
NEXT MONTH HAL IS SPONSORING A CRITIQUE

Open Critique by local artist, Eric March

April 14, 2026 7:15 pm – 8:45 pm

Hamden Miller Library and Senior Center, 2901 Dixwell Ave

Current HAL members only may bring 1-2 pieces of art for gentle critique from a professional art educator and artist. Participants are to bring in their artwork between 7:00 and 7:15 pm. Non-members are welcome to attend, as there is much to learn by simply listening. Critiques can be a great way of getting information to get past a block in your art-making process or to simply understand how another person might see or interpret your work of art. Eric's approach is to meet you where you are in your art process, stay positive, and to give you actionable information to improve your work. This is a great opportunity before the Barn Show in May.



Eric March is a New Haven, CT-based figure painter whose work uses figurative realism to create visual metaphors and explore issues of personal responsibility, institutionalized inequality and communal resilience. Eric earned his BFA at Indiana University and studied at the Art Students League. Honors include a 2025 Connecticut Artist Fellowship, New Haven Arts Council Grant, Queens Council on the Arts Artist Grant, the Provincetown Dune Shack Residency, and the

Hudson River Fellowship. Eric's public artworks can be seen at Yale New Haven Hospital and two large scale outdoor murals in New Haven. He currently teaches at the Art Students League of New York and Creative Arts Workshop in New Haven. He has over 16 years of experience teaching art to a wide range of students.

<https://ericmarch.com/>

UPCOMING HAL EVENTS

Weekly Open Studio Sessions Began in February

Weekly Open Studio sessions began February 5, 2026, and run through April 23, 2026. Scheduled time is 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. It is a relatively small space, but it is well lit and has access to water and bathrooms. No solvents or volatile materials allowed. No registration required. Sessions are free.

“Gel Plate” Workshop, Kate Henderson

Sunday, March 22, 2026, 10am – 2pm

Brooksvale Park, Veterans Memorial Hall, Hamden

Discover the creative potential of Gelli plate printmaking in this hands-on, exploratory course. Using direct painting, drawing, stencils, and masking techniques, students will create unique monotype prints through layered color and expressive mark-making.

Participants will design and customize their own stencils from a variety of materials and learn inking and layering techniques to build rich, multi-colored images. Emphasis will be placed on experimentation, texture, and playful discovery.

Open to all experience levels. No prior printmaking experience is necessary.

Class size is limited to 14. To begin the registration process click on the link

<https://forms.gle/W1PVSK7prF4VHVqU8> . You are not registered until you also pay. See www.hamdenartleague.org/join--pay.html

“Drawing the Skeleton” Workshop, Derek Leka

Sunday, April 19, 2026, 10am – 2pm

Brooksvale Park, Veterans Memorial Hall, Hamden

Focus is on the skull, then full skeleton including practicing gestural figure sketches. Images will be projected on a screen, along with handouts (not a live model). Max 14 people.

Registration will be available on the website later this month. The cost is \$40.00 through PayPal for HAL members, \$50.00 through PayPal for others.

“Painting and Collage” Workshop, Lenny Moskowitz

Sunday, June 14, 2026, 11am – 3pm

Brooksvale Park, Veterans Memorial Hall, Hamden

Max 14 people, more information on registration and cost TBD.

NEXT HAL EXHIBITION



The **4th Eli Whitney Barn Show** will run **May 27th – May 31st.**
BARN SHOW SIGN UP ONE MONTH AWAY

The Barn is a unique setting to show our member's paintings and sculptures and we look forward to including your work! The prospectus and registration link will be online in a month. Members will be able to enter two pieces of art per person as before - however only one quilt and only one large framed piece (max. 48" width). Non-members will be permitted one piece - with the same constraints on quilts and large pieces. Please plan to enter well

before the deadline!

We also need volunteers to assist with receiving, hanging and sitting the paintings during the show, as well as assistance and bringing finger food for the awards reception. Sign-up sheet links will be available online next month. Your help is appreciated to make this show a success!

MEMBERSHIP AWARD FOR 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 our 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> . If you would prefer to donate with a check or cash, you can do so at the April meeting, or send directly to Hamden Art League, PO Box 185534, Hamden, CT 06518

HAL MEMBERS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

HAL members Sharon Morgio, Liz Scott, Lauren Murphy, Wendy Kohli and Jeanette Wimmer have pieces in the Guilford Art League Winter Show at the Guilford Community Center. January 7 to April 8.

Also, Sharon Morgio, Liz Scott, Lauren Murphy, Wendy Kohli, Rosemary Serfilippi and Jeanette Wimmer have artwork in the Guilford Art League Members show at the Guilford Free Library, March 2 to 27.

<https://guilfordartleague.org/>

Are you in an upcoming exhibit?
Send us the details, and we'll get
you into the next newsletter.

Submit info via:

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

HAL members Sharon Morgio, Liz Scott, Diane Chandler and Jeanette Wimmer have pieces accepted in the 2026 Winter Juried Show of the Clinton Art Society, through April 23.

<https://clintonartsocietyct.org/>

HAL member Liz Scott has a piece in CT Pastel Society Member Show at Southington Community Cultural Arts (SoCCA), March 7 - April 11. She also has a watercolor in the Lyme Art Association exhibit; Exhibition in Four Acts, the "Stillness: A Still Life" section. Feb 27 - April 10.

HAL members Sharon Morgio and Liz Scott have pieces in the 2026 Connecticut Women Artists Members Juried Show. April 4 – May 1, 2026, The Art League of New Britain

<https://www.ctwomenartists.org/>

LOCAL HAPPENINGS/EXHIBIT OPPORTUNITIES

CHESHIRE ART LEAGUE, "Everything you need to know about brushes!" Kelsey "Kel" Hill, Wednesday, April 8, 2026, 6:30 - 8:15pm, Mary Baldwin Room, Cheshire Library Q&A all about paint brushes! They will present information on the wide variety of brushes available, why there are so many, and how to know what to choose whether you're a beginner or a seasoned artist. <https://www.cheshireartleague.com/events.html>

ELI WHITNEY MUSEUM 30TH LEONARDO CHALLENGE: Water

A Fundraiser to benefit the Eli Whitney Museum & Workshop (EWMW)

Do you have artwork that embodies the idea of water, the artist's challenge this year. EWMW is seeking artist donations which are auctioned both on-line and at the event to support their mission. If you are interested, visit their website and complete the call for entries

<https://www.eliwhitney.org/events/leonardo-water> . HAL artists provided a substantial percentage of the artwork last year. Consider doing it again.

Event: Thursday, May 14, 2026 5:30–9:00

Submission deadline for inclusion in printed auction catalog: May 3

Submission final deadline: May 10

CHESHIRE LIBRARY Currently on display at the library is “Ex Libris” by Eddie Hall, the *HAL* February featured speaker. <https://www.cheshirelibrary.org/artdisplay/>

WILLOUGHBY WALLACE LIBRARY in Stony Creek. Currently on display in the Keyes Gallery is the work of our March featured speaker, Janet Warner, from April 17 to May 11.

<https://www.wtml.org/gallery>

ESSEX SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL, Saturday, June 20 & Sunday, June 21

Review full event details in the Prospectus on the [website](#) , where you'll also find information about additional upcoming opportunities. After reviewing the Prospectus, email 3 JPEG images of your artwork (including titles, materials, and dimensions) to

Barbara@spectrumartgallery.org.

CONNECTICUT WATERCOLOR SOCIETY EXHIBITION - June 2026

Silpe Gallery-University of Hartford Art School

Further details and Prospectus for the exhibition will be sent out in April, 2026. Dues information for C.W.S. members will also be sent out at that time.

<http://www.connecticutwatercolorsociety.com/>

As always, visit us on our website <https://www.hamdenartleague.org/> or on Facebook at

<http://facebook.com/hamdenartleague>