



August 24, 2010

Greater Gardner Artists Association

Sunshine, blue skies, and warm temperatures will certainly make this summer one of the more memorable ones. The painting and photo to-do list seemed to get longer with each beautiful passing day. Of course, added to that list—gardening, kayaking, vacationing, art workshops and shows and the summer flew by with most of us wishing that it would never end.

As we look forward to the comfortable warm days and cool nights of September, we welcome you back to another year with the GGAA. We have some great demonstrators lined up to motivate and inspire you!

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The Great Outdoors; Our State Parks

Our first event to start the new season will be a Fall Exhibit at the newly reopened Gardner Heritage State Park (formerly the Visitor's Center). The show opens on September 1st and runs through September 10th. We have an opening reception planned for Friday, September 3rd from 5—7:30 pm. The public is invited and admission is free. Please plan on joining us as we celebrate the last weekend of summer and the kick-off of our new season. We will have refreshments (Finger food donations welcome) and live music featuring Kevin Jones iBand, a unique jazz sound.

Yearly Dues

Dues must be paid by November 1st to be eligible as a member for our annual Spring Art Show. Rates have increased this year by a small amount to offset rising costs.

Individual—\$20

Family—\$25

Seniors (65+)—\$15

Senior Family—\$25

Students—\$5 (13-25 yrs)



Pastel Demonstration

Our first meeting will be held on Thursday, September 2nd at 7 pm in the Boland Room 65 Lake St.. We always welcome new members and your first meeting is complimentary. If you are interested in art of any medium we offer 8 demonstrations a year, a monthly newsletter, Spring Art Exhibit and display space in downtown Gardner.

Award winning New Hampshire artist, Alicia Drakiotes will give a pastel demo at our first meeting. She is affiliated with many art organizations and teaches classes at different venues in New Hampshire.

“Artist of the Month”

Our theme for September is:

Flowers

www.gardner-ggaaart.org

“Protected Places”

Thayer Memorial Library 717 Main St. Lancaster, MA

A solo show of work by GGAA member **Lisa Regopoulos** will hang for the month of September.

“Robinson Display”

Lawrence Public Library 99 Main St. Pepperell, MA

A display of photographs by GGAA member, **Joyce H. Robinson** and the late **Edward T. Robinson** will be shown from October 2—23 With an opening reception on Saturday, October 2nd from 1—3 pm.

Workshops & Classes

“Scribble Technique”

Boulder Art Gallery 960 Main St. Fitchburg, MA

On September 28th from 6:30—9:30 pm, GGAA member, **Lisa Regopoulos** will conduct a pastel workshop. The cost is \$35 and Lisa will supply pastels and paper. She will also provide reference photos to work from for those new to pastel. If you have worked in pastels you may bring your own photos. Please contact Lisa at : lisaregopoulos.com if you would like to sign up.

“Beginner Landscape Class”

Boulder Art Gallery 960 Main St. Fitchburg, MA

A six week Beginner Landscape class will be offered by GGAA member, **Lori MacDonald** on Wednesday evenings, starting on October 6th through November 10th from 6:30—8:30pm. The cost is \$60 plus materials. To reserve your spot, please call 978-407-9333 or email: macdonaldartist@yahoo.com

Call for Entries

“Petersham Fall Exhibit”

Petersham Town Hall Petersham, MA

The Petersham Cultural Council is sponsoring a Fall Art Exhibit on October 5, 6, & 7th in the Petersham Town Hall. This year's theme is “Farming in New England” and artists will be allowed 4 entries. The Opening Reception will feature refreshments and live music. To receive more info please email: writewhale@me.com or snail mail inquiries to PCC P.O. Box #53 Petersham, MA 01866.

Awards

On August sixth, in the "Merchant's Showcase Art Exhibit", at the Lobster festival in Rockland, Maine GGAA member, **Mary Dunn's** painting "Penobscot Bay Islands" received the "Betty Kinney Award" for the professional painting that best represented the theme "Coastal Maine". Also in the professional division, her pastel "Sunset Sail" received the third place award.