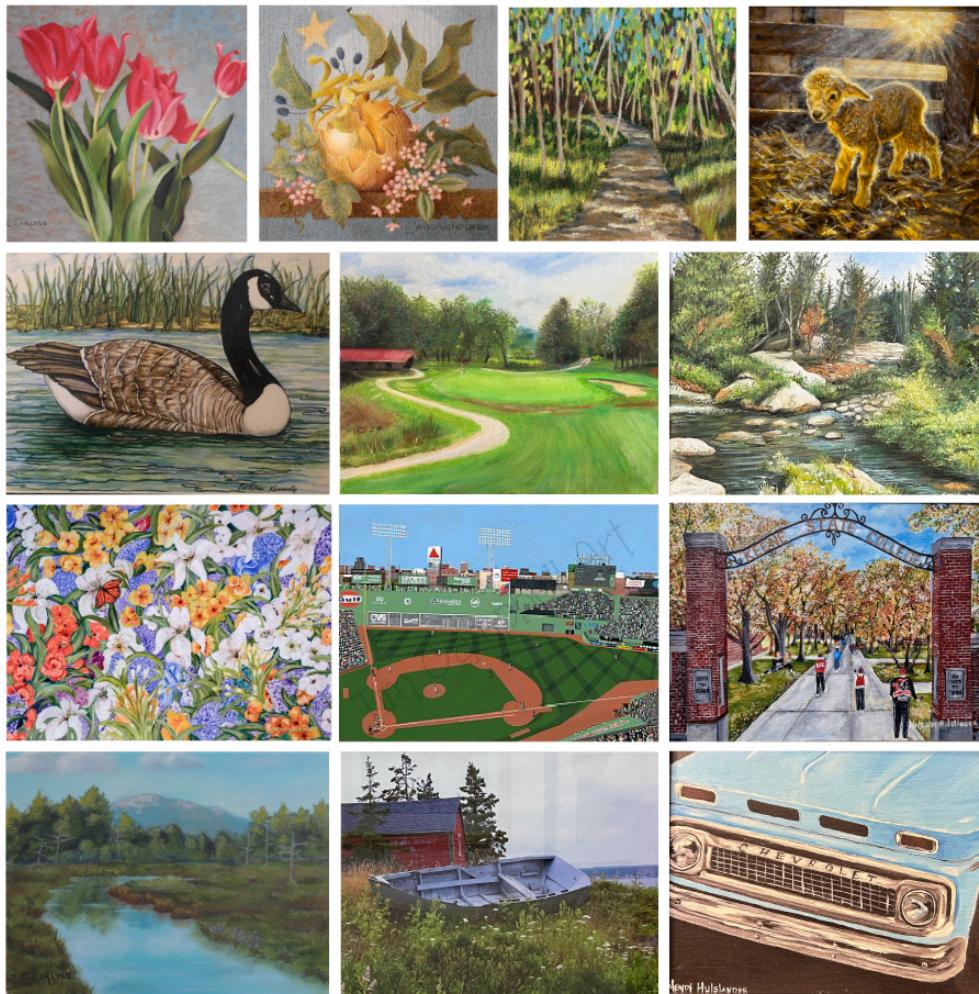


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## MAY 2024



Thank you to all of the artists who are sharing their images for the Gift-Giving promotion.

### The “Art of Gift Giving” Promotion: MAAA ART Gallery at Syd’s Update

The sales staff at Syd’s reports that there are visitors to the Gallery every day, people never seen at their store before. People exploring and enjoying the art. What a gift MAAA has given to the community!

campaign yet was designed to raise awareness of art as the ideal gift. [Read: Art is the Gift that Gives Forever](#) on our website.

Remember, anytime you share an MAAA post, you are helping the organization build buzz and grow.

## Announcing our new WORKSHOP Series!

*Members have been wishing we had instructional opportunities and our new Workshop Committee has responded!*



### Workshop with Mary Iselin: Seeing (and Using!) Color and Light in your Oil, Pastel, or Acrylic Painting

**June 15, 2024, 10am-4pm, Stone Arch Village, Community Room (Senior Housing Complex), 835 Court Street, Keene, NH** (Immediately after Savings Bank of Walpole on the right across from Dunkin Donuts)

It has often been said, “we don’t paint objects, we paint light.” And color is, to many of us, one of the biggest joys in our world. In this workshop, we will briefly explore how to see both color and light and explore techniques for using both in our work to enhance interest, excitement, and hopefully, to add that special “magic” that makes painting worthwhile.

**Registration fee: \$75 for members and \$90 for non-members. Deadline for Registration is June 12.**

### [REGISTER](#)

For this Workshop, the presenter and MAAA would like to be sure that no one is excluded due to cost. In the Registration Form (link above), there is a space to request reduced/waived tuition. If you have any questions, please contact Workshop Committee Members Kathleen Kennedy at 603-209-4344 or Gail Shelley at 603-209-0618. Please leave a text message or voicemail.





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## Membership Renewals and Registrations

Along with our new website came an unexpected opportunity to upgrade our online Membership system. We have been exploring state-of-the-art Membership systems and hope to unveil our new mechanism soon. Asking for everyone's patience in advance as we install, test and use the new process to keep track of our members and keep our membership growing.

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## MAAA Scholarship Program Awards Two Scholarships

MAAA past president Sue Doyle has revived our Scholarship Program and has announced that this year two \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded, one to a Keene High School (KHS) senior and one to a Monadnock Regional High School (MRHS) senior. Both ceremonies will take place on June 5, when Sue will be out of town at her grandchild's graduation. So former Keene High Art teacher, MAAA past president and current board member Gill Truslow will be doing the honors. Filling in for Sue at MRHS is Ruth Sterling, current MAAA president.



Scholarship funds come from raffle sales at Art in the Park.

Participating artists designate one of their works with a "Win Me!" sign and visitors buy tickets hoping to win the prize by the artist of their choice. This wonderful MAAA program literally involves the entire community: artists, students, teachers, administration, the public and volunteers. The program is a great chance to get the word out about MAAA and plant the seed for students (and their parents) to join the organization and/or attend Art in the Park.

Next month we will share more about the scholarship recipients.

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# Critiques with Care



## Kind, informative, exciting: Register now for the next monthly Critiques with Care session

The reviews are all positive! Three attendees have come back for these helpful sessions; new people join each time. Here's what participants are saying about Jeanne's expert sessions:

*Not only did I experience a warm, friendly gathering of talented, kind people, it was so-o-o beneficial! I took a painting that I was ready to scrap and wound up with one that I really like. Who knew?*

*Thank you for leading kind, informative and interesting critiques in your studio. Critiques are valuable for improvement. It's exciting to listen to the critique group voice their opinions, observations and suggestions with your quiet guidance. Very, very helpful! Thank you!*

*Thank you for opening up your studio and offering the insight to our paintings. This is exactly what I was hoping to get out of the event.*

Artists are welcome any time after 9:30 knowing we will start the critique promptly at 10:00.

**Registrations are open now for the May session, Thursday, May 30, 9:30am**

[\*\*REGISTER\*\*](#)

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## MAAA, ArtWalk, Arts Alive and Nova Arts

As the area's longstanding visual arts organization, MAAA wants to be closely involved with other area arts groups. We are fortunate to have so much art in the Monadnock Region and it can be a challenge to keep up with everything that is going on. Thank you to Jen Hinson who keeps us informed about Arts Alive as an MAAA member and Arts Alive ambassador. Thank you to

River Group is up to.

**ArtWalk in Downtown Keene** begins Friday May 31 and runs through the week until Sunday, June 9. Many of the 85 artists in ArtWalk are MAAA members (we sure wish they all were). Some of the 27 exhibitors at the MAAA Gallery at Syd's are also featured in ArtWalk. **We are looking for two member artists who are in neither ArtWalk 2024 nor our Gallery to be showcased in Syd's windows this month.** We would like to have the windows ready in time for [The Thing in the Spring](#), a major event at **Nova Arts** on nearby Emerald Street the weekend of May 16-19. If you'd like to showcase your art in the excellent space in one of Syd's two main windows, please email [Ruth.Sterling@gmail.com](mailto:Ruth.Sterling@gmail.com) by Friday, May 3.

**Arts Alive** is introducing a new publication and MAAA has purchased a 1/4 page ad, pictured here. "Discover Monadnock Arts Book is a publication that introduces tourists and locals to traditions, venues, artists, and cultural experiences that happen uniquely here! 10,000 copies will be distributed the first year."

**Rack Cards ready to distribute:** The pamphlet-size cards we created for the gift bags at the Grand Re-Opening of the MAAA Art Gallery at Syd's are now available in larger quantities. If you notice a bank of rack cards at a restaurant, business or tourist location and think our Gallery and our signature event, Art in the Park, should be included, let us know. Any volunteers interested in helping to distribute the promotional cards, [please get in touch using the contact form on our website](#). Thank you!

The advertisement features a collage of images. At the top left is a landscape painting. To its right is the MAAA logo: 'MAAA MONADNOCK AREA ARTISTS ASSOCIATION'. Below the logo is the text 'ART GALLERY' in large, bold, gold letters. Underneath that is the 'Syd's Carpet & Snooze Room' logo and the address 'St. James Street, Keene' with '25+ artists' listed below. A photograph shows the interior of the gallery with several framed artworks on the walls and a modern sofa. Below this is a green banner with the text 'SAT & SUN LABOR DAY WEEKEND' on the left and 'A tradition since 1958 at Ashuelot River Park in Keene' on the right. In the center of the banner is a black square with the text 'ART in the Park' in white and green. Below the banner is a photograph of an outdoor art fair with people and art displays. At the bottom of the advertisement is the website address 'monadnockareaartists.org'.



# Member Exhibit

Crowell Gallery, Newfane, VT

July 2024 • Reception July 6

## **Deadline May 15 for July MAAA Member Exhibit in Newfane, VT**

Call to artists! Limited to 3 pieces per artist (numbered in order of preference.) Participation is free for MAAA members. Deadline for forms and images is May 15; no exceptions can be made to this deadline. Kris Stewart, Art in the Park Chair and MAAA Treasurer, scheduled this Member Exhibit at the Crowell Gallery in nearby Newfane, VT, for the month of July, 2024. The show will be hung July 1 and there will be a reception at the Gallery July 6. Strike date for the show is July 27. Note: For this graphic, we used art images from several members who have expressed interest in the show. When we get all the entrants, we hope to redo this graphic to represent all of our participants. Link below.

[\*\*REGISTER NOW\*\*](#)

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## ART in the Park May 14 Deadline

**Important deadline this month for returning exhibitors: The last day to request your site location from 2023 is May 14.**

### **New Map/Brochure with new site numbers**

We are designing a new Map/Brochure for Art in the Park and have prepared an accurate map from the landscape architect's original schematics. We are also renumbering the sites in a logical, sequential system so it is **VERY LIKELY THAT YOUR SITE NUMBER WILL CHANGE EVEN THOUGH YOUR SITE LOCATION WILL BE THE SAME**, if you request the same site by May 14.

### **From Art in the Park Chair, Kris Stewart: Introducing a Member Tent this year**

MAAA is planning to include a new booth this year at Art in the Park featuring the artwork of our members. We have access to a 10x10 pop-up (thank you, Ruth Sterling), but are in need of panels or other appropriate hanging surfaces for the actual artwork. If you have any such items to loan for the event, we would be most grateful. Please contact Kris Stewart at [krisstewartfineart@gmail.com](mailto:krisstewartfineart@gmail.com). Thanks so much.

Remember, Labor Day weekend is early this year—Saturday, August 31 and Sunday, September 1.

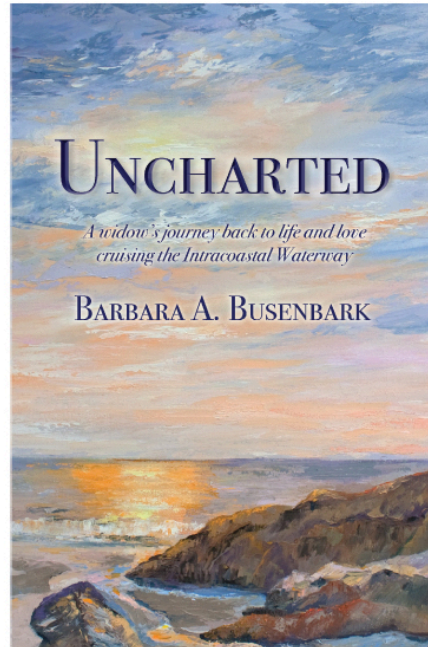
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## Blast from the Past

**Barbara Busenbark, one-time MAAA Vice-President and website coordinator, has written a memoir and will be in Keene and Peterborough sharing her book. She'd love to see her old friends....**

For the past few years, I put my paintbrushes aside and began writing my story of being widowed and starting over. The title of my memoir is *Uncharted; A widow's journey back to life and love cruising the Intracoastal Waterway* with a release date of May 6. *Uncharted* is available on Amazon. I will be doing a **reading and book signing at the Toadstool Bookstore in Keene on Friday evening, June 21, at 6 PM** and Toadstool Peterborough on Saturday, June 22, at 11 AM. I'd love to see some familiar

*Uncharted* is the captivating story of a woman suddenly widowed after thirty years of marriage and her struggles to make sense of the unexpected loss. She takes on the challenge of renovating a house in and opening an art gallery to support herself. The project parallels rebuilding her life. Realizing living alone, with just a little dog, is not for her she begins online dating. The process yields mixed results, some humorous until she meets Tim. An avid sailor, their relationship brings comfort and warmth to her life. Sailing adventures with Tim become part of their developing relationship. Once engaged to be married, they plan a boating trip from Maine to Florida. Bad weather and unexpected tribulations plague their journey but love and laughter keep them going.



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## MEMBER NEWS

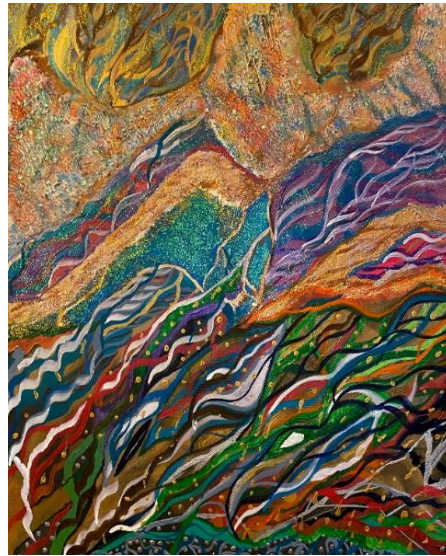


**Jackie Griswold** will be exhibiting her mixed media collage art at the Paradise City Arts Festival in Northampton, MA, May 25-27. Paradise City produces New England's leading arts festivals. Its shows provide artists with a sophisticated



sculpture, discerning homeowners, galleries, museums and home décor professionals.

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Shawn's Ascension  
New work by Jen Hinson  
acrylic on canvas.

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## ARTIST OPPORTUNITIES

### **River Valley Artisans Art Tour 2024**

Applications are now being accepted for the 2024 tour held on September 7th & 8th. The two venues are Summit Winery in Westmoreland and Branch & Blade Brewing in Keene but spaces are currently available only at Branch & Blade - outside in your own tent. If you would like more information or an application, please contact: [rivervalleyartisanstour@gmail.com](mailto:rivervalleyartisanstour@gmail.com)

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**Wendy Huslander** has signed up for this class and wanted others to know about it.

You are invited to come along for an Art Adventure Abroad to Southern France in September 2024 for 10 days. Each year a small group joins Darla Bostick for her Art Adventure Abroad to a new destination. The dates and cost are on the webpage.

Simply put, Darla's Art Adventures are just that – a group of artists (and interested non-artists) who wish to experience the culture, sites and foods of another country. Anyone who loves to travel and record their memories is encouraged to join – no art experience required! Darla will show you how to

way to record your adventure!

Our art journals will incorporate special ideas for each page. Last year I wrote and published a book! ***“Making an Art Journal...as You Travel—How-to Ideas by Darla Bostick”*** has been a popular gift for those who join us abroad. It is packed with ideas and examples. Each day there is a fun challenge for photography as well as the journal itself. There are also lessons dedicated to various techniques. After returning “home” each day, there’ll be time for instruction and creating in our studio!

Both new and seasoned artists are welcome to come and learn to journal creatively! Non-artists/spouses are also welcome to join us so bring a friend, or just plan to make new ones!

Or, if you prefer to explore your artistic side closer to home, Darla’s 19<sup>th</sup> Ghost Ranch UN-Traditional Watercolor Workshop/Retreat features watercolor with a twist! Sunday, 27 Oct-Saturday, 2 November we live at Ghost Ranch--made famous by Georgia O’Keeffe. The workshop offers two optional field trips: Georgia O’Keeffe’s home and studio in Abiquiu, NM as well as the Landscape Tour on the Ranch property to see where she lived and what she painted. Our lodging and meals are included.

Registration is taking place now!  
Please share with other art friends...  
I have attached 2 postcards below

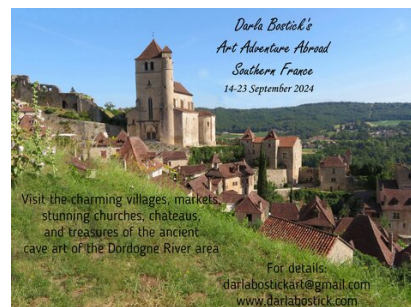
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Darla Bostick, [darlabostickart@gmail.com](mailto:darlabostickart@gmail.com) or give me a call 940.320.5660

**My 19th Ghost Ranch Art Workshop/Retreat at Ghost Ranch is 27 October-2 November.**

**2024 Annual Art Abroad Adventure back to Southern France 14-23 Sept.**

**Check my website for details. <https://www.darlabostick.com>**




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Thank you

Carol

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