



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

4th FRIDAY @ THE ARTS CAFÉ

Kala Farnham, August 28th, 2026



LIVE MUSIC - Join us Friday, **August 28th** at 7:30 PM for **Kala Farnham** performing at the Marlborough Arts Center at 231 North Main Street, Marlborough, CT.

Kala Farnham crafts folk songs with roots and wings, weaving age-old truths into modern grooves. The 18th Connecticut State Troubadour and Rose Garden Performing Songwriter Contest winner invites listeners into conversation with intimate performances that feel like a fireside gathering.

With soul-stirring vocals and mystical folk harp, piano, and guitar, she draws audiences into a transcendent journey—one that lingers long after the final note fades.

For more info about Kala go to her website: www.kalafarnham.com



Lara Herscovitch, September 25th, 2026

Join us **Friday, September 25th** at 7:30 PM for **Lara Herscovitch** performing at the Marlborough Arts Center at 231 North Main Street, Marlborough, CT.

Lara Herscovitch is a singular singer-songwriter-poet-performer, author, policy social worker & former State Troubadour of Connecticut. Lara sings & leads with authenticity, integrity, humor and heart, delivering performances that inspire, uplift and entertain — whether solo or with her band, the Highway Philosophers.

For more about Lara go to her website: www.LaraHerscovitch.com

Doors open at 7:00 PM and the concert begins at 7:30 PM. Admission is \$15 per person. Sit where you like among the bistro tables and chairs. BYO beverage (wine, beer, etc) and nibbles to dine on. Other NA beverages often available. There is ample parking, and the Marlborough Arts Center is fully accessible.

For a list of concerts scheduled at the MAC go to the [4th Friday @ the Arts Cafe](http://www.marlbrougharts.org) page on the MAC website at www.marlbrougharts.org

2026 Membership

[Join or Renew Today!](#)

Thank you to each and every new and renewing member that has joined to date. Your support is truly appreciated and makes a meaningful difference. Memberships levels **start at only \$25.**

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.marlbrougharts.org

ART SHOWS & EXHIBITIONS

MAC Teacher's Fall Exhibition

September - November 2026

Fall Gallery Hours: By Appointment

Watch for a Reception announcement soon

Phone (860) 467-6353 or info@marlbrougharts.org

Our fall exhibit showcases our talented MAC teacher's vibrant collection of artwork across various mediums. These are the teachers that are offering classes this fall. This exhibit provides an opportunity for our class students, visitors, family and friends to view some of our teacher's work.



Lori Neumann

Lori Neumann studied at the Lyme Academy of Fine Arts and continues her artistic education through ongoing workshops and art retreats, believing that learning is a lifelong part of the creative process. Her work focuses on the expressive use of color and texture, drawing inspiration from animals, local farms, and the surrounding landscapes.

Lori enjoys sharing creativity with others and believes that everyone is an artist, each with a unique voice and way of seeing the world.

Her workshops encourage exploration, confidence-building, and personal expression, welcoming students of all experience levels. In addition to fine arts, Lori is a fiber artist and teacher through Menagerie by Lori, working with fiber from her own farm in Salem, CT and other local farms, further connecting her teaching to place, material, and process.

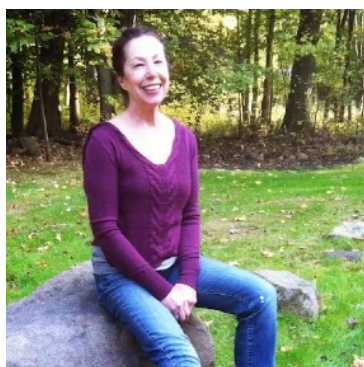
Website: www.Lorineumann.com



Gabrielle Castle

Gabrielle Castle is a 25-year-old figurative and portrait painter from the western mountains of Maine. Her work blends traditional techniques with contemporary flair, marked by masterful use of color, intricate detailing, and striking composition. Early on, she was introduced to the works of Rembrandt, Da Vinci, Renoir, Sargent, and Degas and found endless inspiration in their mastery. Her vision captures the interplay of light, shadow, color, and expression, crafting compelling narratives through the faces she paints. Gabrielle is teaching an introduction to portrait painting in September.

Website: www.gcastleart.com



Marika Hahn

Marika Hahn is inspired by nature and wildlife, even though New York City is home. In addition to her nature series, "Birdsong Cottage," she works with major publishers such as Simon & Schuster and Workman, illustrating books such as the best-selling "What to Expect When You're Expecting" series. Her artwork is used in advertising for companies such as Revlon, Estée Lauder, and Bloomingdale's. And her illustrations have appeared in Cosmopolitan, Family Circle, Glamour, Woman's World, and The New York Times. Website: www.marikahahn.com



Rebecca Moran

Rebecca's painting combines representation and abstraction within the same frame. Abstraction emerges as visual recognition subsides.

Representation alludes to the known and abstraction, the unknown. Allowing the abstract to remain unknown evokes transcendence.

Articulating an inner terrain, her abstract landscapes attempt to portray the sacred through the world of the senses. Specifically, she is trying to show how physical reality can express the less tangible realms of thought and emotion.

Aesthetics are pressed into service to penetrate beneath the surface and suggest lyrical vitality.

Rebecca investigates space through form, color and light. The irrepressible energy of gesture and the break down of form can be simultaneously found in her work and in nature. She is painting new space, in celebration of substance and spirit.

Website: www.rebeccajmoran.com

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.

Marlborough Arts Center Solo Arts Exhibition

Located in the Marlborough Town Hall MAC Gallery

On Exhibit August 01 - October 31



A new solo art exhibit is in the Marlborough Town Hall. Marlborough Arts Center and East Hampton Art Association member, **Arlene S. Cavalieri** has her artwork on exhibit. [Tap here to see some of her work online](#)

Arlene's love of drawing and appreciation of art was recognized early. She had a supportive family who felt it was important to provide her an opportunity to pursue her dream.

To enhance her skills her father enrolled her in Art Instruction, Inc. Arlene studied and continued painting for several years then put her paints on-hold to raise a family and start a career in corporate America.

Once the family was grown Arlene returned to her love of painting. The support and encouragement of her family and husband was a pivotal point that enabled Arlene to follow her dream then, as it still does today.

To further her artistic skills, she enrolled in a local oil painting class and then broadened her knowledge by taking various art workshops with several well-known artists. Her work covers two mediums; Oil because of the soft muted colors she can achieve and Acrylic due to the vivid colors. Her compositions often feature ocean and pond scenes as well as landscape, animal and floral subjects. Her ocean paintings have won Dean Waite and First Place awards.

Arlene's paintings can be seen in Fine Art shows in Connecticut and her work has been showcased in Connecticut Corporate events. While Arlene will occasionally paint plein-air in the warm weather, she mostly enjoys painting in her studio year-round.

For information about Arlene'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**: Office: 860-467-6353 or Text: 860-926-7500 text email info@marlborougharts.org

The solo exhibitions at the Marlborough Town Hall are 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



Intro to Portrait Painting in Oils

6 Classes, September 8th - October 13th

Instructor: Gabrielle Castle

Level: Beginning to intermediate

When: Tuesdays, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Where: Marlborough Arts Center, Lower Level Classroom

Cost: \$160

Unlock the joy of portraiture in a warm, supportive studio environment. This 6-week oil painting course invites you to slow down, simplify, and master the human face using a comforting limited palette. By focusing on fewer colors, you can feel confident learning the secrets of form, rich light, and capturing a true likeness without feeling overwhelmed. **Students will learn the fundamentals** of portrait painting using a photo reference (provided by the instructor) through a limited palette, focusing on form, value relationships, color mixing, and likeness.

[More Class & Registration Info](#)



Watercolor & Illustration Workshop

One Class, September 12

Instructor: Marika Hahn

Level: Advanced beginner to intermediate Adults

When: 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Where: Marlborough Arts Center, Lower Level Classroom

Cost: \$65

This watercolor workshop is designed for adults with some experience mixing colors and painting with basic techniques. Intermediate and beyond painters will enjoy this workshop as well. The class approaches watercolor using strong graphics, The emphasis is on practicing, learning new

skills and having fun. Marika does hands-on demonstrations throughout the workshop.

[More Class & Registration Info](#)



Learn to Play American Mah Jongg

6 Sessions each

September 17th - October 29th, *(no class Oct 8th)*

or

September 18th - October 30th, *(no class Oct 9th)*

Instructor: Barbara Hahn

Level: Beginner, Teens and Adults

When: Thursdays, 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM

or Fridays, 2:00 PM to 4:30 PM

Where: Marlborough Arts Center, Upper Level Gallery

Cost: \$60 donation plus \$15 fee for 2026 NMJL Card, which is yours to keep.

Learn to play American Mah Jongg using a National Mah Jongg League (NMJL) card and rules. Mah Jongg is a tile game that originated in China hundreds of years ago. There are over 40 different variations.

Eighty nine years ago the NMJL was formed and Americanized the game. To date the NMJL version is very popular and being played all over the world.

Once you learn it, it is easy to adapt to other variations. It is a thinking game that uses a combination of luck and strategy. It is social, yet can be very competitive.

During the six weeks you will be introduced to all aspects of the game from start to finish.

[More Class & Registration Info](#)

Watercolor & Gouache

August 20th through September 24th

Class full

[Sign up for waitlist](#)

www.marlborougharts.org/w-8-20-wc-gouache



Instructor: Rebecca Moran

Level: Advanced Adults

When: Thursdays, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Where: Marlborough Arts Center, Lower Level Classroom

Cost: \$160

Prerequisite: *Current/former watercolor students of instructor.*

In watercolor class this fall, we will take a non-traditional approach and heighten our painting experience by adding the opaque medium of Gouache to our palettes. Many well known artists have combined both watercolor and gouache with great success. Both are water-based media and complement each other beautifully!

Come play and expand your watercolor techniques while investigating the potential for image making. Whether you paint realistically, love Impressionism or developing an eye for abstraction, exercises and creative projects will be offered to encourage individual development. We will proceed with class critiques to gain a broader perspective on what works in a painting.



Lori Neumann's Acrylic class coming in November

Watch your email for a new class announcement about Lori's fall class.



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.

Solo Show / Marlborough Town Hall Gallery

MAC's new solo exhibition at the Marlborough Town Hall. MAC and East Hampton Art Association member, Arlene S. Cavalieri's paintings are now in the Marlborough Town Hall hallway August through October.

4th Friday @ the Arts Café

- Friday, August 28th - Kayla Farnham
- Friday, September 25th - Lara Herscovitch

MAC Newsletters: [past issues](#)

Just for fun - [Try our Art History Quiz](#) - Round 1



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.



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

- 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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