

# NEWSLETTER

Arts Institute Group of the Merrimack Valley, Inc.  
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[www.artsinstitutegroup.org](http://www.artsinstitutegroup.org)

January

2015

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Monthly meetings: **Third Thursday** of the month—At Nevins Adult Day Center: Directions: From Route 93 take Exit 48, Route 213-East. Take the first exit (Route 28). Bear Right at the end of the ramp onto Rt. 28/Broadway. Go through Methuen Square and continue South. Go straight through the next traffic light (Oakland Ave.) and then turn Right into the driveway of Nevins Home. Follow the driveway back passing both the Nevins Manor and the Nursing Center until you reach the Adult Day Care Center on the Left. Park in the lot that is behind the Adult Day Care Center. Meeting starts at 7PM. Give me a call if you get lost: Gail Fuller (617) 510-5742 [artsinstitutegroup.org](http://artsinstitutegroup.org)



Happy New Year!

Six years ago we were at risk of disbanding and losing the opportunity we have to meet and inspire each other to make Art. A handful of dedicated members gathered and vowed not to let the group fall apart. And so, with much hard work and many laughs we have successfully continued to promote the arts in our community.

Six years is long enough and I have past the honor of the Presidency to David Jones. Pilar Quintana will serve as VP.

I want to thank all of you for your support over the years. This is a job that is best done when the membership participates and only with your help did we get the job done.

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## This month's meeting

Thursday, 1/15, 2015—7PM

### Pot Luck Party and Yankee Swap

Rosanne Bartlett— Coordinator

[rosanne7773@gmail.com](mailto:rosanne7773@gmail.com) 978-771-0631

Please contact Rosanne and let her know if you plan to attend and what food/beverage/party supplies you will be bringing. Remember, we will be having a Yankee Swap at the party. Try not to spend more than \$10 for your Yankee Swap item.

We still welcome your recommendations for themes for our Mann's and Art in the Library Show for both this year and following years. Please email your suggestions to David and we'll discuss and vote on them during the party.

Please continue to work on your donations to the Drawings for both the Mann's Show and the Art in the Library. The Drawing is our major revenue generator which funds our annual Student Art Scholarship

**David Jones, President**

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Never stop making Art!

It's January and  
Time to pay your dues.  
Be a "member in good standing" and write that \$25. check today: Mail it

to:

AIGMV

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## 2015 Festival of Trees

For our Festival of the Trees 2015 please think about creating miniature artworks out of paper, cloth, cork, glass, paper mache, small canvases, wood etc. The theme this year is "Art Institute Group of the Merrimack Valley" - and the diversity of the talents of our group, so let your imagination flow. We will only be submitting one tree this year, the large one.

Janice Jones

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## Check it out!

### DEMONSTRATORS

Please email your recommendations for presenters at upcoming shows to Vern. Vern and David will then establish a formal schedule once we have contacted the suggested presenter to determine their availability for our Thursday night monthly meetings. Unfortunately we did not get a grant we requested from the Methuen Cultural Council. They were oversubscribed many times for the grants they were able to give out in 2015. We'll work harder this year to create a grant application for 2016, earlier, and with more detail of the specifics of how we will spend the money. Our grant request was to pay for the demonstrators at our monthly meetings so if we can send them a more detailed schedule of presenters planned for 2015 and 2016 this would greatly help to support our request.

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Vern Kilby 603)432-6053 [vernjk@juno.com](mailto:vernjk@juno.com)

Wooohooo! David Jones won an award for his painting "Ten Years Before" at the recent show at the Grand Palais in Paris, France. The award is given by the French National Culture Federation.

Due to on-going security issues at our shows we have decided to make the Mann's Show (concurrent with the Grey Court Poets) a one day event .

Art in the Orchard 2015 - June 13, 2015

We will set up early in the morning and break down after the Drawing at 4:30pm.

### FIELD TRIPS

We know that not all of our members are free to meet on Thursday nights. Hoping to involve more of our members in our activities, we'd like to try something new. Other groups are getting together to visit museums, galleries, artist's studios/ workshops, or other artistic events. Is this something that might interest you? Our "field trips" would take place occasionally. If you know of an upcoming artistic event, presentation, or exhibition in the Merrimack Valley or Greater Boston area that might interest the group, contact Vern and we will send an email to the group at large and arrange a group trip. We hope that these field trips will allow our members more opportunities to interact and get inspired by what's happening artistically in our area. But we also hope to make the larger artistic community more aware of us with our increased presence!

Interested? Contact: Pilar Quintana...(978)476-1545 [pilarquintana@comcast.net](mailto:pilarquintana@comcast.net)



*There is no state of final fulfillment. Each change opens new doors and ushers in new possibilities. ([Margo Adair](#))*

Methuen  
Federal Credit Union  
248 Broadway  
Methuen, MA  
Supports the Arts  
and

Continues to display the  
work of our members!

*If you would like to display at the Credit Union or if you would like to change an artwork that has been there for a while,*

**Art on display at The Savings Bank**

**THIS MONTH'S DISPLAYING ARTIST**

**DAVID JONES**

**The Savings Bank**

**17 Burnham Road, Methuen**

**Displays will change every month. This is another great opportunity to show your work.**

*call Gail: 617-510-5742*

If you have a suggestion of themes for future shows, or possible demonstrators, please share the info with Vern Kilby.

**603)432-6053 [vernjk@juno.com](mailto:vernjk@juno.com)**

**We look forward to your in-pup**

**2015 CALENDAR**

<b>January</b>	<b>Meeting — 01/15/15</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>Meeting—02/19/15</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>Meeting—03/19/15</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>Meeting—04/16/15</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>Meeting—05/21/15</b>
	<b>Scholarship Awards</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>Art in the Orchard-6/13/15</b>
	<b>Meeting—6/18/15</b>
<b>July and August</b>	<b>Hiatus- no meetings</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>Meeting—09/17/15</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>Meeting—10/15/15</b>
	<b>Art at the Library-10/ 21-31/15</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>Meeting—11/19/15</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>Meeting—12/17/15</b>

*Would you like to be the Mayor's **Artist of the Month?** All of our members are eligible.*

*Contact Juliette Cormier:  
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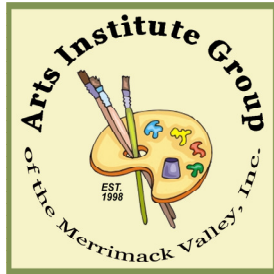
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*Change is inevitable. Things absolutely cannot stay the same. The type of change we invoke is up to each and every one of us.*

*([Yehuda Berg](#))*



Join our Group  
New members are  
always welcome



Remember: If your contact information changes.....let us know. We wouldn't want you to miss your Newsletters or updates. The quickest way to get information and save the AIGMV, \$\$\$ on postage, is via Email.

Please make sure we have your address.

If you have information you'd like included in the Newsletter,

please submit to Gail Fuller by the 10th of the month.

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Wanted—Demonstrators

For AIGMV MONTHLY MEETINGS

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*Artists to my mind are the real architects of change, and not the political legislators who implement change after the fact. (William S. Burroughs)*

If you have information to add to the Newsletter or if you have a new website and would like to add it to the listing of the AIGMV website,

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