



## June 2023 Newsletter

Dear HAL Members and Friends,

We are working hard to get ready for our **Eli Whitney Barn Exhibition** at the end of July (27<sup>th</sup> thru 30; Receiving on the 26<sup>th</sup>). If you haven't entered, please do: two paintings for members and one for non-members. We are hoping for some large paintings to balance out the very high ceilings, but any size is welcome. See details on our website (<https://www.hamdenartleague.org/>). We have extended the entry date to July 16; however, we would appreciate sign-ups as soon as possible so that we have an idea how many paintings will be in the show. The entry form is on our website. If you have trouble putting your picture online, don't worry: the photo is only absolutely necessary for sculpture. The Eli Whitney Barn is directly across Whitney Avenue from the museum. It is a handsome old structure that has been used for Open Studios in the past and is the site of several children's programs.

### **SHOW HOURS ARE:**

Thursday, July 27, 10am-4pm

Friday, July 28, 12-6pm

Saturday, July 29, 12-6pm

Sunday, July 30, 12-4pm

**Reception** on Saturday, July 29, 3-5 pm

Our Plein Air group continues to meet on Thursday mornings, weather permitting. We expect a certain number of rain days, but we had not expected a cancellation because of smoke from Canadian fires! The gatherings are very informal, and you can come and go whenever you like. The schedule is on the website (<https://www.hamdenartleague.org/weekly-gatherings.html>).

We know we will have a group of presenters in the 2023-2024 year as varied and special as we had last year. For example, I had never heard of cold wax painting – an amazing technique and medium – until it was demonstrated at one of this year's meetings!). Stay tuned for more information in August. Dues will stay at \$30, and our first meeting will be in September. Dues for '23/24 can be paid on line via PayPal (<https://www.hamdenartleague.org/join--pay.html>) or by sending a check to Diane Chandler, and are due by the end of September.

As we close out our Hamden Art League year at the end of June, we would like to look back at what a special year 2022-2023 has been. Here are the highlights:

- 2 judged exhibitions
- 7 demonstrations at our monthly meetings
- 2 Receptions and Awards ceremonies
- Portrait drawing workshop with Eric March
- Critique with Sandra Wakeen
- Critique with Eileen Eder
- Speed Painting with Howard Park and Lisa Micelli
- Plein Air Workshop with Frank Bruckmann
- Fabric and Paper Collage workshop with Edjonetta Miller

- Still Life from November through February
- Plein Air gatherings spring through fall.
- Participation in the Great Give
- Applying for and receiving a second grant from CT Humanities to continue our work
- Membership increase
- Technical abilities and digital outreach increase
- Summer Barn Exhibition at the Eli Whitney Barn

All of the above were made possible because of our CT Humanities Grant and you, who want to add to your knowledge and increase the role of the visual arts in the community.

There are a number of art shows coming up that HAL members will participate in. Currently **Diane Chandler** is in the Lyme Art Association Exhibit, and has a one-person show at the Clark Memorial Library in Bethany. **Jeanette Compton** has works in 2 shows. At "Oasis" in the Gallery Upstairs at The Institute Library in New Haven from June 3 - September 16. Also at "Summer 2023 The Arts at Yale Health", at Yale Health Center in New Haven.

We will list the HAL members in other summer shows in our next Newsletter.

Don't forget to register for the Eli Whitney Barn Show. It will be a new and exciting experience for all of us who love art! Members, we are still seeking food and beverage donations for the Barn Reception, 3-5 pm on Saturday. There is an easy form to use on our website. See you at the Barn!

Regards,  
Rosemary Serfilippi  
HAL President

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