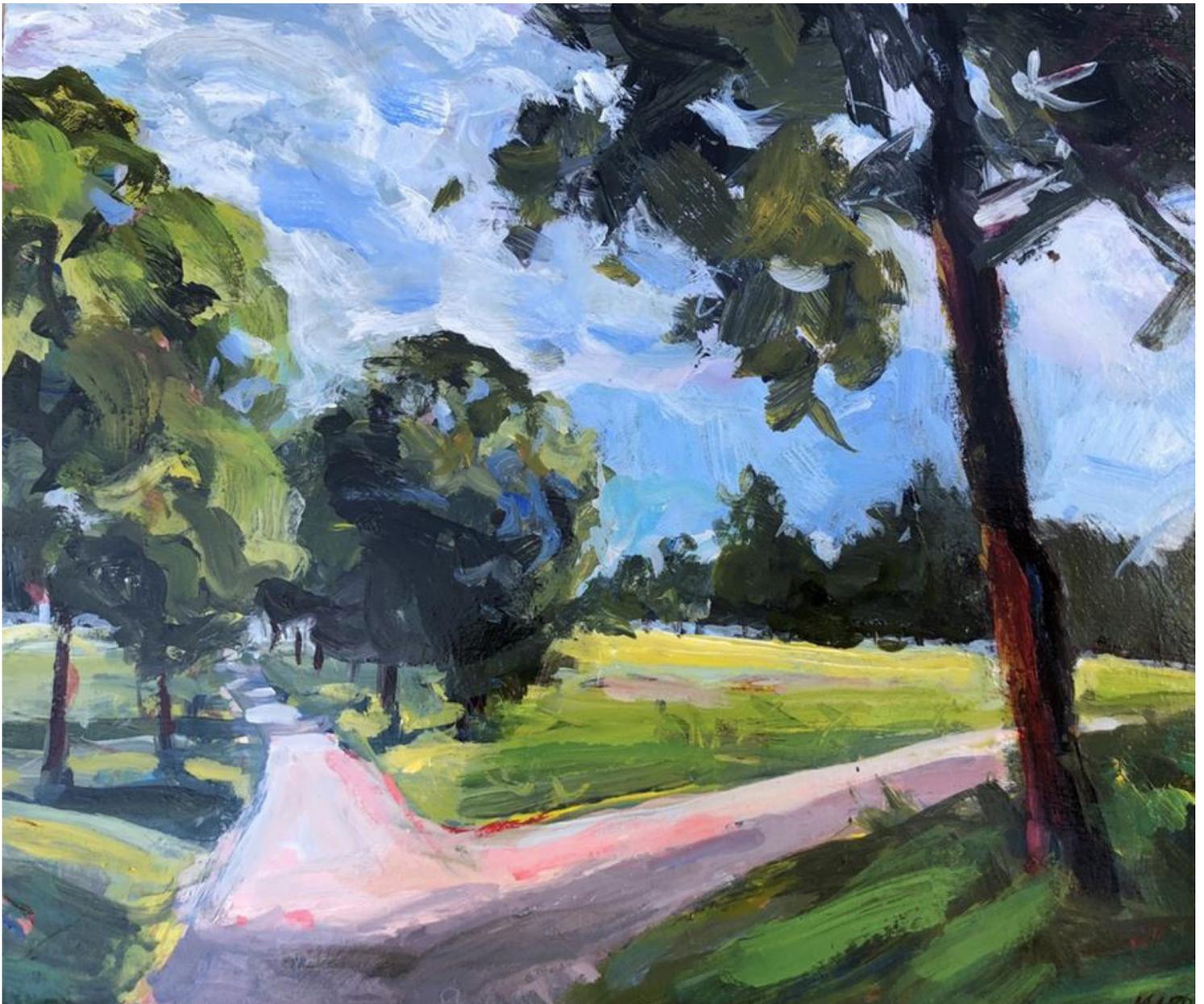


North River Arts Society

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Spring 2022



“Crossroads,” Lisa Marder, Acrylic on Board

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The Festival of the Arts Returns!

Letter from the President



Dear Members,

Spring is here and with it thoughts of Summer to come. In this newsletter, you will find both our spring and summer offerings, including exciting classes and workshops for youth and adults. Enjoy checking them out.

Festival is back! We are so excited about Memorial Day weekend and the return of the Festival of the Arts in its traditional in-person form. Information for artists, artisans and participants is below. Mark your calendars and we look forward to seeing you then!

At our first board meeting after the Annual Meeting we voted on the slate of officers for the next year. I am pleased to announce that Amy Stern is our new Vice President. The three remaining roles remain the same, with Mary Anne McAuliffe as our Treasurer, Phyllis Wenzel as Secretary, and myself as President. You can find all of our biographies on the NRAS website.

Last year we focused on improving the behind-the-scenes functioning of NRAS. As part of that initiative, our board voted to create a position for an Executive Director. We are now opening up the search for that unique person. If you are interested, or know of someone who would be a good match for NRAS, here is the job description. We are excited about this new direction for the organization and will let you know how our search goes.

Cheers,
Liz Haywood-Sullivan

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Liz Haywood-Sullivan".

President, North River Arts Society

We are looking for an Executive Director!

As a member or supporter of NRAS, you may be interested in becoming more involved or know someone you might refer to us. We are looking to fill a newly created position of Executive Director and are looking for a person who will contribute their energy, passion, and skills to represent and manage NRAS on many levels.

This person will interface with Board/Committee Chairs on marketing strategies, budgeting, and programming of all NRAS-sponsored events. They are expected to increase visibility and viability of NRAS in the community by developing and strengthening partnerships with donors and fund-raising ventures. The Executive Director will also manage two part-time staff positions. This position will involve 25-30 hours per week and offers an hourly compensation commensurate with experience, and reports to the President of the Board.

Interested? Please send us your resume at northriverarts@gmail.com. For full job description click below. Our Board of Directors is committed to our mission of supporting arts in the community, as well as local artists. We look forward to identifying the best candidate to work alongside us into the future. We will be accepting applications through March 31, 2022.

Thank you for your consideration.

[Learn More and Apply](#)

What's Happening

Shows and Exhibits

Satellite Shows



Spring Forward by Paula Briggs **Satellite Show at the Ventress Memorial Library**

March 6 - April 15

[Learn More](#)

Juried Show



Focus on Figures

The popular Juried Figure Exhibit, Focus on Figures, returns and will hang at G.A.R. Hall , April 1 - May 1.

Join us Friday, April 8 from 7-9pm, for the opening reception and award ceremony. Best in Show will receive \$300 and ribbons will be given to Best in Show, Second, Third and 5 Honorable Mentions.

[Learn More](#)

What's Happening

Festival of the Arts

The Festival of the Arts is back!

We are thrilled to announce, that after a two year hiatus, the beloved Festival of the Arts is back, in-person, with all our traditional events, entertainment, and offerings! The 45th Annual Festival of the Arts will be held on Memorial Day weekend, May 28 & 29, from 10 a.m. to 5 pm with a Preview Party Fundraiser Friday, May 27, from 7 - 10 p.m.

The Festival of the Arts is a two-day block-party-style celebration of our community's collective creativity, set in historic Marshfield Hills Village, and also our biggest annual fundraiser. The Festival encompasses fine art, photography, sculpture, live performances by musicians, dancers and thespians, plein air demos, children's activities, artisans' creations, delicious fare prepared by local food trucks, and more!



Artwork by Mary Jo Killion Wildes

Preview Party Fundraiser

One of our most popular events! At the Preview Party we announce award winners and preview the Juried Art, Sculpture and Photography Exhibition, Festival Feature Exhibition, and our Festival Poster. Join us for a block-party style celebration on May 27th, 7-10pm. Music will be by the popular Aldous Collins Band. Don't miss the kick off to weekend! We expect tickets to sell out!

Your ticket purchase includes one free drink, live entertainment and light fare.

[Purchase Tickets](#)



Festival Volunteers Needed

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The Festival is the NRAS' primary fundraiser of the year, a celebration of fine art, sculpture, photography, artisans, live entertainment, children's craft activities, local food trucks, and a Giant Puppet Parade, among so many other fun festivities! Please join our team of enthusiastic volunteers and enjoy being a part of an arts festival like no other.

[I want to Help!](#)

What's Happening

Festival of the Arts for the Artists



Juried Art and Photography Prospectus

In North River Arts Society's premier exhibition of the year, fine art, sculpture and photography will show together in both live and online shows. We can't wait to see what you have been working on the past year! **The entry deadline is April 18.** For details on submission and for the entry form, click the link below.

Important: ShowSubmit has a new feature for uploading your artwork for entry - it will now automatically size the image you send. No more messing with pixels and DPI!

[Prospectus](#)



Juried Artisan Show

Are you an Artisan or do you know one? North River Arts Society is now accepting applications from artisans who would like to participate in the Juried Artisans Show at the Festival of the Arts. This is one of our most popular events at the Festival! **Applications are due March 31.** To learn more and apply, click the link below.

[Apply Online](#)



Art in the Barn

We welcome the return of Art in the Barn at our upcoming festival! This is an open sale of paintings, drawings, prints, and photography. Members are welcome to submit up to 20 pieces of work, framed or unframed, for an entry fee of \$25. Artists will receive 60% of the proceeds and NRAS will receive 40%. Works previously submitted to any other NRAS Art Sale are not eligible for entry to this sale.

[Apply Online](#)

[Become a Member](#)

Classes & Workshops

Adult Classes At-a-Glance (1 of 2)



Drop-In Painting

Limited to 12 Artists

Mondays 9AM - 12PM

This is an open studio session available to North River Arts Society members, limited to 12 artists per day, first come, first served. Spend 3 hours on Monday mornings working on your art alongside fellow artists; get feedback, feel inspired and just enjoy each other's company!

[Learn More](#)



Creating Expressive Art with Pastels

with Jory Mason

Spring Session: Tuesdays, April 5 - May 24, 9am - 12pm

Summer Session: Thursdays, June 2 - June 30, 9am - 12pm

Come join our fun and supportive group of enthusiastic painters. Each week we will have a different theme or exercise to try. Together we explore this vast and very forgiving medium and try a few things you may not have done before. Starting with a strong composition is stressed along with establishing clear values. How to finish a painting with unexpected zings of color is demonstrated. Discovering your own personal artistic voice is encouraged.

[Learn More](#)



Watercolor Simplified

with Jack Haran

Spring Session: Tuesdays, April 5 - May 24, 1pm - 4pm

Summer Session: Tuesdays, July 12 - August 9, 1pm - 4pm

The goal of the class will be to demystify watercolors, from planning, materials, composition, washes, shapes, perspective, values, edges and anything else that comes up.

[Learn More](#)

Classes & Workshops

Adult Classes At-a-Glance (2 of 2)



Driven to Abstraction II

with Kelley MacDonald

Spring Session: Thursdays, April 7 - May 26, 9:30am - 12:30pm

If you have stood before an abstract painting and fallen in love with the shapes, colors and lines, you know the power that a good abstract painting can achieve. While this class is a continuation of Driven To Abstraction I, it is the type of instruction that allows people to jump in at any point. We will continue to try each week to focus on a different aspect of abstract painting. Mostly we will work in an Intuitive style, but we will explore abstracted figures, landscapes and still lives. We will use mark making and layering to give strength to our paintings and use different tools to achieve heights of mark making. If you love color, come find out how to make the most of color, to make it perform for you, and how neutrals can help make your color pop.

[Learn More](#)



Modern Painting

with Nancy Colella

Tuesdays, July 12 - August 9, 9:30am - 12:30pm

This fun class is designed for experienced painters working in any medium, who want to explore a more expressive and contemporary approach to their work. We'll explore new ways to manipulate the abstract elements of line, shape, color, and value to express an unexpected idea or statement. Through a series of quick, fun exercises, we'll learn how to let go of just copying what is in front of us and let our intuition guide us. This is not a "how to paint" class, rather a place to have fun and experiment with fellow artists. We'll be working independently from still life and/or photos.

[Learn More](#)



Painting Safari

with Kelley MacDonald

Thursdays, June 2 - July 7, 9:30am - 12:30pm

Beaches, Gardens, Buildings and more! Plein Air painting, in a small group, will happen all along the South Shore, at a different location every week. Each week there will be a lesson on a particular aspect of painting outdoors – perspective, editing, controlling what is included, the effect of light on color, etc.

[Learn More](#)

Classes & Workshops

Adult Workshops At-a-Glance (1 of 2)



Premier Coup: The Oil Portrait in One Sitting with Dan Thompson

3-day Workshop, April 1 - April 3, 9:30am - 4:30pm

Learn to become more decisive with brushstroke manipulation and proficient with edge control with 'Focus on Figures' Judge, Dan Thompson. This opportunity to explore constructive interpretations of the head and its subdivisions promises a greater depth of understanding in student painting as well as drawing.

Dan Thompson has exhibited at the National Arts Club, the United States Capitol, Beijing's World Art Museum, the Eleanor Ettinger Gallery, John Pence Gallery, Arcadia Gallery, the Art Gallery of Ontario, the Corcoran Gallery of Art, the John Noble Museum, The Pasadena Museum of California Art among others. To read further, please visit DanThompsonArt.com

[Learn More](#)



Mixed Media and Collage Explorations with Karole Nicholson

1-day Workshop, June 11, 9am - 4pm

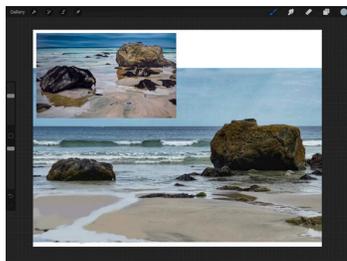
With the limitless possibilities of mixed media and collage, Karole will share her technique for creating custom collage materials using paper staining, stenciling, calligraphic mark making and prepping surfaces through use of under painting. Experience with drawing, painting, or design is helpful, however, beginners are absolutely welcome. You are encouraged to experiment, even bring along an older painting for "re-do" consideration (water-based media only).

Karole Nicholson attended Rhode Island School of Design studying graphic and advertising design; she currently works in mixed media and collage engaging an abstracted, contemporary approach to expressing her spirit on canvas. Texture, a gentle palette and an abstract view of the environment are the components that draw her into developing each painting. She exhibits her work as a member at the Providence Art Club, Attleboro Arts Museum, and Next Door Gallery and holds membership in the Collage Association of America.

[Learn More](#)

Classes & Workshops

Adult Workshops At-a-Glance (2 of 2)



Introduction to Procreate for Adults with Shane Leonard

1-day Workshop, June 25, 9am - 12pm

This workshop will go over how the iPad and Procreate can be used as a tool for artists across various mediums. Along with the basics of the application, Shane will demonstrate how to navigate the Procreate app interface and how it can be a useful tool for artists - beyond making digital art pieces. Procreate can be used for sketching, making mock ups, or working out painting compositions and manipulating reference photos, among other uses. Shane will also demonstrate how he uses the iPad and Procreate in his day to day work across projects from smaller paintings to large scale murals.

Shane Leonard is a multidisciplinary artist from Marshfield, MA. A recent graduate of Boston College where he studied Marketing and Information Systems, Shane began painting once his football career at BC was halted due to injury. Shane now works out of his studio in Abington, MA with focuses on traditional painting, murals, and clothing. Notable works on the South Shore include murals in the Brant Rock area of Marshfield, including the shark on the old Arthur & Pat's building. Shane is currently working on landscape painting and his brand 300 Teeth.

[Learn More](#)



Landscape and the Figure with Eli Cedrone

2-day Workshop, July 16 - July 17, 10am - 4pm

Each day, Eli will demonstrate the quick study and how to simplify value patterns to achieve unity and impact. She will introduce an innovative method of color mixing using a simple, four-value approach. Students will learn to see both color and value as a unit, identify them and quickly mix the desired color. With this approach, it's easy to establish a pattern of light informed by the direction of the sun and to achieve unity and impact.

Eli Cedrone is an award-winning artist from Boston. A graduate of the School of Art & Design, (Suffolk University) she also studied in Florence, Italy; The Museum of Fine Arts School and The Academy of Realist Art, Boston. Cedrone has won several awards and her work has been featured in numerous art publications. Cedrone is the recipient of several residencies and fellowships and has participated in juried invitationals in the US and abroad. She is a popular workshop instructor and teaches worldwide. To read further, please visit: www.elicedrone.com

[Learn More](#)

Classes & Workshops

Youth Classes At-a-Glance



Youth Art Journaling with Kate Anderson

Spring Session: Mondays, April 11 - June 6, 5pm - 6:30pm,

Art journaling is an open-ended form of art on loose paper or in a bound journal where the focus is on the process of creating and self-expression rather than a particular end result. Drawing, mark-making, writing, painting, and collage are all components. Each week we will explore a new journal prompt and spend time being creative. The students will take their journals home with them and have the ability to add to it before next week's class. At the beginning of each class the students will share their work from the previous week with the group; this will allow them to get comfortable talking about their artwork.

[Learn More](#)



July "Artventures" Camp

July 11 - 16, July 18 - 22, July 25 - 29, 9am - 12pm

Does your elementary grade child love to create art? North River Arts Society is hosting a mini art camp during three weeks in July 2022. Each week the campers will explore a theme and create artwork utilizing a variety of materials and techniques. Possible themes may include "Animal Planet," "Superheroes," "Time Travelers," "Under the Sea," "Around the World," etc.

[Learn More](#)

Calendar Highlights

Upcoming Events

April

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Focus on Figures Opening Reception & Award Ceremony

Judge of Selection and Awards: Dan Thompson

Friday, April 8, 6pm - 9pm

[Learn More](#)

May

27

Festival of the Arts Preview Party Fundraiser

Friday, May 27, 7pm - 10pm

[Purchase Tickets](#)

May

28 - 29

Festival of the Arts

Saturday, May 28, 10am - 5pm

Sunday, May 29, 10am - 5pm

[Learn More](#)



Let's Take a Trip

NRAS is planning a field trip to the Peabody Essex Museum in early June. Spend the morning enjoying the museum and then the sights of Salem and not have to worry about driving. Be on the look out for more information in April.

If you are interested to be placed on a waiting list for early notification - please pre-register (for free) at the link below.

[Pre-Register](#)

Get
Involved

Volunteer Opportunities

North River Arts is always thankful for volunteer help and welcomes all members of the community to assist in a variety of tasks. Our goal is to match your personal strengths and interests with our organizational needs. If you are interested in volunteering, please email the office at NorthRiverArts@gmail.com.



NRAS Gardener(s)

We are looking for a few more gardeners to join our team in keeping NRAS's gardens in good shape. This includes planting and upkeep of perennial and annual flowers, weeding and pruning of existing landscaping and the design seasonal decorations. All materials and plants will be provided by NRAS.



Handy Person

North River Arts Society needs a person to do occasional repairs and maintenance for our two buildings. Work will include mowing and trimming our very small grassy area, and keeping us looking good and functional inside and out. This person should be good with hand tools for small repairs. We will pay an hourly rate of \$20.



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Artist Opportunities

Exhibit Opportunities

North River Arts Society Satellite Galleries

The North River Arts Society works in collaboration with Marshfield's Ventress Memorial Library and the Hingham Public Library to present satellite shows of local artists' work.

NRAS Member Artists who would like to be considered for a solo or group exhibition at the Horan Gallery at the Ventress Memorial Library and the Dolphin Gallery at the Hingham Library (and haven't exhibited at either of these locations in the past five years) are encouraged to apply for consideration by the NRAS Exhibition Committee.

To apply for the Ventress or Hingham Library, please submit five jpegs of your work along with your resume/artist statement to: northriverarts@gmail.com and put "Exhibition Proposal" in the subject line. We are now scheduling exhibit dates into Fall 2022-2023.



Photo from Larry Asaro's show at the Horan Gallery located in the Marshfield Ventress Memorial Library



Thank you for reading *The Drawing Board*!

New editions of *The Drawing Board* are released quarterly with updates to classes, workshops, exhibits, events and more.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing you Memorial Day Weekend at The Festival of the Arts!