



February 2023 Newsletter

Dear HAL Members and Friends,



We are sorry if you weren't able to attend our February presentation. Textile artist, Carol Vinick used her fabric collage art to tell the history of the struggle for social justice and to recount the story of her own family. Her fabric paintings were remarkable for both their creativity and their fine technique.

At our next meeting, March 14, Leif Nilsson will give a presentation: "Contemporary Connecticut Impressionist (<http://www.nilssonstudio.com>)

Our Still Life sessions at Brooksvale Park ran until mid-February, when we stopped to make way for the maple syrup brigade, who is using the Veterans' Memorial building where we had been painting for the last few months. The sessions were well-received, so we are hoping to do something similar next year.

Plein Air sessions will be starting up again on Thursdays in April, weather permitting. Contact us if you want to be on the email list for news and location schedule. Free for anyone interested.



Thanks to our CT Humanities Grant, we are planning some interesting events in the coming months:

On Sunday, March 5, 2023, the Hamden Art League will hold a **Critique**, from **2-4 pm** at the Eli Whitney Museum, Water Center program room in Hamden. **Eileen Eder**, will be doing the critiques.

Eileen Eder, is a representational painter who works almost exclusively from life. She is well known for both her plein air landscapes and still lifes, and is an experienced teacher in the same (<https://www.eileeneder.com>). Her experienced eye will help us see what works and what doesn't in our art.

Priority will be given to Hamden Art League members. The first 20 people registered will be confirmed as attendees. After 20, we will compile a waiting list. [Click Here](#) to sign up.

This critique session is **\$15 to current HAL members, and \$20 to non-members**. You can pay for the session through the website by credit card or PayPal (<https://www.hamdenartleague.org/join.html>)

You may pay by check but registration is not considered complete until payment is received.



In July we are planning a four-day show at the Eli Whitney Museum Barn, right across from the Museum on Whitney Avenue. We hope to have food, music, plein air and demonstrations, along with the exhibit of our paintings to attract visitors. The exhibition is for HAL members plus a possible invitation to other local art groups. At this exhibit, we will be able to display three-dimensional work, such as sculptures or installations! If you have any thoughts or ideas, let us know. We will

need many volunteers to install and to sit with the show, so please be ready to sign up. Watch for details on our website www.hamdenartleague.org .

We are also planning a Portrait Drawing Workshop in May or early June. Stay tuned.

The HAL Board welcomes Susan Moss as our Hospitality Chair. Thank you for volunteering!

If you have your work on display anywhere, have won an award, or are offering a class or workshop, please let us know (use Contact Us form on the website). We will include an announcement in our Newsletter, on Facebook, and on our website. HAL members are often exhibiting paintings in Clinton, Guilford, Madison and throughout Connecticut.

We are seeking donations for Awards to be given at our Spring Exhibition. If you or a person or company you know care to fund an award, we would be appreciative. A copy of the award solicitation letter is available on the website (<https://www.hamdenartleague.org/exhibitions.html>).

We look forward to seeing you at our March 14th meeting, and keep painting!

Regards,
Rosemary Serfilippi
HAL President

PS: A reminder of our **Spring Exhibition** dates:

April 4, 4-6 pm, Receiving

April 11, 7-9 pm, Reception and awards

May 2, 4-6 pm, Take down of paintings

More information to follow soon.

NOTE: Go to our website for more information on upcoming events, membership, and contacting HAL at <https://www.hamdenartleague.org/> .

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