

# NEWSLETTER

Arts Institute Group of the Merrimack Valley, Inc.  
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January  
2016

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. at 7PM.

## President's Message...

I'd like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy 2016.

We look forward to an exciting and productive year. Thanks to all who supported and helped us produce our events, enabling us to continue as a vibrant and viable art association in the Merrimack Valley— as we continue to promote the Arts in our community.

We will again be able to offer a \$1,000 scholarship in 2016 . Thanks to our Scholarship committee for their dedication. We look forward to your selection for 2016.

Don't miss our meeting this Thursday. Penny Cox will lead a fun filled evening as she helps us create our own copper etchings. I look forward to seeing you.

Best regards,

David Jones, President

## January Meeting Thursday, 1/21/16 Penelope Cox

Penny Cox has been a happy studio artist of The Brush Gallery and Artist Studios in Lowell since September of 2010. Juried in as a jewelry artist, she is a self-taught artisan. Part of her approach to creating jewelry is her personal need to experiment with different processes.....etching was one of those explorations.

Before beginning this process it was imperative that she find and use an enchante that not only works well, but is safe Once found, she began to explore.....It's fun and rewarding.

We are lucky to know she looks forward to exploring and sharing this process with our members at this month's meeting. Join us and create your own copper etching.

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at The Brush Art Gallery

It's January  
And time to send  
in your dues  
Bring your check  
to the next meet-  
ing or send it to:  
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(\$25)

New members  
are  
always welcome!

Come to our next meeting or  
Download the Membership  
form from our website:  
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Board Meeting .....Wednesday evening, 1/20/2016



*At next month's meeting.....Sharon Silverman  
Will present a program on the workings of MailArt*

*Be sure to visit her latest MailArt Exhibition:*

*“A Voice for the Voiceless”*

*21 Wingate Street, Haverhill, MA*

*Opening.....January 30, (1-3pm) Through February 28*

**Watch for details for the March meeting:**

We are finalizing details of an off-site meeting at the (Lawrence) Union Crossing Studio of Whitney Stewart and her mother, mentor and guru, Jean Stewart. These talented and creative artists fashion custom pieces of jewelry using old gold or gems. “People come in with their grandmother’s diamond and their dad’s gold,” Stewart said. “Or I’ve taken people’s ashes and encapsulated them into pieces.”

Don’t miss this event.

Valerie Cox, our webmaster is doing a great job of keeping the website current. Be sure to check it out: [www.ArtsInstituteGroup.org](http://www.ArtsInstituteGroup.org)

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](mailto:beherrick@hcnevins.org).

*Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep.*



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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,*

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**Art by**

**Valerie Cox**

**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.*

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**2016 CALENDAR**

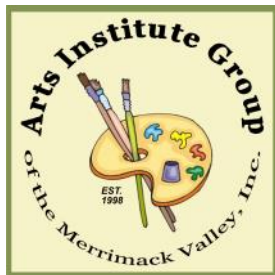
- January 20....Board Meeting
- January 21 ....Meeting, Demo:-Penny Cox      Feb-
- bruary 18...Meeting, Demo: Sharon Silverman
- March 17...Meeting (off site)
- April 21...Meeting
- May 19...Meeting..Scholarship Awards
- June 16...Meeting
- July / August.....Hiatus
- September 15...Meeting
- October 20....Meeting
- Library Show 10/19 to 10/29
- November 17...Meeting
- December 15..Holiday Party

*If you hear a voice within you  
say 'you cannot paint,' then  
by all means paint, and that  
voice will be silenced.*

Vincent Van Gogh



*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,

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