

Oil Demonstration by J.C. Airoidi

Wednesday, March 22nd at 6:45 pm

Endicott Estate, 656 East Street in Dedham

Dear Members and Guests, after our winter break, we are pleased to host J.C. Airoidi who will give an oil painting demonstration. The meeting begins at 6:45 in-person and on Zoom. The in-person meeting is located at Endicott Estate on 656 East Street in Dedham. 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.

—Julie Cordonnier, newsletter editor



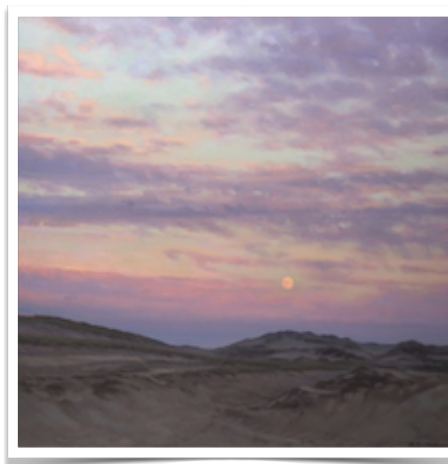
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J.C. Airoidi is a Boston-centered artist who specializes in landscapes in oil and pastel. She treats each painting as an individual journey, taking time to experience the wonders she finds everywhere in nature. She has a studio in Amesbury

which she shares with a group of other artists.

She earned her BFA from Massachusetts College of Art and Design in Boston. After starting an internship during her junior year, Airoidi went into commercial graphics, which involved creating storyboards, character portraits and special effects animation for computer game companies for almost 10 years. She then became a lead artist, designing websites for clients, including Dunkin' Donuts, BP, and Blue Mercury. In 2002, J.C. Airoidi began painting professionally.



*Moon Over Provincetown,
Oil on canvas by J.C. Airoidi*

"I feel so fortunate to witness ordinary scenes made extraordinary by light and atmosphere... and then to set out to capture the spirit of my experience in my work."

J.C. Airoidi is represented in the Todd Bonita Gallery in Portsmouth, NH, and the Elizabeth Pollie Fine Art in Harbor Springs, MI. She has been an elected artist member of the prestigious Guild of Boston Artists since 2012, where she currently serves on the board of managers. J.C. is also an elected artist member of North Shore Art Association (Gloucester) and Rockport Art Association. She was published in a feature article in American Artist Magazine November 2008 and contributed to American Artist's Special Edition: The Complete Painter's Handbook, April 2012. She has over 20 years of teaching experience that include weekly classes and traveling workshops.

J.C.'s website: <https://www.jcairoldi.com>.

Artist of the Month

Linda Mellen



I am truly honored to be chosen as the Artist of the Month!

I started painting ten years ago but have always been interested in art. I began

painting when I joined a weekly painting group with a small group of wonderful women lead by Diana Hampe. There is always Andrea Bocelli playing in the background for us which makes the class very enjoyable. I paint with water-based oil, watercolor and acrylic. I like to paint landscapes and scenes from my travels, flowers, birds and sometimes eyeballs! My current painting that I am working on, is a landscape from Tuscany, Italy.



Plum Beach - St Martin, Oil
by Linda Mellen

Many years ago I took a few pottery and sculpture classes which I really enjoyed. I was awarded a scholarship to Mudflat Studio, which was then in Cambridge. I later took a few wheel-throwing courses at Henriette Dresden's studio in Norwood.

While raising a family, I worked in Early Childhood Education as a co-director and lead teacher at a local Preschool. Art and music were an important part of the program.

I am also a Singer-Songwriter and a member of The Dedham Choral Society. Music has always been an important part of my life. The connection between music and art is very interesting and important. The circle of fifths (music notes) and the color wheel have a close connection. Music also has complementary notes as colors do. Another example is color coded xylophone and keyboard keys make it easier to read music.

I joined the Dedham Art Association in 2021. The monthly artist demonstrations have been a pleasure and inspiration to watch. This fall, one of my paintings was accepted in the Fall Exhibit at the Walpole Library. This was my first time being in an exhibit, and it was an honor to have my painting included with all the other great art work.

Now I am enjoying painting with my two grandchildren. It is a lot of fun to show them different materials and mediums to use and to see them experiment and create art with shapes and colors. They are proud of their work and enjoy the process.

I am looking forward to learning, experimenting, and creating more in this wonderful world of Art!

Editors note: Thank you Linda for serving on the nominating committee this year!

Trip to Museum of Fine Arts, Boston Hokusai at the MFA! April 5th

Catch the Hokusai exhibit at the MFA with the Dedham Art Association on **Wednesday, April 5th**. From the MFA--"The exhibition brings together more than 100 woodblock prints, paintings, and illustrated books by Hokusai with more than 200 works by his teachers, students, rivals, and admirers. These unique juxtapositions demonstrate Hokusai's influence



through time and space — seen in works by, among others, his daughter Katsushika Ōi, his contemporaries Utagawa Hiroshige and Utagawa Kuniyoshi, the 19th-century French Japonistes, and modern and contemporary artists including Loïs Mailou Jones, John Cederquist, and Yoshitomo Nara.”

The plan is to take the MBTA commuter rail in and get off at Ruggles Station (ten minute walk through Northeastern's campus, 1/3 mile) and get to the MFA for the 11:00am entry of the show (**Please buy your timed tickets in advance.**) Depending on who is attending, we can either take the Needham line (Needham Center and Hersey stations), or the Franklin Line ((Dedham Corporate, Endicott and Readville Stations.) Of course anyone is welcome to drive in and meet us there. After touring the exhibit, people with extra time can meet and discuss the show over lunch at the MFA cafeteria. Covid rules prevent the MFA from providing us with a dedicated guide, but we can pre-discuss on the train to be better prepared for what we are looking at. Please forward your interest or questions to John Koger at johnkoger@yahoo.com.

Spring Members' Exhibit

Hi members, spring will be upon us soon so I wanted to send you all a reminder to start thinking about a piece to enter in our annual spring show. All entries will be exhibited in the show. — *Gary Koepfel, DAA exhibits chair*

These are the important dates to be aware of.

May 1st thru the 30th: The show will be up for display at the Westwood Library.

April 10th: the call for art will go out on ArtCall.

May 1st: Drop off of artwork 11:00 - 12:00

May 2nd: Judging of work 11:00 - 12:30

May 4th: Reception and Awards presentation 6:00 - 8:00pm.

Cash awards will be presented.

June 1st: Pick up Artwork from 11:00am - 12:00pm

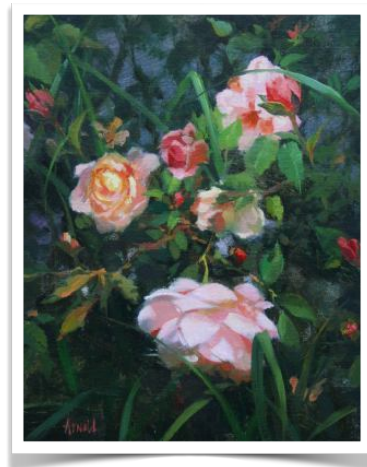
Viewers choice award will be announced at the end of the run of show.

Spring Oil/Acrylic Workshop with Carol Arnold

When: Saturday, April 29, 2023, 9:30 am - 4:00 pm (deadline for payment is April 1)

Where: St. Paul's Church Fellowship Hall, 59 Court Street, Dedham, MA 02026

Please join **Carol Arnold** for this Dedham Art Association oil/acrylic workshop that will focus on painting from life. Carol is a professional artist and Royal Talens ambassador. The fee is \$75 for members and \$100 for non-member and the deadline for sign up is April 1st. Fees collected cover the instructor's honorarium and the workshop space rental so it's important that we have full enrollment. The registration form is on page 6 of this newsletter.



Beach Roses, Oil Painting
by Carol Arnold

Members' News

Congratulations to member **Joan Kent** for her solo exhibit at the Rodman Art Center, Foxboro for the month of February.

Congratulations to member **Kathy Milster** for her solo exhibit of miniatures at the Walpole Library for the month of February.

Member **Richard Scott** will be giving a talk at the Dedham Museum and Archive on **March 15** at 7 p.m. The title is “the Nickersons Come to Dedham”.

Congratulations to **Gary Koepfel** who has new gallery representation with Inner Space Fine Arts 189 Main St, North Reading, MA. <https://www.innerspace-fineart.com>.

People's Choice Award DAA Fall Members' Exhibit

The winner of the People's Choice Award from the 2022 Fall Members' Exhibit was JoAnne Foley for her artwork entitled *Magical Winter Boston Public Garden*, photography on canvas.

JoAnne received an art supplies gift card.

Congratulations!



Magical Winter Boston Public Garden,
photography on canvas, JoAnne Foley

February Zoom Meeting Recap

Many thanks to Gail Fischer, a professional photographer, for her presentation "Photography for Artists". Gail shared tips on the best ways to photograph your artwork and ideas on taking reference photos that can be used as subject matter for your artwork. Gail also attended the Zoom meeting to answer questions. The presentation is now posted on our YouTube Channel: [Gail Fischer Art Talk - How to photograph your artwork with your smart Phone](#).

Thank You to Catherine Perrone!



Catherine has served on the Board for three years and is stepping down. We thank Catherine for her many contributions including designing and setting up the website. Catherine is an oil and watercolor painter, and we value her as an active member.

Spring Program Announced

All meetings are held at Endicott Estate, 656 East Street, Dedham, MA unless otherwise noted. Zoom meetings are an additional offering.

From the Interim Programs volunteer, Naomi Wilsey, here's the list of professional artists who have been hired for our Spring Program. *Thank you Naomi!*

March 22 - Oil demonstration by Julie (J.C.) Airoidi

April 11 - Watercolor demonstration by Susan Lynn

April 29 - Oil / Acrylic Workshop "Painting from Life" at St. Paul's church 9:30 -4:00 taught by Carol Arnold

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Art Fundraiser Results

We are near our fundraising goal. A big thank you to the 41 members who contributed (50) 4x4 miniatures!. The fundraiser benefits the Dedham Food Pantry.

Grant News

Thank you to the Dedham Cultural Council, who has awarded us a grant that will help fund our Programs.



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.

Would you like to demonstrate at the Dedham Winter Farmer's Market?

An artist who does a demonstration at the Winter Farmers Market will receive the following.

- a free booth space at the winter market to display/sell their works next to the area of the demonstration
- artist's demonstration at the winter market will be promoted in our widely read bi-weekly e-newsletter and on social media (with links to their website). The demonstration will be listed in print ads too.
- the artist will be listed on the Dedham Square Circle website's Winter Market and Summer Market pages
- one free booth space at the summer market (on the date of artists' choice) to display/sell their works
- financial help with supplies used in the demonstration (TBD)

Please get in touch with Ann at DedhamSquareCircle@gmail.com

Artist Resources:

Call for Artists

The Switch Co-op is currently recruiting new artists for their member gallery located at 21 Fairmount Ave, Hyde Park, MA. The Switch is an artist co-op promoting local artists. To learn more, go to their website: <https://www.theswitchcoop.com>. Questions about joining the Co-op can be directed to: Dotti Baker, 781-929-3302, demb7491@gmail.com

Strathmore Workshop Series

Free Online Workshops. Learn techniques from experienced artists through online videos and downloadable instructions. Get inspired from other students in our virtual classroom. Keep motivated with ideas and tips from your instructor. Go to <https://strathmoreartiststudio.com> for more information.

Welcome New Members!

Please welcome new members who joined us since the last newsletter:

Nancy Van Dam, acrylic and watercolor; Claire Groden, Cheryl Doucette, watercolor, collage, drawing, charcoal, and ink; Sharon Downey, oil; Victoria Boziuk, watercolor and oil.

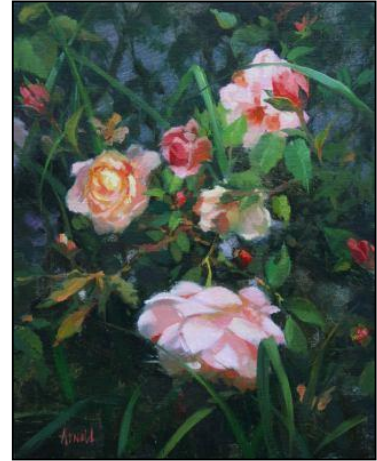


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“Beach Roses” by Carol Arnold

Class size -- 12. You will be confirmed and will receive the materials list upon fee payment.

Cancellation:
Cancel within 10 days of the workshop for a 50% refund.

Carol was first inspired to become a painter when as a child she became fascinated by the plein air painters her family encountered on vacations in seaside Gloucester, Massachusetts. After graduating from Vesper George School of art in Boston, Arnold spent several years working in the commercial art field before turning her attention fully to fine art painting.

Carol Arnold teaches painting workshops and has written an eBook on portraiture. Her work, executed primarily from life, regularly wins awards at regional, national and international levels. She is represented in galleries at the Salmagundi Club, NY and Susan Powell Fine Art, CT.

Carol’s website at <https://www.carolarnoldfineart.com>

Please complete the bottom portion and return with fee to: Naomi Wilsey, 28 Maple Street, Needham, MA 02492

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Oil/Acrylic Workshop with Carol Arnold, April 29, 2023

Date _____ Amount Paid _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Questions: contact Naomi Wilsey, 617-513-5499