

NEWSLETTER – ART GUILD OF MIDDLETOWN

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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR: (MEETINGS are held at Woodside Intermediate School, 30 Woodside Road, Cromwell – Thank You Woodside Intermediate!):

February 28th at 12:30 – field trip to Wadsworth Athenaeum in Hfd for the American Moderns Watercolor show.

March 14 @ 7 p.m. – guild meeting featuring a watercolor demo by Bivenne Staiger.

April and May – Our work is being featured at the Russell Library in Middletown. Drop off 2 paintings on Mon., April 1st, 9-noon

May 9 @ 7 p.m. – guild meeting featuring a talk/demo by oil painter William Simpson.

June – our annual show at Zilkha Gallery in Wesleyan – date to be announced.

Greetings Members and Friends:

We have a very busy spring schedule to enjoy. Perhaps now that the holidays are over, we can concentrate on our artwork!

Field trip: On Thursday, February 28th at 12:30 we will go to the Wadsworth Athenaeum for their American Moderns watercolor show. We will meet at the rear parking lot of Ursel's Web (140 Washington Street) and carpool to Hartford. Admission should be greatly reduced because I will pick up passes from the library.

March Meeting/demo: Our guild meeting in March is on Thursday, March 14th at 7 p.m. We are happy to welcome our past president, Bivenne Staiger, who will do a watercolor demonstration for us!

Check out her beautiful website at www.bivennefineart.com. Bivenne teaches watercolor classes at the Portland Senior Center. If interested in lessons, contact her at bivenne@yahoo.com for more information. Don't forget to bring a painting for Painting of the Month!

April/May: The guild is having an art show at the Russell Library during April and May. This show is open to members only. The show is not juried, or judged, no awards – its purpose is to feature our members' artwork to the public. There is no charge to enter. Members can enter two paintings each and they can be for sale or not. There is no restriction on whether your paintings have been in any of our shows or elsewhere. Fill out exhibition tags and inventory sheet for your entries when you arrive or fill them out ahead of time from our website. Drop off is April 1st from 9 to noon. Pickup is Tuesday, May 28th from 9-noon.

May Meeting/demo: Our guild meeting in May is on Thursday, May 9th at 7 p.m. It promises to be an educational and entertaining demo/talk by William Simpson. Bill works in oils and has been doing paintings with an aerial perspective. Come see how he does it!

In June, we will have our annual art show at the Zilkha Gallery in Wesleyan – date to be announced.

We are happy to welcome several new members: Sandy Kristiansen, Nancy Gosselin, Stephen Cornwell and Kimberly Edwards -- say hello when you see them!

Now is an excellent time for nonmembers to join the Guild since we have a few shows coming up. You may join at receiving for either show or send your \$25 check to our Treasurer, Sharon Paddock at Art

Guild of Middletown, P.O. Box 205, Middletown, CT 06457. Don't forget to note that your check is for "dues" in the memo line.

Our two past exhibits were very well received. The Guild made a little money and there were even a few sales at the Green Room show! Thank you Jean Simpson for allowing us to exhibit! Green Room Award winners included: Kyllikki French, First Prize; JoAnna Chapin, Second Prize; Claudia VanNes, Third Place; Joyce Senesac, Fourth Place; Barbara Beck, Judge's Award.

Our annual show at the Portland Library was up for two months – thank you Portland Library and thank you chairman Adele Santangelo! Prize winners included: Karen Piazza, First Prize; Joyce Senesac, Special Prize; Nancy Stevens, Second; Adele Johnson, Third; Barbara Beck, Hon. Mention; and Bonnie Desaulnier, Hon. Mention.

Look for the next newsletter which will be out in April.

The secret of great art – to rob the moment of its impermanence. – Ivan Lissner-