

## **Watercolor Demonstration by Tony Conner Planned for April 14th Has Been Postponed until Fall**

*Dear Members and Art Appreciators, it is hoped that you are getting through the coronavirus emergency as best you can. We miss our art friends and activities so we are offering alternatives where possible and are keeping our communications going to keep our art community connected in this challenging time.*

*May you and yours be safe and healthy,  
-Naomi Wilsey, president*

### **Madeline Flynn Artist of the Month for April**



“As a young child, I was entranced with the story of Pinocchio and was constantly drawing pictures of him to amuse myself. That all disappeared by the time I got to high school and started piano lessons at the New England

Conservatory of Music. Life went on; I married and raised six beautiful children while still working. I always had an interest in art and studied calligraphy with Karen O’Neil for two years after viewing one of her exhibits. I was able to use my skills as a calligrapher at my place of employment at one of Boston’s largest law firms.

My life became extremely busy and I couldn’t seem to find the time to pursue any outside

activities. However, when I finally retired, I made the decision to start taking painting classes. I took oil painting classes at the Museum of Fine Arts. I studied pastel painting with Linda Dunn in Canton for a year, moved on to watercolor and studied with Nancy Howell for four years. I had the opportunity to travel with her on four occasions to Italy for painting workshops. You can’t help but be inspired to paint with the beautiful landscapes and colors everywhere you turn. What a joy!

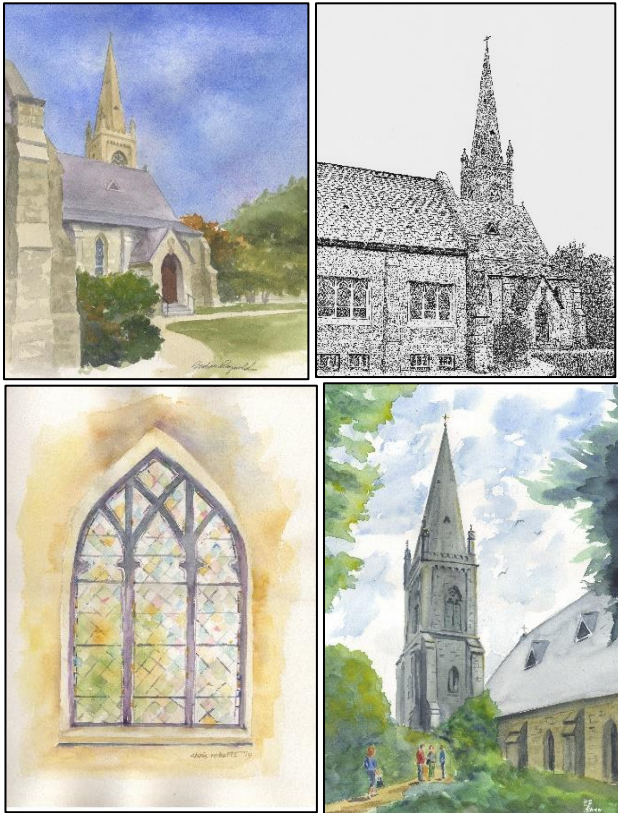
At present, my classes are with Nan Rumpf in Wellesley and I’m a member of the West Roxbury Art Association and the Dedham Art Association.”



*“Hibiscus” watercolor  
by Madeline Flynn*

## Painting Group News

Five members of our weekly painting group created original artwork for the St. Paul's Steeple Fund. The church where the painting group meets is restoring its historic steeple. The paintings will be part of a silent auction and note cards were printed from the paintings to also help with the fundraising.



Top left: Barbara Reynolds; Top right: Keith McClelland; Bottom left: Chris Roberts. Bottom right: Peter Shaw. (Not pictured: Melanie Shapiro's acrylic painting)

## Members' News

- **Lauras Kelly, Fran Feloni and Nancy Sally** taught an art lesson at Delta Projects to mentally challenged adults. THANK YOU!
- **Richard Scott and Sandy Siber** are newly added to our Online Gallery. Please see their paintings as well as other members' artwork on our website: [DedhamArtAssociation.com](http://DedhamArtAssociation.com)
- **Gail Hansen** has been juried into the virtual exhibit of printmakers at Gallery Twist, Lexington.

“...Terrific Novels About Art and Artists” (excerpted from Barnes and Noble website) *Editor's Note: this article is reprinted from our August, 2018 newsletter.*

### The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt

Pulitzer Prize-winning bestseller... this art-centered novel takes on the intensity of a Bruegel painting.

### The Art Lover by Carole Maso

This novel weaves images of paintings and drawings, snippets from art history texts, letters, newspaper clippings, photographs, and even fliers for lost pets into the story.

### The Woman Upstairs by Claire Messud

Nora Eldridge, the narrator of Messud's incandescent novel, once dreamed of being an artist, a wife, and a mother.

## Harley Bartlett, Oil Painting Demonstration at March Meeting



Harley provided an engaging and informative presentation of a New England rural scene. One member said of the demonstration, “It was the best oil demo I’ve ever seen!”

The Scholarship Fund drawing recipient was Gary Koeppel, new member. Gary received a beautiful small work oil painting generously donated by Harley Bartlett.

## Donation to Dedham Community House Preschool



*“Bullard House” watercolor with pen and ink  
by Jean Veigas*

On behalf of Dedham Art Association, Jean Veigas, member and Plein Air Chair, painted and donated an original watercolor with pen and ink to benefit the Dedham Preschool. We also donated the matting and framing. Jean painted the Bullard House, a historic stone building, where the preschool is located. The successful bid came from a former teacher at the preschool.

## Welcome New Members!

Please welcome new members who joined us since the last newsletter: Rob Carson, who paints in oils; Gary Koeppel, oil painter; and Jennifer Park, who works in oils and watercolors.

## Updates on DAA Events

- ❖ Tuesday Virtual Painting Group – meets from 9:30 – 12 noon via texting
- ❖ April 1 – Museum trip to Fuller Craft Museum, Brockton - cancelled
- ❖ April 14 – Watercolor Demonstration – postponed to October
- ❖ April 16 – DAA table at Career Day, Dedham High School – cancelled
- ❖ April 28 – Virtual Board Meeting via conference call.

## Time for Art?

Some of our activities have been altered to adapt to the current health crisis.

- Board meetings are the last Wednesday of each month and are being held as Skype conference calls until further notice. Meetings are open to all.
- Weekly Painting Group is now a virtual texting group to share photos of our work, to share friendly critiques and to share art tips.

Have you been able to take advantage of online art resources? Here are a few:

- **Virtual tours** of museums around the world: <https://www.travelandleisure.com/attractions/museums-galleries/museums-with-virtual-tours>
- **Art Demonstrations, art lessons, art workshops:** search on [Youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) for any and all mediums such as watercolors, oils, pastels, etc. Before viewing the entire video, you can scroll through quickly to the end to preview and check that it has the content you want.
- **Plein air** will be coming with warmer weather. See Joy King’s suggestion below. Check our website for a list of vetted spots thanks to Jean Veigas, our Plein Air Chair. [CLICK](#) For stay-at-home families with children, there are art project ideas for all ages on Pinterest: [https://www.pinterest.com/search/pins/?q=art%20projects%20for%20kids&rs=typed&term\\_meta\[\]=art%20projects%20for%20kids%7Ctyped](https://www.pinterest.com/search/pins/?q=art%20projects%20for%20kids&rs=typed&term_meta[]=art%20projects%20for%20kids%7Ctyped)

## “Rescue and Revive”

Sent in by Member, Joy King

“We all have them. Half finished, half promised, was gonna try new mediums someday. Squeeze out those almost finished tubes. Put all those photos and clippings in order. **Do plein air from your window.** Get the kids involved with pencil, crayons and watercolors. Finger paint, maybe? Wear old shirts backwards. Whatever. Art is nothing if it isn't created from the inside first.”