

December 2023 Newsletter



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Bringing you the latest news &
opportunities!

December Artists of the Month

Bedford Library - Sharon Allen

Days Jewelers - Christine Jean

Creative Framing - Rollande Rousselle

Saint Mary's Bank - Noella Breault

Triangle Credit - Doris Gagne

Triangle Credit - Cyndi Peterson

City of Manchester Health - Anthony Williams



AOTM UPDATE:

We now have TWO easel spots at Triangle Credit Union.

Please bring your painting to your assigned location on Tuesday or Wednesday immediately following the Monday monthly meeting. and plan to leave it there for the entire month. Of course, if it sells or if you need to remove it for another show, you may replace it with another one of your own paintings. Outgoing AOTMs please remove your paintings on the Monday of the meeting, if possible, so the easel will be free for the incoming AOTM.

If you know of a good location that might be willing to host an easel, please let Paul know!

Member News to Note

Did you know that if you're on Facebook you can easily raise \$\$ for MAA? FB allows you to create a Fundraiser for your birthday with donations to any non-profit organization you choose. You just create a message and send it to the FB friends you choose - or to ALL of them! I (Sharon) did it for my birthday & got us \$98 as of this writing!



Paul Ducret, Jim O'Donnell, & Rollande Rousselle have pieces in the Small Works Show at Creative Ventures Gallery in Milford. The show is in place through January.



Howard Muscott, Jim O'Donnell, & Rollande Rousselle have works in the Nashua Area Arts Association show at the Courtyard Marriot,



Sharon Allen & Jim O'Donnell both have works in the "Signs of the Season" Exhibit at the MWVAA Main Street Gallery at Norcross Circle in North Conway.



Treasurer's Report

Per Board discussion, for security purposes the Treasurer's Report will no longer appear in our very public newsletter. A copy can be provided to you on request.

December Presenter: Wendy Wetherbee
<https://www.puredichotomy.com/>

Wendy will present a variety of images of new jewelry works in precious metal, inspired by nature & her own nature photography. She will discuss her process, show some in process photos and a gallery of finished pieces. She will bring some samples of finished works and will speak to the inspiration of some select pieces.

Wendy is an Artist and Designer who was born and raised in New Hampshire and who is inspired by nature and wildlife. The creatures and places in Northern New England feature prominently in her work because it is "my own personal habitat, and a large part of who I am. The texture and pattern in my work is inspired by fur, feathers, ripples and other elements of the natural world. I have been studying nature since early childhood. The world outside my windows is the world that runs through my blood. Skipping across bubbling streams, smelling the air after a rain, catching toads in the garden and watching butterflies in the meadow are memories that have shaped who I am. My hope is that my connection to the earth comes through in my art and inspires others to feel their own connection to the natural world around them."

In addition to metal smithing, she is a nature photographer, and also work in acrylic, watercolor graphite pencil, and mixed media. She also has a 28+ year career as a visual designer, running Wetherbee Creative, a boutique creative services and web development studio, where she helps other business owners, artists, nonprofits and corporations



with their marketing and promotion using design as a tool for communication.

Wendy will bring some items to be available for purchase for Holiday gift giving.



Artist of the Year (AOTY):

This is NOT just about how many times you win AOTM, but is about which member has been most valuable to the organization. Keeping the organization alive & vibrant requires a lot of behind the scenes work. Start thinking now of ways that you can help MAA flourish & grow! Suggestions: sign up for a Committee, volunteer to help at the monthly meeting (be a greeter at the door, help folks sign-in, sell raffle tickets, help with book sales, bring friends to the meetings, stay to help arrange & hang shows, help finding additional AOTM locations ... there are, literally, dozens of ways that you can volunteer! Be creative! Make suggestions! Come to Board meetings with your ideas! Make yourself & your efforts visible! And, yes participate in Artist of the Month & other exhibits.



NHPleinAir Artists will celebrate its 20th birthday on July 19, 2024! We meet to paint weekly, year round (indoors in Winter or in bad weather). Membership has always been FREE & car pooling to locations is always possible. You can [request membership here](#)

- [Art Opportunites \(click links\)](#)
- **Creative Ventures Gallery** in Millford has new classes and exhibit opportunities. For all the latest news: [click here to visit the website](#)
- **"Fashioned by Sargent"** at the MFA in Boston features many of the original costumes & clothing in Sargents paintings through January 15.
- **"Inventing Isabella"** an exhibit (thru Jan 15) at The Isabella Stewart Gardiner Museum in Boston explores how she used art, fashion, & photography to defy gender roles & define her image.
- **Lane House Arts Center**: Magical Mystery Tour Exhibit Dec 6 - 22, reception Dec 7, 4-7 PM
- **NH Arts E-Opps**
- **NH Art Association Art Around Town Newsletter**
- Weekly Plein Air Painting with NHPleinAir Artists (see above)
- **Art on the Wall at City Hall**: [Sign up link](#)

For Future Newsletters & Programs:

Please send your news to Sharon at PleinAirGal@gmail.com This can be ANY news you want to share with the MAA members including shows that you're in, exhibit opportunities, receptions, Awards, new websites, birth announcements - whatever news you have to share!

Who or What would you like to see as presentations at monthly meetings? Painting demos (what mediums or styles)? Art history? Color theory? Sculpture? Photo Manipulation? Balloon animals? Website Building? Are there past presenters you'd like us to invite back again? Howard promises to make a survey questionnaire but in the meantime please send your suggestions to Howard at hmuscott@gmail.com

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