

Spring Members' Exhibit "Connected"
Jurors – KT Morse and Paul George
Opens Online June 15, 2020 Exhibit Dates: June 15th – August 30th



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Converge
painted collage by Nan Daly

Bucolic Scene Number 1
Acrylic by Sandy Siber

Long Pond Memories
oil by Cindy Mootz

Members' Annual Exhibit
"Connected" will be our first online exhibit
June 15th - August 31st
2020

 **Judged exhibit**
Jurors: KT Morse and Paul George
Art Excellence Awards to be announced June 15th
View the exhibit on our special online gallery
www.DedhamArtAssociation.com

Entry fees to be donated to the Dedham Food Pantry
For more information, contact Naomi Wilsey at 781-449-4528

Dear Members and Art Friends, it is hoped this newsletter finds you healthy, in good spirits, and able to manage in the best ways possible. Maybe art has kept you company in this time and given you a means of expression and communication. You are invited to our Online Spring Exhibit to see wonderful examples of our members artwork!

*Well Wishes,
-Naomi Wilsey, president*

"Connected" Exhibit

All are invited to attend the unveiling of our first Online Gallery that will showcase our members' artwork in an alternative Spring Members' Exhibit. Please use the attached invitation which is pictured at left in an email to share with your friends and family. Art Excellence Awards will be announced on June 15th, opening day. All entry fees will be donated to the Dedham Food Pantry.

Professional fine artists KT Morse and Paul George, are generously donating their time to be jurors. They are married to each other and

both work in watercolors and oils. They have garnered numerous awards, have prestigious affiliations, and enjoy plein air events. Paul has been teaching in oils and watercolors for 24 years and recently launched video watercolor lessons available at: <https://vimeo.com/ondemand/watercolorforbeginners/411549631>

KT Morse's website: <https://www.ktmorse.com>

Paul George's website: <https://www.paulgeorgeartist.com>

Highlights of Our Art Year

Our Annual Meeting is normally part of our June Soiree and Exhibit. This President's Report lists some of our accomplishments for the year and is illustrated with a sampling of photos from our active year.

➤ Professional Artists for Demonstrations, Critique and Workshops



*Critique Night, May, 2019
with David Curtis and Connie Nagle*

➤ Workshops – Watercolor Workshop and Matting/Framing Clinic



*Nora Ouellette, Sky and Clouds Workshop
with K.T. Morse, May, 2019*

➤ Four Plein Air Trips



Plein air at Mt. Auburn Cemetery, May 2019

➤ Regional Five Stars Exhibit, Fall and Spring Judged Members' Exhibits, Rotating Local Exhibits, Solo Exhibits



*June Members' Exhibit and Soiree, June, 2019
and 2019 Scholarship Recipient*

➤ Members' Exhibits



*Fall Members' Exhibit. October, 2019 (right to
left: Tom Dunlay, juror; Naomi Wilsey; Nancy
Sally; and Nora Ouellette*

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Highlights (continued)

➤ Trunk or Treat Children's Art



October 26, 2019, Dedham Town Hall

➤ Two Museum Trips



Cape Ann Museum Trip, November, 2019

➤ Community Outreach – Four Children's Art Classes, Two Delta Project Art classes for Adults with Disabilities



Children's Art Workshop, November, 2019

➤ Weekly Painting Group at St. Paul's Church, Dedham, MA



➤ Sales – Art Mart at Farmer's Market and Holiday Pop-Up Shop



*(Right to left:
Kerry
Hawkins,
Barbara
Reynolds,
Joyce
Caggiano,
Naomi Wilsey)*

➤ Art Swap of Miniatures and Art Supplies



December, 2019

And Much More...

- Art Scholarship, two student interns
- Career Day at Dedham High School
- News Coverage of our exhibits and events
- Matting & Framing Clinic
- Two Solo Member Exhibits
- Donations of paintings to St. Paul's church and Dedham Community House Preschool

Special thanks to our member volunteers who invest of themselves to make our activities happen!

Contact Us: DedhamArtAssociation@gmail.com

A Big Thank You to Chris Roberts!



We thank Chris who has served on the Board, as Membership Chair and helped on numerous projects along the way. For two-plus years she's been a committed and engaged board member guiding our organization to growth. Among

her contributions, she has recruited new members and scouted out demonstrators for our programs.

Chris is a member of our Painting Group and is an energetic and passionate watercolorist as well as a calligrapher.

If we had been able to hold our June Annual Meeting in person, we would have presented Chris with a thank you gift. Instead, as an expression of our appreciation for all that she has done to contribute to our organization, she will receive a thank you gift certificate.

Good news -- Chris will continue to be an active member and for that we are doubly thankful!

Welcome New Members!

Please welcome new members who joined us since the last newsletter: Sandy Berejik, oil painter; Mona Podgurski, acting president of Canton Art Association and works in pencil, pastel, watercolor and oil; Amy Surman, oil painter; and Fen Zhou, also an oil painter.

Introduction to Canton Art Association



Part of our charter as an organization is to foster collaboration between art groups and community groups. Toward that end, the Board has invited Canton Art Association members to join us and exhibit in the Spring Members' Exhibit.

Canton Art Association has a long history – they started in 1951. Some of you may know their acting president, Mona Podgurski, who was an artist in the Dedham Square Artist Guild and an active exhibitor in their gallery. They sponsor a weekly Portrait group with a live model and a weekly Still Life group. We've been invited to attend both when they are in session again. There is a drop-in fee for each of the groups.

We welcome their members to join us and share our common interest in art.

From the Board: "Can You Help Shape our Future?"



As our group evolves, you are asked to help guide our focus and plans. To that end, we are launching our bi-annual Members' Survey. Member-at-Large Board Member, Melanie Shapiro, will send you a short survey

for your feedback and input about the Dedham Art Association's activities. We are asking, "how have we been doing?" and "what would you like to see in the future?"

Please respond when you have received the emailed questionnaire. The time you spend on answering the questions is much appreciated!

Shining Art Moments



We've placed safety restrictions on ourselves during this time, yet art continues to provide bright spots for our members. *Please send your art moments to our*

email address below by June 15th.

- **Gail Hansen** – is printmaking with social distancing at Shepherd and Maudesleigh Printing Studio
- **Gary Koepfel** – painted a street scene from his porch
- **Mark Richards, Jean Veigas, Melanie Shapiro, and David and Naomi Wilsey** used proper social distancing for plein air in Lincoln, MA
- **Safer-at-home art ideas** – self-portrait – to document your COVID-19 hair style; interiors of your house; still life of food, your garden flowers; and pet portraits

Keeping Up with Our Demonstrators

- **Paul George**, co-juror for our Spring Members' Exhibit, has beginning watercolor lessons on video available:
<https://vimeo.com/ondemand/watercolorforbeginners/411549631>
- **Sam Vokey** was interviewed for the Artists of New England podcast. Video link:
<https://www.artistsofnewengland.com/podcast-16>
- **Harley Bartlett, David Curtis, Tom Dunlay, Jean Lightman, Lynne Mehlman and Sam Vokey** are exhibiting in the Guild of Boston Artists Members' Juried Exhibition:
<https://www.artsy.net/show/the-guild-of-boston-artists-movement-and-stillness-annual-members-juried-exhibition>

*"I keep on making what I can't do yet
In order to learn to be able to do it."
-Vincent van Gogh*

Plein Air with Jean

Are you interested in informal fresh air painting? Jean Veigas is leading small group plein air outings on her own (not sponsored by DAA.) The locales will be nearby.

- Meets weekly on Thursday at the location of the week from 1-3 p.m. weekly if weather permits
- Drive on your own, bring a face mask and your supplies/water
- No charge, no instruction
- Please keep social distancing in mind and take your trash with you.
- Bathrooms may or may not be available.

If you want to be added to the email list that Jean contacts with the location of the week, please send her your email address:

jveigas@whitneyveigas.com or 781-856-6680

Plein Air Locations to Visit on Your Own:

(thanks to members for your suggestions; please check if these are currently open before visiting.)

- Lyman Estate, Waltham
- Fairbanks House, Dedham
- Charles River Peninsula, Needham
- Eustis Estate and grounds, Milton
- Eleanor Cabot Bradley Estate, Canton
- Elm Bank, home of Mass. Horticultural Society, Wellesley
- Newton Cemetery

Updates on DAA Events

- ❖ **Tuesday Virtual Painting Group** – meets weekly from 9:30 – 12 noon via texting
- ❖ **June 15 – Spring Members' Exhibit Opening Online and Awards Announcement**
- ❖ **June 15 – newsletter submission deadline**
- ❖ **June 24 – videoconference Board Meeting; open to all members**
- ❖ **June 30 – Members Survey deadline**
- ❖ **July & August – summer break**
- ❖ **August 1 – Membership dues renewal starts**
- ❖ **August 31 – Members' Exhibit closes**