



March 2024 Newsletter

Hello HAL Members and Friends,

We are moving into a very busy season now, and hope to see you at our various events.

First I want to comment on the fascinating presentation by **Marian Willink** last week at our March meeting at the Hamden Senior Center. Marian demonstrated how she used old monoprints that she was not satisfied with as material for brilliant new abstract collages. She cut or tore them up and, in a very unplanned way, created a new abstract image on another old monoprint. She explained that a lifetime of practicing yoga had helped her be free to let her imagination blossom.

Our big **Spring Show** at the **Eli Whitney Barn** is closer than you think! Details on entering are posted on our website (<https://www.hamdenartleague.org/exhibitions.html>), but let me give you some basics. The event will be during the last weekend in May, and run **Thursday, May 30** through **Sunday, June 2**. Members may submit two pieces, and non-members may submit one. Large paintings are welcome, as are sculptures. Show is non-judged for entries but judged for awards by **Greg Shea**. This is a change from our last Barn show. Another addition is the participation of high school juniors from nearby schools. We are very excited to show their work with ours. You can register and pay now on our website!

On **April 9**, **Jennifer Davies** demonstrates the “**Magical Transformations: Japanese Fibers in Contemporary Art**”. She will show and explain how she uses Eastern and Western papermaking traditions and then incorporates her handmade paper in her contemporary art. The fiber techniques she uses are pulp dipping, indigo dyeing, and sewing papers together to make large wall hangings. The meeting begins at 7 pm and presentation at 7:30 pm. Donations of snacks are appreciated.

May 5 from 12-4 pm at the Eli Whitney Museum is **Jeanne Carol Potter’s workshop, “Portraits in Watercolor”**. Cost is \$45 plus PayPal fee for members and \$55 plus PayPal fee for non-members. Check our website to register and pay <https://www.hamdenartleague.org/workshops.html>. A materials list will be provided to those who register.

May 15th is our last regular meeting of our 2023-2024 season and will feature **Margot Rocklen**, demonstrating “**Japanese Block Printing**”.

We will hold a free special studio session on Thursday, **June 20th** using **watercolor painted papers** to create a collage. This will be under the pavilion at Lockwood Farm. Although the event is free but you must register so we know how many people to expect and will email out instructions and a supplies list.

The last event of the summer will be the **August 25 watercolor landscape workshop** with **Joan Cho** from 12:00 to 4:00 pm at the Eli Whitney Museum. The cost will be \$45 for members and \$55 for non-members. There is a 20-person maximum. A materials list will be provided to those who register.

Weekly Open Studio Sessions are continuing on Thursdays from 10 am to noon at Hamden's Miller Library in the first floor Program Room. We have the room reserved through May 2. No need to register, just show up. These are free. It's a good time to finish up some paintings or try something new.

Do not forget our Thursday Plein Air gatherings will begin in May and run into October, weather permitting. A schedule will appear on our website soon <https://www.hamdenartleague.org/weekly-gatherings.html> . No sign-up is necessary – just show up and leave whenever you wish.

The 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**. This year is the 28th Leonardo Challenge, and the theme is "LIGHT" and will take place on May 16th from 5:30 – 9 PM. They have asked artists to contribute artwork for the auction. All art mediums will be accepted. Registration and submissions due by May 9th. To [register click here](#), or go to the Eli Whitney Museum website <https://eliwhitney.org/museum/leonardo-challenge> . There is no fee to participate, and to thank artists for generously donating their work to the benefit they will receive one free admission ticket and a special event item.

Other Opportunities:

The Madison Art Society is sponsoring a zoom lecture entitle "**Legal Framework for Creatives**", presented by **Bernard Kennedy** on April 25th from 4-5:30PM. Contracts, intellectual property, copyrights... The lecture is open to the public. To register, contact Marianne@RTDTech.com by April 22, 2024.

On Tuesday, March 26th from 6:30-7:30 PM, painter/collagist **James Cassell** will discuss the 4x5 foot collage paintings currently exhibited in the visual arts gallery at the Miller Memorial Library. He will talk about some of his influences and place his work in an historical Modernist context, with the emergence of collage in 20th century Dadaism and the use of found materials in artists' works. The talk is free, and is in the new first floor Program Room, where the art is exhibited.

The Clinton Art Society is sponsoring the **CAS ART SWAP** on Saturday, March 23 from 10 AM-1 PM at the Andrews Memorial Town Hall, Clinton. They are opening this to CAS members for first dibs for the first hour. At 11:00 they will open it to the public, members of other art societies and local high school art teachers to peruse the offerings.

The **CT Arts Trail** offers an opportunity to visit two dozen museums around the State for a bargain price of \$35. (Some of the museums on the trail cost close to that just for entrance to one museum) For a list or participating museums and to purchase this Passport, visit the CT Arts Trail website <https://ctarttrail.org/> .

Members in the News – On Display:

Diane Chandler and **Liz Scott** have pieces at the Lyme Art Association's An Exhibition in Four Acts: "Stillness: A Still Life" and "Rock of Ages". The exhibit runs March 1 to April 11.

Sharon Morgio and **Jeanette Wimmer** each have one piece in the Guilford Membership Show at the Guilford Library.

MEMBERS: Remember to let us know when you have something on display.

Reminders: If you join HAL at our Barn Show, that membership is good for the 2024-25 HAL year.

We will need lots of help for the Barn Show, so please volunteer.

We have openings on the Board. It is made up of a great group of people who will welcome and assist you in whatever the current endeavor might be – and we laugh a lot!!

If you know anyone who might enjoy the HAL organization, please tell him/her about us.

We look forward to seeing many of you as we move into the warm weather of Spring!

Rosemary Serfilippi

HAL President