



MAC MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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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

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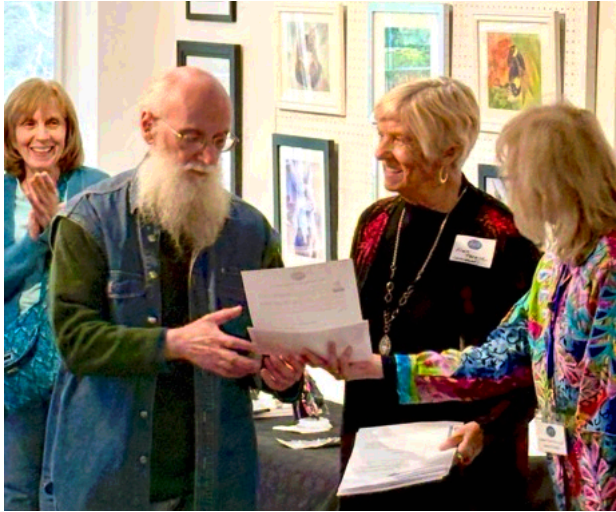
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We value & appreciate your feedback. Please send your questions and suggestions to the editor, Jennifer Chaffee. Email: jenniferchaffeeart@gmail.com

An Art Show & Reception to Remember!

by a volunteer contributor



The Members' Art Show Reception, held Sunday May 3, was the most well-attended event at the MAC in recent memory. Over the course of the three hour reception a steady stream of member artists, friends, family, and the general public filled the Charles W. Hall Gallery to near capacity—so many that the final attendance count surpassed the 102 artworks on display.



Despite the significant crowds, Lori and Cheryl Neumann warmly greeted the guests, directing them to the name tags and show brochures. Attendees

were invited to explore the artwork, jot down their favorite piece on a small yellow card, and place it in the People’s Choice Award ballot box.

Alongside the inspiring art, guests enjoyed a delightful selection of savory small bites, sweet treats, wine, and other beverages. A ringing hand bell quieted the crowd around 3pm, drawing their attention to the beginning of the awards ceremony.

Current Board President Fran Terasse was all smiles as she presided over the celebration. Long time member and Show committee volunteer Audrey Carroll presented each award while reading the encouraging comments that the judge, Christine Ivers had thoughtfully written.

Ms. Ivers stated “This is a beautiful exhibit, and each painting, sculpture, and piece of pottery deserves my highest complements”. She wished she had 10 more awards to hand out. So...without further ado, congratulations to the winning selections:

1st Place	Debbie Temple	“The Sea Unbound”	Pastel
2nd Place	Danny Veilleux	“Two Bunny Sunrise”	Photo
3rd Place	Albert D’antonio	“Corner Shadow”	Sculpture
Hon. Mention	Irene Watson	“Wadsworth Falls”	Mixed
Hon. Mention	Gigi Liverant	“Into the Sunset”	Pastel
Hon. Mention	Linda Gotta	“Into the Woods”	Acrylic
Hon. Mention	Gabrielle Castle	“Heidi and Captain”	Oil
Hon. Mention	Lori Neumann	“At Tiffany Farm”	Oil
Hon. Mention	Jay Kamins	“Gorn to be Wild!”	Digital
Judge’s Award	Rowan Kearns	“Grave-Vivas”	Sticker

And congratulations and a sincere thank you to **all the artists** that participated in the show! 🏆 Special thanks to all the amazing dedicated show volunteers.

More Show / Reception photos & write ups will be posted on the website as soon as they are finished and available.



4th FRIDAY @ THE ARTS CAFÉ

Nick Cutroneo, May 22nd, 2026

Join us **Friday, May 22nd at 7:30 PM** when **classical guitarist Nick Cutroneo** performs at the Marlborough Arts Center at 231 North Main Street, Marlborough, CT.



Described as a “communicative player with natural musicality,” American classical guitarist Nick Cutroneo is a performer and pedagogue active onstage and online.

He studied at the Juilliard School Pre-College with Antigononi and holds Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in Classical Guitar Performance from The Hartt School, where he studied with Richard Provost and was in the Performance 20/20 honors program.

As a soloist and chamber musician, Nick has performed in the U.S. and Italy. He has appeared with ensembles including the New England Guitar Quartet, Tempo del Fuoco, and the Connecticut Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra.

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 Greater Hartford Gives Foundation.

Doors open at 7:00 PM and the concert begins at 7:30 PM. Sit where you like among the bistro tables and chairs. BYO beverage (wine, beer, etc) and nibbles to dine on. Other NA beverages and baked sweet treats are often 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 at www.marlborougharts.org

2026 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

[Join or Renew Today!](#)



Thank you to each and every new and renewing member that has joined to date. The response has been great - **we are so close to our goal!** Memberships levels **start at only \$25.**

Now is the perfect time to become a supporting member of the MAC. Funds collected for membership are a vital part of keeping the Arts Center operating, and are greatly appreciated!

Your 2026 membership offers 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 open five days a week 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

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, sculpture & photography shows
- Monthly email newsletter
- Annual Winter Tag Sale
- Hosting local school concerts and art shows
- Annual New Year's Eve gathering

👉 [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](#)
www.marlborougharts.org

ART SHOWS & EXHIBITIONS

Members' Spring 2026 Art Show and Sale

April 25 - May 31

Gallery Hours thru May 31: Saturdays and Sundays 1 PM - 4 PM



The Members' Spring Art Show & Sale continues Saturdays & Sundays 1-4 pm until May 31. This exhibit showcases our talented members' vibrant collection of artwork across various mediums. **Please plan to visit and view** an inspiring array of paintings, collages, photography, sculpture, ceramics, written pieces, and

more. Many of the pieces are for sale.



Consider that finishing touch to a room in your home with a purchase of original & unique artwork created by our dedicated MAC artists. You'll be supporting both the artist & the MAC while acknowledging their incredible creative talents.

ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING & POTLUCK

Sunday May 31 1-4 PM



You're invited to our annual members' potluck gathering.

A joyful celebration of art, creativity, and connection.

It's the last day of the **Members' Spring Art Show & Sale** and your final chance to view all the inspiring art and connect with other member artists.

Enjoy delicious food, and experience the vibrant energy of our arts community! **More details including what to bring will be coming soon by email.**

Marlborough Arts Center Solo Arts Exhibition

Marlborough Town Hall MAC Gallery



Linda Gotta's artistic journey has been significantly influenced by her upbringing in a creative family. Her mother was an artist, and her father was a builder. For the past two and a half decades, Linda has dedicated her life to the art of pastel painting, although she has also explored working in watercolor and acrylic.

Linda's artistic endeavors are characterized by her unwavering pursuit of capturing the inherent beauty of the natural

world. Her compositions often feature landscapes of farms, beaches, and woodlands, as well as intimate views of flowers, animals, and birds. Linda's mastery of color and light is evident in her use of vibrant hues with soft,

impressionistic edges. Light and shadow play a pivotal role in her compositions, adding depth and dimension to her work.

Throughout her artistic career, Linda has actively sought to enhance her skills and knowledge through workshops and classes. Her work has garnered recognition and accolades, including the prestigious “Best in Show” award from the Connecticut Pastel Society for her painting titled “On the Ridge.” Additionally, she received the “Best Floral” award from the SCAA members’ show for her work titled “Meadow.”

Linda’s artistic achievements extend beyond individual recognition. She is particularly proud of being selected for the Spring 2020 Pastel Journal magazine’s “Pastel 100” list for her abstract painting titled “Timber.”

For information about Linda’s paintings please check with Barbara Lazzari in the Town Hall’s Tax Collector’s Office (860) 295-6205, or contact the

Marlborough Arts Center:

860-467-6353 office

860-926-7500 text

email info@marlborougharts.org

This exhibit is open to the public Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 8 AM - 4:30 PM, Tuesday 8 AM - 7 PM and Fridays from 8 AM to Noon. The town hall is located at 26 North Main Street, Marlborough, CT.



CLASSES

Impressionistic Watercolor

6 Classes, Thursdays, 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM

May 21- June 25th

Instructor: Alan James

Level: Adults - Advanced beginner to Intermediate



When: Thursdays, May 21- June 25th,
10:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Where: Marlborough Arts Center, (lower level)
Cost: \$360

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.

[More Class & Registration Info](#)

En Plein Air - Watercolor

Saturdays, 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM (*arrive by 10:45 AM*)
May 30, June 13th, June 20th, June 27th

Instructor: Alan James

Level: Adults - Advanced beginner to Intermediate

When: Saturdays, May 30, (*no class June 6th*), June 13th, June 20th, June 27th

11:00 AM - 1:30 PM (*arrive by 10:45 AM*)

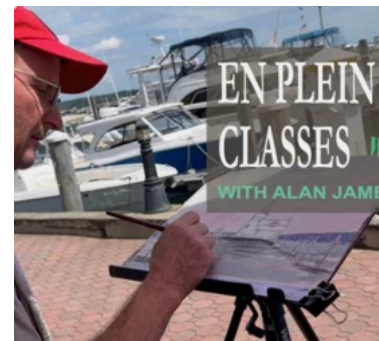
Where: Marlborough Arts Center, parking lot

Cost: \$60 per class

With each class we will paint in different locations outside. Alan will choose the scene to be painted and do a demonstration of the scene in one go.

With Alan's guidance, students will then take this knowledge and create the same painting with hands-on instruction and guidance. At the end of each class, students will have a completed painting!

[More Class & Registration Info](#)



Water Color + Illustration

June 6, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Instructor: Marika Hahn

Level: Intermediate

When: Saturday, June 6th, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Where: Marlborough Arts Center, Lower Level

Cost: \$65, \$11.25 for paintbrush (optional)



This workshop uses Liquid Watercolors, provided by The Marlborough Arts Center, and is designed for adults with an understanding of basic watercolor techniques including wet on wet, dry brush and a solid control of brush strokes. The class approaches watercolor using graphic illustration with an emphasis on fun! **This workshop is not intended for beginners.**

[More Class & Registration Info](#)

Mixed Abilities - Watercolor

June 6, 2:00 – 5:00 pm

Instructor: Marika Hahn

Level: Beginner - Intermediate

When: Saturday, June 6, from 2 – 5 pm

Where: Marlborough Arts Center, Lower Level

Cost: \$65 for class, \$11.25 for paintbrush (optional)



Participants will learn and practice mixing colors with Liquid Watercolors, supplied by the Marlborough Arts Center. Demonstrations of watercolor techniques including wet on wet, wet on dry, layering, composition and cropping will take place throughout the workshop.

[More Class & Registration Info](#)

Watercolor II

6 Classes, June 24 - July 9, Wednesdays, 10 am-12N

Instructor: Rebecca Moran

Level: Adults - Experienced

Prerequisite: **Must have taken** a previous watercolor class with the instructor

When: June 24 - July 9, Wednesdays 10 am-12N

Where: Marlborough Arts Center, Lower Level Classroom

Cost: \$160



Close up for "Six Pears" Rebecca Moran. Watercolor

The next six sessions of Watercolor II will find us continuing to study master watercolor artists. We will learn about successful watercolor techniques and compositions applied to our own paintings. With spring flowers coming in to full bloom it is the perfect opportunity to feature them as subjects for painting.

Whether you paint realistically, love Impressionism or developing an eye for Abstraction, exercises and creative projects will be offered to encourage individual development.

[More Class & Registration Info](#)

Acrylics Sky & Water - Palette Knife & Glazing

Sunday June 28th, 12:30- 4:00 PM

Instructor: Lori Neumann

Level: Artists of all levels

When: Sunday, June 28, 12:30 -4:00 PM

Where: Marlborough Arts Center, Lower Level Classroom



Cost: \$75

This popular all-levels acrylic workshop focuses on combining brushwork, palette knife and using glazing to create transparent layers.

[More Class & Registration Info](#)

Drawing I – Beginner & Intermediate

May 15 – June 19

Full - Sign up on the **Waitlist** to be notified of a second session if offered.

Instructor: Rebecca Moran

Level: Adults - Beginner & Intermediate

When: May 15 - June 19 Fridays 10 am-12 pm

Where: Marlborough Arts Center, Lower Level Classroom

Cost: \$160

<https://www.marlborougharts.org/classes/drawing-i>

Fundamentals of realistic drawing will be taught and tailored to each individual person's needs. Whether a beginner or intermediate skill level, you will improve your ability to draw in this class.



[More Class & Waitlist Info](#)



EVENT CALENDAR

Go to the Marlborough Arts Center website [Calendar of Events](#) to see details on our classes, performances, art shows and more.



MAC NEWS & UPDATES!

Did someone forward this newsletter to you? - [sign up here](#) to receive your own copy and our other occasional news & updates by email.
(unsubscribe link in every message we send)

[CLASSES](#) - There's **still room** in several of our fun & immersive classes.

- **En Plein Air** (painting outdoors) choose 1 or more classes with award winning instructor Alan James
- **Marika Hahn's** 1 day Mixed Abilities- watercolor "...a great class for a beginner or as a refresher for a slightly more experienced painter." Also offering 1 day **Watercolor + Illustration** for intermediate artists.
- **Impressionistic Watercolor**- Alan James' immersive 6 week class. You will be able to complete a painting by the end of each Thursday's class!
- **Acrylics Sky & Water**- 1 day - Palette Knife & Glazing. Lori Neumann's popular acrylic class is returning June 28 with a new theme. - **Members** will receive advance notice. **Join today** - memberships start at only \$25/yr.
- **Drawing I** - Rebecca Moran's popular 6 week class. **FULL** - **Join the Waitlist**

SOLO SHOW / TOWN HALL GALLERY

New exhibit - MAC member Linda Gotta's solo show of her exquisite pastels

4th FRIDAY @ the Arts Café

- **Coming May 22** - **Nick Cutroneo**, American Classical Guitarist
- June 26 Flute Loops and A La Carte

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VOLUNTEERING

Volunteer Opportunity: We need to occasionally update our Facebook and Instagram posts. Can you help? Please contact Marc to find out more: info@marlborougharts.org or text to: 860-926-7500. Thank you!

We appreciate and thank all our volunteers, past, present & future. You 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 meaningful difference!

Please email us at info@marlborougharts.org or **call (860) 467-6353** and leave a message. **Or text us:** 860-926-7500. Thank you in advance!

Volunteer Opportunities

1. **Gallery Sitting** – during our public exhibit hours, usually from 1:00 – 4:00pm Sat. or Sun. 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 opportunities you can choose from.
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🎨 In future editions look for more inspiring articles including;

- Spotlight featuring tours of members' art studios
- MAC On The Road - visits to art galleries & museums including New Britain Museum of American Art & Lyme Art Association
- And...your article ideas... send 'em in: info@marlborougharts.org

*"I found I could say things with color and shapes that I couldn't say any other way
– things I had no words for." ~Georgia O'Keeffe*



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