

# MAA April 2025 Newsletter



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The Manchester Artists Association meets on the **first Monday of every month from September Through May** inclusive **EXCEPT** if the first Monday of the month falls on a holiday. In that case, the meeting will be held on the following Monday. Meetings are at 7 PM at the Michael Briggs Public Safety Building located at 406 Valley Street in Manchester NH 03103. Meetings are free and open to the public. All members are always welcome to attend Board meetings which are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

**April Meeting: Monday APRIL 7; Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 15**

## **AOTM:**

### **March AOTM WINNERS**

Bedford Library- Sean Jameson

Days Jewelers- Cindi Chagaris

Creative Framing- Joe Sweeney

Saint Mary's Bank- Cyndi Peterson

Triangle Credit- Marie Gervacio

Triangle Credit- Laurie Lafleur

City of Manchester Health- Sandee Nichols

Saint Mary's Puritan- Noella Breault



## **April Presenter: Shawne Randlett**

### **The Art of Daily Practice: You Can Paint Everything You Want When You Paint (Almost) Every Day**

As an artist who has an affinity for three different genres, I found that my ideas for paintings came quicker than I could paint them-- and I quickly lost the spark. It wasn't until I committed to painting as daily as I could that I stopped being a frustrated artist.

Shawne is an artist working mainly in acrylic and occasionally soft pastel, and paints still life, landscape, and supernaturalist paintings with Christian devotional themes. When she is home, she paints from her studio in Laconia, NH. Her day job as a graphic designer and marketing copywriter for

Madeira USA in Gilford, NH, allows just enough space in her office photography workbench to paint on her lunch break so she can practice being as daily a painter as possible. She also labors in ministry with her husband David, who is the pastor at Boscawen Congregational Church in Boscawen, NH. She shows and sells her work locally and online, and is also a member of the Seacoast Artist Association.

## Artist of the Year

It's that time! The ballot is attached to this newsletter. Please think about which members you see stepping up to help MAA function efficiently on a regular basis. Ballots **must** be handed in by our April meeting. [Click here](#) for printable ballot.

## Officers & Board

It's also time to nominate the officers & Board for the 2025-2026 Club Year. Write in the name of the person who you would like to see in each position and sign at the bottom of the page. If you would like to volunteer for a position, write in your own name. Nominations will be collected at the April meeting with voting at the May meeting. [Click here for the Officer Nomination form](#).

## Scholarship

It's never too early to start planning a portfolio! Do you have a family member or neighbor who's a Senior in High School & planning to pursue arts education? Encourage them to talk to their HS Art teacher and/or Guidance Counselor to get the MAA Scholarship Application in the Spring. Howard sends it to ALL the high schools in NH. MAA is proud to offer some financial help to an art minded student! [Click here](#) for scholarship application,

## MEMBER NEWS

### OUR Exhibit at Massabesic Audubon Center

March & April 2025. Photos taken at the Reception

### Joe Sweeney Painting Sales

The painting "Chickadees" was sold at the Greater Salem Artists Associations Spring Fling at the Lake st Garden Center in Salem on March 8, and the painting "The Ridge" was sold at the Fine Craft and Artisan Show at the Capitol City Sports & Fitness complex in Concord March 15 & 16.

### Jim Wong Murals at Pappy's

I've just completed a painting of 4 summer scene Murals at Pappy's Pizza & Subs shop located at 1531 Elm St. in downtown Manchester, NH.

When the owner of the shop couldn't reach the late Anthony Williams. I informed him (John) that he had passed away

last July.. We had been dining at Pappy's Pizza , whenever I visited Anthony to help with the paper work needed for his Craftworker Guild organization that we both belonged. so , Luckily I've left my business card for the owner during our luncheon get togethers.. So, he commissioned me to help with painting his Pappy's Family on his store windows., and trusting me even though it's my first time doing the murals. The task took me over 20 hours to sketch and paint the summer scenes per his suggested printouts. At first, I thought it was suppose to be regular people on the murals, but he corrected me with caricature sketches of the Pappy Family as it relates to his store's logo and business cards. Also , painting on glass requires at least 2 coats of paint. The quality of the paint makes a difference as I used both heavy body Liquitex and Golden paints. The others acrylic paints were too thin to adhere to the glass.



**NHPleinAir Artists** You can [request membership here](#) has geared down for the winter, but some dedicated members do venture out year round & you're welcome to give it a try whenever they do go out . In order to keep up their skills, members will also get together indoors when a space is available. Become a member to stay up to date on the latest happenings. It's FREE!

### [Art Opportunites \(click links\)](#)

- **Creative Ventures Gallery** in Milford hLabor Day Weekendas new classes and exhibit opportunities. For all the latest news: **click here to visit the website**
- Current exhibitions at The Currier: <https://currier.org/exhibitions/>.
- **NH Arts E-Opps**
- **NH Art Association Art Around Town Newsletter**
- **Union Coffee Company**, Milford contact David Cianci, Head Roaster/Senior Partner via email to express interest. [david@unioncoffee.co](mailto:david@unioncoffee.co) or 603-566-2616.
- Weekly Plein Air Painting with NHPleinAir Artists (see above)
- **Art on the Wall at City Hall: Sign up link**

### **For Future Newsletters & Programs:**

Please,please, please send your news to Sharon at [PleinAirGal@gmail.com](mailto: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!

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