

AVON *Arts* Association

APRIL 2020

*James Alan DeCesare Demo
Tuesday May 19, 7pm
Avon Town Hall, 60 West Main Street*



James Alan DeCesare will demo portrait painting in a free class, open to all (*\$5 suggested donation*). He will also hold a workshop on *Sat. May 23, 9:30am – 2pm*, \$45 for members and \$55 for non-members. Sign up at the demo or through Email: avonarts@hotmail.com



James Alan DeCesare is an award-winning portrait painter and popular arts educator. He runs a portrait-painting studio and private fine arts school in Collinsville, Connecticut.

James earned a Master of Fine Arts degree from the Hartford Art School, a Master of Arts degree from Syracuse University, and a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the Hartford Art School, graduating with highest honors from each institution. DeCesare has worked with such luminaries as Burton Silverman, Everett Raymond Kinstler, Murray Tinkelman, Foster Caddell and Joe Bowler.

Mr. DeCesare has an ever-growing list of important public and private commissions and has been honored by regional and national juried exhibitions including: the New Britain Museum of American Art, Connecticut Academy of Fine Art and Connecticut Society of Portrait Artists. James's oil paintings were featured at the Barnes-Franklin Gallery, Tunxis Community College, Silpe Gallery, University of Hartford, and Syracuse University among others.

James has broad experience as an artist educator including: Figure Drawing Instructor at the New Britain Museum of American Art, Adjunct Instructor of Painting at The Hartford Art School, Portrait Painting Instructor at the West Hartford Art League, Adjunct Instructor of Painting, Drawing, Figure Drawing, Color Theory and Art History at Tunxis Community College, as well as countless lectures and demonstrations.

He has lectured at many colleges including: University of New Haven, Middlesex Community College and Tunxis Community College. Mr. DeCesare shares ways of bridging the gap between traditional art principles and digital media. James serves as Head of Visual and Performing Arts at The Master's School, West Simsbury, Connecticut. He served as Portfolio Development and Figure-Drawing Instructor at the Hartford Art School Pre-College Program for fourteen years. He has taught professional development to Connecticut high school art teachers at Connecticut Art Educators Association annual conferences, and regularly mentors teens building scholarship-level art portfolios from his studio.

2020 Program

ARTIST.....DEMO.....WORKSHOP

Jim DeCesare.....May 19.....May 23

Gail Fine.....June 16.....June 20

If you have a suggestion for the Program next year, please contact KathyDalSanto@gmail.com.

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Avon Arts Board meeting at Town Hall will be *Mon. May 4, 7pm*. Meetings are open to all members.



Our next **Scholarship Fundraiser** will be at Flatbread Pizza in Canton, Tues. July 14. Please contact Roger Niland if you would like to volunteer for this event.

Call for Entries

Avon Town Hall Members Show May 16 - Oct. 17,
Drop-Off/Pick-Up: Sat. May 16, 10am – Noon.
Free for all paid members.

Avon Arts Members Spring Show 2020

Receiving: Mon. June 1, 9:30-11:30am. Reception: June 7, 2-4pm Music: Jazzman Trio, Pick-Up: June 28, 1-3pm, Simsbury Library. Volunteers needed to assist in Receiving, Hanging, Reception and Pick-Up. To sign up in advance of the May meeting, please email Meghan Waskowitz at: mwasko59@comcast.net.

Avon Arts Board of Directors Show 2020

Drop-Off: Sun. June 28, 1-3pm, Simsbury Library.

New Hartford Art League 15 Annual Open Juried Show,
May 16-July 11, Drop-Off: Sat. May 16, 9-11am,
Reception: Sat. May 16, 2-4pm, Pick-Up: Sat. July 11,
9-11am, Town Hall, 530 Main St. New Hartford.

Member News



Carol Mintell suggests that we all do a painting from a still life in our homes to bring to the next demo.



FOR ALL AGES is a non-profit organization connecting generations.



Carol Mintell worked with art students Becca Poole (10th Grade) and Aisha Haidara (11th Grade) to paint a chair that was built by Simsbury High School woodworking students.



The team spent 11 hours designing and painting the Heublein tower on a chair for the Simsbury 350th anniversary celebration this spring.



Rita Bond is planning an “Artists and Gardens” all-inclusive river cruise from Paris through Normandy, France from *August 22 - 30, 2020*. Enjoy Monet's Giverny garden, and other locations painted by the Impressionists. (Other historical sites include WWII D-Day landings.) Includes a free night at a 4-Star Hotel in Paris on August 22. For more information, contact Rita Bond at 860-205-4279, rita.bond@gmail.com, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M4HfulfVjC>

Cyd Gorman's KritterKams show at Charlotte Hungerford Hospital in Torrington has been extended through April.



Karen Helfeld Israel's work was selected for the following shows: Lyme Art Association Yin/Yang Exhibit, Academic Artists Association and Arizona Pastel Society. Karen received an Honorable Mention in the Pastel Journal Pastel 100. She was also asked to video a demo for Connecticut Pastel Society's Member's Exhibit.



Zufar Bikbov gave a well-attended demo and workshop in February.

2020 Membership

Advantages of being an Association member include:

- Program meetings featuring a demo by a local artist
- Reduced workshop fee
- Having your news published
- Access to our membership list
- Exhibiting at Avon Town Hall, Spring & Holiday Shows
- Exhibiting on our Website, Facebook & Instagram
- Becoming involved in our business and activities
- Free workspace at Avon Town Hall on Wed. mornings
- Renting our display racks
- Opportunity to have your work in our calendar

Send dues and membership form with your address, phone number and Email. Submit with your check to: **Gloria Woodwell**, 80 Torrington Ave. Canton CT 06019, or bring it to the next meeting. New members welcome.

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