am to noon 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.

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Our next event is fast approaching: On **Sunday, March 3**, from 1:30-4 pm, New Haven artist and teacher, **Eric March** will hold an informative yet gentle **critique** of our artwork at the Eli Whitney Museum on Whitney Avenue in the Water Center. Payment is \$21 for members via PayPal or credit card, and \$26 for non-members. Pre-registration is required. Do not delay signing up if you are interested, the session is half full already. For further information and registration go to

<https://www.hamdenartleague.org/workshops.html> . Payment can be made at <https://www.hamdenartleague.org/join--pay.html> . Please remember that it is a pull-down menu. You must select the item you wish to pay for.

Then on Sunday, **May 5**, from 12-4 pm, **Jeanne Carol Potter** will teach a workshop entitled “**Portraits in Watercolor**” at the Eli Whitney Museum, Carter Studio. Payment of \$45 (for members, and additional PayPal fee if paying on line) and pre-registration will be required. Look for further information on our website as the date approaches.



At the end of May, we will hold a **four-day show** at the **Eli Whitney Barn** on Whitney Avenue. This show is replacing the usual April Spring Show that we have had at the Senior Center in the past. If you attended last summer’s Barn Show, you know that there is a lot of space for large paintings and sculptures. Members and non-members will be able to enter two pieces of art per person as

before (however only one quilt). This show will be juried for prizes, and will include a student exhibition that will also be juried for prizes. Receiving will be Wednesday, May 29th, the show will be Thursday, May 30th through Sunday, June 2nd. Pickup will be at the end of the day on Sunday. Both the reception and awards will be Saturday, June 1st. Start planning now.

June 20th we will sponsor a free open “studio” session under the Pavilion at Lockwood Farm, focused on playing with **stained watercolor collage** technique. There will not be an instructor, but registered participants will be sent a materials list and some reading material in preparation. It will be an opportunity to collaborate on a technique many have not tried.

The on Sunday, **August 25th**, HAL will sponsor a **watercolor landscape workshop** with **Joan Cho** at the Eli Whitney Museum. More information to come.

The **Great Give** is happening again May 1st and 2nd. Our third time participating. Please give generously and ask your friends and family to donate too.

We have been working more closely with the folks at the Eli Whitney Museum than we have in the past. One of the museum’s major fundraisers is the “**Leonardo Challenge**”, to be held on May 16th. This event is a lively evening filled with food, drinks, live music, beautiful artwork, with an expected crowd of 400 guests. The challenge aims to raise scholarship funds for children in the Greater New Haven area, to enroll in their programs throughout the year. They auction artwork by local artists and artisans (where we come in). Their entries are centered around a theme - this year’s theme is “Light.” They generally receive 75-100 art donations for the event. If you would like to be a part of this and donate some of your artwork by **May 9th**, click on the link (https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScFgKG00M-QQvzj9zfK8wTkakvlfPxlbNckRdZ6PcQJd_RaBg/viewform).

Filling in,
Brenda Burt and Elizabeth Scott

Members in the News – Teaching Classes:

Patty Meglio is teaching the following classes.

- Express Yourself in Oil Paints at Guilford Art Center: at Hamden Adult Ed: Ten weeks, Mondays 6-8 pm, starting February 12
- Drawing People, Places, and Things at Hamden Adult Ed: Ten weeks, Wednesdays 6-8:00 pm starting February 14

Members in the News – On Display:

Eva Mugno has a plein air painting at the Plymouth Cultural Center, MA, as part of the "Brushes with Nature" Exhibition with The New England Watercolor Society from Jan. 18- March 7, 2024.

Diane Chandler has 2 paintings in the current show (First Impressions) at Lyme Art Association, ending February 22.

Dan Huff has a painting in an online exhibition through the Ely Center of Contemporary Art, called Love-Struck. Their platform is called Digital Grace, and will be up through March 31.

Darlene James, Rosemary Serfilippi, Sharon Morgio, Diane Chandler, Liz Scott and Jeanette Wimmer have pieces in Clinton Art Society's 2024 Winter Juried Members Exhibition.

Jeanette also has a piece in the Guilford Art League's Winter Show.

Elaine Benevides will have her work at Claire Cornucopia in downtown New Haven from March 18th - April 4th, 2024.

Brent Moore has 15 small paintings for sale at a gallery in Santa Fe, NM.

News from Other Art Leagues:

We exchange information with the Cheshire Art League (CAL). They recently sent the following:

- "Understanding Color Relationships and Tips on Color Mixing" Our next free demo will be held on Thursday, February 8th, at the Cheshire Public Library from 1-3pm. Rita Paradis, artist and long-time instructor at CPFA Artspace, will share insights and tips. Her program: "We'll talk a bit about the color wheel. We'll explore the various characteristics of colors and how they relate to each other. I will demo mixing some tricky, perplexing colors and share my thought process of how to get from the first big question of "what IS this color and how do I get it?" – to coming pretty darn close on a regular basis."
- The Cheshire Art League is offering its members and other local artists the opportunity to display and sell their art at their Annual Exhibit, May 4 through May 30, 2024 at the Cheshire Public Library. Go to their website for more information and the prospectus. <https://www.cheshireartleague.com/>