

MIXED MEDIA

Reading Art Association
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September - October 2025

September Demonstration

Kim Ramsay

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 at 7:30 P.M.

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

Kim Ramsay has been creating art since she was a child. She took private art lessons throughout her school years and went on to study at the University of Lowell where she earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree.

Early on after she graduated, she worked in graphic design, but as things became more digitally generated, she decided to focus on the drawing aspect of her art instead.

She discovered colored pencils right after college and started exploring the medium after receiving her training mostly in oil and graphite when she was young and acrylic in college.

Her colored pencil drawings capture the intricate details and colorfulness of the subjects around her and in her travels. She specializes in architecture, still lifes and florals. She has exhibited in many regional art shows and been awarded multiple ribbons including Popular Award. Her work is in the collection of many homes. www.kramsayoriginals.com



October Demonstration

Karen Nastuk

Wednesday, October 8, 2025 at 7:30 P.M.

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

Karen Nastuk holds a BA in Fine Arts from Fairleigh Dickenson University. Soon after graduating, she began studying watercolor with David Millard. Later, she continued her studies with Margaret Laurie and Betty Lou Schlemm. Karen is able to draw just about anything from memory, a talent she attributes to her many years of keeping a journal with sketches. Her paintings regularly win awards at local shows.

To learn more about Karen, see

<https://fineartists.boston/karen-nastuk/>.



President's Message

Hi Everyone!!

I hope you all enjoyed the Summer. I would like to welcome you all back for Reading Art Association's 25/26 season. We have some great demos lined up throughout the year, starting with Kim Ramsey. Kim will be doing a demonstration of her remarkable work in colored pencils on September 10th at 7:30pm. In October, we have a watercolor demonstration by Karen Nastuk on the 8th. Please check the website at <http://www.readingart.org> for information on this season's demonstrators and other news from Reading Art Association.

I would also like to remind everyone that Reading Art Association is looking for Board Members and volunteers to help us to continue to grow and thrive.

Reading Art Association succeeds on Volunteer efforts from our members. This requires a few members to lead committees, take on board roles, and contribute to the overall strategies and success of the organization. We're rewarded by building a community of great creative energy and talent, which comes with many friendships and the pride of making something truly special happen.

Please consider taking on one of our many open seats in a leadership role at Reading Art Association.

Anyone who is interested in becoming a Board member or Chair Person, please reach out to myself, Brian Kimerer, Rosie Palmer, or Lou Doto. Current leadership will be there to train you and make sure you have the information and resources to succeed.

As the current President, please know that I can always be reached by phone at 617-997-3422 or email at readingartassociation@gmail.com should anyone have any questions, suggestions, or concerns.

- Rick

Event Schedule for 2025-2026 Season

Welcome to the 2025 - 2026 season. Here is the list of events that we have planned for the new season.

September 10, 2025

Colored Pencil.....Kim Ramsay

October 8, 2025

Watercolor.....Karen Nastuk

November 7 & 8, 2025

Fall Exhibit & Sale

December, 2025

No Demonstration

January, 2026

No Demonstration

February 11, 2026

Oil Landscape.....Hillary Scott

March 11, 2026

Oil Landscape.....Caleb Stone

April 8, 2026

Cold Wax.....Leslie Scott-Lyson

May 2 & 3, 2026

Spring Exhibit & Sale

June (Date to be announced)

Annual Dinner Meeting

As always, the program is available on the website, and we will be sending out reminders shortly before they happen.

From Mixed Media Editor

We are on our way to the next season of the Reading Art Association demonstrations and shows. Our organization relies 100 percent on volunteers, who work hard to make sure that the RAA tradition continues.

Reading Art Association is being run by only a few intrepid individuals. Many of us are doubled-up and even tripled-up on roles. It is a lot of work for few hands. As these few people get older, it becomes more difficult for us to continue putting on the programs that RAA is known for. We are in danger of losing the association from lack of participation by the membership. We need people to step up and chair some of these activities. Here are some of the

key positions that are currently filled by just four people.

- President - Rick
- Vice President - Rosie
- Treasurer - Rick
- Show Judges - Rick
- Secretary - Rosie
- Corresponding Secretary - Brian
- Church Liaison - Brian
- Webmaster - Brian
- Mixed Media Newsletter Editor - Brian
- Spring Exhibit Chair - Brian
- Fall Exhibit Chair - Brian
- Programs Chair - Lou
- Publicity Chair - Rosie
- Hospitality - Rosie
- Awards - Rosie
- Art In Bloom Display - Rosie

At this time, some of these positions need to be filled by others. Please give some thought to volunteering as a chair or at least helping out with the setup and/or takedown of the shows.

We Have A New Email address

You can now contact us at our new email address:

ReadingArtAssociation@gmail.com

People Doings...

Whitelam Bookstore Display

Rob Marcellino

Rob had a painting in the Whitelam Bookstore in June



Holly Popeo

Holly had a painting hanging in the Whitelam Bookstore in July.



Theresa Galasso

Theresa had a painting hanging in the Whitelam Bookstore in August.



Walter Osterberg

Walter is scheduled to hang a painting in the Bookstore in September

Kim Ramsay

Kim Ramsay is exhibiting at The Writer's Collaborative Learning Center in Reading. She has two of her colored pencil drawings in The Art of Appetite exhibit there in Gallery 103 through October 25th.

Opportunities...

Greater Haverhill Art Association

Here is a preview of the GHAA schedule

September 4 Deadline to Register for Fall Show
September 6 (9-3) Art Festival on Bradford Common
September 9 (6-8) Receiving at Haverhill Public Library
September 21 (2-4) Oil Demo with Mary Rose O'Connell
September 27 (9-12) Workshop
October 11 9-12 Workshop
October 19 2-4 Demo at Buttonwoods – Brooke Lambert, Collagraphy
October 25 9-12 Workshop

"Our workshops are held 9-12 on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month in the hall behind the First Church of Christ on Bradford Common. All ages, all levels, all mediums are welcome. Drop in - no registration required. Work on portraiture (live model provided) or still life (setup provided). A \$5 contribution is requested and appreciated. We ask that masks be worn and social distances be observed."

"Mark Hayden, a Copley Master and art teacher, circulates and offers guidance one-on-one, without pressure. Set up your easel, work at a table, on your lap, or on the floor. Young and old enjoy the camaraderie and support of fellow artists. Bring your own materials; chairs and tables are available."

First Church of Christ (on Bradford Common)
10 Church Street Haverhill, MA

www.haverhillartassociation.org

Tewksbury Library Exhibit

The Tewksbury Library shows are back. All shows will be up for approximately 2 months give or take a few days.

The remaining themes for 2025 are shown below

October 14- December 2

Theme: Black and White (includes grey values)

December 2 - February 3

Theme: Chasing Light or Reflection

For more information, contact Betsy Grecoe at bgrecoe@gmail.com. More information is available at their facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/TewksburyCommunityOfArtists>

Whitelam Bookstore Display

We still have openings for paintings to hang in the Whitelam Bookstore, so let us know if you want to be put on the schedule to display your painting.

bkimerer@gmail.com

Happenings...

Regarding Dues for 2025/2026

Reading Art Association is collecting dues again. Dues are now \$30 per year.

Important Note

Dues are now due on the anniversary of your most recent payment.

In recent years, we had returned to the system of having everyone pay dues in September. However, our treasurer has decided to go back to the system of making dues due on the anniversary of your most recent payment. So if you last paid your dues in November, your next dues come due in November, of the following year, not in September.

You can now pay your dues online at the website using PayPal. You do not have to have a PayPal account, you can do a one-time payment using your credit card.

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You can pay your dues by check by sending them to:

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Deadline for next Mixed Media

The next issue of Mixed Media will cover November and December of 2025. The issue will be published in early November so that we can include the winners of the Fall show ribbons. The deadline for the November/December issue is therefore Friday, November 1. Email news to

webmaster@ReadingArt.org

or send using the US Post Office to

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