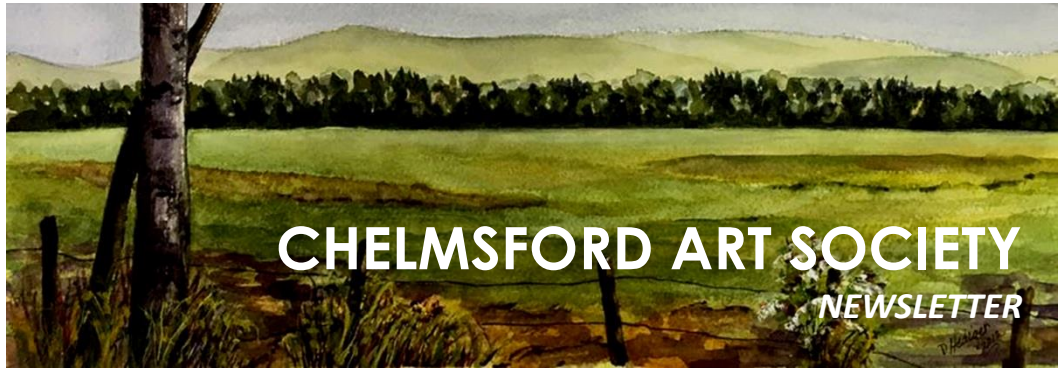


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Watercolor painting (detail) by Donna Hediger

CHELMSFORD ART SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

Spring 2017

A Word from the President

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Greetings Art Lovers!

I'm so glad spring has finally sprung! Have you noticed how many beautiful shades of green there are out there? Between the trees, flowers, shrubs, and lawns, there's a lot of blending of blues and yellows happening to cover all the bases! Hope the season has you all feeling refreshed and inspired!

There is one last demo coming up for the season; the talented and entertaining Maris Platais will be at the CCA Café on Wednesday, May 31st at 7 pm. But before his demo, we need to have our elections of the board members, so please arrive by 6:45 so as not to cut into Maris's time. If you'd like more info on how to volunteer or have questions for the board, please e-mail the CAS and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

We had a deliciously good time at our Pizza and Paint Party on the 10th... the CAS received a great new batch of mini's to sell at the 4th of July Festival, Georgia Spanos won the \$25 prize for donating the most paintings (13!! – lucky us!). Please feel free to drop off any more donations at the May 31st meeting, or at Picture Yourself! in Chelmsford Center.

We will have a sign-up sheet at the May 31st meeting for the week of the festival. [PLEASE!!! We need Everyone's Help to keep this annual event going](#) – even a couple of hours can be a tremendous help. Volunteers are needed starting on the 29th of June for set-ups, through the 4th of July for take-downs, and on July 5th for the transfer and hanging of the exhibit at the library. See page 9 for a breakdown of daily tasks, times, and opportunities to help.

This is our 49th Chelmsford Art Society 4th of July Festival! Please help us to keep this beloved tradition going; together we can make it one of the best!

And as always...

Keep Creating!

Roberta Witts

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

If you have not paid your dues, please do so now in order to be included in the updated membership list. A copy of the form is in the CAS Winter 2017 Newsletter.

February – April Demonstrations

Peter Koutrouba demonstrated his vibrant use of colorful pastels on Feb. 22nd while creating an image of a beautiful lily. He also entertained the audience with stories from his long military career.

Mary Rose O'Connell demonstrated a fascinating oil painting technique on March 29th when she randomly applied three oil colors to a canvas with a bristle brush and magically created a tonal painting using paper towels as brushes to remove the lighter areas! Mary Rose used turpentine to wipe out the lightest areas. The colors she used were viridian, ivory black and transparent red oxide. She described this technique as “very freeing”, and admonished not to overwork the painting.



Peter Koutrouba demonstrated pastel painting at the CAS February demo



Mary Rose O'Connell demonstrated a “freeing” oil painting technique at the CAS March demo

Andrew Kusmin talked about his artwork and discussed his new book, "Palette of Dreams" at the April 26th meeting. He is a well-known, prolific watercolor artist, art instructor and the owner of the Kusmin Art Gallery in Plymouth, MA.

Andrew's book is not a “How-To” book, but rather explores “what shall I paint” and “why am I painting it”. His book is the story of one man's journey to answer the artist's question “why to paint”. His paintings are stories of multiples, changing images, and memories of places, things and people. The book features more than 200 of Andrew's original paintings presented in nine chapters that reflect the various themes.

Signed copies of his book were available at the meeting.



Andrew Kusmin in front of his watercolor “Cardiac Arrest” at the CAS April demo

See page 6 for how to view these programs on Cable TV or internet (Happenings with Helen Moriarty).

Member News

The Summer Place

20 Summer Street, Chelmsford



One of **Priti Lathia's** beautiful floral paintings recently exhibited at The Summer Place



Visit Picture Yourself! to enjoy our current member exhibit by **Georgia Spanos**! Her collection of pastels, watercolors, and acrylics of beautiful scenes of New England are sure to inspire! Gallery is open Tues-Saturday.

The previous exhibit at Picture Yourself! featured beautiful watercolor paintings by **Donna Hediger** (below).



If you would like to have your artwork featured at the Picture Yourself! frame shop in the center of Chelmsford, contact Roberta Witts (978-256-0140).

Member News (cont'd)



On April 1st, **Janet Klingerman Hsiao's** painting "Consider the Peony" was the inspiration for a flower arrangement by Elaine Di Giovanni, a lecturer on floral design and a master flower show judge.

The "Art Blooms in Belmont" exhibit was held at the Belmont Gallery of Art from March 17 to May 5th.

Roberta Witts' ink and watercolor, and Judith Carven's floral design, in the "CCA in Bloom" exhibit at the Chelmsford Center for the Arts in April.



Helen Moriarty's scratchboard art "Greek Hospitality" was juried into "Contemporary Visions of Greece's Golden Age". The art show at the Brush Gallery will be up until June 8, 2017.



"A Mid-Summer Dream" by **Priti Lathia** (alcohol ink on Yupo) was displayed at the recent CCA's Garden in the Gallery exhibit.

Supporting the Arts...

The **Chelmsford Center for the Arts** is where the Chelmsford Art Society holds its meetings and the 4th of July Festival.

They need your support! Check the CCA web site often for upcoming events and concerts:

www.chelmsfordarts.org

Member News (cont'd)

Congratulations! Several CAS members won awards at the recent Westford Regional Art Event at the Parish Center for the Arts, including **Gilian Orlinsky, Pauline Arms, Denise Rainis, Donna Hediger** (2 ribbons!), and **Esther Donlon**.

Thank you! Our annual **Pizza Party/Mini Painting Night** was held on May 10 at the CCA. Thank you everyone who created and donated small paintings to be sold at the July 4th Art Festival to benefit the CAS. **Georgia Spanos** donated the most and won \$25.00 – Congratulations! In addition, we have a couple of signed prints donated by **Dave Drinon**. Thank you Dave! Additional paintings are welcome, contact **Roberta Wiffs** who will professionally mat each one for sale. Thank you, Roberta!!!

Thank you! Trina Teele, outgoing webmaster, and **Gopika Narula**, outgoing Treasurer, for your many years of much appreciated service to the Chelmsford Art Society!

Welcome Jerry LaGrange, new CAS Treasurer! A new CAS member, Jerry LaGrange, has stepped up to the plate to take over as Treasurer. He is skilled with math, computers, and programming, and is excited to be a part of the CAS!

Welcome Stephan Anstey, new CAS Webmaster! Stephan Anstey has stepped up to give the CAS some much-needed web site assistance!

Chelmsford Center for the Arts

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**.

On Friday May 19th at 7:30, in the CCA Auditorium, join Dr. Leo Costello for a lecture on the celebrated artist, "J.M.W. Turner and the Subject of History". Only \$5 for CAS members!! For more info: www.chelmsfordarts.org

Western Avenue Studios

122 Western Avenue, Lowell

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

“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

Billerica Cable TV - Channel 8

Monday 4:30 AM; 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 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 raffle 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

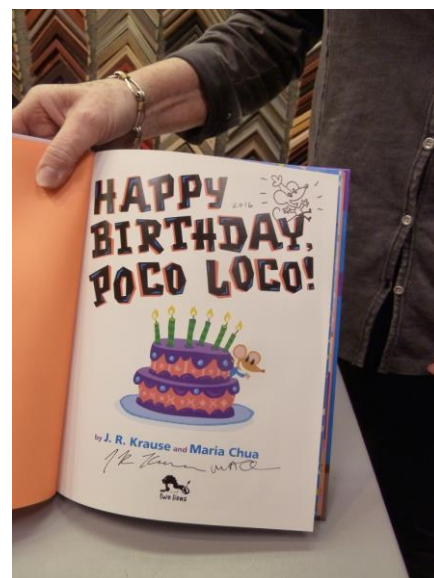
Many opportunities exist! Contact Roberta Witts or Sue Trepaney.

Current Volunteer Need: Hospitality Assistant

A “job-share” opportunity to help Ivana at meetings and to substitute when Ivana is not available, especially Saturday meetings in the winter. Contact Roberta or Ivana if you have any availability to assist!

Happy Birthday POCO LOCO!

This book, written by J. R. Krause and Maria Chua, a husband and wife team (J. R. Krause is from Chelmsford and has worked on The Simpsons TV show animation) is still available at Roberta Witts' frame shop, Picture Yourself! It sells for \$20.00, and all proceeds go to the CAS. The signed books were donated to the Chelmsford Art Society by the authors.



“Food from the HeARTs”

A big Thank You to everyone who has made donations to CAS's “Food from the HeARTs” program that benefits the Chelmsford Food Pantry!

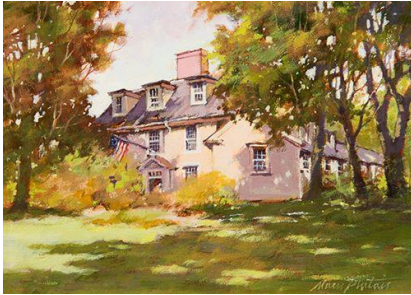
Additional food items or donations may be dropped off at the Picture Yourself! frame shop.

“Art? You just do it.”
- Martin Ritt

May 31st CAS Program: Maris Platais

Please note that the following program will be held at the Chelmsford Center for the Arts, 1A North Rd, Chelmsford, MA.

This will be the final program of the 2016 – 2017 season. A new slate of programs will begin in September.



Acrylic Painting by
Maris Platais

Maris Platais will be presenting a demonstration of acrylic painting techniques on Wed. May 31.

A native of Latvia, the artist has lived in New England since 1949. As a boy, the artist always was drawing, and after high school he enrolled in a joint degree program at Tufts University and the Boston Museum School.

After serving in the United States Marine Corp, he worked as an advertising executive while concurrently teaching drawing at the Museum of Fine Arts.

Since 1982, he has devoted his full time to the fine arts. Platais lectures, demonstrates and has served as a juror for many organizations including the New England Watercolor Society. He has won many awards including four Awards for Excellence in the Mystic International, also for the Arts for the Parks competition in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. He has exhibited at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, the Worcester Art Museum, and the Smithsonian Institution

To quote Maris, "When I paint or draw a landscape, I am seeing a much more complex thing than just trees, streams, clouds and boats, I am seeing a harmony of colors, of place, of feeling, of atmosphere, and that is something I like to share with people."

Calls for Artists

Fitchburg Art Museum – there is still time to enter the Annual Regional Art Exhibition, June 23 – Sept. 3. Send in your registration/fee by May 22. For more information: <http://www.fitchburgartmuseum.org>

Picture Yourself!

17 Central Square, Chelmsford

If you would like to have your artwork featured at the Picture Yourself! frame shop in Chelmsford, contact Roberta Witts.

The Summer Place

20 Summer Street, Chelmsford

We are seeking artists to display their artwork at The Summer Place, which is always free to visit and open to the public daily. Contact Roberta Witts.

CAS July 4th Exhibit

On-line registration is required: June 12-June 27, 2017

Check the web site in June for updated show information.

Ann Cullerton and Carol Korsak have started collecting raffle items to create gift baskets for the 4th of July Celebration! If you would like to donate something, please bring it to the next meeting, or to Roberta's frame shop.

Chairmen are needed for the following positions:

- Volunteers Coordinator
- Student Art Show Coordinator
- Registration
- Food/Reception

July 4th Exhibit Volunteers are needed!

This is our most important event of the year and it takes a lot of volunteers to make it a success! Please review the list below and pick out a task and time slot that works best for you.

Date	Task	Hours	Volunteers Needed
Thu June 29	Set Up Panels	9:00 – 12:00	6
Fri June 30	Adult Receiving	1:00 – 3:00	6-10
	Adult Receiving	5:00 – 7:30	6-10
	Student Receiving	1:00 – 3:00	2-4
	Student Receiving	5:00 – 7:30	2-4
Sat July 1	Rehanging	4:30 – 7:30	4-8
Sun July 2	Student Reception	4:00 – 5:00	2-4
	Adult Reception	5:00 – 7:00	4-8
Mon July 3	Festival Opens Mini-Art Sales, Raffles	4:00 – 9:00	6-10
Tues July 4	Festival Mini-Art Sales, Raffles	8:30 – 1:00	4-6
	Pick Up Artwork	1:00	3
	Breakdown	1:00	6-10
Wed July 5	Late Pick Up	4:00 – 6:00	2-3
	Receiving at Library Labelling, Hanging	4:00 – 6:00	4-8

Volunteers are also needed for creating and publishing the Festival Program after judging; and creating a numerical listing for Most Popular voting.

CAS July 4th Exhibit (cont'd)

Reminder:
 As you are getting ready for the Festival, CAS members receive 20-30% off frames, glass and matting at Picture Yourself!

2017 FESTIVAL PROGRAM SCHEDULE	
June 30, Fri. 1 – 3:00 PM and 5-7:30 PM	RECEIVING ARTWORK: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work delivered to Chelmsford Center for the Arts 1A North Rd. Chelmsford, MA • Work may be placed for sale or not, as desired. All prices MUST be entered with the CAS at the time of receiving or the artwork will be labeled “not for sale”. • NOTE: The Chelmsford Art Society (CAS) retains 25 percent of the sale price of any artwork.
July 2, Sun.	AWARDS CEREMONY: <u>K-5 and 5-12:</u> 4:00-5:00 PM Cabaret Room <u>Adult:</u> 5:00 PM -7:00 PM at Adult Reception
July 2, Sun.	ADULT RECEPTION 5:00-7:00 PM
July 3, Mon. 4-9 PM	FESTIVAL OPEN TO PUBLIC
July 4, Tues. 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM	POPULAR VOTE AND RAFFLE WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT CLOSE OF SHOW
July 4, Tues. 1:00 PM	PICKUP ARTWORK (After Parade) At the Chelmsford Center for the Arts
July 5, Wed. 4:00-6:00 PM	LATE PICKUP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All work on exhibit must be picked up at the Chelmsford Center for the Arts, close of the show or at late pickup. • Late pickup is at the Chelmsford Center for the Arts Wed. July 5, 4-6 PM • All Festival entrants may show their work at the Chelmsford Public Library, 25 Boston Rd. Receiving: Wed. July 5, 4-6 PM • Claim check (below) is required; Artwork cannot be released without this claim check. • Work that cannot be picked up during these times should not be entered in this show. • The CAS will not be responsible for entries not picked up at designated times. • No work may be withdrawn or removed before 1:00 PM on July 4th.

Looking Ahead... 50th Annual 4th of July Exhibit

Next year will be our **50th Annual 4th of July Exhibit!** This is a special occasion and we would like to celebrate it in a big way! If you have any memorabilia, or photos of CAS meetings, members, exhibits, etc. we would like to borrow them to create a scrapbook of the history of the Chelmsford Art Society. We are considering a party, an exhibit, and perhaps a special logo for this event. Please let us know if you have any ideas!

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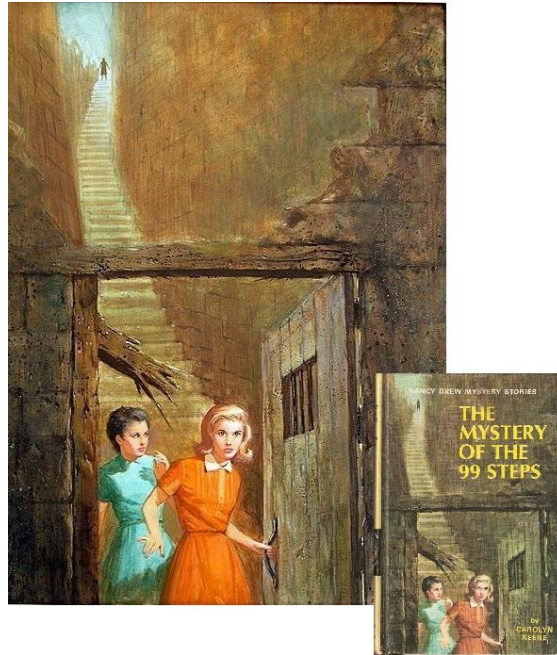
All residents of Chelmsford, Massachusetts and its surrounding communities who have an interest in the arts and crafts are invited to become members of the Chelmsford Art Society.

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

CAS meetings are held on the last Wednesday of the month at the Chelmsford Center for the Arts, September through May.

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.



June Exhibit at the Chelmsford Public Library

A collection of original cover artwork:
"Nancy Drew and The Hardy Boys"

Jim McNamara became intrigued with the cover illustrations and started researching the artists and collecting the original artwork. Today, McNamara owns nearly 4,000 Nancy Drew and Hardy Boys books, from the 1920s to now, and written in several languages. The link that follows contains more information about his fascinating collection:

http://www.lowellsun.com/whatdouwannado/ci_28633157/mysteries-revealed-exhibit-brings-together-past-and-present

Next Newsletter: August 15, 2017

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 August 15, 2017; deadline is August 8, 2017. Email news items and .jpgs to nan@nanquintin.com

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