



## A Message From Your Co-Presidents

"First Bloom," Bill Deveney

### Spring Awakening: Our March Update

Hello, LAG artists and friends!

We, your Co-Presidents Cheryl Chisholm and Cathy Grassello, are delighted to welcome you to March, a month of firsts, fresh starts, new goals, renewed focus, and amazing outcomes. We have a lot of exciting Art Guild events lined up for you this month, such as:

- Our first monthly "Meet the Artist" presentation at the Lynnfield Library with our Co-President Cathy Grassello.
- Our March 21st demo with Christopher Volpe, an oil painting expert.
- Our March "Featured Artist," Louise Pellegrino, will showcase her stunning work on our website.
- Our LAG artist "Solo Exhibits" at the North Shore Bank and Centennial

Gallery in Peabody, where you can admire the creativity and talent of our members.

- Our Fine Art exhibit at the Universalist Unitarian Church, which runs until March 31st and displays the artwork of 14 of our artists.

We are also thrilled to announce that our Spring Show is coming along nicely, thanks to the hard work, focus and efficiency of our wonderful team.

You are all invited to participate in these events and celebrate the beauty of art with LAG!

We hope you enjoy this month and all the opportunities it brings.

We will leave you with this traditional Irish blessing, wishing all happiness and prosperity. We look forward to sharing this month, and its bounty, with all of you.

*May peace and plenty bless your world  
With joy that long endures.  
And may all life's passing seasons  
Bring the BEST to you and yours.*

-Author Unknown

Whatever is beautiful...

Whatever is meaningful....

Whatever brings you happiness.... May it all be yours in this month of March.

Cheryl Chisholm and Cathy Grassello  
Co-Presidents, Lynnfield Art Guild

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## What's Happening!

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### Spring Festival & Art Show Update!

Our LAG Spring Festival & Art Show will take place this year on Saturday May 4, 2024. We urge vendors and artists to mark your calendars today!

This popular event is shaping up nicely. In addition to our judged art show inside the



Town Meeting House, there will be vendors galore and great entertainment on the Lynnfield Common. Furthermore, we have some **great surprises lined up**. More to come on that in next month's LAG Newsletter.

If you are interested in setting up a table outside, **please complete this Vendor Registration form**. LAG active Artists who wish to enter our judged art show should **complete the Artist Registration form**.

The deadline to submit the Vendor Registration and Artist Registration forms is **April 20, 2024**. We can't wait to see you there!



### Reception for LAG @ NSUU - Sharing an Afternoon of Art

The Lynnfield Art Guild, a vibrant and diverse community of artists, artisans and art explorers, hosted a public reception for their exhibit at the Northshore Unitarian Universalist Church on Sunday, February 25th. The exhibit features 44 pieces of fine art and photography by 14 Guild members, representing a variety of styles, mediums and themes.

About 50 people attended the reception and enjoyed the beautiful art exhibit and the company of the Guild and NSUU members.

The exhibit is open to the public on Sundays from 11:30am to 1:00pm. If your group would like a private showing, please contact Cathy

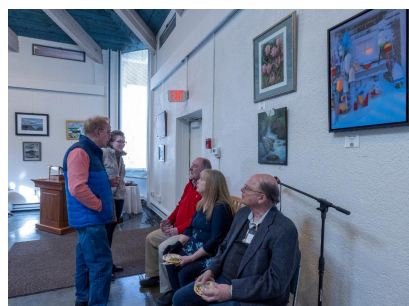


Grassello @ 781-771-2589, and we can arrange a date and time for you and your group to view the exhibit. Admission is free, and all artwork is available for purchase.

The Lynnfield Art Guild was founded in 1964 and has been providing opportunities for local artists to network, learn, display and sell their work ever since. The Guild also offers monthly art demonstrations, scholarships for graduating seniors from Lynnfield High School, and exhibits at local banks and libraries.

The Northshore Unitarian Universalist Church is a welcoming and inclusive congregation that values diversity, social justice and environmental stewardship. The church hosts various events and activities throughout the year, such as concerts, lectures, workshops and fundraisers.

The exhibit is a collaboration between the Lynnfield Art Guild and the Northshore Unitarian Universalist Church, and a celebration of the creative spirit and the local community.





**Oil Paint  
Presented by  
Christopher Volpe  
Thursday, March 21, 2024  
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
(via Zoom)**

Art is just an attempt to create meaning, both in your own individual life and in the lives of the people you connect with. What keeps me coming back to the easel is a perpetual unrest and an urge to be part of a collective search for meaning and satisfaction. It's the same impulse I had as a teacher of literature – an attempt to make some sense of what's going on and figure out what's important before we die.

The paintings I love and aspire to create turn the pain and confusion of being human into a kind of beauty that doesn't deny the darkness or sugarcoat reality, yet insists on a lyrical engagement, not just with the world around us, but with the deeper mysteries of the human heart.



### **Re-Cap of February's Demo with Emily Passman**

The Guild wishes to thank artist Emily Passman for her captivating and enlightening demonstration on February 15th, 2024. Her expertise in oils and acrylics left an indelible mark on our artistic community, and we are honored to celebrate Emily's talent and passion.

Emily's expressive, loose style, while maintaining a sense of realism, resonated deeply with our members. As Emily described the beauty found in the ordinary and every day, she transported us to landscapes both urban and natural. She shared with us her extraordinary ability to capture the essence of a scene, whether in oils or acrylics.

Her approach to art as a “reaction to” the subject, rather than a mere “rendering,” inspired us to explore our own creative processes. Her dedication to observation, both in the studio and plein air, reminded us that every stroke holds significance.

Watch your email for Demo details including the Zoom link.

Anyone wishing to take online lessons from Emily, can connect with her via her website at: [www.emilypassman.com](http://www.emilypassman.com)



2024	Calendar of Demos & Events
March 21, 2024	Christopher Volpe Oil Painting
April 18, 2024	Katharine Krieg Light in Watercolor
Note: Upcoming Demos will be held via ZOOM	Order of events for ZOOM demos:
6:45 PM – 7:00 PM	Sign in for the meeting and socializing time.
7:00 PM -7:15 PM	President’s announcements, welcome and introduction of the demonstrator.
7:15 PM – 8:15 PM	Demonstration by artist. All participants muted.

8:15 PM – 8:30 PM

All are unmuted for questions and answers.

8:30 PM - 8:45 PM

Thank the artist & Post meeting socializing.

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## Who's Making (Art) News?

### Essex Heritage to Honor 2023 Photo Contest Winners

We are proud to announce that our Co-President, Catherine Grassello, has won the 2<sup>nd</sup> place prize for the “Buildings, Blocks and Neighborhoods” category of Essex Heritage’s 2023 Photo Contest. Her photo, titled *“Pink House, Half Moon,”*



features a historic and iconic house in Newbury, MA that has inspired many artists over the years. Unfortunately, the Pink House is facing the threat of demolition. Grassello wanted to preserve its beauty and significance in one last photograph, showing how it enriches the culture and landscape of Newbury, and to show support for the citizens trying to preserve this piece of Newbury’s past.

To honor the winners, Essex Heritage is inviting everyone to a public reception and awards ceremony in Salem, MA. There, you can view all the winning photos, enjoy some snacks, and meet the photographers. Don’t miss this opportunity to celebrate with Essex Heritage and this year’s winners. It will be held on Wednesday, March 6 at 6:00 pm at the Salem Armory Visitor Center, 2 New Liberty St., Salem, MA 01970.

[Essex Heritage 2023 Photo Contest Winners](#)

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### Artwork of Leslie Scott-Lysan Featured in March Exhibit at Beebe Library in Wakefield

During March, a selection of oil and acrylic landscape paintings by



Wakefield-based artist Leslie Scott-Lysan is on exhibit at the Blake Gallery at the Lucius Beebe Memorial Library, 345 Main Street in Wakefield, MA. The exhibit is titled "New England Views: En Plein Air & In the Studio."

Leslie's 2006 vacation to Monhegan Island (ME) spurred her return to painting after being away from it for over 30 years. The artists there inspired her to buy watercolor pencils, paper, and brushes to sketch a rusted, white iron bucket of bright red geraniums at the Monhegan House.

Today, she draws inspiration from colors and light and nature in every season, whether it is from a grand vista in the White Mountains (NH), the rocky shores and mountains in Maine, or her home studio. Even city architecture fascinates her. Making art for Leslie is "about color, light, and working alongside the Creator."

She works primarily en plein air (outdoors) in oil and acrylic paints as well as mixed media. Her photography offers inspiration for her studio work.



Strength and Resilience  
by Leslie Scott-Lysan







LAG is proud to announce that Lynnfield watercolor artist and active member, Louise Pellegrino is its featured artist for the months of March and April. Many of

Louise's paintings are inspired by travels through Italy and Greece with her husband Paul. Visit her [page](#) to view her paintings and for more information.



## Calling all LAG Artists: Add your best work to our Members' Art Gallery

Dear member artist, do not overlook this simple opportunity to gain exposure for your artwork. We have launched a project to update our website and we want to include your art. We have made great progress, but we would love to see more of you contribute to the gallery. We hope to have as many members as possible represented in our refreshed Member's Art Gallery.

LAG members are invited to submit one image of their art for this gallery. [Click here for](#)

instructions on how to submit your work for the Members' Gallery.

If you have questions, please contact Greg Pronevitz from LAG's Web Team.

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## Lynnfield Library "Meet the Artist" Series Kicks Off on March 20th!

Lynnfield Art Guild and the Lynnfield Library are excited to announce a new collaboration that will bring local artists to the library for a regular "Meet the Artist" series. The series will kick off with photographer Catherine Grassello on Wednesday, March 20th at 6pm.



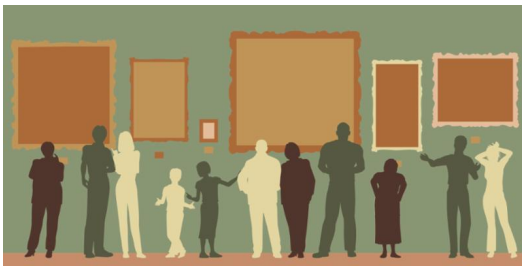
Catherine Grassello is a Wakefield resident who specializes in landscape and nature photography. She is a co-President of Lynnfield Art Guild, a member of The Griffin Museum of Photography and Greater Lynn Photographic Association. She has exhibited her work in Lynnfield, Wakefield, Winchester and in the Rockport Art Association National Show. She will share some of her favorite photos and stories, as well as her tips and techniques for taking great pictures.

This is an informal and interactive event, where you can ask questions and learn more about the artist's work and processes. Whether you are an aspiring photographer, a fan of art, or just curious, you are welcome to join us for this free and fun event at the Lynnfield Library. Refreshments will be served.

The Lynnfield Library is extending this monthly invitation to all LAG artists to meet with art loving library patrons. The format is up to you...a casual coffee hour or a PowerPoint presentation. It's whatever you want it to be.

Let us know if you are interested by contacting Cheryl Chisholm.  
978.839.3077

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## Join Our LAG Featured Artist Program

This is a great opportunity to showcase your artwork and gain exposure.

### LAG Artists' Solo Exhibits

The following LAG artists will be exhibiting their artwork at local banks, libraries and other venues over the next few months.

**Maryann Trudeau's** paintings will be on display at **The Savings Bank, So. Lynnfield** until the middle of March.

**Kathryn Roderick's** paintings will be on display at **Wakefield Cooperative Bank** from March 1 to April 30.

**Joyce Fukasawa's** paintings will be on display at **North Shore Bank, 32 Main Street, Peabody** through March 30th.

**Frank Tomasello** will have 36 paintings on display at the **Centennial Gallery, 4 Centennial Drive, Peabody** from January 14 until March 9.

Please feel free to stop by these venues and support your LAG artists. Invite your friends!

Interested in your own exhibit at one of these venues? Contact the following people for details:

[Carmen Arnone](#) for Wakefield Cooperative Bank at 617-605-6018

[Pat O'Connor](#) for The Savings Bank at 978-887-6624

[Frank Tomasello](#) for North Shore

The LAG Featured Artist Program offers members the opportunity to have their own personalized web page with a unique address on the [LynnfieldArts.org](http://LynnfieldArts.org) website. The site address or URL can be used to display your art and members have the option to include prices and a contact method for sales. Each Featured Artist is publicized via a series of announcements on the LAG website home page, social media, and the local press. In addition, the Featured Artist page will be promoted in our Online Gallery for 2 months after which time the artist will be permanently listed on the Members' Art page. [Ready to be our next Featured Artist? All the information you need is here on our website.](#)

If you have questions or need more information, contact [Greg Pronevitz](#) of our LAG web team, or [Maya Jacob](#), our Featured Artist coordinator.

Bank at 978-587-2884

To display art at the Lynnfield Public Library, contact [Pat Kelly](#)

To display at the Lucius Beebe Memorial Library, Wakefield, contact [Karen Stern](#), 781-246-6334, ext. 6569

To display art at the Stoneham Library, please contact [Maureen Saltzman](#), 781-438-1324

#### Editor's Note:

Please let Frank Tomasello know if you would like to display your artwork at North Shore Bank on Main Street Peabody. They want the walls to always have a display, so if Frank doesn't have anyone, he puts his art in there as a fill-in.



#### Newsletter Postings: Tell Bev About It!

Got something to add to our monthly newsletter? Let Bev Tomasello, our LAG Newsletter Editor, know about it. Send your news to:

Contact: [Bev Tomasello](#) P: 978-587-2884 (leave a message)

**DEADLINE for the April 2024 newsletter submissions: March 20, 2024**

Also, please contact Bev if you know of a member who is ill or passed away. A get well or sympathy card will be sent on behalf of Lynnfield Art Guild.

#### We Are Social!



Do you have some social news to share with Lynnfield Art Guild? Want to feature your latest artwork on Instagram?

Contact [Sheila Falco](#) and she will share your art on our IG page. Also, contact [Kendall Inglese](#) if you have something you would like to share to our Facebook



page.

P.O. Box 12  
Lynnfield, MA 01940

Contact Us



### *Our Mission Statement*

Lynnfield Art Guild (LAG) is vibrant, visual and starting a new voyage. We welcome aboard all members who wish to satisfy their sense of adventure through art and camaraderie with fellow artists, artisans and art explorers. We are all on the same ship that will take each of us on our own exceptional voyage of discovery. Every member of our crew is valued and respected for their unique artistic vision and expression. Join us today and embark on a new voyage with LAG!

### **Join LAG Today!**

Join our vibrant and exciting artistic community today as a member artist or supporter. You can join or renew your membership directly on our website.

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