

# NEWSLETTER

Arts Institute Group of the Merrimack Valley, Inc.  
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April  
2015

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 [artsinstitute.org](http://artsinstitute.org)



## The President's April Message

Thank you for being a member of the AIGMV and for your wonderful art that you share with our Merrimack Valley community. Your efforts allow the AIGMV to give an annual scholarship to a deserving student who is planning to take the next step in her/his art education. We're thrilled this year to be able to award \$1,000.00 to one such deserving student, and as we closed the submissions at the end of March, this year, The AIGMV Scholarship Committee have a total of 8 art students to choose from who will be attending the jurying process on Saturday, April 18th from 10am to 2pm in the Methuen Nevins Library - how exciting!

I can't thank all of our volunteers enough for what you are doing to help the AIGMV, both our current members, and all those who have helped us in the past. Our two shows this year will allow us to refill the coffers so that we have the opportunity to give back to our local art students again next year, so your artful contributions to the raffle and everything else we do all add up.

As someone very close to me once said "What do you say to a volunteer? ..... Thank You!". I look forward to working with you all to make our upcoming one day show at Mann's Orchard an exciting team event once again this year and thank you for all of your efforts, which together, continue to make the AIGMV successful!

**David Jones, President**

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## This month's meeting

### Thursday, 4/16, 2015—7PM

#### Gillian Frazier will demonstrate

Gillian Frazier will present a portrait demonstration at The Art Institute group of The Merrimack Valley using a model from the audience. Gillian will demonstrate the various steps involved with drawing a human face from life and will then show the techniques of drawing portraits using pencil and charcoal. A few members will do portraits while Gillian is demonstrating.

Gillian Frazier attended the School of The Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, and Tufts University in Medford, MA She received her masters degree from Syracuse University in New York. Ms. Frazier has taught art to adults and children for over 37 years at the following institutions: The Worcester Art Museum, The Danforth Museum, The Decordova Museum, Lesley College, The Cambridge Center for Adult Education, ALL Arts Center and The Bedford Public Schools.

Gillian is also a practicing artist and currently works in her studio at The Western Ave Studios in Lowell, MA. She works in oils, acrylics and mixed media. Subjects include portraits, figures, landscapes and abstract compositions. She has shown her work in various galleries in the Boston and New York City . Her work has been displayed in The Danforth Museum, The Decordova Museum, The Attleboro Museum, The Brush Gallery, The Anthony Curtis Gallery, The Arts Forum Gallery and The New Art Center in New York, NY.

Gillian has attended various artist residency programs such as the Banff Center for The Arts in Alberta Canada, The Burrin School of Art in Ireland, and The Brydcliffe Artist Residency in New York State.

**Don't miss this meeting!**

#### **AIGMV Artistree-III**

The next Festival of Trees project will be a group effort of hand made ornaments by our members. Ornaments should highlight the talents of our members. Paint, draw, collage, sculpt or craft and let your imagination go wild.

No excuses of not having enough time.... You have til next November!

#### The results are in!

And the winners in the theme poll for our upcoming Arts in the Library shows are:

**Future Library Show Themes**

2015.....*Dreams*

2016..*Beauty of New England*

2017..*A Sense of Place*

Hopefully this will give us all time to plan ahead in our artistic ventures. So get creative everyone! What do *Dreams* mean to you? And thanks to all of you who voted in the poll!

Pilar



**UPCOMING EVENTS**



*I say, follow your bliss and don't be afraid, and doors will open where you didn't know they were going to be. If you follow your bliss, doors will open for you that wouldn't have opened for anyone else. ([Joseph Campbell](#))*

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*To say that a painting is strong is a compliment. Its strength may come from the combination of its colors or subject matter or something subtle that not all viewers will feel. ([Peggy Hadden](#))*

**Spring Show at Mann Orchards**

We are, once again, planning a collaborative slide show with The Grey Court Poets for our Spring Show at Mann Orchards on Saturday, June 13.

(This year's show will be a one day event with no assigned theme.)

If you would like to try to inspire the poets with your Art, send jpegs (as high quality as possible) to Pilar Quintana at: [pilarquintana@comcast.net](mailto:pilarquintana@comcast.net) .

Deadline for submitting your jpegs is April 15, 2015

**The Methuen Federal Credit Union**

The Methuen Federal Credit Union has, for the last several years, displayed the work of our members and supported our fall shows at Nevins Memorial Library .

**AIMV Members are now eligible to join the Credit Union.**

David Jones will have details

Do you have questions about our Festival of Trees project? Contact:

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**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,  
 call: David Jones, President*

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**AIGMV Members may now join the  
 Methuen Federal Credit Union**

**AIGMV Art**  
**on display at The Savings Bank**

**The Savings Bank**

**17 Burnham Road, Methuen**

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

call David Jones, President  
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If you have a suggestion of themes for  
 future shows, or possible demonstrators,  
 please share the info with David Jones

**We look forward to your in-put**  
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*Something we were withholding made us  
 weak until we found it was ourselves.*  
 ([Robert Frost](#))

*Would you like to be the  
 Mayor's **Artist of the Month?**  
 All of our members are eligible.  
 Contact Julliette Cormier:  
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[978-983-8505](tel:978-983-8505)*

*It is truly said: It does not take much  
 strength to do things, but it requires  
 great strength to decide what to do.*  
 ([Chow Ching](#))

**2015 CALENDAR**

April Meeting-----04/16/15  
 Demonstration: Gillian Frazier

May Meeting-----05/21/15  
 Scholarship Awards

June— Art in the Orchard-----6/13/15  
 -----Meeting—6/18/15

July and August-----Hiatus- no meetings

September Meeting-----09/17/15

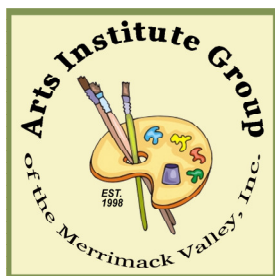
October Meeting-----10/15/15  
 -----Art at the Library—10/ 21-31/15

November Meeting-----11/19/15

December Meeting-----12/17/15



*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. 617-510-5742, [g.g.fuller@gmail.com](mailto:g.g.fuller@gmail.com)

Wanted—Demonstrators

For AIGMV MONTHLY MEETINGS

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Bylaws update, Volunteer needed

Grant Writer, Volunteer Needed

*“The only sure thing about luck is that it will change.”*  
— Wilsin Mizner

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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*“While persistence offers no guarantees, it does give 'luck' a chance to operate.”*  
— Tom Shippey