

NEWSLETTER

Arts Institute Group of the Merrimack Valley, Inc.
P.O.Box 879, Methuen, MA 01844
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November
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

President's Message...

I'm happy to report that this year's Art at the Library "*Dreams*" was another success. Thank you everyone for your continued support. Based on entries and the raffle we will be able to fully fund the \$1,000 Art Student Scholarship.

The reception went very well. A lot of new members won ribbons and Dolores Rancourt swept the show with her "Winter Dreams". She won Mayor's award, Librarian's award and 1st Place oil. Three new members won: "Best in Show, 1st Place Mixed Media, 1st Place "Theme, and 1st Place Acrylic.

Check out Page two for the complete list of award winners.

I hope to see you at Thursday's meeting.

Best regards,

David Jones, President

This month's Meeting Thursday, 11/19/2015—7PM

Presentation by:
Tina Gagnon

"Colored Pencil as a Fine Art Medium"
(50% demonstration + 50% colored pencil interactive workshop with the AIGMV participants - all materials provided)

Tina Gagnon, is a color pencil artist whose work captures both the very vivid and sometimes subtle colors found in nature. Living and working in southern New Hampshire, she is a largely self-taught artist who enhanced her skills by studying at the New Hampshire Art Institute. Her subjects are chosen from memories of her walking trips through the gardens, woods, and mountains of New England. By allowing fine detail, the medium of colored pencils helps her express a high degree of realism that recreates subjects just as they are in nature.

Because only three artists submitted ornaments for the Festival of Trees project, unfortunately, there will be one less tree in the forest this year.

New members
are
always welcome!

Come to our next meeting or
Download the Membership
form from our website:

www.ArtsInstituteGroup.org

And mail it with a check for

\$25.00 to:

AIGMV

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Nevins Family of Services is seeking local artists to enhance resident life within our Rehabilitation and Adult Day programs. If you have two hours each month (give or take) to share your talents and provide residents with a meaningful hands-on activity, we would love to talk with you. Please contact the Volunteer Program Coordinator, Bonnie Herrick at 1-978-682-7611 or beherrick@hcnevins.org.



Art at the Library 2015 "Dreams" Award Winners

Thanks everyone for a great showing at this year's Art at the Library "Dreams"

Best in Show— Deirdre Grunwald, "Study for Flowers for the Mayor I &II"

Theme— Jean Winslow, "Hovering Souls", (monoprint)

Mayor's Award - Dolores Rancourt, "Winter Dreams", (Oil)

Librarians Award- Dolores Rancourt, "Winter Dreams", (Oil)

Honorable Mention—Janice Jones, "Geisha Glance II" (Textile Art)

Mixed Media and Other First Place -Deirdra Grunwald, "Study for Flowers for the Mayor I &II"

2nd Place -Janice Jones, "St. John's Bridge, Portland , OR" (Textile Art)

Honorable Mention-Carol Boileau, "Water Aerobics"

Gayle C Heney, "Water Daydrea", (Raku fired clay)

Jeff Roberts, "Red Horizon"

Gay Tracy, "Visions After Midnight"

Nancy Varnum, "Dream Baby"

Jenn White, "#17 Following"

Jean Winslow, "Les Trois Poupees", (Monoprint)

Oil First Place—Dolores Rancourt, "Winter Dreams"

2nd Place—David Jones, "All the Lonely People"

Honorable Mention— David Drinon, "Dreaming Away on Rocky Neck"

Dolores Rancourt, "Pansies"

Acrylic First Place—Will Winslow, "Sicilian Sunset"

2nd Place—April Story, "Falling"

Honorable Mention— Lydia Chibane, "Algiers Botanical Gardens"

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Watercolor First Place—Lorna Brain, "Nature's Meditation"

2nd Place—Ted Dzialo, " Nantucket Country Store"

Honorable Mention—Joanne Donovan, "Dreaming I Was There"

Carol Boileau, "Hide and Seek"

Photography First Place—Pilar Quintana, "Loss"

2nd Place—Rob Hahn, "Good Harbor"

Honorable Mention—Rob Hahn, "Chairs"



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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
 978) 738-1924
 davidronaldjones@gmail.com

Art by
Ann Rahming
is on display at
The Savings Bank
 17 Burnham Road, Methuen.

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

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*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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2015 CALENDAR

November Meeting-----11/19/15
 Demo:
 Tina Gagnon: "Colored Pencil as a Fine Art Medium"

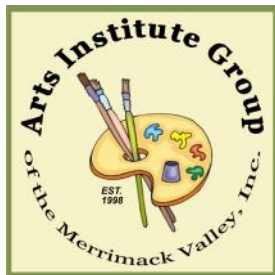
December Meeting-----12/17/15
Annual AIGMV Party and Yankee Swap

*At times our own light goes out
 and is rekindled by a spark
 from another person. Each of us
 has cause to think with deep
 gratitude of those who have
 lighted the flame within us.*

Albert Schweitzer



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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Bylaws update, Volunteer needed

Grant Writer, Volunteer Needed

**Themes for
Future Fall Shows**

10/19 to 10/29, 2016:
The Beauty of New England

2017
A Sense of Place

If you are an AIGMV member and would like to link your website to the AIGMV website,
Contact:
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