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A Community Arts Organization

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Message from the Chairperson

The Artist Guild of Shrewsbury program year is off to a great start. Bill Griffith demonstrated his watercolor techniques to a speechless audience at the September meeting and Carolyn Letvin gave a very informative presentation using oil sticks in October.

AGS Members exhibited twenty-two art works at the Senior Center from September 30th to October 14th including three very interesting computer generated works by new member Martin Zillman. Thank you to Marg Needles for organizing the event.

The Guild activities are all related to the same goal: to help the members produce art work that is their own creative expression, art work that they enjoy doing and are proud to exhibit. The Steering Committee will meet at Southgate at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, November 7, before the regular meeting. All members are welcome to attend. If there is an artist or a topic that you would like to see at one of our meetings, suggest it to the Steering Committee. And please, if you want to be more involved, to be on the Steering Committee or any of the sub-committees, or to assist with planning the second annual Art Festival, come to the Steering committee meeting and join in.

Nancy Allen, Chairperson

ANNUAL JURIED SHOW AT TATNUCK BOOKSELLER

The AGS Annual Juried Exhibit will be held at the Tatnuck Bookseller, 18 Lyman St. in Westboro, from February 26 to March 25, 2012. This will be an open show. Members and non-members will be invited to exhibit. We will have an opening reception on Sunday, February 26th, and awards for Best in Show and First and Second place. **Oh No!! Nothing to exhibit?**

Come to the Senior Center on Wednesday mornings and start now on the painting you will put in the show.

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Next Meeting: November 7th Still Life in Oil by Michelle Garro

Go to www.garrostudios.com to see Michelle's work. I admire Michelle for trying to do a painting every day. Michelle will be working in oil but if you are a watercolorist, or a photographer, or an acrylic painter, I am sure there will be good information for you on composition, on color and contrast, and so many other issues. Michelle demonstrates at the Concord Art Association. She promises to give a very inspiring demo.

Want to Get Together and Paint?

The Art Room at the Senior Center is available to AGS members on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30. Some members expressed an interest in having a week day time to work together. There will be no instruction offered and no fee. This is an opportunity for independent work done in the company of others. I will be there on Wednesday, November 2nd. I hope you will join me.

TRIP TO FENWAY OPEN STUDIOS, SATURDAY, NOV 5TH

AGS Member, Chris Anderson, will lead the trip to Fenway Open Studios by train from the Grafton Rail Station. The train leaves Grafton at 9:38 A.M. We recommend you get to the station by 9:20 to allow time for parking, paying and meeting Chris. The parking fee is \$4.00 for the day so some of you may want to carpool to the station. The train fare is \$7. You will get off the train at Yawkey Way and Chris will lead you from there to the Studios. It is about a 10 minute walk.

You will have until the train leaves at 4:41 P.M. to see the Fenway Studios and talk with the artists. If you want to, Chris will lead you on a walk to Dick Blick (art supply store) or to lunch at a local restaurant. The train arrives back in Grafton at 5:47 P.M. If you prefer to go on your own by car, reply to me and I will send directions by e-mail.

If you intend to take the train reply to Nancy Allen at NANCYANDJOE54@GMAIL.COM no later than Thursday, November 3rd, and I will give the list of participants to Chris.

ART EXCHANGE 2012

Robert Wilson will again organize and lead us in the Art Exchange with our counterparts in Tokyo, Japan. This has become such a wonderful program. On behalf of all the AGS members, I say "Thank you, Robert Wilson, for all you do". Members, please go to www.ArtistGuildShrewsbury.com and follow the link to our Face Book page. Click on "Photographs" and you will see 48 great pictures posted there by Toshihiro Fukuda in Japan. You will see the wonderful expressive faces of our friends in Japan and some of their recent art work. It would be so nice if you would post a comment on what you see. Your friends in Japan will be happy to hear from you.

If you need help navigating Face Book we will work on that at our meeting on November 7th.

Regarding this year's Art Exchange:

We will ask all members who want to participate to pay \$5.00 to offset the cost of mailing our backgrounds and our finished art work to Japan. The \$5.00 will also cover the cost of the paper. The Guild will cover all costs beyond the \$5.00 fee.

Lee Smith purchased 9 x 14 mixed media paper for this year's art exchange. She describes it as "nice and heavy, like hot press watercolor paper". Sheets of this paper will be available at the November 7th AGS meeting.

Robert Wilson asks that every participant e-mail the following to him at rrwilson55@gmail.com:

- 1) A recent photograph of yourself
- 2) One or two pictures of your art work
- 3) A sentence or two you wish to share with the Japanese artists. Please send 1, 2, and 3 above in one e-mail to Robert. The information will be placed on a page of the booklet to be sent to Japan with our backgrounds.

Participants also need to:

- 4) Take a sheet of paper at the November meeting.
- 5) Draw or paint your background. Write your name on the back and bring it to the AGS January meeting.
- 6) At the February meeting, backgrounds from Japan will be distributed to the members who paid the \$5.00 fee and submitted their own unfinished backgrounds in January.

MARK WAITKUS to Offer Small Group Watercolor Classes in November

Many of you know and admire Mark Waitkus. He is a very talented artist and energetic teacher. Mark will be teaching watercolor to small groups of artists who have painted with watercolor at any level. The goal is "to paint a watercolor masterpiece with award winning results that captures value, contrast and techniques". Who could ask for anything more?

Mark is offering two sets of four weekly classes on Mondays (November 7, 14, 21 and 28) or Wednesdays (November 2, 9, 16 and 30) in the evening from 6:30 to 8:30 at Waitkus Studios, Whitetail Greenery, Prospect Street, West Boylston. The cost is \$90.00 for 8 hours of instruction. Each class will be limited to 6 people. Please respond directly to Mark at info@markwaitkus.com or call 617-970-5871 to reserve your space.

To find out more about Mark's work, visit his website and take a look at www.markwaitkus.com.

"ARTS AND IDEAS"

The arts and Ideas shows seen on Shrewsbury and Worcester Cable Television can also be viewed on You Tube at: www.YouTube.com/loursvp.

The "ARTS AND IDEAS" shows are hosted by Sue Swinand and produced by her husband Lou Swinand. The August and September 2011 shows featured the AGS and the Art Festival. If you have not seen the shows, they are worth watching. Take a look.

The Swinands film a half hour show each month. In Shrewsbury you will see them aired on Channel 28.

AGS Member Discount

Please present membership card to receive discounts.
Members of the AGS receive a discount at the following businesses:

Art Emporium 18 Lyman St. Westborough, MA	Post Rd Art Center 1 Boston Post Rd Marlborough, MA	Gaston Art & Frame 257 Boston Turnpike Shrewsbury, MA
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Newsletter Publication:

Please note distribution practices. The AGS Newsletter will be published in September, November, January, March, and May and as needed. It will be distributed by e-mail to all members who give their e-mail address. Newsletters will be mailed to members who do not use e-mail. The newsletter will also be published on the AGS Website.

Entry forms, membership applications, and exhibit details will be attached to the newsletter when needed. These forms are also available online. Please contact Marge Needels (508-842-3924) if you need a form and cannot open it or get it on-line.

Members who have information for the newsletter, should send it to: artistguildshrewsbury@gmail.com

MEMBER ELECTRONIC GALLERY

Members are invited to display images of their work on the AGS website. Members must provide their photo, a brief biography, and digital images of the artwork. Send photo, bio, and images to Lynn Carter, the AGS webmaster, at artistguildshrewsbury.com or see Lynn at the next meeting.

Our mission is to encourage artistic awareness and enjoyment of fine arts and to encourage growth both on an individual and community level. We are dedicated to accomplishing this goal through exhibits, lectures, demonstrations, instruction, professional workshops, outdoor sketching, plein air, museum trips, and other activities. Our members' artistic interests and talents encompass traditional and contemporary visual arts.

Elected Officers 2011-2012

Chairperson: Nancy Allen
Treasurer: Pam Haynes
Secretary: Debbie Schradieck
Membership: Marg Needels
Program Co-Chairs: Beverly Clark,
Lee Smith and Kay Vuona
Publicity: Kathy Grimley
Newsletter: Melissa Maglio
Web Master: Lynn Carter

AGS Member News:

Melissa Maglio, an AGS member only since 2010, will be the newsletter editor starting with the November issue. Thank you for being a good volunteer, Melissa.

A new sub-committee will be formed soon to begin planning for the 2nd Annual Art Festival. Please join us and help in any way you can for this worthwhile event. The AGS Steering Committee also needs someone to take over as Treasurer and Membership Coordinator. Please speak to Nancy Allen if you can assist.

Art Instruction Opportunities

Mark Waitkus – See Page 2.

John Gaston plans to offer watercolor painting classes late this fall at Gaston Art and Frame in Shrewsbury. Go to www.gastonartandframe.com for more information or stop in and see John at Gaston Art and Frame on Route 9 at Elm St.

Worcester Art Museum, Worcester Craft Center, and the Danforth Art Museum in Framingham also offer classes.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Memberships expire on August 31st. Use this form to re-new your membership.

Do you know someone who may be interested in joining AGS? If so, please pass along a copy of this membership form.

Artist Guild Shrewsbury Membership Form

If you are interested in joining the Artist Guild of Shrewsbury, complete the form below, attach a check for \$25 (yearly dues) payable to Artist Guild Shrewsbury, and mail to Artist Guild Shrewsbury, P.O. Box 602, Shrewsbury, MA 01545 or bring it to the next meeting of the guild.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Website _____
(optional)

What is your preferred medium? _____

What is your main area of interest? (Painting, photography, collage, etc) _____

Are you interested in opportunities to display your art?