

NEWSLETTER

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September
2017

Please Note: Monthly meetings: Third Wednesday of the month—
Beginning with this September meeting, and in the future,

!!!! OUR NEW MEETING VENUE is at: !!!!

Methuen Community Television

20 Aegean Drive Unit 11
Methuen, MA 01844

This month's meeting date: Wednesday, 9/20/17, 7 to 8:30 PM

President's Message

Dear AIGMV Members.

I am very pleased to share with you an exciting new venue and opportunity for the future for us all. We will be meeting this month at Methuen Community Television's new facility located at 20 Aegean Drive, Unit 11, in Methuen. This is a brand new three studio facility run by the team led by Karen Hayden with support from her Community Services Manager, Michelle Houle. Our friend and supporter, Tom Grassi, is the President of MCTV. Our demonstration artist this month is Mary Rose O'Connell, an accomplished artist who has just returned from plein-air painting on Martha's Vineyard - you will love the work such an accomplished artist, based in Lowell, MA, will share with us. There will be a team of volunteers who will record and televise this event on Methuen local TV. The meeting is from 7:00 to 8:30pm on Wednesday, September 20th. Some of us will be volunteering in the future at MCTV to learn how to record artist demonstrations which can then be broadcast at a later date.



Work of Mary Roe O'Connell



More from our President.....

In October we will be holding our Annual AIGMV Art Show and Sale and Scholarship Fundraising event at the Nevins Memorial Library in Methuen. Artist drop off will be Saturday 10/14/17, our show opens on Thursday September 19th at 2:00pm and the Reception will be from 6:30 to 8:30pm that Thursday. Based on significant feedback about our ability to adequately staff the show we will open this year at 2:00pm and remain open until 8:00pm when the Library is open in the evening, or until 5:00pm when the Library closes at that time. Please look at the detailed daily schedule elsewhere in this Newsletter. I look forward to everyone signing up to sit at the show and also your donations of artwork which will be raffled off to contribute to our \$1,000.00 Art Scholarship we award annually to a deserving art student going on to Art School following their graduation from High School. As our Webmaster, Valerie Cox, is relocating to Texas (via The Berkshires) our original plan to have registration for the show on our AIGMV website will not be possible for this year's show. That is a future objective so that show planning and the art drop off procedure can be improved for the Incoming Team. My thanks to Valerie for her support to the AIGMV and our best wishes for her move. This leaves an opportunity for one of our members to have their art on display at The Savings Bank in Methuen. Please let me know if you would like to take advantage of this opportunity and I'll arrange it with you. Note there will be no artist demonstration in October as we will all be focused on our annual show. In the meantime I will be asking Pilar to create a simple email application for the show so that we can know how many artworks we can expect to receive on Saturday, October 14th.

My continued thanks to Gail Fuller for her work on continuing to produce our Monthly AIGMV Newsletter, remotely from Virginia. Gail has also done an amazing job creating both the poster and postcards for our October Art Show with the theme "A Sense of Place". I will distribute these during our September art demonstration at MCTV.

My discussions with Nancy Pond about the AIGMV potentially merging with the Greater Salem Artists Association in the future have been very successful. Nancy and I met several times and we will continue to meet to discuss potential opportunities, until the end of 2017. In the meantime I have asked Nancy to invite her members to enter their artwork in our October Art Show. It would be nice if the First, Second, and Honorable Mention Ribbons, awarded by our invited judge, went beyond just our AIGMV members.

My deepest thanks go out to Donna Tulley and the Methuen Nevins Retirement Home for hosting our meetings for the past many years. Finally I have to personally apologize that the reason this month's AIGMV Newsletter is late is because I had to opportunity to be in an art show in Paris, France, and just got back this last weekend, so the blame falls on me as your messenger!

"Keep on creating!" sincerely,
David Jones, President

Art at the Library at Nevins Memorial Library
October 19, to 28th, 2017
"A Sense of Place" - Open to All Artists



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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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2017 CALENDAR

September 20—Meeting, Demo:

Mary Rose O'Connell

October 18—Meeting

October 19—28 Library Show

(A Sense of Place)

November 15—Meeting

December 20—Holiday Pot Luck

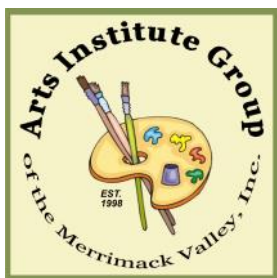
*"No, you don't shoot things.
You capture them. Photog-
raphy means painting with
light. And that's what you do.
You paint a picture only by
adding light to the things you
see."*

— *Katja Michael*



Join our Group

*Artists and Art lovers
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

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Bylaws update, Volunteer needed

Grant Writer, Volunteer Needed

Theme for

Fall Show

Art at the Library

2017

“A Sense of Place”

*“I dream my
painting and I
paint my
dream.”*

— Vincent van
Gogh