

MIXED MEDIA

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November - December 2025

RAA 2025 Annual Fall Show

The RAA 2025 Annual Fall Show is over. The show was small, but we had a good turnout over the two days. The quality of the art was very high. If you were not able to get there, you can see still some photographs of the event on our web page,

www.readingart.org/fall2025.shtml

The Board is constantly striving to improve our exhibits. Let us know what you would like to see in the future direction of our shows and demonstrations.

Fall Show Award Winners

Best of Show

Carolyn Latanision - "Juneberry" - Watercolor

First Place

Lynne Cassinari - "Nothing Gold Can Stay"- Oil

Second Place

Beverly Cook - "Shake, Shake, Shake Your Body" - Fiber

Third Place

Rick Corbett "Jazmyn" - Graphite Pencil

Award of Excellence

Brian Kimerer "Rockland Harbor Light" - Acrylic

Kim Ramsay "Vegetable Medley" - Colored Pencil

Mary Saija Award

Kimberly Morrow "Maybe She's A Wildflower" - Mixed Media

Nathalie Nordstrand Award

Bill Dexter - "Ducklings" - Phtography

Popular Award

Rick Corbett "Jazmyn" - Graphite Pencil

President's Message

Hi everyone,

I would like to start by congratulating all of the ribbon winners at our Fall Exhibit held on November 7th and 8th. The judges were Alan Bull and Dustan Knight. Both judges were quite impressed with all of the art work. I would like to share their thoughts on the show. The judges wrote "thank you so much for inviting us to participate in your creative journeys! It was challenging to narrow our choices down to only eight artworks, we know every one wins just by being a part of something so special. Our awards celebrate the originality, excellence, and creativity in each selection."

With our Fall Exhibit wrapped up, that means the holidays are fast approaching. I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and many blessings this holiday season. We have an exciting demonstration in February by Hilary Scott on February 11th.

Thank You All!!

Rick

A Message from your Fall Show Committee

We had another great Fall Show this year. It was smaller than the shows in the old days, but the quality was very high. The judges noted that they wished they had more ribbons to award.

Attendance started out slow with a light turnout for the Friday reception, but it turned around on Saturday with a constant stream of viewers all day long. In the end, we had a very successful show.

Congratulations to the award winners. You can see who they are in the table above.

Thanks to all the people who pitched in and helped make the show a success.

We hope that you were able to make it to the show, but if not, you can still see some photos of the event at the website

<http://www.readingart.org/fall2025.shtml>

Message from your Mixed Media Editor

I have published this issue of Mixed Media a bit late so that I can put the list of award winners in the issue.

We do not host demonstrations in December or January due to previously light turnouts during those months. So our next event will be an oil landscape demonstration by Hillary Scott on February 11.

The RAA web site continues to post news, so check the website, readingart.org, for last minute updates.

-Brian

A Message from your Webmaster.

I attempt to keep the website up to date in order to keep you informed of what is going on in a timely manner. Please check the website for things like weather cancellations and other timely issues.

I have posted some photographs of the Fall Show and the names of the award winning entries on the website.

<http://www.readingart.org/fall2025.shtml>

Due to low turnout at the demos and inclement weather in previous years we are not hosting demonstrations in the month of December and January. Our next demonstration will be February 11 2026.

<http://www.readingart.org/scheduleentry.html>

Here is a summary of the remaining schedule for the year.

- February 11, 2026 - Oil Landscape - Hillary Scott
- March 11, 2026 - Oil Landscape - Caleb Stone
- April 8, 2026 - Cold Wax - Leslie Scott-Lyson
- May 1 & 2, 2026 - Spring Exhibit & Sale

People Doings...

Walter Osterberg

Walter had a painting in the Whitelam Bookstore through the month of September.



Theresa Galasso

Theresa has a painting in the Whitelam Bookstore through the month of October.



Lynne Cassinari

Lynne has a painting in the Whitelam Bookstore through November.



Beverly Cook

Beverly is scheduled to hang a work in the Bookstore through December

Opportunities...

Figure Drawing in Reading

Creative Arts in Reading is hosting life drawing sessions for artists. Artists will draw from a nude model, starting with short gesture poses and moving on to more lengthy poses in a relaxed and supportive atmosphere. All skill levels welcome!

Upcoming Dates:

Thursday, November 20 | 6:30–9:00 PM

Thursday, December 18 | 6:30–9:00 PM

Cost is \$25 and can be paid cash or Venmo at the door or register and pay online at weteachcreativearts.org Sessions are facilitated by A.J. Jerrett. For more information, email ajjerrett@gmail.com or call Creative Arts at 781-942-9600.

Location Details:

The studio is located in the back of the First Congregational Church building in Reading. The official address is 25 Woburn St, but the Creative Arts entrance is on Sanborn St where the studio is the last door on your left. There's also an entrance from the Reading Town Hall parking lot. From that entrance, the studio is the first door on your right.

Art Studios in Reading

The First Congregational Church of Reading has a long, proud history of supporting and hosting arts organizations including Creative Arts, The Reading Art Association, Northeast School of Ballet, The Reading Civic Concert Band and more. FCCR is renting its top floor rooms as studios for artists and crafts people. They currently have two bright art studios available. Please email office@churchofreading.org more information.

Whitelam Bookstore Display

The Whitelam bookstore in Reading continues to thrive, and continues to display art works monthly. There is space for only one painting in the store at a time, which is over the fireplace. I am scheduling one painting per month.

There are openings on the schedule, so let me know if you want to be put on the schedule to display your painting. Email to:

bkimerer@gmail.com

Tewksbury Library Exhibits

Betsy Grecoe has taken over from Val Borgal running the art exhibits at the Tewksbury Library. She has sent out the dates for the exhibits in 2025. Here is some of her message to the artists.

For more information, contact Betsy Grecoe at bgrecoe@gmail.com

Happenings

Greater Haverhill Art Association

Here is a quick overview of the upcoming schedule at the GHAA.

November 1 (10-12) Pickup at the Haverhill Library
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November 7-9 Holiday Show at Washington Street ArtSpace
November 8 (9-12) Workshop
November 22 (9-12) Workshop
November 30 (12-2) Artist-at-Work, Buttonwoods - Joan Turner
November 30 (2:30-4:30) Artist-at-Work, Buttonwoods - Charlie Gagnon
December 7 (12-2) Artist-at-Work, Buttonwoods - Maureen DeSisto
December 7 (2:30-4:30) Artist-at-Work, Buttonwoods - Christine Lathan
December 13 (9-12) Workshop
December 14 (12-2) Artist-at-Work, Buttonwoods = Debra Accardi
December 14 (2:30-4:30) Artist-at-Work, Buttonwoods - Rosanne Bartlett
December 27 (9-12) Workshop

You can download the entire schedule for 2025-2026 from the GHAA website

<https://haverhillartassociation.org/>

Regarding Dues for 2025/2026

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 using Paypal. There is a link on the main page of the website.

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You can pay your dues by sending a check to:

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Deadline for next Mixed Media

The next issue of Mixed Media will cover the months of January and February, 2026.

The deadline for items in the January/February issue will be Friday, December 19. Send us your news so we can publish it in the newsletter.

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