



Community Arts Association Inc  
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*Newsletter*

*May 2023*

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will take place on **May 9, 2023** at Trinity Church, 55 George St. Allendale, NJ at 7:30 PM. Hope you can join us.

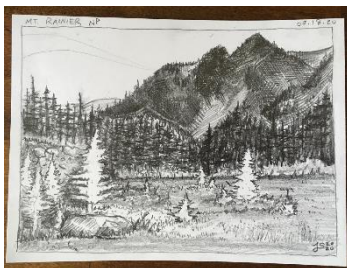
CAA is still in search of a member to fill the role of President. Since our Board members are truly dedicated to their specific roles, the President is primarily needed to function at the helm as coordinator of CAA's activities.

Starting in the fall, we also need a volunteer to take over our monthly Newsletter from Marion Brown. Marion is stepping down to devote herself to her increased responsibilities in the workplace.

Anyone interested in inquiring about either of these open positions, please contact any board member. Contact information can be found in the club Directory. Our great club needs your help and support! Thank you!

Board of CAA

**PROGRAM NEWS**



Our **May guest artist, James Sisti**, is truly a man of many talents. In addition to his artistic skills as an illustrator and botanical artist, he is a patient and articulate drawing instructor and a very good writer. His first book, "A Field Guide to Journaling," will be available soon, and he is a blogger and essayist. You can read some of his musings on his website blog (<http://www.hikeanddraw.nyc>) and another website called "Read While Waiting." His essay on the intelligence of crows is particularly amusing and informative.

In addition to reading, writing and drawing, James has a dizzying list of titles and accomplishments that include web designer, water safety instructor, SCUBA diver, wilderness guide, technical climber, expedition artist, documentary film-maker, Eagle Scout, Boy Scout merit badge counselor, wilderness guide, wilderness first responder (meaning he has learned basic medical skills for guides and search-and-rescue team members, including CPR and AED) and enthusiastic hiker, explore and camper. Clearly, James has no shortage of energy!

James grew up hiking and camping with his family on Long Island and the Hudson Valley. He was an Illustration Major at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, and since then he has managed to forge a career combining his love of art and the outdoors. He is a wilderness guide for Adventure Untamed, and gives

lessons through his own company, Hike and Draw. He has taught over 1000 adult students both online and in the field, with the hope of encouraging a love of nature through drawing and journaling.

With all of this adventure to draw from, James will undoubtedly be an entertaining and informative speaker. I am personally hoping for stories about a secret time capsule project and his stint last summer as an expedition artist for a scientific study in the Swiss Alps. That should be exciting!

Mr. Sisti will also act as prize judge for our annual Member's Show, and conduct a journaling workshop at The New York-New Jersey Trail Conference the day following our final meeting of the season.

**Follow up to April Meeting** - Our April guest artist, Taryn Pizza, mentioned that her Mahwah High School students will be having an end-of-the-year exhibit, so I asked for the dates. I am particularly interested in attending because the High School has built a new "STEAM" building that contains a dedicated art gallery. This did not exist when my two kids went there, and I find it encouraging and astounding. I have attended many events in the school's theater-like auditorium, which gave the music and drama departments a fitting stage. Finally, visual arts are getting due recognition! If you would also be interested in attending, the school is located at 50 Ridge Road in Mahwah. Additional information is contained in Ms. Pizza's note:

*"I am so happy that the presentation was what you wanted. It was a very enjoyable experience and I was so happy to share my work with the association! I can send you the dates/ times right now for the Mahwah High School Art Show - June 9th 6:30-9:30p and June 10th 12-2p. Thank you again for the opportunity to share my work!*

*Best,  
Taryn"*



While I am on the subject, one of Ms. Pizza's students attended our April meeting and applied for our CAA art scholarships afterward. I knew this young woman, Ani Georgiades, and had a conversation at the meeting with Ani, her mother, and Taryn. Taryn had been in attendance at our first meeting of the season in September. The guest artist was the sculptor John Powers. Taryn was so impressed by Mr. Powers' presentation that she later introduced his work to her students. Ani was also impressed by his sculptures comprised of multiple small blocks, which inspired her to emulate his work, as shown in the photo below. Learning that our programs are appreciated, talked about and influential was a happy moment for me.

*Glenda Haas  
Program Director*

### **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

It's time to renew your membership to CAA. Please bring your membership application and dues check (payable to CAA) to the May meeting or mail to Janice Hardy. Renew by July 1 to have a chance for a free membership for the following year in the drawing at our September meeting. The form is attached to this email or can be found through the link below.

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/60d245a62460312a6368c651/t/6248f5cfa7747f3c9a2c1dcd/1648948687640/CAA+MEMBERSHIP+FORM+2022.pdf>

Janice Hardy  
Membership Director

### **MEMBER SHOW**

The Member Show is up and looking excellent! There are 32 paintings which represent the awesome talent of our members. The reception is May 13th at 1:00 pm. The award ceremony will be at 3:00/3:30 pm. If you plan on coming to the reception, we ask that you bring a dish to share. Location: Louis Bay Memorial Library Lafayette Ave., Hawthorne, NJ. Pick up date: May 27 10AM -noon. For more information contact: [rose.scaglione@yahoo.com](mailto:rose.scaglione@yahoo.com)

Rose Scaglione  
Member Show Chairperson

### **APRIL BUS TRIP TO AWS AT SALMAGUNDI CLUB**

The April 19 bus trip to the AWS show at the Salmagundi Club was a great success. The photo courtesy of Dianne Ballesty is of our members enjoying lunch at Olio e Piu in the Village before the show.



### **WEBSITE NEWS**

We are still looking for volunteers to help with various website and social media duties that take almost no time at all. Please contact Jenn Merz at the email address below if you can lend a hand. Please remember to email jpgs to Jenn at [jjmerz@yahoo.com](mailto:jjmerz@yahoo.com) to update your Gallery page.

Jenn Merz

### **ARTIST OF THE MONTH**

**Congratulations to Gerry Bird our Artist of the Month!**



*Artist's Statement:* I joined the Oakland Senior Center after retirement and started painting. I love watercolor and the gifted artists that share their knowledge with me. This is how I discovered my favorite pastime! —Gerry

### **QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

*“Art is an adventure into an unknown world, which can be explored only by those willing to take risks.” – Mark Rothko*

## MEMBER NEWS

**Mary Walker-Baptiste** - Pam Legatte and I will be two of the artists in this show



**Linda Barboni** - I will be showing my work in these venues in May. •

Community Arts Association Louis Bay Public Library  
Hawthorne, New Jersey  
April 30-May 26  
Reception: Sat. May 13, 1-4 pm

• Painting Affiliates of Northern New Jersey  
Englewood Public Library  
Englewood, New Jersey  
May 2-May 29  
Reception: Sun. May 7, 2-4 pm

• Middletown Art Group SUNY Orange Middletown, New York  
May 5-June 14  
Reception: Sat. May 13, 3-5 pm

• Garrison Art Center  
23rd Annual Auction  
Garrison, New York  
Reception: Sat. May 13, 3-6 pm

