

# MIXED MEDIA

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**September - October 2018**

## **Oil Landscape Demonstration**

**Mark Richards**

**Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at 7:30 P.M.**

**Guild Hall, First Congregational Church (middle side door), Sanborn Street, Reading**

Mark has been experimenting and creating since 2005 using his own medium which is a combination of photography and painting. His background is a little different than most artists. He studied electrical engineering and worked in the hi-tech world for many years before immersing himself in the world of fine art.

His art work starts with his photography. He captures the lighting and composition of a scene using high resolution equipment. Next, he uses printmaking equipment and each work is screened directly to canvas. This allows him to achieve unique quality and dynamic range in his works.

Mark has a very long list of exhibits and awards throughout the United States, way too numerous to list. He explained that he seeks out natural subjects that fulfill his love of the natural world. His paintings attempt to capture the spirit of time, place, season, atmosphere, and mood with colors that are bold and vibrant. Paint, color, texture and form are elements that he combines to elicit a response from the viewer. He considers the viewers' responses as important as the places depicted.

## **Acrylic Landscape Demonstration**

**Maris Platais**

**Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at 7:30 P.M.**

**Guild Hall, First Congregational Church (middle side door), Sanborn Street, Reading**

We are privileged to have Maris Platais return to RAA to present a demonstration in Acrylic Landscape. Maris is a native of Latvia and has lived in New England since 1949. He is a graduate of Tufts University and the Boston Museum School. After serving for 4 years in the United States Marine Corps, he worked as an advertising artist, both corporate and freelance, while also teaching drawing at the Museum of Fine Arts. Currently he teaches painting and drawing at the Lexington Arts and Crafts Painters Guild and lectures and demonstrates to art associations throughout the northeast. He has served as a juror for many organizations, including the New England and the Rhode Island Watercolor Societies.

Maris works both en plein air and in studio, often combining the two. His subjects are inspired by nature, land and sea. Color as well as good drawing are very important. He says, "I am particularly moved by the calligraphic lines of tree branches that produce an endless variety of abstract shapes through lost-and-found lines as well as changing edges and contrasts."

## **In Memoriam**

**Fred Peters**, one of our charter members, passed away on May 18. Fred was an active member of RAA for most of his adult life, and continued to be active in recent years. Last year, at the age of 94, Fred was a greeter at Fall Show. He also exhibited paintings, and he donated an original work for the raffle. He will be sorely missed.

Fred's family has graciously donated some of his equipment and materials, brushes, paints, paper... to the RAA for any member who thinks they might be able to use them. We are going to try to put them out during the September demonstration.

## **President's Message**

Dear Members,

I hope everyone is well and that you all had a great summer. I would like to welcome you all back to another exciting year filled with amazing monthly demonstrations and we will be celebrating our "60th Anniversary" at our Annual Spring Show and Sale. Stay tuned for more information about our celebration throughout the coming months.

We also have our Annual Fall Show coming up in November. The entry form and labels were sent with this Mixed Media issue. I am so looking forward to all of the entries.

On a final note, I want to THANK YOU for all that you do and for continuing to be a part of the history and tradition that makes this organization great. Here is to another successful, fun, and exciting year with Reading Art Association.

-Rick

## **People Doings...**

### **Jeannette Corbett**

Jeannette Corbett is showing a painting titled "Red Hot Tango Dancer" in the Whitelam bookstore for September and October.

### **Nancy Smethurst**

Nancy Smethurst just took down her painting at the book store. It is a watercolor titled "If the Shoe Fits..."

### **Mary Kelly**

Mary Kelly will be participating in the Art Festival on Bradford Common on September 8th.

Mary exhibited her paintings through August at the Flint Memorial Library in North Reading.

### **Holly Popeo and Lynne Cassinari**

Holly Popeo and Lynne Cassinari are having a two-person show this October at the Beebe Estate. Please join Holly and Lynne at the opening of their art exhibit, "A Perfect Moment" at the Beebe Estate located at 235 W. Foster Street, Melrose, Massachusetts.

The reception is October 12, 2018 from 7 - 9 p.m. Light hors d'oeuvres and cocktails will be served.

The show will run every Saturday throughout the month of October. Saturday October 5, 12, 19 and 26th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please note that the reception is the 12th and not the 5th.

## **New Members...**

RAA welcomes our new members. Patricia Coppola and Maeve Bradley are new artist members, and Shannon Cail became a Sponsor Member.

## **Opportunities...**

### **Dana Levin Art Classes**

Dana Levin is preparing to teach drawing and oil painting again - here in Reading in her home/studio. Her classes begin Sept. 1 although, people can join anytime as projects are individual and rolling. Here is the basic information. Please contact Dana directly for more details.

Tuesday 3:30-6 and Saturday 10-12:30. 8 classes \$280. Supplies included. All levels.  
10 Johnston Circle  
401-575-1030

## **Carolyn Latanision Classes**

Carolyn is adding some classes on Tuesday afternoons from 1:00 pm to 3:30 p.m starting September 18. If you would like more information, you can find Carolyn's contact information on her web site, <http://carolynlatanision.com/contact.html>, or call her at 781-729-0691 or 781-910-7059.

## **Tewksbury Library Exhibit**

The Tewksbury Community of Artists is holding its monthly shows in the library. Each month has a specific theme.

The theme for the **September** show at the Tewksbury Library is "**Out Of Our Minds**". It will run from September 4 through October 2. Let your imaginations soar with this theme. What is swirling around in your head just waiting to be released into a magnificent creation of art. Let it out!

The theme of the show in **October** is "**Still Life**", which runs from October 2 to November 5. Look around you, and set up a still life of nostalgia, practical items, food, glass, dishes, cooking utensils, stuffed animals, toys, your shoe, etc. The subjects are endless.

The theme for **November** is "**We Honor Our Troops**", and for **December** is "**Glory Of The Season**".

Anyone wanting to take part may get in touch with Val at [valeriejeannesart@gmail.com](mailto:valeriejeannesart@gmail.com) and she will send you the information. More information and application forms are available at the web site.

[tewksburycommunityofartists.com](http://tewksburycommunityofartists.com)

## **The Philadelphia Water Color Society**

In October of 2018 The Philadelphia Water Color Society will be hosting the 118th Anniversary International Exhibition of Works on Paper. The exhibition will include not only watercolors but pastel, acrylic, graphite, gouache, charcoal, pen & ink, colored pencil and hand pulled prints. PWCS was founded in 1900 to bring attention to those artists using aqueous media and held its first exhibition at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine

Arts.

The prospectus for the show is on their web site, [www.pwcsociety.org/](http://www.pwcsociety.org/), or go to to the RAA web page for more details.

## **Paint The Town**

In conjunction with the Reading 375 celebration, there will be a multi-venue art display featuring original art that captures the character of Reading. This is still in the planning stages, so the details are not available yet. The time frame is early June 2019. Stay tuned. Details will be posted on the RAA web site as they become available.

## **Happenings...**

### **Fall Show**

The Fall Show is coming up soon. The dates are November 2, 3 and 4.

This is a members only show, so pay your dues now to avoid problems later.

We need volunteers to help at the Fall Show. We need two people to sit at the front door, one to hand out programs and one to sell raffle tickets. We also need two or more people to sit at the refreshments table and hand out the goodies. The shifts during the weekend that we need to fill are:

- Friday evening 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
- Saturday afternoon 1:00 p.m to 4:00 p.m.
- Sunday afternoon 12:30 p.m to 3:30 p.m.

To volunteer for any of these opportunities, please call Grace Cherwek, 781-334-4292. Reading Art Association is your organization. Come on down and join in.

## **Melrose Arts Painting Demo**

On Thursday evening Sept. 6th Melrose Arts will sponsor an evening with oil painter, KT Morse. She will do a FREE sky painting demonstration starting at 7pm in The Beebe Estate, 235 West Foster St., Melrose. Additional information is available by calling Deb Corbett at 781-665-5840

## RAA 60th Anniversary Celebration

We are celebrating the 60th anniversary of existence for Reading Art Association this year. Our first Spring Festival on the Common was in 1959. That means that the 1958 - 1959 was our first ever season.

The Board is planning a big celebration this year at the Fall Show and Spring Show. This is still in the planning stage, so drop by the board meeting some time and bring your ideas about what we can do. You can learn more about the history of our organization and how we work. For example, we now know who the gentleman is who is standing at the easel in our logo. Curious? Stop by and find out.

Here is one idea....



Would you be interested in purchasing a 60th anniversary souvenir mug with our logo on it? This is one of the things we are thinking of doing to celebrate our anniversary.

We have had a few samples made, and the cost to us was about \$10 per mug. There are only a small number of mugs now, so we need to get a head count of interested members to see if we can put together another order. Don't like the idea of a mug? Come up with your own ideas. Email your ideas to [webmaster@readingart.org](mailto:webmaster@readingart.org).

## Deadline for next Mixed Media

The next issue of Mixed Media will cover November and December of 2018. The issue will be published in late October or very early November. The deadline for the November/December issue is Friday, October 26th.

Email news to

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## Schedule of Events for 2018 - 2019

Here is the schedule for our upcoming season.

**September 12, 2018**..... Oil Landscape  
.....Mark Richards

**October 10, 2018** ..... Acrylic Landscape  
.....Maris Platais

**November 2, 3 & 4, 2018**..... Fall Exhibit & Sale

**December, 2018**..... No Demo

**January 9, 2019**..... Pastel Pet Portrait  
..... Karla Cook

**February 13, 2019**..... Watercolor Seascape  
..... Marion Rayner

**March 13, 2019**..... Oil Contemporary Still Life  
.....Jeff Hayes

**April 10, 2019**..... Acrylic Wildlife  
..... Steve Greco

**May 3, 4 & 5, 2019**.....Spring Exhibit & Sale

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