



MAC MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

February 2026



Marlborough Arts Center

Fostering creativity,
appreciation, and enjoyment
of fine arts, performing arts,
fine crafts and regional history
since 2007

Welcome to the MAC Monthly Newsletter

Attend a Class | Enjoy a Performance | View Inspiring Gallery Art

Inside this Issue

- 4th Friday - Kenn Moor Band
- Member Spotlight (new!)
- 2026 Membership Drive
- New Town Hall Exhibition
- Classes: Watercolor, Acrylic (new!)
- Calendar of Events
- MAC News & Updates (new!)
- Volunteers & Thank you

We value & appreciate your feedback.

Please send your questions and suggestions to the editor:

Jennifer Chaffee

jenniferchaffeeart@gmail.com

4th FRIDAY @ THE ARTS CAFÉ

Kenn Morr Band, February 27th, 2026

[Kenn Morr Band](#), will be performing at the Marlborough Arts Center at 231 North Main Street, Marlborough, CT on Friday, February 27 at 7:30 PM.



Admission is usually \$15 but this month's program is no charge due to a generous grant from the Marlborough Greater Together Community Fund of the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving.

Doors open at 7:00 PM and the concert begins at 7:30 PM. BYO beverage (wine, beer, etc) and nibbles to dine on. Other NA beverages are available. There is ample parking, and the Marlborough Arts Center is fully accessible.

For a list of concerts scheduled at the MAC and about the grant go to the [4th Friday @ the Arts Cafe](#) page on the MAC website.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Delaney Rhoades

We're please to highlight one of our most recent members.
Welcome Delaney!

Artist Bio

I am a 28-year-old self-taught artist who has enjoyed painting since high school. I was first inspired to pick up a brush because of my grandmother, Carole



DeFusco. She loved buying me all kinds of books, brushes, and paints. Sharing our artwork and going to Jerry's Art-O-Rama were some of the many ways we spent our time together.

Throughout the years, I have enjoyed art classes to hone my skills and develop techniques for my freehand sketches and color palette. When I first started painting, I enjoyed using watercolors and loved seeing the different depths and layers I could create.

Over the past 2 years, I have been experimenting with oil and acrylics, and acrylics are my favorite because I can still add water as well as different mediums to give the paint various viscosities.

As for the subjects I paint, I am still experimenting. Growing up, I loved painting dancers as I was one myself. Now, I enjoy painting animals, floral landscapes, and fashion portraits. I really enjoy adding gold foil or paints with an iridescent glow, and I'd love for that aspect to be part of my known flair.



What town are you from & where do you create your artwork?

I am from Marlborough, CT. I paint from my office in my house. I would love to have a studio one day, either in a separate building on our property or rented out somewhere.

If you have any current artistic goals, what are they?

My goal this year is to really fine-tune the subjects I paint and to find a style that is unique to me. I want to feel confident in my technique and make my paintings reflect who I am. My other goals are to create a website portfolio and participate in some craft fairs this summer!

Are you a member of any other art associations?

Nope, this is my first! [Marlborough Arts Center]

What do you enjoy most about being an artist?



I enjoy the challenge and the freedom. I love seeing life through this artistic lens that makes me wonder how I can put what I'm seeing on paper with my own hands, not AI, not tracing, and not printing.

I enjoy seeing how people react to my art and understanding that people feel and see things completely differently from how I might. Art is emotional and beautiful, and I love bringing that into other people's lives.

Where can people find out more about you and your art?

I have an active Instagram account ([@bydelaneyjeanne](https://www.instagram.com/bydelaneyjeanne)) and am currently working on a website! My email is delaneyrhoades8@gmail.com and cell is 860-918-4701.

2026 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

[Join or Renew Today!](#)

Thank you to everyone that has joined so far. The response has be great! If you have been thinking about supporting the MAC, **now is the perfect time** to help us reach our goals. You will be supporting artistic and cultural activities within Marlborough, throughout the surrounding towns and beyond. Funds collected for membership are a vital part of keeping the Arts Center operating, and are greatly appreciated!

Memberships are valid from January through December each year.

Your support allows us to offer so much, including:

- Monthly 4th Friday live musical performances
- Inspiring creative arts and crafts classes and workshops
- Fine art and photography shows
- Monthly email newsletter
- Annual Winter Tag Sale
- Hosting local school concerts and art shows
- Annual New Year's Eve gathering

Your 2026 membership provides many benefits, including:

- Advance notice/registration of our popular classes that often fill up quickly
- Discounted rates for rental of our beautiful building and spacious classroom
- A chance to have a solo show at our second gallery inside the Marlborough Town Hall
- Opportunity to display and sell your art at the Annual Member's Show
- Make new friends and network with other artists & art collectors
- Enjoy more benefits as they become available

👉 [Click here to Join or renew your membership today!](#)

Mail-in membership is also available by downloading the printable form to send in with your membership check. [Download form here](#)

ART SHOWS & EXHIBITIONS

Solo Show at the Marlborough Town Hall | MAC Gallery

Charles McCaughtry Watercolors February - April 30, 2026



Charles McCaughtry paints what he knows - the land, and waters he explores. Drawn to wild areas and nature, quiet places and white water, light and atmosphere, he paints the poetry of a given moment. The relationships of earth, water, air, light and movement motivate his paintings as well as his love of small boats and fly fishing. He gets much of his inspiration while canoeing, kayaking and hiking.

His watercolors have been exhibited widely in galleries, museums, and universities in the United States and Canada, and he has held over fifty one man exhibits.

Honors include commissions from the Liberty Bank, Middletown, Connecticut: The Dodd Center at the University of Connecticut, and the Hartford Life Insurance Company, Hartford, Connecticut as well as many awards from numerous exhibitions.

His paintings can be found in many institutional, corporate, and private collections in the United States, Canada, and Europe.

Charley was born in Niles, Ohio. He graduated from Capital University, Columbus, Ohio, and the Hartford Art School, The University of Hartford, Hartford, Connecticut.

He also studied at the Rangemark Masterclass, Birch Harbor, Maine with Barse Miller, Ed Betts, and Chen Chi. Charles' work can also be seen on his Website: <https://mccaughtryart.com/>

This exhibit will be open to the public during business hours at the Town Hall: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 8 AM - 4:30 PM, Tuesday 8 AM - 7 PM and Fridays from 8 AM to Noon.

For more information, feel free to call the Marlborough Arts Center at 860-467-6353 or the Marlborough Town Hall Tax Collector's Dept. at (860) 295-6205. The town hall is located at 26 North Main Street, Marlborough, CT.

CLASSES

Ukrainian Egg Decorating Workshop

Feb 28, 2026



Instructor: Sharon Leonard

When: Saturday, February 28th, 2026,

Session One: 10 AM – 12:30 PM

Session Two: 2 PM – 4 PM

Where: Marlborough Arts Center, Lower Level Classroom

Level: Adults, children ages 8 & up

Cost: \$40 per session

All supplies will be provided to class registrants, including the stylus (kista), beeswax, candle, and hollow eggs.

[More Info and Registration Link](#)

Intro to Watercolor

Marika Hahn - March 2026 Session



Instructor: Marika Hahn

Level: Beginner or Refresher for slightly more experienced

When: Saturday, March 28th, 2026, 2 PM – 5 PM

Where: Marlborough Arts Center, Lower Level Classroom

Class Size: 10 students

Cost: \$65 per class, \$10.25 for paintbrush (optional)

Intro to Watercolor is the perfect class for a beginner or as a refresher for a slightly more experienced painter. Participants will learn and practice mixing colors with *Liquid Watercolors, supplied by the Marlborough Arts Center. The class approaches watercolor using graphic illustration with an emphasis on fun!

[More Info and Registration Link](#)

Watercolor + Illustration

Marika Hahn - *March 2026 Session*



Instructor: Marika Hahn
Level: Intermediate skill
When: Saturday, March 28th, 2026, 10 AM – 1 PM
Where: Marlborough Arts Center, Lower Level
Class Size: 10 students
Cost: \$65 per class, \$10.25 for paintbrush (optional)

The Watercolor + Illustration Workshop (for *INTERMEDIATE* skill level painters). ***This workshop is not intended for beginners.***

[More Info and Registration Link](#)

Watercolor Painting – Beginner

Rebecca Moran - *March 20th – May 1st*

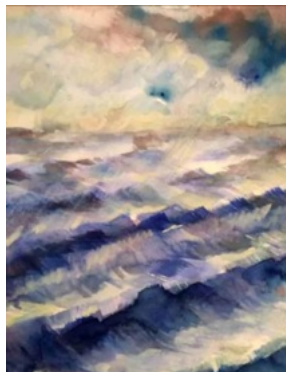


Instructor: Rebecca Moran
Level: Adults, beginner to watercolors
When: Fridays, March 20th – May 1st, 10 AM – Noon
(No class on Friday, April 3rd)
Where: Marlborough Arts Center, Lower Level Classroom
Class Size: 10 students
Cost: \$160

If you are new to the artistic journey of watercolor painting and would like to learn basic watercolor techniques, this class will cover the three properties of color, transparency, flat, gradient and variegated washes, wet-in-wet, dry brush, and color mixing. Simple abstract exercises and creative projects will be suggested.

[More Info and Registration Link](#)

Watercolor Painting – Advanced **Rebecca Moran - March 11th – April 15th**



Instructor: Rebecca Moran

Level: Adults, beginner to watercolors

When: Wednesdays, 10AM - Noon, March 11th – April 15th,
10 AM – Noon

Where: Marlborough Arts Center, Lower Level Classroom

Class Size: 10 students

Cost: \$160

Join us for a deep dive into painting with Watercolors. Composition and color, subject matter and skills will be the focus while we share painting techniques and color palettes. Bring your supplies and materials to class as there are no material fees.

[More Info and Registration link](#)

Capturing the Essence – Alan James Art Workshop *Late Winter Session* **March 12 - April 16 , 2026**



Instructor: Alan James

When: Thursdays from 10:30 AM -1 PM, March 12 - April 16

Where: Marlborough Arts Center, Lower Level

Level: Beginner to Intermediate

Cost: \$360 for 6 classes

This workshop is designed to help you express yourself in watercolors in an impressionistic way, ala prima, that will enable you to complete a painting each day of the workshop. Alan James is a highly respected award-winning watercolor artist and teacher.

[More Info and Registration Link](#)

Zentangle Club

February & March 2026

Instructor: Laura Marks

When: Sundays from 1 PM -3 PM, February 15, and March 29, 2026

Where: Marlborough Arts Center, Upper Level in Jan & Feb,
Lower Level in March

Level: Anyone ages 14 and up!

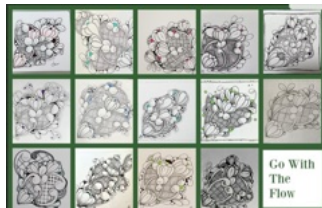
Cost: \$40 per class

All levels are welcome to sign up, and you may sign up for **each separately or all the sessions.**



Dragonfly Class: *Sunday, February 15*

Learn the magic of using a toned tile and a white gel pen with this Dragonfly Zentangle class. Simple tangles contained in a dragonfly string will compose this tile. All materials will be provided to you for the class, but if you have a starter kit (black micron, graphite pencil and tortillon), please bring it with you.



Go With the Flow – How to Compose a Balanced Tile: *Sunday, March 29*

One of the trickiest things as a new tangler is knowing how to create a tile on your own — what tangles go best with another? In this class, you will learn a simple “formula” for creating your own tiles that are balanced, harmonious, easy, and creative. All materials will be provided to you for the class, but if you have a starter kit (black micron, graphite pencil and tortillon), please bring it with you.

[More Info and Registration Link](#)

New! Expressive Landscapes in Acrylics

April 26



Instructor: Lori Neumann

When: Sunday, April 26, 12:30 -4:00 AM

Where: Marlborough Arts Center, Lower Level Classroom

Level: Artists of all levels

Cost: \$75

This all-levels acrylic workshop focuses on developing loose landscape techniques using both brush and palette knife. Step by step demonstrations and guided practice provide a structured yet relaxed learning environment suitable for both beginners and experienced painters who want to “loosen up” and have fun!

At least one 9×12 canvas will be completed as a group in class, using teacher’s reference ideas or bring your own if preferred.

[More Info and Registration Link](#)



EVENT CALENDAR

Go to the Marlborough Arts Center website [Calendar of Events](#) to see more information on what MAC has in store.



MAC NEWS & UPDATES



Tag Sale - despite the weather on Saturday, February 7th, our annual sale was a fundraising success! **A big thanks to everyone** who came out and braved the elements. And to our dedicated team

of sale day volunteers including Fran & Bob Terase, Will Ayers, Audrey Carroll, Judi Meacham, Marc Duisenberg & all the others behind the scenes that worked for weeks getting everything ready for the big day.



An **extra special thanks** to our dedicated snow removal contractor - Rusty of Eastbury Landscaping and Home Improvement of Glastonbury 860-906-7825. We contacted him with very short notice about 7am Saturday morning and he was already clearing our parking lot and making it safe for tag sale buyers before 7:30am! **Thank you Rusty!**



VOLUNTEERING

Thank you to all the volunteers, past, present & future, that help keep the Marlborough Arts Center a vibrant community resource!

If you are interested in knowing more about helping out at the MAC, we'd love to hear what may fit your interests and available time. Whether it's an hour or two now and then, or investing more time, it all makes a difference!

Please email us at info@marlborougharts.org or call **(860) 467-6353** and leave a message. Thank you in advance!

Possible Volunteering Opportunities.

1. **Gallery Sitting** – during our public exhibit hours, usually from 1:00 – 4:00pm on weekends: Greet and keep a count of guests; hand out brochures and membership forms; help set-up for any demos; assist with Gallery purchases.

2. **Exhibition Assistance** – prior to or after the event: help with receiving and installing exhibits or dismantling them; assist us with checking-in or logging-out submissions; coordinate labeling, payment, and processing.
3. **Hospitality** – during receptions and Arts Café events: help with food and beverage presentation; handing out membership forms, class brochures, and other event handouts; help with set-up, clean-up or parking.
4. **Building Maintenance** - to keep our building interior and exterior looking its best: help with general clean-up or refurbishing.
5. **Grounds Maintenance** – to keep our gardens & landscaping maintained: help with planting, weeding, or mulching, etc.
6. **Office and Clerical Help**– during flexible hours that don't require public interaction: help prepare mailings; distribute flyers; maintain supplies; oversee our library.
7. **Committees** – Help with or coordinate tasks required by our various committees: Publicity, Membership, Classes, Volunteers, Events, etc.
8. **Computer Assistance** – Provide computer expertise or assist with maintaining lists.
9. **Miscellaneous** – If you have a particular skill or specific knowledge let us know and we'll find an opportunity for you!

Marlborough Arts Center · 231 North Main Street · Marlborough, CT 06447 · USA