

February Demonstration

"Liberation" Acrylic painting by Rita Thompson

The **Chelmsford Art Society** is presenting **Rita Thompson** who will demonstrate **Exploring Acrylics**. A Boston native, now living in Chelmsford, Rita has studied at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. Presently, her acrylic paintings are more abstract, rather than representational. She also works in oil, watercolor and mixed media.

She has previously been a member the BVAU (Boston Visual Artists' Union) and WEB (Women Exhibiting in Boston) and is a long time member of the Chelmsford Art Society. Her work has been shown with these organizations, many places in Middlesex County and surrounding areas, where her recent paintings have won awards.

Her work has been accepted in the following juried shows: Frances N. Roddy Open Competition at the Concord Art Association, Brush Gallery Members Show, Arts League of Lowell Members Show, and the Whistler House Museum Members Show. Recently, three paintings were selected to be included in 'Her Art: A Celebration of (10) Women Artists in Boston'. The Museum Council of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston chose one of her paintings to be included in the silent auction at their June fund raiser, The Summer Party.

A Word from the President

For our April 26, Tues meeting, we will be holding a **"Show & Tell"** at the Library. We will set up tables in the McCarthy Room and artists who would like to, may display a few pieces of art work. They may talk and explain about their art work, to people who attend the meeting which will be open to the public.

If the artist likes, they maybe working on a piece at the time or not. They might have their cards out to advertise. You can not sell things at the library, but the artist could sell at a later time.

This is a way to show your art work and to tell people about it. You may sign up, call or e-mail me if you are interested in presenting your work.

The deadline to let me know is before March 29th.

Helen Moriarty tel # 978 251 3971 or hsmori146@aol.com

An Important Message

After February 15, 2011, the Old Town Hall will be closed for about a year. The plan is to rehab the building and update it with a working kitchen, elevator and remove the lead paint, among other things. The Art Society will be affected since all our meetings will be held at the Town Offices, Summer Place and the Library.

There are no plans for the 4th of July Art Festival so far. We can just see how it goes.
Helen Moriarty

February Demo continued...

The Chelmsford Art Society will meet for the demonstration on **Saturday February 26, 2011, at 2:00 PM at Summer Place Retirement Residence, 20 Summer St., Chelmsford, MA.** The meeting is free and open to the public.

CAS Programs 2011

Feb. 26, 2011, Sat. 2-4 PM

Rita Thompson - Exploring Acrylic Summer Place

March 29, 2011, Tues. 7 PM

Monique Skellarios, Oil
Chelmsford Library, McCarthy Room

April 26, 2011, Tues. 7 PM

Show and Tell
Chelmsford Library, McCarthy Room

May 11, 2011, Wed. 4:45 – 11 PM

Museum of Fine Arts trip

May 31, 2011, Tues. 7 PM

Mini Painting Workshop
Town Office, Rm LL03 Recycle Office

These programs are free of charge.

HAPPENINGS

by Helen Moriarty

Chelmsford - "Pastel Painting with Nita Leger Casey" will air on Comcast Channel 8, and Verizon, Channel 38, Thursdays at 7:00 PM and Saturdays at 8 PM, throughout the month of Feb, 2011. Nita creates a beautiful farm scene with pastels.

On the **Message Board of Comcast Channel 8, and Verizon Channel 38 Chelmsford Cable TV**, can be seen a Mini Art Show of art work by artist, Rita Thompson who will be presenting a demonstration on Exploring Acrylics.

Lowell Cable TV will be showing "Pastel Painting with Nita Leger Casey" for the month of **Feb, 2011 on Monday at 10 AM Chan. 8 and Tuesday at 6:30 PM Channel 95.**

Billerica Cable TV Channel 8 also features "Pastel Painting with Nita Leger Casey", on **Monday at 4:00 PM and Friday at 1:00 PM** for the month of Feb., 2011.

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Opening for Board of Directors

We still have an opening for Hospitality.

Hospitality Duties include:

Bring refreshments to the monthly member meetings. If interested -

contact Helen Moriarty:

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January Critique

Dianne Levine critiqued our art work at the January monthly meeting. Dianne brought along 4 of her paintings, 2 acrylic and 2 pastels to explain how she develops her compositions.

It was a cold winter night, but many of us came out to get her insight on our artwork. Dianne had a lot to say and we kept her busy until 9:15! We really appreciated all of her helpful suggestions and it was a great to see the work in progress by so many other members.

IN THE GALLERY

The Town Offices
50 Billerica Road, Chelmsford:

Carol Conrad's beautiful pastel paintings are on display through the end of **February**.

Gopika Narula will have her artwork on display for the months of **March** and **April**.

The Summer Place
20 Summer Street, Chelmsford:

Rita Thompson's exciting acrylic paintings are on exhibit for **January** and **February**.

Esther Donlon will have her watercolors on exhibit for the months of **March** and **April**.

Consider showing your work! Please contact Rita Thompson at 978-256-5975 or rthompson@wright-loeb.com



"Yipes Stripes" by Rita Thompson

Gallery At Floral Arts

Donna Berger will have her artwork on display during the month of March. **Claire Gagnon** will have her artwork on display during the month of April.

If you would like to show your artwork at the Gallery at Floral Arts, at 129 Littleton Rd. Westford, please call Georgia: 978-256-0378.

15th Annual Chelmsford Photography Contest

At the Chelmsford Center for the Arts (CCA).

Saturday & Sunday, February 5-6, 2011

Contest Rules:

- Three categories: Professional, Amateur, Student (through High School)
- Each person limited to 3 entries
- All prints should be framed with a paper mat frame or dry mounted onto a mat board. No wood or metal frames!
- Only photos taken after January 1, 2010 are eligible
- Limit of one prize per contestant
- Entrants must be residents of Chelmsford
- Entries will be displayed at the Chelmsford Center for the Arts (CCA) during Winterfest on Saturday and Sunday (February 5-6, 2011) and will remain up through mid-February

• Winning photos may be published in the local newspapers, websites and/or displayed at the library.

Cash Prizes awarded in each category: \$100, \$75 and \$50.

For more information and an application go to:

<http://chelmsfordlibrary.org/blog/2010/01/25/2010-winterfest-photo-contest-applications/>

Pastel Workshop

The CCA hosted award-winning artist Gregory John Maichack, Wednesday, February 1, 2011, from 7:00p.m.-9:00p.m. for a workshop, "The Pastel Art of Georgia O'Keeffe: Modern American Abstraction" for adults.

This was a free, hands-on workshop with all supplies provided. Several CAS members were able to attend.

The workshop focused on the calla lily, with participants working in tandem with the artist. Topics such as O'Keefe's landscapes, shells and more were also covered.

This workshop was supported in part from a grant from the Chelmsford Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

PCA Gallery - Call for Art

The PCA (Parish Center for the Arts) Gallery invites artists to submit work for consideration for solo and group exhibitions. All media will be considered, however, 3D work is not generally accepted due to space constraints. Exhibits are up for 1 month and openings are available from Sept. 2011 through June 2012. The PCA Gallery is located at [10 Lincoln Street, Westford, MA.](#)

The PCA provides the space and guidance to the artist for making a successful show but the artist is responsible for publicity, hanging, hosting a reception (if desired) and gallery sitting. The artist retains 80% of all sales.

To be considered, submit 8-10 images on CD, slides, or via email (.jpg files). For each image include the title, dimensions and media. In addition, include a brief artist biography including the artist address, email and phone number. CDs and slides should be mailed to: PCA, PO Box 411, Westford, MA 01886. For email, send submissions to pca@westford.com. The deadline for submission is Friday, **March 4, 2011**. For questions, please email pca@westford.com or call 978-692-6333.

Member News

Paula Mingolelli is part of a 2 man show at Western Ave in Lowell. The name of the show is "**The Splendor of Nature**" and it will run from 2/4 through 2/27. The **opening reception is Friday 2/4 from 6-9 PM**. All are welcome.

Don Sullivan's exhibition "**Ebb & Flow**" is now open at Centro restaurant and bar and runs through March 31, 2011. A **reception** was held **Sunday, January 23, 1 to 3 pm**. Don says, "The Tide Pool series was actually inspired by my taking photographs along the coast of Maine at Ocean Point 30 years ago. Although inspired by nature, I encourage the viewer to personally engage with the paintings as they get lost in the colors and forms." Centro Restaurant
24 Market Street
Lowell, MA 01852, (978) 453-4630

North Road Gallery

North Road Gallery, a community-based art space, opens in January at [41-55 North Road in Bedford](#), where Emerson Medical at Bedford is now located.

The inaugural exhibit features a wide range of work by seven local artists including contemporary and traditional paintings to fine art photography. **Donna Berger**, Chelmsford artist is showing five of her children's book illustrations.



Donna Berger with her illustration of Gandhi as a child for a Time for Kids publication. Photo taken by Richard Hosford.

There was an opening reception on Thursday, January 20th and the exhibit runs from **January through March 1, 2011**.

Museum of Fine Arts Trip



Photo of the new Art of the Americas wing at the MFA.

The Chelmsford Art Society is planning a trip into the Museum of Fine Arts on **Wed, May 11, 2011**. This trip is to see the new "Art of the Americas" wing. If you are interested in this trip, it is not too soon to sign up. Last year we did have a full bus. See the application on the next page for more details.

Chelmsford Earth Fair

Will be on Saturday, May 14th from 12 - 3 at the Senior Center. Kristy Medina is looking for local businesses, artisans, environmental enthusiasts, entertainers, and people to provide food and drinks in an eco-friendly way (little to no trash involved). There is no table fee. Contact Kristy if you are interested in helping or participating: lk4t4monet@hotmail.com

Brush Gallery's For the Birds Exhibition Call For Entries

Artists who are residents of the U.S. and Canada may submit 2-dimensional or 3-dimensional work, including: paintings, fiber, drawings, photographs, monoprints, mixed-media and sculpture. The work must depict birds.

ENTRY FEE: \$30.00 non-members, \$20.00 for Brush Gallery members.

Deadline for entry: March 18 : Application, CD and payment due at Brush Gallery no later than 4:00 pm

ON-LINE APPLICATION REQUIRED: [Please click here to apply on-line.](#)

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Sign up for the

Museum of Fine Arts Bus Trip

Wednesday, May 11, 2011, 4:45 PM to 11 PM

The *Chelmsford Art Society* is happy to sponsor a
Trip to the Museum of Fine Arts (MFA)

www.mfa.org

to visit the new section,

"The Art of the Americas" wing

Come and enjoy the beautiful displays of
art from North and South America.

This is a great opportunity to share art with other members,
your family, and your friends.

The bus will leave the **Town Offices**,
50 Billerica Rd., Chelmsford, MA.

Parking at the Lower Parking Lot of the Town Offices.

Date: Wednesday, May 11, 2011

Leave the Town Offices at **4:45 PM**

Return to the Old Town Hall by **11 PM**

Cost is **\$15.00** - museum entry is free

Deadline to sign up is April 2, 2011

For more information, visit our web site <http://www.chelmsfordartsociety.com/> or
contact Helen Moriarty hsmoril46@aol.com 978 251 3971

I understand that the Chelmsford Art Society
and the CAS Board Members are not liable
for any loss or damages sustained by
participation in this event.

I have read and agree to the above terms.

Signature _____

Phone# _____

Another
Person _____

Make **checks** payable to Chelmsford Art
Society and

Mail application with payment to:
Chelmsford Art Society
c/o Helen Moriarty
146 Graniteville Rd.
Chelmsford, MA 01824

Date _____

Phone _____