



Fall 2016

## A Word from the President

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**Greetings Artists!** A warm welcome to you all at the start of this holiday season; a time to spend with family, friends and loved ones. I hope you can find a few spare moments to enjoy our upcoming lectures, demos, and artist's shows; as well as our Chelmsford Art Society Members' show at the Library! You may also choose to support the local artistic community by visiting a gallery, artist studio,

the Craft Gift Shop at the CCA, or any of the other fantastic options in the area.

In support of our neighbors who may need a little extra help through the holidays, the CAS has teamed up with the Chelmsford Center for the Arts to sponsor donations to the Chelmsford Food Pantry. Our "**Food from the HeArts**" program is collecting non-perishable food items such as cereal, sodium-free canned goods, sugar-free items, and any extra basics you may have in your cupboards, as well as personal items. Drop-off boxes can be found at Picture Yourself! in Chelmsford Center and at the CCA. *Thanks to our members and friends, we've already made three trips with donations!*

Looking ahead, we are hoping to plan a museum bus trip next spring. Please contact us with info about a local exhibit you think our members may be interested in checking out.

In closing, I'd like to acknowledge that while these last few weeks have been very stressful for some of us, we all have SO much more in common than it may seem. Instead of arguing about pastel vs. pencil, watercolors vs. oils, photography vs. 3D, let us celebrate our unique and diverse talents to create one Great Big Mixed Media Melting Pot where all artists are appreciated for their own unique and creative styles!!!

**May the Joy and Happiness of the Entire Holiday Season  
carry you into a Peaceful and Inspirational New Year!**

**Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to Everyone!**

Keep creating!

*Roberta Witts*

## September & October Demonstrations

By Susan Trepaney

Recently, in talking to a friend about CAS's monthly raffles to help pay for refreshments, my friend suggested that it might be better to charge everyone a dollar rather than sell raffle tickets. I told my friend it was more fun to get one of the raffles, often a framed artwork or print provided by the visiting artist. Except on one occasion I mentioned when **Tom Gill** spoke to our group in September and we raffled his painting that he demonstrated that evening—a painting done in three colors of a historic home in Lowell where he rented a room for 20 plus years.



**Peggy Jungbluth** was the lucky winner. She was overjoyed as she told us that many years ago she wanted to take lessons from Tom, but the lessons never happened either from conflicted schedules or time, but when Peggy won Tom's painting she felt she had won the lottery and we all joined in her joy.

Tom Gill's paintings can be seen at various *Enterprise Banks* where he has sold much of his work. During his demonstration, he talked about a purchase by North Billerica's Enterprise Bank that is hung in the bank's lobby. It is a beautifully rendered scene of water and an old brick building that complements the bank's other artworks depicting fish.

**Mary Ellen Brown** demonstrated pastel pears and a white bowl at our October meeting. Her work is deep and rich—her colors stand out, almost at attention, as each pear leans easily against another in a composition where one's eye travels the entire canvas.

Colorful, deep red apples are one of Mary Ellen's favorite subjects to paint. She donated an apple print as one of our evening raffles.

Time flew quickly and Mary Ellen was unable to finish her pear composition during our meeting. She said she would continue her pastel back at her studio in the Western Avenue Building, Lowell.

We are grateful to the artists who demonstrate at our meetings. They provide us with an opportunity to ask questions as we observe an artist skillfully employing his or her abilities to work in various mediums. We are thankful for Helen Moriarty, CAS, Program Chairman for her work in obtaining a wonderful array of talented artists to speak at our meetings.



In-progress oil painting  
created by  
**Tom Gill**  
during the September  
demonstration



In-progress pastel painting  
created by  
**Mary Ellen Brown**  
during the October  
demonstration

## Member News

### The Summer Place

20 Summer Street, Chelmsford



**Claire Gagnon** will be displaying her artwork at The Summer Place in Chelmsford through November. Her colorful landscapes and seascapes capture the beauty of New England in her own unique style. A Reception for the artist was held on Sat., Nov. 12. The Summer Place is always free to visit and open to the public daily.



**"Bonfire"**  
by Claire Gagnon

**Claire Gagnon's** painting, "Bonfire", won 1st place at an exhibit at the Methuen Library, hosted by the Arts Institute Group of the Merrimack Valley. The show took place in October 2016.

### Picture Yourself!

17 Central Square, Chelmsford



**Norma VonFricken** recently had a lovely display of artwork at Picture Yourself! custom framing shop in Chelmsford.



**Nan Quintin** will be exhibiting a selection of paintings during November and December at Picture Yourself!

The CAS was well-represented at the annual Fine Art Festival at Beaver Brook in Hollis NH, and several CAS members brought home ribbons: **Kathy Clericuzio** (1<sup>st</sup> place Mixed Media); **Mary Ellen Brown** (2<sup>nd</sup> place Mixed Media); **Marie Stabile** (3<sup>rd</sup> place Mixed Media); and **Ku-chuan Hsiao** (3<sup>rd</sup> place Photography).

**Ortha Spingaerd**, who creates abstract acrylic paintings, will be displaying 33 paintings at BATV, the Billerica Access Television, through November (and possibly into December). An Artist Reception will be held on Wed., Nov. 16, 5-7:00 p.m. The location is 430 Boston Road, Billerica, near O'Connor's Hardware mall.

**Trina Teele** currently has 40 paintings on exhibit at the Parish Center for the Arts in Westford. For the past 2 years Trina has felt called to paint seascapes including many boats and sailboats. She is inspired by her maritime childhood memories and driven by an enduring love for the sea. See her artwork on Sundays in November from Noon until 2:00 PM, or by appointment.



**An abstract acrylic painting**  
by Ortha Spingaerd  
on display at BATV

## Member News (cont'd)



**Left to right: Susan Gates, Rita Thompson, Michael Sjavka, Mary Woodward and Alistair Redman, in front of some of Rita's paintings in the CCA Gallery**

The "Driven to Abstraction" exhibit held this fall at The Gallery in the Chelmsford Center for the Arts featured paintings by **Rita Thompson**. Rita's paintings have evolved from realistic to impressionistic to abstract. A number of other CAS members also exhibited the artwork in this exhibit.

**The Gallery at the Chelmsford Center for the Arts** is open to visitors each Saturday and Sunday from 1:00-4:00 pm.

**Open Studios at the Chelmsford Center for the Arts** "Second Saturdays", from 1:00-4:00 pm. Stop in and visit the workspaces of resident artists Donna Berger, Trina Teele, and Rita Thompson.

Check the CCA web site for news and events:

<http://www.chelmsfordarts.org>

### Western Avenue Studios

122 Western Avenue, Lowell

**December's Holiday Open Studios - 4 days!** Studios will be open from 12:00 – 5:00pm Saturday and Sunday the first two weekends in December.

Visit artists in their workspaces during Open Studios on the "First Saturdays" of every month.

### Loading Dock Gallery

The Loading Dock Gallery is open Wednesday through Saturday, 12 noon to 5:30 pm, Thursday evenings until 8:30 pm and Sunday 12 noon to 4 pm. For more information, call 978-656-1687 or visit [www.theloadingdockgallery.com](http://www.theloadingdockgallery.com)

## Chelmsford Art Society Programs 2016 - 2017

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Demonstration / Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
Sept. 28, 2016 Wed. 7 PM	<b>Tom Gill Acrylics</b>	Chelmsford Center for the Arts, 1A North Rd.
Oct. 26, 2016 Wed. 7 PM	<b>Mary Ellen Brown Pastel</b>	Chelmsford Center for the Arts, 1A North Rd.
Nov. 30, 2016 Wed. 7 PM	<b>Mary Woodward Lecture:</b> "The Gilded World of Isabella Stewart Gardner"	*Chelmsford Library, 25 Boston Rd
Dec. 5, 2016 Mon. 5 - 7 PM <i>Snow Date: Dec. 7, Wed. 5 - 7 PM</i>	<b>Holiday Member Show</b> <i>Receiving</i>	*Chelmsford Library, 25 Boston Rd
Jan. 14, 2017 Sat. 2 - 4 PM	<b>Holiday Member Show</b> <i>Reception</i>	*Chelmsford Library, 25 Boston Rd
Jan. 19-21, 2017 Thurs. - Sat.	<b>Holiday Member Show</b> <i>Pick up &amp; Sign out Artwork at Library Desk</i>	*Chelmsford Library, 25 Boston Rd
Jan. 21, 2017 Sat. 2 PM <i>Snow Date Jan. 22 Sun. 2 PM</i>	<b>Maris Platais Acrylics</b>	*Chelmsford Library, 25 Boston Road Chelmsford, MA
Feb. 22, 2017 Wed. 7 PM	<b>Peter Koutrouba Pastel</b>	Chelmsford Center for the Arts, 1A North Rd.
March 29, 2017 Wed. 7 PM	<b>Mary Rose O'Connell Oil</b>	Chelmsford Center for the Arts, 1A North Rd.
April 26, 2017 Wed. 7 PM	<b>To be announced</b>	Chelmsford Center for the Arts, 1A North Rd.
May 31, 2017 Wed. 7 PM	<b>Mini Painting Workshop</b>	Chelmsford Center for the Arts, 1A North Rd.

Meetings are held at the Chelmsford Center for the Arts,  
1A North Rd., Chelmsford, MA (unless otherwise noted\*)  
Programs are at 7:00 PM and are free and open to the public.

## “Happenings” – Demos on Cable TV

“Happenings with Helen Moriarty” To watch art demonstrations that are presented at our meetings and other programs, tune in to the Cable channels at the times listed below. You may also watch on your computer at any time. Just follow the starred directions below. Hope you enjoy the shows!

*Helen Moriarty, Chelmsford TV Producer*

### Chelmsford Cable TV - Channel 8, Verizon - Channel 38

Monday 9:30 AM; Thursday 7:30 PM; Saturday 8:30 PM

### Lowell Cable TV - Channel 8

Monday 10:00 AM; Tuesday 6:00 PM

### Billerica Cable TV - Channel 8

Monday 4:00 PM; Friday 1:00 PM

\* To View Online: Some of the most recent "Happenings" may also be viewed on the website [www.chelmsfordtv.org](http://www.chelmsfordtv.org) On the Home page, click on Watch - On Demand - Search - type in "Happenings" and Artist's Name – Hit Enter. You should get the Streaming show.

## Opportunities

**Volunteers are needed - You are needed!** Please consider volunteering. There are many tasks involved in keeping the CAS an active and engaged community.

Some Volunteer Opportunities include:

At our Meetings – setup, greeter, raffle ticket sales (and procurement of items), demonstrator's assistant, food service

At our Exhibits – setup, intake/registration, labelling, hanging, judge assistance, sales and more!

Other – Field Trip Coordinator, Volunteers Coordinator, Webmaster

Many opportunities exist! Contact Roberta Witts or Sue Trepaney.

### **Webmaster Needed**

The CAS is looking for a dedicated webmaster to keep our web site updated <http://www.chelmsfordartsociety.com>. If interested, or if you know of someone who might be, contact Roberta Witts.

### **J-Hangers Needed**

Before Dec. 5th, we will need additional hangers for artwork at the library and are looking for a volunteer to create some from coat hangers. They are about 2" long, in the shape of a J with a backward hook. The backward hook or loop must be thin in order to go through a chain. Please contact Roberta Witts if you are willing to provide these.

## November & December CAS Programs

Please note that the following program will be held at the Chelmsford Library, 25 Boston Road, Chelmsford, MA.

Please see attached page for a complete listing of CAS programs.

### **Wed., November 30, 2016 Mary Woodward Lecture:**

#### **“The Gilded World of Isabella Stewart Gardner”**



**Mary Woodward,  
Historian**

The Chelmsford Art Society is welcoming Art Historian, Mary Woodward who presents “The Gilded World of Isabella Stewart Gardner.” The life of Boston’s arts patroness typifies the lives of many of the wealthy and cultured Americans who lived during the Gilded Age of American history. We will explore the details of Isabella Stewart Gardner’s life, friends, travels and collections in this illustrated talk. Many of the works of art and locations shown are ones we are fortunate to be able to visit in a day from Chelmsford.

Woodward has lived in Chelmsford for six years, the past five as co-curator of The Gallery at the Chelmsford Center for the Arts. In addition to working at the CCA, Mary is the Lead Guide at the Gropius House in Lincoln, Massachusetts, one of Historic New England’s properties. She has a B.A. in Art History from Furman University and a M.A. in Art History from Emory University. She has nearly 40 years of experience, in museums of all shapes and sizes, from the comprehensive collection at the Cleveland Museum of Art to the one-room log cabin birthplace of President James K. Polk!

Mary enjoys designing engaging museum and gallery experiences for guests of all ages, interests and abilities. It is a challenging but fulfilling work. She thinks she’ll never tire of visiting all of the historic and cultural sights in New England!

The Chelmsford Art Society will meet for the demonstration on Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at 7:00 PM at Chelmsford Library, 25 Boston Rd., Chelmsford, MA. The meeting is free and open to the public.

### **Dec. 7, 2016 - Jan. 18, 2017**

#### **Holiday Member Show**

The annual exhibit for Chelmsford Art Society members will be held at the Chelmsford Library, 25 Boston Road, Chelmsford, MA.

Drop off artwork (limit two pieces) Mon., Dec. 5, 2016, 5 - 7 PM  
(Snow Date: Wed., Dec. 7, 5 - 7 PM)

*Please stay and help hang this show!*

Artists' Reception will be held on Sat., Jan. 14, 2017, 2 - 4 PM.

Pick up and sign out artwork Thurs. - Sat., Jan. 19-21, 2017

## Upcoming Events

**Ku-chuan Hsiao** will be displaying his photographs of birds at The Summer Place in December and January.

**Maris Platais** will present a demonstration of his acrylic painting techniques on Sat., Jan. 21, 2017 at 2 PM (snow date Sun., Jan. 22 at 2 PM). This demo will take place at the Chelmsford Library. *Note that artwork from the Holiday Show may be picked up on this date.*

## Call for Artists

**Arts League of Lowell (ALL)** "Patterns" - Juried Show. January 13 - March 5, 2017 Artists' Reception: Saturday, Jan. 28, 2017, 4:00 – 6:00 PM. Deadline: Jan. 9, 2017. For more info:

[http://www.artsleagueoflowell.org/gallerydocs/2017/Prospectus\\_PATTERNS2017.pdf](http://www.artsleagueoflowell.org/gallerydocs/2017/Prospectus_PATTERNS2017.pdf)

## Welcome!

**Sue Trepaney** is our new Secretary on the CAS Board of Directors, after volunteering to fill the vacant position.

**Kate-Lynn Coraccio** is the new Marketing and Community Relations Librarian at the Chelmsford Public Library, and an important contact for the CAS!

## CAS Quarterly Newsletter

**Please share your Art news** with our members! Also, let us know if you know of any Calls for Artists, upcoming art events/ exhibits or artist opportunities in our area. The next newsletter will be published on February 15, 2017; deadline is February 8, 2017. Email news items and .jpgs to [nan@nanquintin.com](mailto:nan@nanquintin.com)



**Claire Gagnon at her Reception  
at The Summer Place.  
Come see her paintings! The exhibit  
runs throughout November.**

## Membership Information

Membership is open to anyone who lives in Chelmsford or its surrounding communities who is interested in the arts, produces artwork or is a supporter of the arts.

Members will receive the Members Directory, quarterly newsletters and notices of special events.

Fees are payable on a yearly basis and are due April 1st of each year. Membership is valid through March 31<sup>st</sup> regardless of the date dues were received.

Special CAS members-only discounts at Picture Yourself! Frame Shop and Gallery.

Membership fees are as follows:  
Single \$25  
Family \$40  
Senior Citizen \$20 (60 and over)  
Student \$20 (up to grade 12)

To join now, click this link to download the Membership Form:

[http://www.chelmsfordartsociety.org/Application\\_for\\_membership\\_form.pdf](http://www.chelmsfordartsociety.org/Application_for_membership_form.pdf)

Download CAS brochure to learn more about membership:

<http://www.chelmsfordartsociety.org/MembershipBrochure.pdf>

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*Every time you renew your membership, check that all your information is updated!*

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## About the Chelmsford Art Society

All residents of Chelmsford, Massachusetts and its surrounding communities who have an interest in the arts and crafts are invited to become members of the Chelmsford Art Society.

Membership is open to any person who produces art or craftwork or has an active interest in the arts and crafts.

The CAS meetings are the last Wednesday of the month at the Chelmsford Center for the Arts, September through June.

The CAS sponsors the 4th of July Art Show at the CCA which is a highlight of the Town of Chelmsford's 4th of July Celebrations.

The Chelmsford Art Society has many volunteer opportunities and depends entirely on the continued enthusiasm and involvement of its members.

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