



## **LRAA December Newsletter!**

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### **Items Passed at the November Members Meeting**

The following items were approved at the November meeting by vote of the members present:

- Association By-Laws
- Association Constitution
- 2018 LRAA Membership dues at \$30/yr

**REMINDER:** There are no member meetings again until March of 2018.

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## **November Artists of the Month:**

The following "Artists of the Month" for November, will each have art work on display until December 31st at these Lakes Region business locations listed: Back row: Christine Keenan at Northway Bank, Tilton; Barbara McClintock at the Franklin Savings Bank, Gilford; Elaine Morrison at the Northway Bank, Laconia; Christa Faller at the Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce, Laconia; Front Row: Acacia Rogers at the Laconia Library; Phyllis Meinke at the Northway Bank, Meredith and

Shela Cunningham at the Northway Bank, Belknap Mall.

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## **Santa's Coming to the LRAA Gallery!!**

Santa is coming to the Tanger Outlets and the LRAA Gallery for the Holidays! The Lakes Region Art Association (LRAA) Gallery in cooperation with Tanger Outlets is hosting an appearance by Santa at the LRAA Gallery (located across from the Chocolate Factory) during the third weekend in December. Matthew Fassett, a local professional photographer from the Alton area and LRAA Gallery member, will be available to take family pictures with Santa.

The photo session with Santa will be at the LRAA Gallery between 1 and 6 pm on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> and on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. For \$5 a picture file will be e-mailed to the parents that they can print out themselves or, if desired, for \$15, a 5" by 7" color photo will be printed out on the spot and provided to the parents. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

While families wait to have their photographs taken, they can browse the many

pieces of artwork on display at the gallery that include original oil, acrylics, watercolors and photographs as well as numerous cards and prints, or they can take in the December Art Show by local artist James Belcher located in the West Gallery that will feature original oil paintings and reproductions by the artist. Also going on in December, the LRAA Gallery will have a number of its art pieces on sale for Christmas giving. All of the gallery members are local/area artists or photographers who also staff the gallery during the hours it is open and are available to answer questions about the artwork and the gallery. The gallery is open every week throughout the year on Thursdays thru Sundays from 10 am to 6 pm, with the exception of major holidays.

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## SHOWS:

### **Currently at the LRAA Gallery:**

#### **James Belcher Show**

There is a new show exhibit in the West Art Gallery of works by James Belcher. Fifteen original oil paintings and reproductions of scenes of New England are on exhibit, with a catalog of another 40 prints available for order. Jim has a level of detail, design, and focus you don't want to miss. His subject matter is New England scenery. You can view his art online on Facebook under "James K Belcher Paintings". He will be demonstrating how he paints

live in the gallery from 10 am to 2pm Thursday to Sunday for the month of December.

## Upcoming:

### January Meredith Library Show

Dates: January 2 thru January 31, 2018

Location: Meredith Public Library

Entry fee: \$5 per artwork piece

#### Other info:

- There will be no pre-registration; registration will be begin at 10 am at the library on Jan 2.
- Due to limited display space, artwork larger than 11"x14" cannot be accepted.
- Depending upon the number of entries, two paintings may be accepted.

If you are interested and want to participate please contact **Marie Kelly** as she will have to take a first come approach with this show due to the limited space. Marie's e-mail: [kelly's art@metrocast.net](mailto:kelly's art@metrocast.net)

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## Free Art Drawing at the LRAA Gallery

Thanks you **Rebecca Frame** for donating your original watercolor, "Mushroom & Leaf" for the November Free Art Drawing at the LRAA Gallery; the winner of Rebecca's piece will be announced shortly. Thanks also to **Jini Lambert** for donating "Slurp", an oil pastel print of a loon, for the gallery's December drawing which is currently going on.

*Any LRAA artist can donate a piece of artwork (valued at \$50 or more) for the free art drawing and, in return, have space on one of the two gray walls for the month to display additional pieces of their work for sale at no cost. In addition, a news release will be developed for release to our local newspapers when their artwork is awarded to the drawing winner. If you are interested in donating a piece of art for one of the drawings and having the additional space to show your art, contact Pat Anderson at: [panderson685@gmail.com](mailto:panderson685@gmail.com) to see what months are still available for the coming year.*



### Member Happenings!

**Justin Wheeler** recently let us know that he has a new venue for artists in 2018 called "Artist in the Square". The space is located in his old space at 22 Central Square in Bristol, NH. The area is available as a pop-up venue for shows, classes, shops, &

galleries. Contact Justin at 603-217-0055 or email him at northwoodsgifts@gmail.com for more information. His new gift show location is at 26 Central Square in Bristol.



## **LRAA Officers**

**Our 2018 Officers are:**

**President: Richard Hartman**

**Vice President: Acacia Rogers**

**Secretary: Shela Cunningham**

**Treasurer: Marlene Witham**

If you have an article or other announcement you would like to include in our monthly newsletter, please send to [webmaster@lraanh.org](mailto:webmaster@lraanh.org), with "newsletter" in the subject line.

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**Our Gallery and Mailing address is:**

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