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# CHELMSFORD ART SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

Fall 2020

## Chelmsford Art Society

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## Weathering Difficult Times

### Stay Safe and Keep Creating!

#### Greetings from our CAS Co-Presidents!



I can't believe that it is eight months into our new reality of Covid-19. However, as artists we can consider ourselves among

the fortunate. Our art is our tool to get us through these trying times. It promotes self-exploration and improves our mental and emotional states, resulting in better health. As we enter the winter season, embrace your creativity and produce art!

Even though the CCA remains closed to group meetings, we are trying to return to some semblance of normalcy by utilizing virtual formats. We inaugurated our Zoom meetings in October and will have another on December 9th. It's also time to think about our upcoming Annual Members' Show. Yes, we are going ahead with the Exhibit at the Library. However, this year's show will be smaller in scope and we will not be able to have a reception. In addition, we will be doing an Art Show on our new website.

*Barbara Ludinsky*

(Co-President and Treasurer)



It's November? Wait what? Time has been both too slow and too fast somehow. Usually I like to wait a bit on

Christmas stuff but this year let's jumpstart some good cheer. Eggnog anyone?

Through all the craziness of 2020, it has been encouraging to see how each artist and arts group is creating their own way to go forward. We all bring much needed color to this world in wonderful ways.

I just recently picked up my Canon and restarted Photoshop again. Whew! I forgot the intensity of creating new work for shows!

Thanks so much to all those who have joined or renewed with us!

***We are better together.***

~ Love & Light ~

*Elaine Seidel*

(Co-President and Membership Chair)



"CCA - Deserted"  
by **Trina Teele**

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*"Creativity is allowing oneself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep." - Scott Adams, The Dilbert Principle*

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## CAS Programs

We will be providing online programs (via Zoom) for the foreseeable future. Members will receive an email with the meeting log-in information.

### October Meeting: Claire Gagnon - Acrylic Painting

Claire Gagnon presented an informative and enjoyable virtual painting demonstration for our first monthly meeting, on Wed., Oct. 28, 2020. Claire painted a marine scene using acrylic paint. This was our first venture in using Zoom for a meeting format and it was a success! If you missed the meeting you can find it posted on YouTube. It can be found at this link:

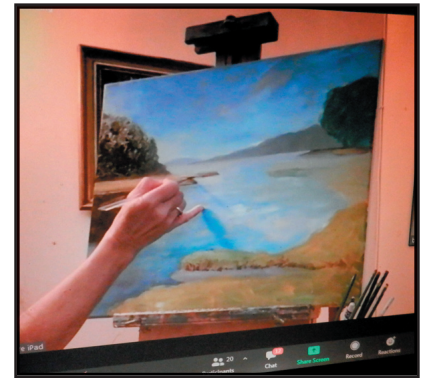
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=844a\\_k3HKsc&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=844a_k3HKsc&feature=youtu.be)

Claire also recorded a time-lapse version of the same demonstration, also available on YouTube at:

<https://youtu.be/3alwFlwff4w>

Claire is a past president and long-time member of the Chelmsford Art Society. She gives art instruction both virtually, and in person at The Brush Gallery in Lowell. Check out her selection of classes on the Chez Claire Art School web site:

[www.chezclaireartschool.com](http://www.chezclaireartschool.com)



**Claire Gagnon** demonstrates painting a marine scene using acrylics, via Zoom

## Upcoming Virtual Program via Zoom

### Donna Berger - Creating a Portrait From Reference Photos Wed., December 9, 2020 at 7:00 pm

Please join us on Zoom for a special presentation by **Donna Berger**, well-known local artist and illustrator. Donna will show how she creates her portraits. She will demonstrate her method of starting with Photoshop software to compose the portrait layout and then, before starting the painting, adding photo elements which will help tell the subject's story. Donna will use an existing portrait and show photos that she took while creating it. After showing this process, she will demonstrate her painting method, oil on canvas, and answer questions from the Zoom audience.

Donna paints in an expressive realistic style. One of her self-portraits (the one shown here) is currently in the annual Brush Member Show.

Check out Donna's website to see learn more about the artist and see examples of her artwork.

[www.donnaberger.com](http://www.donnaberger.com)



"Self-Portrait" by  
**Donna Berger**

# Annual Members Exhibit at the Library

Nov. 30, 2020 to Jan. 22, 2021

Current CAS members wishing to exhibit their artwork this year are limited to **one** piece; we do not have the Meeting Room available, but we are able to use the remainder of the space on the lobby floor. Smaller sizes are preferable; it will allow us to hang more artwork. If your painting or photograph is sold during the show, you may replace it with another one.

**Note: All artwork is to be pre-registered online, there will be no walk-in entries.**

## Members Exhibit Timeline

**Pre-Register online:** <http://chelmsfordartsociety.com/annual-members-exhibit-at-the-library-2020/>

**Deadline is Sunday, Nov. 22, 2020 at midnight.**

Please register early as we may need to cap the number of entries.

There is no charge to CAS members to exhibit in this show.

**Deliver Artwork: Sat., Nov. 28, 2020 (10:00 – 2:00)**

Delivery times will be staggered, you will be emailed a time to arrive. You must wear a facemask and maintain 6-ft apart social distancing.

**Snow date: Mon. Nov. 30, 2020 (5:00 -7:00)**

**Volunteers who can stay and help hang the show are always greatly appreciated!**

**No Artist Reception this time.**

**Pick up Artwork: Jan. 23, 2021 (4:00 – 5:30)** Note: artwork must be signed out.

## Online Exhibit Planned

In addition, we expect to have our members show available on-line. All sales will be handled online via Paypal or credit card. If you wish to have your painting included, with its sales price (or NFS), please send a digital image to [chelmsfordartsociety@gmail.com](mailto:chelmsfordartsociety@gmail.com). Include the name of the artwork, media, size, and price (or NFS). Artists will be notified of sale and will be responsible for delivery or shipping.

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### New CAS Website

We are still looking to showcase more CAS members and display their information in the "Artists" tab. If you are a current member of the CAS and would like to submit a short bio and up to 4 pictures (.jpgs) of your work, we would love to showcase you on the website. Please send your Word document and .jpg files to: [chelmsfordartsociety@gmail.com](mailto:chelmsfordartsociety@gmail.com)

Click here to check out what has been done so far on the new website: <http://chelmsfordartsociety.com/artists/>

Feedback/suggestions may be sent to:

Barbara Ludinsky at [chelmsfordartsociety@gmail.com](mailto:chelmsfordartsociety@gmail.com)

### Copyright Watermark

We recommend that you place a copyright watermark on any .jpgs you send to the CAS to be used on the web site. It doesn't guarantee no one will steal your artwork or photo, but it helps.

Most graphics software use layers; the copyright "watermark" can be on the top layer. You may choose font style, color, and enlarge or decrease the size of the text, and adjust the transparency.

In addition, if you search online, there are instructions, including YouTube videos, on numerous ways to add a watermark. There are even web sites that offer the service.



## Member News

**Barbara Ludinsky's** painting, "Acadia Rocky Guard Post", **Claire Gagnon's** painting, "Boats", **Julie Montague's** painting, "Hike to Beach" and **Elaine Seidel's** photograph, "Guanyin, Goddess of Mercy" were accepted into The Brush Annual Members Exhibit. This exhibit also includes quilts, sculpture, and other creative works by Brush Members.

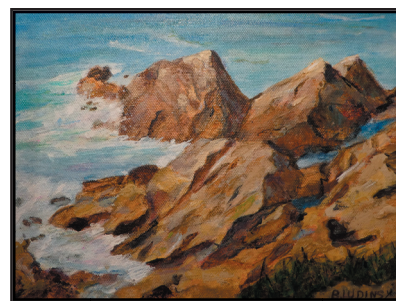
Exhibition Dates are Nov. 10 to Dec. 23, 2020, at The Brush, Lowell.

Reception is open to public and will take place Dec. 5, 2 to 4:00.



"The Light Within", an acrylic painting by **Janet Clingerman-Hsiao**, was included in the 2020 Catharine Lorillard Wolfe Art Club's online exhibition during October. The CLWAC organization promotes the work of professional women artists and is located in New York. The exhibit may be viewed on their web site:

<https://www.clwac.org/2020-associates-non-members-online->



"Acadia Rocky Guard Post" by  
**Barbara Ludinsky**



"Boats" by  
**Claire Gagnon**

**Kathy Clericuzio** is the November Featured Artist at The Creative Color Place - for Color Pencil Artists.



"Hike to Beach" by  
**Julie Montague**

Some of **Tom Christiano's** pastel paintings are currently on exhibit at Gallery Z, 167 Market Street, in Lowell. All of these paintings are for sale. Tom tells us "There's a nice cafe there as well, which closes at 3:00 pm because of the pandemic; they currently have outdoor seating in front of the Gallery Z." This link to the Gallery Z web page provides Tom's Artist's Bio, and images of each of his paintings in the exhibit.

<https://thomas-christiano.square.site/>

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*"All the sorrow, all the bitterness, all the sadness, I forget them and ignore them in the joy of working."*  
- Camille Pissarro

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## Sharing thoughts about the pandemic

Thank you to those who submitted comments and artwork about their experiences during this "new normal". Below are some of the items shared.

From **Christopher Volpe**:

### **Choose Beauty!**

"These are troubled times. It could surely sound pretentious to some ears, but stubbornly, more than ever, I want to make art that reflects a search for meaning and fulfillment. I harbor a suspicion, and I'm afraid much of my work reflects it, that in the world that history has bequeathed us, we'll only ever make our peace in fleeting glimpses. For that reason, those stolen moments of Being are more than precious.

"Some of my paintings are about contemporary life, such as those in my series: Stills from an Unknown Film; Nature Morte; and Loomings. Others reflect the opposite side of the coin: hints of awe and amazement at transcendent nature. We get to choose what to do with what we're given. Whether I'm bearing witness or preaching transcendence, I choose to insist on beauty - and therefore hope - as our birthright, come what may."

Chris will have a solo exhibit at the Kennedy Gallery in Portsmouth NH in January. Visit Chris Volpe's website for a fascinating journey through his artwork and his writings about art:

<https://www.christophervolpe.com/>

From **Julie Montague**:

"For me the act of painting is the portal to all that is magical and beautiful in this world."

From **Janet Clingerman-Hsiao**:

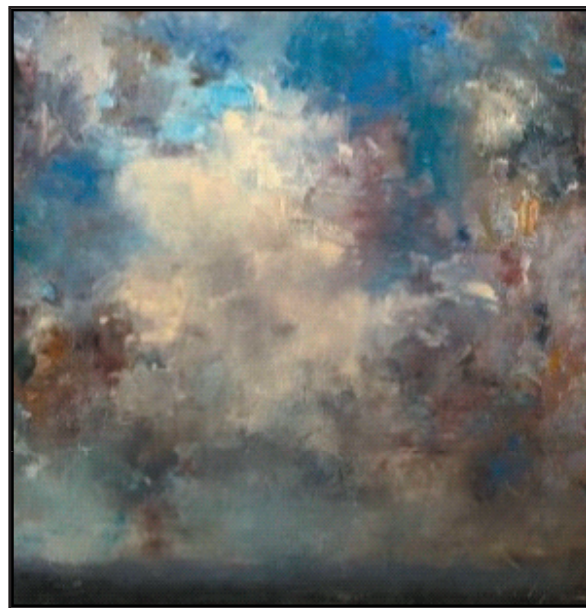
"It was so refreshing to be in a virtual show during this shutdown."

From **Wendy Prest**:

"I spent the month of October dedicated to a challenge from my online pastel group, How To Pastel. The challenge was to paint every day, producing one pastel painting every day of the month. I managed 30!

"Here is a picture showing some of them, proudly standing on the narrow shelves my husband just finished making for me in my studio.

"While it has been frustrating during this Covid time, I found that having a goal really helped me through the month. Now I'm attending to some of the cleaning that was not done then!"



"Turning into Sky Aloft and Blue"  
oil painting on wood by

**Chris Volpe**



Daily Pastel Paintings  
by **Wendy Prest**



From **Trina Teele**:

"I've found that the Pandemic and COVID restrictions have moved me to look for beauty in my daily views; what I see day-to-day, specifically quiet scenes with mood-filled sunlight. I've also been inspired by Hopper recently, chasing the surreal situation we are all living in and purposefully distorting or taking artistic license in order to avoid having the art look too much like a photograph.

"These are all iPad paintings at this point, but I hope to try some on canvas and see how they evolve from there. I am putting together a 2021 calendar with some of these images if anybody is interested in a unique holiday gift. You can see most of this series at my website: <https://trinateele.com/ipad-giclees> "



"Late Night Arrival"  
by **Trina Teele**



View from Museum of Science  
Photo by **Sue Trepaney**

From **Sue Trepaney**:

"I took this photo on a very gray day, through the windows of the Museum of Science.

"The colorful trees are what attracted me to the scene. I love the photo, but missing some of the wispy clouds when I had it printed out."



"Through the Fireplace"  
by **Trina Teele**

### **Roberta Witts Picture Yourself! Frame Shop & Gallery** **Video by Tom Christiano**

Tom Christiano stopped in to Roberta's Frame Shop recently to see how things were going during the pandemic. Tom videotaped her reply as Roberta gave an update. Her store is located in the center of Chelmsford, at 17 Central Square. The link to the video is:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gNmbHdyc3PA&t=2s&fbclid=IwAR2dHeJG4UMgpn44kpCSuH\\_-lZEZH6E2PuJAREMPWsp7Wzy\\_5-QBJ0D-Sfw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gNmbHdyc3PA&t=2s&fbclid=IwAR2dHeJG4UMgpn44kpCSuH_-lZEZH6E2PuJAREMPWsp7Wzy_5-QBJ0D-Sfw)

*Remember, current CAS members receive a 10% discount at Roberta's shop!*



From **Claire Gagnon**:

### **Hand Made Holiday Cards and Ornaments**

"I am excited to report that I have made some 100 Holiday Cards and Ornaments. They are available in my studio at the Brush Art Gallery, Lowell, priced between \$5 & \$8 each."

For more info, go to:

<https://www.chezclaireartschool.com/event/145089/holiday-ornaments-soon-available>

From **Donna Berger**:

"As of October 1st, I am happy to report that I have moved my art studio from the CCA to studio space #7B at The Brush Art Gallery and Studios (256 Market Street, Lowell, MA 01852). I am proud to be one of eleven studio artists in the Brush community. Please drop by when visiting the Brush for our shows and upcoming holiday events."

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### **Membership Renewal Reminder**

The CAS is trying to find ways to keep the organization going in this time of COVID. We depend on our members - so please renew if you haven't already! Your membership is tax deductible, as well as any end-of-year donations that you would like to contribute to the CAS.

### **Volunteer Opportunity**

CAS Newsletter Producer **Nan Quintin** is stepping down from the production of the CAS newsletter after this newsletter. We need someone to volunteer as interim newsletter producer until the CAS elections are held in late February. CAS newsletters are produced quarterly (Feb. 15, May 15, Aug. 15 and Nov. 15). The newsletter is posted to the CAS website and to Facebook; we are currently not making any hard copies. If you are interested, please contact Barbara Ludinsky.

### **Many Volunteer Opportunities at CAS**

*Get Involved with the Chelmsford Art Society!*

If you would like to volunteer, please fill out the form included at the end of this newsletter, and email it to [chelmsfordartsociety@gmail.com](mailto:chelmsfordartsociety@gmail.com)

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## **Art Classes**

### **Chez Claire - Art Classes by Claire Gagnon**

<https://www.chezclaireartschool.com/page/14503/art-classes>

### **New Painting Classes in December**

The following 2 or 3 week classes are in Claire's studio at the Brush Gallery in Lowell, MA, or on-line through Zoom.

#### **Drawing/Acrylic Painting (in studio):**

Nov 30 to Dec 14, 1 to 4 PM - \$135

#### **Drawing/Painting (on-line):**

Nov 30 to Dec 14, 7 to 9 PM - \$90

#### **Watercolor (in studio):**

Dec 4 to 18, from 2 to 5 PM - \$135

#### **Drawing/Painting (on-line):**

Dec 5 & Dec 19, 1:30 to 3:30 PM - \$60

### **Chelmsford Center for the Arts (CCA)**

*it's where our monthly  
meetings are held!*

If you have an extra  
\$10.00 please send it to  
them. Your donation is tax  
deductible. Donate here:

<https://chelmsfordarts.org/donate/>

or

mail a check to:  
Chelmsford Center  
for the Arts  
1A North Street  
Chelmsford MA 01824

## Art Exhibits

### 100 & Below

ALL Art Gallery, 307 Market St., Lowell MA

November 6, 2020 – January 3, 2021

The ALL Members Holiday Show is a great opportunity to view and buy art for the holidays as all pieces are on sale for \$100.00 or less.

Gallery hours: Wednesday - Sunday 1 - 4 PM

### Rhode Island Watercolor Society

**Online Exhibit: "Home for the Holidays"**

November 21, 2020 - January 2, 2021

<https://rhodeislandwatercolorsociety.wildapricot.org>

### NRWA Holiday Online Auction

November 19– December 4, 2020

Many gift items, including artisan works, jewelry, home goods, gift certificates and more!

<https://m.biddingforgood.com/auctions/341695381>

This auction benefits the Nashua River Watershed Association

[www.NashuaRiverWatershed.org](http://www.NashuaRiverWatershed.org)

### Whistler House Online Store

Selection of Small Works by local artists for purchase online

<https://www.whistlerhouse.org/index.php/en/shop/shop-the-small-works-wall>

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*"Paint in verbs, not nouns."*  
– Charles Woodbury  
(on movement in his paintings)

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## Happenings at The Brush Art Gallery

256 Market St., Lowell

(978-459-7819)

<https://www.thebrush.org/exhibits>

*Note: State guidelines for masks and limited crowd size will be followed.*

### Annual Members Exhibit

Nov. 10 to Dec. 23, 2020

Reception: Dec. 5, 2-4:00 Open to the public.

### Sugar & Spice - Annual Christmas

**Shopping Event** for handmade gifts and art will take place, Sat. & Sun., Dec. 12 & 13, 12:00 to 4:00.

*Note: Individually wrapped cookies will be available to take home.*

### Soup & Shop - Annual Christmas

**Shopping Event** for handmade gifts and art will take place, Tues., Dec. 15 through Fri., Dec. 18, 11:00-2:00.

*Note: Individually wrapped warm soups will be available for take-out.*

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Application for membership to the

## Chelmsford Art Society

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ **New**

☐ **Renewal**

☐ Please check this box if renewing and your information has changed.

### Membership Dues:

- ☐ Single: \$30.00  
☐ Senior (60 and over): \$25.00  
☐ Family: \$45.00  
☐ Student: \$25.00 (up to grade 12)

Memberships are valid April 1 to March 31.

Please make checks payable to  
Chelmsford Art Society

Renew or join online [www.chelmsfordartsociety.com](http://www.chelmsfordartsociety.com), or mail the form and a check to CAS, PO Box 401, Chelmsford, MA 01824; or drop off the form and check at Picture Yourself! Frame Shop and Gallery, 17 Central Square, Chelmsford, MA; or bring it to any of our monthly meetings.

Questions or comments? Contact us at: [chelmsfordartsociety@gmail.com](mailto:chelmsfordartsociety@gmail.com)

**The Chelmsford Art Society values your membership and continued support!**





## Get Involved with Chelmsford Art Society!

Aid – Abet - Assist – Contribute - Collaborate  
Promote - Partner - Support - Volunteer!

The Chelmsford Art Society has had a great year with amazing artist demos and wonderful shows.  
Help us continue to improve and expand our events for our members and friends in 2020!  
You can make a difference!

Please check anything you're interested in, good at or available to help with.

**\*\*Answering these questions will NOT sign you up for anything. (Unless you want to!)\*\***

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

### EVENTS / TASKS

#### 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival

☐ Set Up Panels ☐ Adult Intake ☐ Student Intake ☐ Hang Show ☐ Decorating ☐ Adult Reception ☐ Student Reception ☐ Reception Hospitality Coordination ☐ Festival PM ☐ Festival AM ☐ Art Pick Up ☐ Breakdown Panels ☐ Clean up ☐ Late Pick Up ☐ Event Photography

#### Library Shows

☐ Summer (July) & ☐ Winter (December – January)  
☐ Art intake ☐ Hang Show ☐ Marketing ☐ Event Photography  
☐ Reception ☐ Food ☐ Sales ☐ Member check in ☐ Sign up New members ☐ Manage Raffle

#### Monthly Programs

☐ September ☐ October ☐ November ☐ January ☐ February ☐ March ☐ April ☐ May  
☐ Coordinate ☐ Provide Food ☐ Set up ☐ Clean up ☐ Marketing ☐ Event Photography  
☐ Member check in ☐ Sign up New members ☐ Manage Raffle

#### Student Scholarship

☐ Communicate with Schools ☐ Interview Students ☐ Review Portfolios

### SKILLS

**\*\*All CAS events need Website support and Newsletter publication\*\***

☐ Web design / maintenance ☐ Marketing ☐ Fliers / posters ☐ Social media (Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, Twitter, YouTube) ☐ Public Relations ☐ Graphic design ☐ Event planning ☐ Writing/editing ☐ Field Trips  
☐ Grant-writing ☐ Bookkeeping ☐ Fundraising ☐ Legal ☐ Non-profit or other management

Is there something you're really good at or want to do that isn't listed? \_\_\_\_\_

**THANK YOU** for helping us make CAS a fun, strong, well- supported community.

We couldn't do it without you!  
***Many hands make light work!***