HAL HAMDEN ART LEAGUE

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A Newsletter for *HAL* Members & Friends September 2026

NEXT DEMO TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

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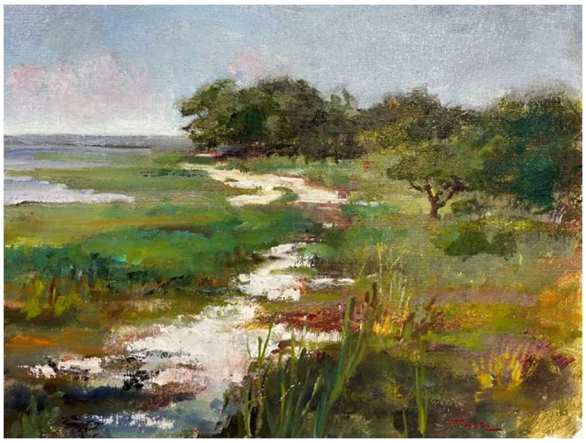

On **Tuesday, October 13th**, is professional artist and popular teacher, **Shauna Shane**, presenting "**Painting Successful Landscapes in Oil**". This narrated demonstration explains how to reduce the complicated landscape to a simple effective composition, and how to block in your painting in a way that gives the most success. Planning the design, seeing shadow, light, and negative shapes, will all be discussed as the painting progresses. Establishing the darks, and describing how each decision is made through the completion of the painting, including how unavoidable corrections are handled along the way.
Shauna is unusual working in a variety of mediums including watercolor, oil, acrylic and pastel, even sculpture. She has received national awards in each of these mediums, a testament to a solid artistic foundation, a deep curiosity, and a lifelong passion for learning. Whatever the medium, her work is saturated with light and color, resulting from many years of painting from life. Shauna's paintings are known for, and reflect, her ability to communicate the energy, color, and the unique atmosphere of a scene. www.shaunashane.com

RENEW MEMBERSHIP NOW!

Time to renew your HAL membership. **Annual dues are only $30 if paid by September 30th**. **The fee will be $35 if paid after this date.** Pay online via PayPal, or credit card (https://www.hamdenartleague.org/join--pay.html). Pay by check to Diane Chandler, 204 High St., Wallingford, CT 06492.

If you were late paying your membership this past year, your renewal is still due by September 30th, not 1 year from your payment. If you are a new member (paid in Spring 2026), your renewal will be next September in 2027. If you have any questions about your membership, contact Diane Chandler through our email, hamdenartleaguect@gmail.com .

HAL Begins with a Bang

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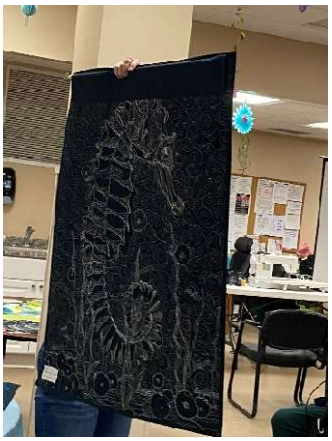
Hamden Art League kicked off the year with an incredible guest speaker!
We were thrilled to welcome **Kate Themel**, who presented her fascinating talk, "A Thread Through Time," at our first meeting.
Using basic quilting techniques and materials, Kate took us on a journey through her distinct, painterly style from start to finish. She shared how she uses fabric to explore value, color, and shape, completely transforming traditional materials into fine art.
Kate brought several of her unique fiber pieces for us to see up close and even demonstrated her machine stitching technique, showing us exactly how she creates her signature lines and texture.



Thank you, Kate, for an inspiring evening and a wonderful start to our year!

UPCOMING *HAL* EVENTS

WORKSHOPS

Plein Air Workshop with **Frank Bruckmann** titled "**PLEIN AIR PAINTING**".
October 15, 10 am – 2 pm Lockwood Farm, 890 Evergreen Avenue, Hamden
Frank will demonstrate in oil, but all mediums are acceptable. The cost for members is $36.50 (including PayPal fee) and $46.50 for non-members. Registration and payment through the website. Registration is a 2 step process; click link to begin the process https://forms.gle/HBmGjookK1eL4MnK7 Payment link is https://www.hamdenartleague.org/join--pay.html
Do not delay registering. This workshop is already half filled.

PLEIN AIR SESSIONS
Plein Air sessions continue on Thursdays until November. Sessions are weather permitting (individuals will decide for themselves if they come or not). A schedule of locations is on the website.

The calendar of all our meetings, events and workshops is on our website at https://www.hamdenartleague.org/ .

HAL MEMBERS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

HAL member, Donna Barent, has a solo exhibition at the Hagaman Memorial Library in East Haven from Sept 11 to Nov 11th. Opening Reception is Sept 19th 2-4. Since the exhibit is 2 months, she will rotate her artwork.

Guilford Art League's 78th Annual Juried Exhibition and Sale now through September 26th. HAL members, Rosemary Serfilippi, Liz Scott, Jeanette Wimmer, Sharon Morgio, Jim Voos, Diane Chandler and Brenda Burt all have work in the show the Gallery at Guilford Art Center, 411 Church Street.

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

Members Sharon Morgio, Jeanette Wimmer, Kate Henderson and Liz Scott have pieces in the 2026 CWA (CT Women Artists) National Open Juried Exhibit, Aug 26 - Oct 16, Akus Gallery, rm 112, Fine Arts Instructional Center, at Eastern CT State University, 83 Windham St, Willimantic https://www.ctwomenartists.org/annual-national-open-juried-exhibition

Members Wendy Kohli, Sharon Morgio, Beverly Johnson and Liz Scott will be exhibiting in the New Haven Paint & Clay Club's "Active Members Exhibition 2026", Aug 24-Sept 25 at the Creative Arts Workshop, New Haven

Wendy Kohli and Beverly Johnson were two of 4 artists chosen for the 2026-2027 Select Member Show, The Select Member Show, to be held in summer, will provide the opportunity for each to show a substantial body of their work.

HAL members Jeanette Wimmer, Rosemary Serfilippi, Liz Scott and Diane Chandler have work in Clinton Art Society's Elected Members Exhibition, Sept 22-Nov 12, https://clintonartsocietyct.org/exhibitions/upcoming-exhibitions/

HAL member Liz Scott has a piece in "New England Landscape" show at Lyme art Assoc from Sept 18 to Nov 6.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS/EXHIBIT OPPORTUNITIES

Cheshire Art League has multiple upcoming events. Tony Falcone and his new sculpture - Wednesday, September 23, 2026 6:30-8:15pm; Anda J. Styler Acrylic Workshop - Saturday, September 26, 2026 10am-4pm https://www.cheshireartleague.com/workshops.html ; and Derek Leka Exploring Artist Color - Demystifying Pigments and Binders - Tuesday, October 6, 2026 1-2:30pm https://www.cheshireartleague.com/

Cheshire Art League: Art in The Garden 17th Annual Art Show & Sale, October (3rd - 12th) 2026. Register before Saturday Sept 25th, 2026. Visit their website for more information including the prospectus. https://www.cheshireartleague.com/member.html

Milford Arts Council is hosting a Plein air event on Oct. 3, 2026 as part of its Jazz n Downtown Festival. Artists can also sell other paintings by registering as a vendor and a Plein air participant. Link: https://jazzndowntown.org/vendors Contact: cathyliontas@gmail.com
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