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NEWSLETTER

Summer 2020

## Chelmsford Art Society

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"Summer Wildflowers"

Photograph by **Sue Trepaney**  
taken while on a "mystery ride"  
during the pandemic  
to relieve boredom!

## Art. Creativity. Self-Preservation.

### The New Normal

### Greetings from our CAS Co-Presidents!



Wow, it's Fall! I hope you had a safe and enjoyable summer with family, friends, and loved ones.

In addition, I hope that you have been

able to take advantage of the excellent outdoor weather we have been having to do some art in your own back yard or in your town.

The CAS, like everyone else, doesn't know when we will be meeting in person again. The best we can do is utilize virtual meeting software such as Zoom. I've had a chance to use the Zoom virtual meeting software and it works well. Let us know how you feel about the new season starting with a virtual meeting featuring a demonstrator who is set up to 'live-stream' using Zoom. You can tune into the meeting at the regular time or watch it later when it's posted on YouTube. We will also set up a procedure to take questions during the demonstration. Please provide us your feedback as we want to keep our art community vibrant and engaged. Call us, or email your thoughts to:

[chelmsfordartsociety@gmail.com](mailto:chelmsfordartsociety@gmail.com)  
We want to hear from you !

Missing you all, take care, and hope we can get together soon!

*Barbara Ludinsky*  
(Co-President and Treasurer)



My love to all of you in these stormy days!

I'm reminded of the observation of the poet: *people fear the storm, but*

*it is only the majestic power of the storm that causes the desert to burst into flower.* I hope the storm passes soon, and that together, we can all finally enjoy the splendor of the flowers.

In practical terms we "bob, weave and pivot" in this new normal. We will not stop what we do, but change how we do it. This is our 50th year and there will be many more. Just look at the talented young artists who were awarded scholarships! We will shine brighter and be more connected than ever. Stay tuned!

*For plein air artists, the Chez Shea Garden of Mist and Stone is in full flower. Message me on Facebook if interested.*

~ Virtual HUG ~

*Elaine Seidel* (Co-President and Membership Chair)

"Paint what you love."  
- Mark Mehaffey

## “Thank You Nurses”

Portraits by **Laurie Simko**



These 20 oil paintings are part of **Laurie Simko**'s “Thank You Nurses” series. Each portrait is of a front-line nurse at Holy Family Hospital in Methuen, and was painted to honor their service to the community. To view these wonderful portraits in detail, go to Laurie's web site: <http://www.lauriesimko.com/creation-series/>



## News

### Shirley Lavoie 2020 Art Scholarship Winners *Congratulations!*

**Kevin Truong**, first-place winner, a graduate of Lowell High School, and will attend Rhode Island School of Design;

**Brooke Cardillo**, second-place winner, a graduate of Chelmsford High School, and will attend the University of New Hampshire; and

**Julia Rose**, third-place winner, a graduate of Chelmsford High School, and will attend Massachusetts College of Art & Design.

*Note: Additional samples of these students' artwork will be posted on the new CAS web site.*



"School Mind"

by **Kevin Truong**  
First-place winner,

Shirley Lavoie CAS Art Scholarship

### CAS Events

Our physical monthly meetings this fall continue to be on hold according to government mandates and in the interest and well-being of our members. We will be providing some online programs (via Zoom and/or YouTube); more information coming!

### New Web Site

Barbara's son, Charles Ludinsky, is working on a new design for the CAS web site. It will have some new features including:

- a Showcase for our artist members,
- an online celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the CAS (our gala, scheduled for October, will not be happening),
- a virtual end-of-the-year online art exhibit.

The **CAS Logo Contest** deadline has been moved to Spring 2021. A new deadline will be set at a later date.

### Membership

Please remember to renew your membership - our wonderful art community is very important to all of us, especially at this time!

### CAS Emails...

Please check if any emails coming from the CAS are being put into your Spam folder. If so, you can choose an option in your email to ALLOW or MARK AS SAFE the emails from the CAS, and then they will go into your Inbox.

### Membership Important Note!

**Please renew your  
membership!**

**The Chelmsford Art  
Society is having the  
same pandemic-related  
revenue problems as all  
other non-profits.**

If you have not yet renewed (or joined!) you may do so online at <http://www.chelmsfordartsociety.com/membership.htm> or mail a check. (See last page for more information.)

**We are grateful for  
your support!**

*"Art is a way of recognizing oneself." - Louise Bourgeois*

## Helen Moriarty Stepping Down as Programs/Publicity Coordinator

After many years, **Helen Moriarty** has decided to step down from her current position on the CAS Board of Directors as Programs/Publicity Coordinator. Helen is a long-time member and Past President of the Chelmsford Art Society, and has been instrumental in its formation and continued excellence.

For many years, Helen brought professional artist demonstrators to our monthly meetings to provide our members and guests with valuable information on a variety of painting and other artwork techniques.

Helen introduced the community to numerous artists and their various talents, from acrylics to oils, from inks to pastels. Other program subjects included art lectures, art restoration, and framing and presenting artwork. Via Helen's filming of our demonstrations, she introduced the broader community to art as local television stations aired the CAS programs.

An artist herself, Helen's wisdom and creative output were a large part of our July 4th events as she organized its many aspects, and always happy to contribute wherever needed - from decorating for the event to selling tickets for our fundraising raffles.

In recognition of her many contributions to the CAS, Helen was twice winner of the Founder's Award (1995-1996 and 2013-2014).

We are grateful for her many years of service to the Chelmsford Art Society and we wish her well! **Thank you Helen!**



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## Member News

### Picture Yourself!

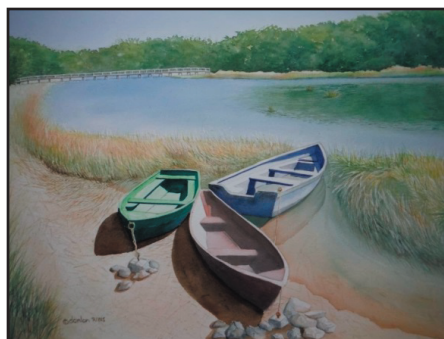
A video was created at **Roberta Witt's** frame shop by **Tom Christiano** which mentions a number of our CAS member artists, along with their artwork.

Here is the link:

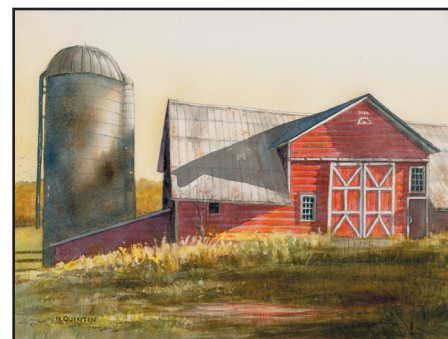
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C\\_Mh8LzZc-A&t=2s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C_Mh8LzZc-A&t=2s)

**Nan Quintin** entered a Covid-themed postcard in the Rockport Art Assoc. Mail Art Project. The exhibit will be online Aug 15-Sept 13.

Check out original art postcards, some were created by CAS members! These are at the ALL Arts Gallery Postcard Exhibit (307 Market St., Lowell, MA). They may be viewed and purchased at the gallery or online until Sept. 13. [www.artsleagueoflowell.org/gallery](http://www.artsleagueoflowell.org/gallery)



"Stranded at Low Tide II"  
watercolor by **Esther Donlon**



"1894 Barn"  
watercolor by **Nan Quintin**

**Esther Donlon's** painting "Stranded at Low Tide II", and **Nan Quintin's** painting, "1894 Barn" were accepted into the RIWS 2020 National Exhibit. There were 250 entries this year and only 70 paintings were selected. The exhibit dates are Aug. 1 - Sept. 25, 2020. The gallery is located at Slater Memorial Park, 831 Armistice Blvd. in Pawtucket, RI (open Thursdays and Fridays 10am-4pm, and Saturdays 10am-3pm).

The exhibit is also available to view on the Rhode Island Watercolor Society's Facebook page (hit "Like" to vote for your favorite!). To view the show online: <http://www.rhodeislandwatercolorssociety.wildapricot.org/>



## 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.

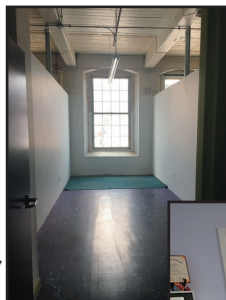
Posted on Facebook, by **Pamela Tilton Wamala**:

*"Creativity is the combination of discipline and a childlike spirit."  
Robert Greene*

"That quote so resonates with my thoughts about my art and life - especially lately. I have always been pretty disciplined with my approach to growing as an artist and person. The childlike spirit in me is enjoying some much needed art play - and some intensive childlike - 'sponge-like' learning."

From **Kathy Clericuzio**:

"After 6 1/2 years at Western Avenue Studios, I decided not to renew my lease. When the state closed down, I took a day to pack some art supplies and a project I was working on to bring home, in case we wouldn't be allowed in the building. I was using a small art table I got for free in the corner of a spare room. This was not available to me when I first started renting my studio. I began envisioning my art studio fitting in the room and decided it was doable!



"After a lot of elbow grease on my husband's part, after painting, ripping up the rug and stripping and staining the floor, it was move-in ready. There is great light and although smaller, fits all I need. I now have a room I can go to whenever I want and no matter what the weather may be. Now to hang some art and get to work!"



Kathy's old studio at Western Avenue Studios, and her new studio at Home!

From **Nan Quintin**:

"I am finding this pandemic time to be very trying. I am making a conscious effort to be happy as there is no shortage of ways to be unhappy. I miss the things I had - a close group of friends to paint with or just enjoy their company, art exhibits and events, things to do, places to go. They all seem long ago and far away. While virtually in touch sitting at a computer, it is not the same. Then I looked at Laurie Simko's portraits and realized... you know what... actually, I don't have anything to complain about."

**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, they desperately need it.

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

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

**Julie Montague** has been accepted into The Brush Associate Artist Program.



"Sunflower"  
watercolor by **Barbara Ludinsky**

## Staying Home and The Power of Creativity!



From **Gail Flannery**:

"I have had a covid project going on. I got a wreck of a dollhouse off of Facebook and fixed and restored it, all in mind for a donation to the Westford J.V. Fletcher Library. It was a labor of love for me and truthfully for my sanity while the virus raged. Thankfully I had a lot of supplies and spent a lot of time creating artwork, punch needle embroidered rugs, drapes, bedding, a zillion little books, little plates, food and perfume bottles and even some furniture too. So in went the wallpaper, flooring, ceiling and trim work. Next came the lighting and furniture and a family too."

"This will soon reside in the Library for the viewing enjoyment of all."

From: **Ortha Spingaerd**:

"I had just finished a painting on March 18. On March 19, I started a rather unusual one (for me, I'm an abstract painter), consisting of only dark green, medium green, light green, light blue, red, yellow and tan. I never draw with paint, but this time I did with the dark green which looks black; very carefree."

When I was finished with it, I started another, though not the same design. I did a 3rd one and decided I was on a roll, and started naming them my "Pandemic Paintings". Finally, three of my favorite establishments opened (Library, Senior Center and Choice Fitness), and I finished my last painting, #10 on July 18, exactly 4 months later, which I thought was a nice coincidence."





## Art Exhibits

### Chroma – 38th Annual Studio Artist Exhibit

The Brush (256 Market St., Lowell MA)

Sept 19 to Nov 1, 2020. Gallery Hours Tues-Sat 11-4; Sun 12-4.

Reception Sat. Sept 26, 2-4pm; Artist Talk Sun. Oct 18, 1-3pm

(978-459-7819) <https://www.thebrush.org/exhibits>

### Favorite Places - Quilts Exhibit

The Brush (256 Market St., Lowell MA)

Aug 4 to Sept 12, 2020. Gallery Hours Tues-Sat 11-4; Sun 12-4.

Reception Sat. Aug 22, 2-4pm; (978-459-7819)

Online: <https://thebrush.org/CurrentExhibitQuilts2020.htm>

### Postcards Exhibit

ALL Art Gallery (307 Market St., Lowell MA)

June 19 – Sept. 13, 2020 Wed-Sun 1-4pm

also online: [www.artsleagueoflowell.org/gallery](http://www.artsleagueoflowell.org/gallery)

## Art Classes

### The Artisans Exchange

24 Central Sq., Chelmsford MA

Virtual Classes

<https://artisans-exchange.com/classes/>

### Chez Claire - Art Classes by Claire Gagnon

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

Classes are also held in Claire's studio, at The Brush

## Calls for Art

ALL Art Gallery, Lowell MA

**Elements - WOOD, EARTH, WATER, FIRE, AND METAL**

**3-D works only!** Sept. 18-Nov. 1

Deadline: Sept. 5, 2020

Prospectus: [http://www.art-sleagueoflowell.org/gallery-docs/2020/Prospectus\\_ELEMENTS.pdf](http://www.art-sleagueoflowell.org/gallery-docs/2020/Prospectus_ELEMENTS.pdf)

### Rockport Art Association

#### National Exhibit

Dec. 5 - 31, 2020

Deadline: Oct. 1, 2020

Info: <https://www.smarterentry.com/CallsForEntry/RAAM>

*"Everything starts from a dot."*

*- Wassily Kandinsky*

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Application for membership to the

## Chelmsford Art Society

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

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

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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!**