

**“Connected” Members’ Exhibit Goes Live!
Art Excellence Awards Announced**

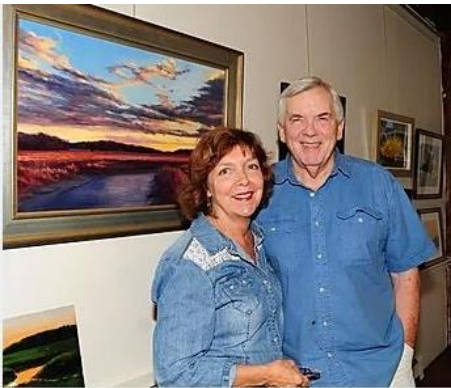
Online at www.DedhamArtAssociation.com/member-spring-exhibit-2020

Dear Members and Art Friends, if you haven't seen our first online exhibit, please visit our website. Very positive comments have come from site visitors. I'm proud of this display for the quality of the artwork. We have donated to the Dedham Food Pantry 100% of the entry fees in lieu of cash awards for prizes. Thank you, exhibitors, jurors and volunteers!

This is a special edition of the newsletter to help keep you “connected” like the theme of our exhibit. Be safe and well!

-Naomi Wilsey, president

Members Exhibit Art Excellence



THANK YOU to Paul George and KT Morse for their professional art expertise and insightful comments as the co-jurors for our exhibit.

Thanks to the Exhibit Team: Robin Western, co-chair; Catherine Perrone; Julie Cordonnier; Sarah Lopez, student intern; and Kerry Hawkins.

Congratulations to all the member exhibitors in this wonderful display of talent and focus.

Award Winners (in alphabetical order)

The award recipients received a certificate created by KT Morse, co-juror, and a first-place ribbon.



Excellence in Painting --
Catherine Perrone
“...and the People Stayed Home” oil

Excellence in Art by a New Member --
Mona Podgurski
“Tiny Home” oil

Excellence in Composition -- Rosemarie Morelli
“The Turquoise Scarf” Oil on linen

Excellence in Other Media -- Joan Onofrey
“August Sunset” Torn paper collage

Excellence in Creativity -- Richard Scott
“Christopher” Oil and gesso

Excellence in Theme Interpretation --
Naomi Wilsey
“Float Together” Watercolor

Excellence in Color Use -- Fen Zhou
“Glass Vessel Reflection” Oil on panel

Gail Hansen -- Artist of the Month July



Gail Hansen is a printmaker and book making artist who works in both her home studio and at the Shepherd and Maudesleigh Printing Studios in West Newton. She has kept busy while staying mostly at home during this

time of COVID-19. Gail writes, “While I have done a little printing, mostly I have made books, trying out new book structures. I have begun working a few hours a week (assigned time slots) at the Shepherd and Maudesleigh Printing Studio.”



Handmade books using prints by Gail Hansen

“I took a short course on Letterforms via Zoom with some very fun results. We had to make our own alphabet so I took carrot greens and laid them out in a grid on a piece of drawing paper. I then inked a plastic plate and printed over it on my etching press.”



Real carrot greens on left; print on right

“I love color, and try as I might, cannot tone it down or turn it off. I aim to make people smile

and look at my prints and books for a while. My greatest joy is when someone likes my work.”

Workshops are a favorite mode of learning for Gail. She’s taken printing workshops at Zea Mays Printmaking Studio in Northampton, Shepard & Maudsleigh Print Studio, Snow Farm in Williamsburg, and the Concord Art Association. Her bookmaking classes were at Mass College of Art.

Gail has exhibited in a two-person exhibit with a fellow artist at the Faneuil Hall Branch of the Boston Public Library. She has been juried into exhibits at Gallery Twist, Lexington; Zullo Gallery, Medfield; Concord Art Association; the Duxbury Art Museum; Beyond the Book at the Boston Public Library and participated in Newton Open Studios and Needham Open Studios. Her art awards include First Place at the Five Stars Regional Exhibition and awards in local exhibits. She is a member of the Monotype guild of New England, the Homemade Book Club, and Art Associations (Dedham, Needham and Newton.)

NEW Members’ Survey

Our Member at Large Board Member, Melanie Shapiro has put together a short survey that will be emailed to members on June 26th. We are asking you to provide feedback on our art activities this past year and looking ahead.



The deadline for filling out the survey is July 10th. All members who complete the survey will be eligible for a drawing for a gift certificate for art supplies at Blick!

Welcome New Members!

Please welcome new members who joined us since the last newsletter: Bob Boyle, oil painter; and Braelyn Belanger, student member and photographer.

Scholarship Award 2020



Congratulations to Braelyn Belanger who has been awarded the Dedham Art Association Scholarship. Braelyn is a photographer, has been an honors student, has won awards in art and volunteered extensively in the community. She plans to focus on Early Childhood Education in college and she hopes to pursue her interest in art throughout college and use it in her career.



Robin Western, Scholarship Chair; Randa Khuri, Board Member; and Naomi Wilsey presented the Scholarship Award to Braelyn via a socially distanced car parade.

Special thanks to the Scholarship Committee: Robin Western, chair; Nan Daly; Mary Gillis and Sandy Siber.

Also, thanks, to the Painting Group who donated to the Scholarship Fund allowing us to double the amount of the award this year!



Photograph by Braelyn Belanger

Art News

- **David Curtis and Connie Nagle**, our guest artists for last year's Critique Night, are offering a discourse via Zoom, "Gestalt & Form and Color on Sun., June 21; Thurs., June 25; Sun., June 28; and Thurs., July 2, all at 5 pm lasting 45 minutes. Four sessions \$100.00. Zoom 5.0 application is needed to participate. Invitations are sent prior to each meeting around 4:45, allowing you to join the Wait Room so they can start promptly at 5 pm. Learn to use the chat line to ask questions. To register: email davidpcurtis@comcast.net and send a check, payable to David P. Curtis, 30 Riverview Rd, Gloucester, MA 01930-1614.
- **Jean Veigas** has been organizing informal plein air trips weekly. She and other artists have painted or sketched with social distancing in Lincoln, at Noble and Greenough School in Dedham, and Medfield on the Charles River.

Updates on DAA Events

- ❖ **Tuesday Virtual Painting Group** – meets weekly from 9:30 – 12 noon via texting
- ❖ **Through August 30** –Members' Exhibit Online
- ❖ **June 26** – Members' Survey distributed
- ❖ **July 10** – Members' Survey due date
- ❖ **July & August** – summer break