



## Next Meeting: Monday, February, 4th, 6:45 to 8:45

Southgate Living Center, Julio Drive, Shrewsbury. The entrance is handicapped accessible. Southgate is requesting that AGS members, when attending presentations, enter and exit through the front of the building and sign in and out for security reasons. Should there be adverse weather, an email will go out with a cancellation notice well before the start of the meeting.

### From the AGS Chair:

The current board of AGS has been gently raising the issue of finding people to take on leadership roles in the guild. So far, there have been no nominations or responses from the general membership. When we approach the end of our year with no nominees, we will need to discuss and agree on the future structure of the guild, and how it will be led and managed.

Times change, and perhaps the guild will see this as an opportunity to revisit our structure, and see whether it is meeting the needs of the members and the community. I don't have a long history with AGS, so don't know who it started and changed over its beginnings.

Some ideas that have been proposed:

1. If there is no Presentation chairperson/committee, presentations will be dependent on individuals finding someone (or volunteering themselves). Meetings without a presenter could be discussions/art share/social meetings.
2. More of our activities could be done on an ad-hoc basis, where for example, some volunteer or group would be responsible for a particular exhibit or community event.

As I have mentioned repeatedly, somehow everything gets done, but it is not by magic. It is done by the efforts of the officers and committee members who, while not wanting to eliminate their participation, would like to others take the lead and grow the guild into its next phase.

So, please feel free to send suggestions to any officer, and help with the discussions at our meetings.

Thank you,

Joseph

### Ongoing Shows:

Gallery at Southgate: Linda Lee Johnson through March 2019.

### Upcoming:

Shrewsbury Credit Union: April 2, 2019 through June 4, 2019. The tentative theme is "Colors of Spring".

Please see the next page.

Need a ride to the meeting? Let someone on the Steering Committee know a few days ahead and we'll send it out with the emailed reminder.

Cancellation information:

Cancellations will be posted on the AGS website. All members will be emailed by 4:00PM.

Any member may call Joseph Rice (508-393-3405) or Robert Wilson (774-275-0827) to confirm a cancellation.



## Drawing The Portrait

### Ralph Caputo portrait

Sid Solomon invites artists to Free Peoples Artist Workshop the 4th Monday of the month from 7pm to 9pm at Annie's Bookstop, 65 James Street, Worcester.

On Tuesday mornings, 9 to 11:30, several AGS members paint at Shrewsbury Senior Center. Bring your own supplies.

## The next AGS meeting will feature Ralph Caputo

Ralph Caputo will draw a portrait with pencil and wishes all of us to draw along with him interactively. He requests we all bring in a 9x12 sketch pad and pencil to do multiple drawings in during his presentation. Bob will also provide extra paper, pencils and drawing surfaces for those who do not bring in a sketch pad. Caputo will enlist a member to pose for the evening.

He is a resident of Hudson, Massachusetts, a retired Graphic/Architectural Designer with a BFA in Graphic Design, and a graduate of The Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Boston. He ran his design firm, Caputo Design for 30+ years serving local, national, and international clients, and won many design awards.

He is new to painting since 2015, working in Oil and Acrylics, and most recently in Watercolors and Pastels. His works blend elements of Modern/Impressionism with Realism for a dramatic contemporary soft/ethereal effect or bold dramatic effect.

For anyone interested, Monet's Waterloo Bridge: Vision and Process at Worcester Art Museum is now on view until April 28, 2019. Admission to all visitors is free on the first Sunday of each month: 10am-4pm. This month will be February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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