



Community Arts Association Inc

P.O. Box 307

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Newsletter

November 2023

**NEXT MEETING**

Hello Members,

The Next Meeting will take place on TUESDAY, November 14, 2023 at 7:30pm at Trinity Episcopal church in Allendale NJ.

Light refreshments will be provided by Linda Barboni and Mary Walker Baptiste.

**PROGRAM NEWS**

Our **November guest artist is Woolpunk.**

“Woolpunk..has the hands of a gifted artisan, the soul of a social activist, and the passion of an environmentalist.” – Hildreth York, Curator, Writer, Emeritus

Woolpunk® is an American artist, born in Summit, NJ in 1971. Woolpunk® employs materials and techniques sourcing women's work creation, historically; she machine-knits fiber installations, quilts sculptures, and embroiders photographs. Her work consequently champions social change, addressing homelessness and foreclosures, water contamination, and deforestation. Referencing her unique stitching and use of fibers, she trademarked the name Woolpunk®, which she has been using creatively since 2004.



*STAND/FALL, 20'x40', Knitted Flag with projection by multi-media artist Jeremiah Teipen.*

It is now in the collection of Liberty State Park and is currently on view in the main terminal.

**QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

*“Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life.” – Pablo Picasso*

## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

The Community Arts Association has successfully provided camaraderie and support to our members since 1965.

The board of directors, trustees, and committees work hard to provide CAA Members with a number of useful benefits.

CAA Membership Benefits include:

- Monthly presentations by well-known artists
- We sponsor hands-on workshops in the Spring and the Fall
- An annual bus trip to Exhibits in NYC
- The Member's Art Show
- Access to the CAA website that has current member information and allows members to have an individual on-line gallery to display their works.

There are a number of ways that members can help contribute to the success of the Community Arts Association

**VOLUNTEERING** - The Board is always seeking Volunteer help for our monthly meetings, workshops and member show. There's no experience necessary. We just need a few members to participate with their time and energy.

**SPONSORSHIP** - As you know, CAA hosts our Member show each May. The board seeks both corporate and individual sponsors for prize awards.

You can also provide Art scholarships for local graduating High School seniors. Minimum Scholarship is \$1,000.00.

Prize donations and scholarships donations are recognized and presented in the name of the donor.

What a nice gift or honor it would be to recognize someone you know in this fashion!

**DONATE BY CHECK** - The holiday and Tax season is rapidly approaching. Community Arts Association Inc. is registered as a Non-Profit Organization. From now to the end of the year is a good time to make a charitable contribution to the CAA.

If you have any questions, please contact our Treasurer, Jack O'Reilly either by phone at 973-706-4648 or email [jmbor@aol.com](mailto:jmbor@aol.com).

— Jack O'Reilly

## ARTIST OF THE MONTH

**Congratulations to Frances DeBartolo, our Artist of the Month!**

I really enjoy creating suggestive paintings that draw the viewer into the scene. Nature is generally my inspiration. I chase the light and push the color. It is the magic of how I observe the world and share my love of art. Thank you for this acknowledgement and recognition of my work.



## MEMBER NEWS

**Arthur Gilmore** - Arthur Gilmore's painting, *Into The Light*, received the Ampersand Art Supply Award at the North East Watercolor Society 47th Annual International Juried Exhibition.

**Susan Lais Hostetler** - Susan Lais Hostetler was selected as a Juried Artist for the Hudson Valley Plein Air Festival competition week culminating in a special exhibit at the Wallkill River Center for the Arts at 232 Ward St (17K), Montgomery, NY. Feel free to go see the fall foliage or have a weekend brunch at the Newburgh waterfront and see this exhibit that is open until November 5. Nearly 50 plein air artists are represented and lots of talent on view. Gallery hours are Friday-Sunday 12-5pm.



**Jennifer Merz** - Jennifer Merz is delighted to join featured artist Joy Yoo at the Stable, 259 Maple Ave, Ridgewood, NJ for her retrospective *Oh, Joy!* Jenn will be showing her original collage illustrations and will be joined by CAA artists **Lydia Baldassarre, Kathleen Rupff** and others in the Springboard Art Group. Reception with light refreshments on Sunday, November 18 from 1:30-4:30pm; exhibit is open weekdays 9am-5pm throughout November, except holidays.

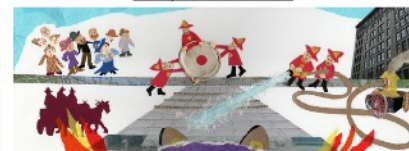


**Springboard**  
ARTISTS in *Oh, Joy!*  
Featuring paintings  
by Joy Yoo with the  
Springboard Art Group

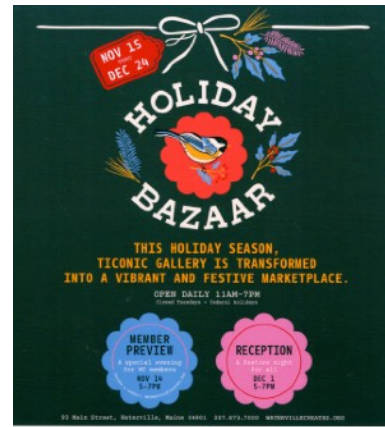
**The Stable**  
259 Maple Ave, Ridgewood, NJ 07450

**Artists' Reception**  
Sunday, November 18, 2023 from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

*Shown here:* Collages by Springboard Artist Jennifer Merz  
[www.jennifermcrz.com](http://www.jennifermcrz.com)



Farther afield, Jenn has also been selected to participate in the Holiday Bazaar in Waterville, ME. During the holidays, Ticonic Gallery in Waterville is transformed into a festive marketplace filled with unique gifts by talented artists + makers, featuring handcrafted items from dozens of Maine artisans. Can't get to Maine? Check out Jenn's art prints at [www.jennifermerz.com](http://www.jennifermerz.com)



**Madeline Giotta-**



- Clifton Cultural Center: “Pop Up Boutique” featuring her original designed cashmere hats, shawls and sweaters. 900 Clifton Ave., Clifton NJ. 973-472-5499. November 8-December 7, 2023.

- Studio Montclair “The Life & Culture of Modern Day Latinidad”: 127 Bloomfield Ave., Montclair, NJ. 862-500-1447. [www.studiomontclair.org](http://www.studiomontclair.org) November 10-December 22, 2023

**The TUESDAY PAINTERS** are presenting an exhibit at the Washington Township Library from October 31 - December 2. There are many CAA members participating in this show. See flyer for details. Hope to see you there.

If you would like to contribute your news to Member News in the December Newsletter, please email [mitchellsalercaa@gmail.com](mailto:mitchellsalercaa@gmail.com) by November 28.