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**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

As I am writing this letter, the Annual Spring Exhibit and Sale is in progress. As always, **Evelyn Knox** and **Grace Cherwek** have done a superb job of organizing the show and producing the beautiful murals on stage and the bountiful plantings and bouquets that decorate the stage and church hall.

I have noticed only a small group of members who have continually volunteered their services. **Leo Lambert** is always at the board meetings, guiding us year after year. Always with a smile! **Lou Doto**, our Program Chairperson, finds the best artists for our monthly demonstrations, year after year. And what would we do without **Brian Kimerer**, our faithful Webmaster?

**Ted** and **Nancy Smethurst** have graciously volunteered their talent and time to film and edit the demos for our local TV channel. This is all new to them, but they have put their hearts and souls into this project, and we are so grateful.

I sincerely hope that more members will volunteer their time and talent to our artist community.

To update everyone on the Chelsea Soldiers Home project, **Pat Boyer** is closely monitoring the progress of the beautification of the facility. The progress has been slow due to the refurbishing of buildings. The Commandant assures us that all 200 of the paintings donated will be in the rooms and halls in the next few weeks. I will keep you updated on this on our website, hopefully with photographs.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the annual banquet at Hillview Country Club on Tuesday, June 8. (The reservation form is attached.) Our speaker is **Robert Pyle**, a talented photographer whose black-and-white images are seen in galleries all over New England. What a privilege to have him speak at our final event of the season!

**Jeannette  
Corbett**

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**SINCERE THANKS FROM OUR  
SPRING SHOW CHAIRS ◆ ◆ ◆**

We thank all the members who helped put the show together and for the great outcome of their joint efforts. We credit the success of the show to our members who unfailingly give of their time to take in paintings, set up easels, greet guests, bake and serve refreshments. It takes many hands to lighten a great load! This includes those who stay after the show to take down everything we used and return it all to our storage closet. We appreciate all your help—a wonderful contribution to *“Shades of Spring”!*

**Grace and Evelyn**

**FROM OUR TREASURER ◆ ◆ ◆**

There were 113 main entries in our Spring Show. We thank all the artists who participated, and we hope all you members keep busy this summer getting ready to participate in the Fall Show next November. Here is the report of this year’s sales:

3 Main Entries	\$ 675.00
7 Mini Entries	485.00
4 Unframed Entries	95.00
21 Note Cards	<u>70.50</u>
 Total Sales	 \$1,325.50

New members may not be aware that the Reading Art Association does not take any commission on the sale of artwork at our shows. However, donations by the artists are always welcome. We extend our sincere thanks to **Ingeborg Burggraf, Crist Filer, and Carolyn Webster Poor** for their generous show donations.

Belated thanks also to **Carol Wilson** for her much-appreciated donation to Reading Art

Association.

**Leo Lambert,  
Treasurer**  
**PEOPLE DOINGS ◆ ◆ ◆**

Three of our artists were juried into Grace Chapel’s “Renewal” Exhibit in Lexington, which ran from March 27<sup>th</sup> to May 12<sup>th</sup>:

**Dee Birch** entered her “Peony with Bud,” a Chinese Guache artwork.

**Florence Como’s** two Watercolors, “Magnolias” and “A Sure Sign of Spring,” were her entries in this exhibit.

**Leda Sullivan** entered her oil painting, “Reflecting.”

**Jeannette Corbett** was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> Place Fine Arts at the Weston Arts & Crafts Association’s 2010 Spring Award Show & Sale for her watercolor, “Thundering Home.”



**2010-2011 RAA DEMONSTRATORS ◆ ◆ ◆**

Sept. 8, 2010 - Members’ Demonstrations:  
**Phyllis Kaplan - Watercolor**  
**Janice White - Watercolor**  
**Lynn Cassinari - ?**  
**Ruth Wierenga - Pastels**

October 13, Alan Bull - Acrylic  
 November - **Our Members’ Fall Show**  
 December 8, Robert Farris – Oil Landscape  
 Jan. 12, 2011, Robin Frisella – Pastel Still Life  
 February 9, Nicholas Read - Oil Still Life  
 March 9, Mark Richards - Oil Landscape  
 April 13, David Curtis – Oil Landscape  
 May - **Our Open Spring Show**  
 June 2011, Annual Dinner

## OPPORTUNITIES TO EXHIBIT ♦ ♦ ♦

**Bunker Hill Community College** seeks artists in many media to exhibit in its fairs the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month (unless otherwise specified). Each fair showcases a different artist or antique dealer. Call 781-961-1149 or go online at [www.nefaaaf.com](http://www.nefaaaf.com) for information.

**Art in the Park 2010**, Central Park, Andover, sponsored by Andovers Artists Guild. Exhibit fee for nonmembers is \$80. For information call Carol Boileau, 978-683-9933, or Sheila Corbitt, 978-475-8160.

**Firehouse Center for the Arts** would like artists to submit work to be exhibited in the Gallery between July 1 and December 31, 2010. Email [Pamela@firehouse.org](mailto:Pamela@firehouse.org) for information.

**Grace Chapel's** next exhibit, "Creatures Great and Small," May 29 to July 14. Registration Wed. May 12, 6-8 p.m., or Sat. May 15, 9-1 p.m. Reception featuring Live Music on Sat. May 29, 4-6 p.m. **Questions:** 781-862-6499 or [www.grace.org/artgallery](http://www.grace.org/artgallery). **Address:** 59 Worthen Road, Lexington, MA. **Directions:** <http://www.grace.org/directions/>

## PLACES TO VISIT ♦ ♦ ♦

**Danvers Art Association Spring Art Show**, 105 Elliott Street, May 8, 9, 15 and 16, 12-4 p.m.

**Brother Rice Demo at DAA**, May 22 at 10 a.m. Brother Rice, a well-known appreciated watercolorist and a former art teacher at St. John's Prep, will present a watercolor demo. He is a Salt Box Gallery member and teaches at the Danvers Senior Center. Open to the public. No attendance fee.

**Greater Haverhill Arts Association Spring Show**, May 18 through May 29, at Buttonwoods Museum, Haverhill Historical Society, 240

Water St. Reception Friday, May 21.

**Lynnfield Art Guild's 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Spring Show**, Center Congregational Church, Lynnfield Center, Friday, May 14, 7-9, and Saturday, May 15, 9-3. Parking in the rear of the church; enter through the first door on the right.

**New England Watercolor Society's 2010 Spring Signature Members Show** will be presented at Emmanuel Church, 15 Newbury Street, Boston, April 30-May 23. Fridays 11-4; Saturdays and Sundays 1-5. Saturday Events at 1:30 are: May 8, "Gallery Talk with Gracia Dayton"; May 15, "Demo by Marla Greenfield"; May 22, "Demo by Raymond Andreotti, AWS."

How about [www.WoburnArtGuild.com](http://www.WoburnArtGuild.com)! The new Woburn Guild of Artists Website features a lot of fun and beneficial information about WGA. The highlight is the Members Gallery, presenting some of the members' illustrious artwork. If you have any comments or questions, call or email President Joseph Leto, whose contact information is on the WGA site.



The Summer Music Workshop run by Alcyon Chamber Ensemble at Creative Arts will be a chamber music workshop for String, Woodwind, Brass, and Piano Students aged 7-18. There will be two sessions: June 28-July 2 and July 5-July 9. For detailed information, go to [www.creativeartsforall.org](http://www.creativeartsforall.org).



## DEADLINE FOR NEXT MIXED MEDIA Monday, August 23, 2010

Please send your news to Elaine Little, 20 Oak Ridge Road, Reading, MA 01867 or email it to [elittlez@comcast.net](mailto:elittlez@comcast.net) or fax it to 781-944-1346. **Include "For MM" in subject line of e-mails.**

Call Elaine at 781-944-2669 if you have questions.

