

Holiday Gathering, Art Talk, and Art Swap



Monday, December 4th at 6:45 - 8:45 pm

Endicott Estate, 656 East Street in Dedham and on Zoom

Dear Members and Guests, You are invited to our last meeting of 2023. This will be our Holiday Meeting, Art Swap, and a special demonstration by Peter Reynolds at Endicott Estate located at 656 East Street in Dedham. Peter Reynolds, a Dedham native and award-winning author and illustrator, will present a sketching demonstration and talk about his publishing career. Festive hats, holiday sweaters, and other finery are encouraged! Members will receive the Zoom invitation in an email. Non-members are invited to participate by sending an RSVP email to DedhamArtAssociation@gmail.com. There's no charge for members, and guests are asked for a \$5 donation. Our meetings resume in March 2024 after our winter break. Programming continues like our exhibit at the Senior Center, Painting Group, and the January workshop.

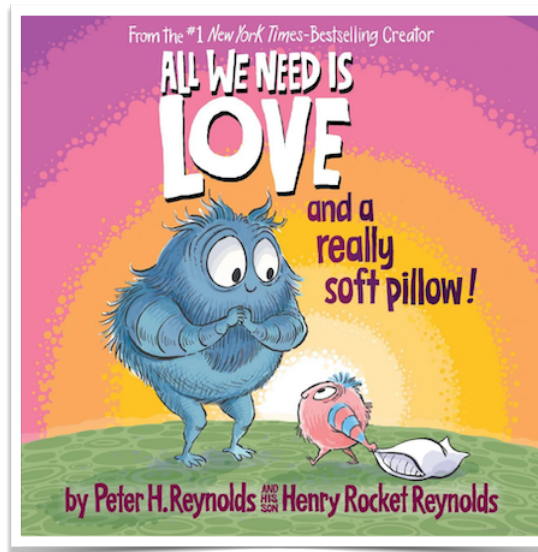
— Julie Cordonnier, newsletter editor



Peter Reynolds

Blue Bunny Bookstore owner Peter H. Reynolds is an accomplished writer, storyteller and illustrator, who brings his enthusiasm and energy to every project

Peter Reynolds in
The Blue Bunny Bookstore



Children's Book written by Peter Reynolds and his brother, Henry. Illustrated by Peter.

he creates. As an author, he has become well known for his best-selling books about protecting and nurturing the creative spirit, including the three books in his "Creatrilogy" — *The Dot*, *Ish* and *Sky Color*. *The Dot* has now been published in over twenty languages, including Braille, and has won a number of awards, including the Oppenheim Platinum Toy Award, Borders Books' Original Voices Award, and the Christopher Medal. The film version of *The Dot* (Weston Woods) went on to win the American Library Association's (ALA's) Carnegie Medal of Excellence for the Best Children's Video of 2005, while the film version of *Ish* was announced as

one of ALA's 2006 Notable Children's Videos. In 2009, teacher Terry Shay introduced his classroom to *The Dot* and spearheaded a one-day celebration of creativity, courage, and collaboration to coincide with book's publication anniversary date. Since then, each September, a growing number of educators and students have joined International Dot Day for a global celebration of creativity in the classroom, with over 10 million teachers, librarians and students from 143 countries participating to date.

Throughout all of his endeavors, Peter's mission shines through: to use media to tell stories that matter and challenge us to reach our full potential. Besides his publishing career and his ownership of The Blue Bunny Bookstore, Peter and his identical twin brother, Paul, founded the award-winning children's media company, FableVision, Inc., in 1996. An educational media-developer and publisher, FableVision uses storytelling and technology to create positive programming and products to help all learners navigate their full potential. FableVision, Inc. now encompasses two educational organizations: FableVision Studios, located on the top floor above the Boston Children's Museum, and FableVision Learning, headquartered in his hometown of Dedham, MA.

Much of Peter's spare time is spent giving back to the community: revitalizing the businesses in his beloved downtown, Dedham Square, supporting schools, and serving on the board of several non-profit organizations, such as Horizons for Homeless Children, Read to a Child, and the Motherbrook Arts and Community Center.

Go to peterhreynolds.com to learn more.

Artist of the Month Jonathan Ralton



“Focusing on the constructed architecture and natural landscapes around us, I aim to frame storied perspectives that convey a sense of place and time.

From early college studies through continued workshops and self-learning, I was trained in film on the crest of the digital wave. Opportunistically combining my technical acumen, creative mindset, and explorer drive, my journey is not just about producing a finished artwork... I enjoy discovering and traveling to new places and experimenting in the field — or capturing an unexpected inspiring view along everyday routes.

Always endeavoring to evolve my techniques, I am venturing into drone photography.

I've very much enjoyed the opportunities to exhibit with the Dedham Art Association, as well as contribute some of my various talents on several volunteer projects!”



Track & Field color photo
by Jonathan Ralton

Double Art Swap Reminder

Celebrate with art! Clean out clutter! You are invited to our Holiday Gathering on **MONDAY**, December 4, 2023 (not our usual Tuesday). Miniature 4" x 4" substrates have been distributed to members to create original miniature at home that will be randomly exchanged with other



Previous Miniature Art by Mona Podgurski

members. Any medium is allowed and must be dry. In the past we have used the miniatures for gifts, for display on tiny easels and for tree ornaments. Questions: call Naomi 617-513-5499.

Bring your unused and unwanted art supplies to exchange and clean out your closets at the same time. Please, no art books. Examples: easels, paints that are usable, palettes, substrates, etc. One volunteer is needed to take the art supplies that are left at the end of the meeting to the Art Department at Dedham High School. To volunteer, send an email to: dedhamartassociation@gmail.com

Holiday refreshments will be served. All are invited to attend, including guests. It's optional to contribute a 4" x 4" artwork for the Art Swap exchange, and it's optional to bring any art materials for the Art Swap.

Dedham Senior Center Solo Exhibit Nancy van Dam, painter

The exhibit will be on view at the [Ames Building](#) (Town Hall and Senior Center) at 450 Washington St, Dedham from M – F between 8:30 am – 4:30 pm in December and January.

“I have always had an interest in art, but I never pursued it until I retired. I find that making art is relaxing, and I enjoy the sense of flow and freedom that it gives me. I have only been painting for about eight years.



2022 Art Swap



I was an English major in college. Upon graduation in 1971, I worked for five years in my native New York City in various dead end office jobs. In 1976,

my husband and I moved to Rochester, New York, on a whim (?) and lived there for two years. My husband was transferred to Massachusetts in 1978, and we have lived here ever since. I taught English as a Second Language in Norwood public schools. I retired in 2010.



I began taking art classes at the Easton and Sharon senior centers a few years ago and found that I enjoyed it. However, I have mostly learned to paint through trial and error and have developed my own ways of doing things. I am left-handed, so I am used to having to adapt to a mostly right-handed world. I am a fairly messy painter and frequently get paint all the way up my left arm, but I love the sense of being lost in a dimension where I lose all track of time and conscious thought. Once I start painting, I can continue for hours. I generally paint two days a week at the Easton and Sharon senior centers. During Covid, I made a small home studio and did my painting there, but I prefer to paint in the company of others. Even though we are all involved in our own work and seldom speak to each other, I find it comforting to have other people around to offer suggestions and critiques.

I am happy to be a part of the Dedham Art Association in the company of so many truly talented and friendly artists. I very much enjoy the monthly meetings and the outside opportunities to engage in art. The guest presenters have been

fascinating to observe as I continue my learning.”

The exhibit will be on view at the [Ames Building](#) (Town Hall and Senior Center) at 450 Washington St, Dedham from M – F between 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. If you are interested in applying to exhibit at the Dedham Senior Center, please contact Barbara Sawin at 617-285-7672 or send an email to: DedhamArtAssociation@gmail.com.

Members' News

You are invited to visit Dedham Art Association artists at the Mother Brook Open Studios December 9th and 10th from 11am - 5pm. Dedham Art Association (DAA) Members **Nan Rumpf** and **Naomi Wilsey** will display original paintings and small works. Miniature artwork created by DAA members will be available to benefit the Ann Coco Memorial Art Scholarship and Community Fund. The 4" x 4" masterpieces are unique gifts, tree ornaments, or art as is. Location: 123 High Street, Dedham, MA.



Watercolor by Naomi Wilsey

Natalie Featherston Art Talk Recap

For our November meeting, we were honored to have professional artist, Natalie Featherston, give an art talk on trompe l'oeil (meaning "to fool the eye"). She is a contemporary realist painter specializing in trompe l'oeil. Visit nataliefeatherston.com to see her work.



Natalie talking about the history of Trompe l'oeil



Fight Like A Girl, Trompe l'oeil oil painting by Natalie Featherston

Welcome New Members!

Please welcome new members who joined us since the last newsletter: Sarah Waters, graphic design, pencil, acrylic; Yarah Estowro, Dedham Art Association Student Intern; Joanna Perron, oil, acrylic, pastel, watercolor; Christine Wirth, oil, egg tempura, graphite pencil, monotype, drypoint; Linette Gushee, watercolor.

Mark Your Calendar!

Monday, December 4: Monthly meeting (note this is the first Monday of the month), and Holiday Gathering from 6:45 – 8:45 pm.

Winter Break: January and February 2024.

January 25: Valentines Craft Workshop. Make a decoupage oyster shell for Valentine' Day. Location TBD.

January and February: Painting Group exhibit at the Dedham Senior Center.

Ongoing: weekly [Painting Group for Members](#) Tuesdays 9:30 a.m. – 12 noon at St. Paul's Church (extra fee applies).

Valentines Craft Workshop

Save the Date for our Valentines Craft Workshop. On January 25 from 10 - 11:30 am. Julie Cordonnier and Naomi Wilsey will teach participants how to decoupage oyster shells for Valentine's Day. All materials are supplied and the cost is a \$20 donation for our Community Fund. Location to be determined. Sign up for you spot by clicking [here](#).



Half-Year Memberships

The Dedham Art Association offers half year memberships for half price. This membership runs from January through June. All members need to renew in September at the regular price.



Artist Resources:

Dedham Winter Market

The Dedham Winter Market is looking for artisans and artists. The Market takes place at Dedham Town Hall on Saturdays 10am-2pm, through March 24, 2024. If interested in applying, click [here](#).

Mother Brook Open Studios

December 9th - December 10th 11am - 5pm. Open Studios weekend is a free and community centered art event for all ages. Go to motherbrookarts.org for more information.

Dedham Senior Center Solo Exhibit

Members who are interested in exhibiting a solo or group exhibit at the Dedham Senior Center, please send an email to our DedhamArtAssociation@gmail.com address with Senior Center in the subject.

Museum of Fine Arts

Through January 14, "Fashioned by Sargent" ticket holders who reserve tickets online can redeem \$2 off admission to the nearby Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, which is hosting the companion exhibition "Inventing Isabella." This offer is available online only and can be redeemed for up to four tickets through a promo code received in your "Fashioned by Sargent" order confirmation e-mail. Click [here](#).

Call for Artists

The Marblehead Arts Association (MAA) is inviting artists, both MAA members, and non-members, to participate in the MAA's National Exhibit entitled *Variations* 2024. Click marbleheadarts.org for more information.