

## You are Invited -- August Members' Exhibit is an Homage to Summer Needham Library, 1139 Highland Avenue

What does summer bring to mind for you? The beach? Growing vegetables in the garden? Time off? Our members are exhibiting artwork in our Members' Exhibit for August. It's our first themed exhibit and titled, "Sweet Summer" -- our artists want to share their theme interpretations with you.

You are invited to see their work. Also, our June Members' Exhibit at Webster Bank, 1000 Highland Avenue, Needham, has been extended. The Needham Library and Webster Bank exhibits are five minutes apart. Both exhibits are on view through August 29<sup>th</sup> during the open hours of each exhibit location.



"Towards Mt. Washington" oil painting by Mark J. Richards

### DEDHAM ART ASSOCIATION "SWEET SUMMER" ART EXHIBIT

**AUGUST 1 – AUGUST 29, 2019**

Please visit the Friends Gallery to see our themed exhibit with our members' interpretations of what "Sweet Summer" means to them.

The exhibit is open during Library hours:

- Monday through Thursday: 9 AM to 9 PM
- Friday: 9 AM to 5:30 PM
- Saturday: 9 AM to 5 PM
- Sunday: 1 PM to 7 PM

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## Artist of the Month Margot Hurley



“ I didn’t discover visual art until college. My first semester at Dartmouth, I signed up for Drawing I without any previous experience. The class, taught by the painter Susan Jane Walp, was life altering. I loved the way

creative problem solving challenged both sides of my brain. I learned to see. I learned to think critically. I became a Studio Art major. I studied art history in my free time and when my course load allowed. I also completed a minor in Women’s and Gender Studies where I wrote papers about the representation of women in art.

Upon graduating, I joined my parents’ wine importing business, and over the course of ten years worked my way from delivery driver to Vice President. But it turned out that taking over the company wasn’t what I wanted to do with my life; I don’t find business endlessly fascinating and fulfilling like art is for me. I made the difficult decision to quit my job and pursue art-making full time.

I now draw and paint every day. I value artistic community and structure in my practice so in February of 2019 I joined the Dedham Art Association and the weekly DAA painting group. I am also an exhibiting member of the Wellesley Society of Artists and the Malden Sketch Group, with whom I paint from a live model at least once a week.

I decided that drawing is the foundation of visual art so I have focused on improving my drawing skills. I have a hard time recognizing faces, so I spent several years intensively studying and practicing portraiture and self-portraiture. Human subjects fascinate me. Capturing a physical likeness is the first step but, for me, the real artistry involves creating a psychologically compelling image that evokes emotion. I strive to create portraits that reflect personality and

character. I see beauty in the way light falls across every contour of every face. I strive to capture that beauty with frankness, without romanticizing.

Recently, I set a goal for myself to focus on landscapes as a subject. I’m attracted to the colors and drama of the outdoors, the varieties of shapes and textures, and the possibilities for simplification. Thanks to the generous gift from a DAA member whose equipment was too heavy, I now have a portable easel for painting outside.

My work has been selected for juried exhibits, appeared in print, and been honored with several awards at the local, regional, and national level. My studio is in our house in West Roxbury, where I live with my husband and our two kitties.”

Editor’s Note: Margot received the Second Place Award at our June Soiree and Members’ Exhibit. Her Artist of the Month exhibit is on view at the Dedham Historical Society & Museum, 612 High Street, from August 6 – September 6, 2019.

Margot’s website: [www.margothurley.com](http://www.margothurley.com)  
Instagram: @margot.hurley



“Mug on Cutting Board” oil painting  
by Margot Hurley



## June Soiree and Members Exhibit

It was wonderful to see so many members and guests at our opening reception and annual meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup>. The Board of Officers for 2019-2020 was approved by a vote of the members present.

The awards for the Members Exhibit were presented to:

First Place: Nan Daly, "Rainforest" watercolor

Second Place: Margot Hurley, "Untitled Self Portrait" charcoal drawing

Third Place: Gail Hansen, "Sunny Rocks" monoprint

Honorable Mentions: Sheila Davis, "Quiet Afternoon" pastel; Joan Onofrey, "Pink Dunes" collage; and Rosemarie Morelli, "Summer Cottage on North Haven" oil painting

Congratulations to the award recipients and to all our exhibiting artist members!

Our Art Scholarship was awarded to Breyanna Catlett (pictured below.) Breyanna has been on the honor roll, is a member of the Art Club at Dedham High School and has taken multiple art courses. For a volunteer project she worked on a mural at NewBridge on the Charles. In the fall she'll attend Bunker Hill Community College and plans to transfer to Massachusetts College of Art and Design. At the June Soiree, Breyanna thanked our association for the Scholarship Award.



*Award Recipients (left to right) Sheila Davis, Rosemarie Morelli, Nan Daly, Margot Hurley, Joan Onofrey and Breyanna Catlett*

David Curtis generously donated one of his framed oil paintings for our special June Soiree drawing. The proceeds benefit our Scholarship Fund.



*First Place Award: "Rainforest" watercolor by Nan Daly*

## "Matting and Framing Clinic"



As an extra summer clinic was held on Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at the Endicott Estate. Kerry Brock, on the staff of the Frame Center of Norwood and Dedham Art Association member, provided tips on getting artwork exhibition-ready. We also reviewed the exhibit policy for our members' exhibits.

Thanks to Barbara Reynolds for organizing this special meeting!

## What's New? (Or, maybe new to you?) by Member Columnist, Nan Daly



### Water Brushes – Part Two

They look like pens, with clear plastic barrels, but they have a brush tip and are available in different shapes and sizes. Fill the barrel with water to wet the brush. To clean, just squeeze the barrel to flush out the paint. They are a convenient tool to have water available for use with watercolors or watercolor pencils. (A tiny palette, a tiny sketch book, and a water brush—off you go!)

*Are you ready to try something new? Watch for other new ideas in future newsletters.*

### Upcoming DAA Events

- ❖ July 31 – Art Mart at Dedham Farmers Market from 2-6 p.m.
- ❖ July 31 – Plein air trip to Gore Place, Watertown
- ❖ Aug. 1 – 29 Members Exhibits at Needham Library and Webster Bank
- ❖ August 2 – Plein air trip to Adams Farm, Walpole
- ❖ August 21 – Children's Art Table at Dedham Farmers Market plus Information Table from 2 – 6 p.m.
- ❖ August 30 – pick up artwork Members Exhibits
- ❖ September 10 – First meeting of the season: oil painting demonstration
- ❖ September 18 – Art Mart at Dedham Farmers Market from 2-6 p.m.

## Children's Art Table a Success!

At the Dedham Farmer's Market Art on June 26<sup>th</sup> our Children's Art Committee of Fran Feloni, Marie Johnson and Christine Qian provided free art projects for about 30 children. It was our first endeavor in this area. The children were able to create colorful flower paintings inspired by some of the Farmers Market vendors.



The Children's Art Committee -- -- welcomes your assistance. Please sign up in advance by contacting Fran Feloni at 617-285-0923 or Naomi Wilsey [nwilsey@verizon.net](mailto:nwilsey@verizon.net).

1. **Farmer's Market Children's Art Table**, Dedham Square, August 21 from 3 – 7 p.m.
2. **Trunk or Treat, Dedham Square**, October 26 from 3 – 5 p.m. Town Hall parking lot; we'll decorate a car and give out art goodie bags to children
3. **Children's Art Workshop**, Nov. 16 from 9 a.m. – 1:00 p.m – one class of younger participants and one for older young artists.



This program is supported in part by a grant from the Dedham Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

## Welcome New Members!

Please welcome the new members who joined us since the last newsletter: Breyanna Catlett, our student Scholarship Award recipient, who works in w/c, acrylic, pencil, markers, colored pencils and charcoal; and Grace Carroll, who is an oil painter.



## Meet the Board of Officers for 2019-2020

At the June Annual Meeting, the Board was voted in by the membership. If you are interested in assisting the Dedham Art Association with our variety of activities, please consider joining us.



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President



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**Melanie Shapiro**  
Member at Large

### Our Website:

[www.DedhamArtAssociation.com](http://www.DedhamArtAssociation.com)

## Membership Renewal and New Membership Form

If you are a current member, please renew by September 10th, our first meeting of the year.

### Dedham Art Association Membership Enrollment

Please enclose this form with your membership enrollment check of \$25 payable to:  
**DEDHAM ART ASSOCIATION**  
(Credit cards and PayPal also accepted.)

Mail to: Treasurer, Dedham Art Association  
67 Shiretown Road  
Dedham, MA 02026

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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If you are an artist, what is your medium(s)?  
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How did you hear about the Dedham Art Association? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you give DAA permission to include your phone number in a Members' List that will only be accessible to members? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Please check off your interest areas where you can lend a hand during the year:

- Exhibits for Members
- Publicity
- Artist Demonstrations
- Art Outings (e.g., plein air painting, museum trips)
- Community Activities
- Membership