



JUNE 2025

*Zufar Bikbov Demo & Annual Meeting
Tuesday June 17, 6:30pm
Avon Town Hall, 60 West Main Street*



Zufar Bikbov will demo his painting techniques at Avon Town Hall on Tues. June 17 from 6:30-8pm. Free class (\$5 suggested donation). He will conduct a workshop on Sat. June 21 from 10am -2pm (\$45 members, \$55 non-members).



Zufar Bikbov was interested in painting early on, influenced by his father, a well-respected specialist in engineering. His Dad's dream to be an artist was not realized in post WWII Soviet Union during Stalin's regime. After being accepted to Nicolai Fechin Art school in Kazan (*Russia*), his father switched to the school of Engineering and Architecture. *"My dad never pushed me into an art career"*, recalls Zufar, *"however, albums of my father's watercolors and a library of Russian Fine Art at our home, along with my father's paints and brushes – this environment became fertile soil for the seed of my artistic talent to grow."*

Zufar began drawing and painting classes at age nine. In his eleventh year, he painted his first Plein Air works; depicting nearby cottages and a horse and carriage. He felt that painting outdoors was more inspiring than working with a still-life or live model in the studio. He fell in love with landscape painting and started exploring the language of direct expression.

When the time came to choose a college and profession, Zufar chose a career in medicine. While in medical school, and after a move to the United States, art continued to be a part of his self-actualization. He was honored to participate in the exhibit *"Doctors Paint"* at the State Museum of Fine Arts in Kazan and later at Yale Medical School.

Zufar style leans towards Russian and Soviet era impressionism. Influences include: Isaak Levitan, Valentin Serov, Konstantin Korovin, Willard L Metcalf,

Joaquin Sorolla, W M Chase and Gustav Klimt. For over a decade, traveling and painting in the United States has changed his painting palette to a higher key.

Zufar has won a number of national awards such as the *"Artist Choice Awards, Plein Air"* in Easton, Maryland. He also received a *"Medal of Honor and Merit"* from the Kent Art Association. At the Irvine Museum in Laguna Beach, California he received another award for the Plein Air national competition.

Zufar has work in private collections in the UK, Spain, Russia and the United States – from New England to California. Zufar has a number of fans of his artwork and considers teaching art another significant point of his career.

Demos at 6:30pm, Workshops 10am - 2pm.

If you are interested in giving a demo next year, please contact AvonArtsAssociation@gmail.com

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Carol Ganick held a demo on watercolor in May.

Shows / Classes

Avon Arts Spring Show Drop-Off: Mon. June 2, Noon - 2pm. Reception: Sun. June 8, 2-4pm. Pick-Up: Mon. June 30, 11:30am – 1:30pm. Simsbury Library. Refreshments provided and music by Pete Hurlbut.

The Board of Director's Show will be at the Simsbury Library. Drop- Off: Mon. June 30, 11:30am – 1:30pm Pick-Up: Thurs. July 31, 11:30am– 2pm.



Member News

Doug Williams will give a painting demo at the Simsbury Library on Wed. June 11, 6:30-8pm.

Carol Ganick is offering a workshop on Sun. July 27, 9am - 1pm. This will include a critique of work followed by painting in watercolor or acrylic. To register go to: westhartfordart.org

Cyd Gorman and Deborah Sacks have work hanging until July 30 at LaSalle Market and Deli in Collinsville CT.

Student Scholarships

Our committee of judges has chosen three winners from seven high school senior portfolio submissions. Two students from Simsbury will each receive a \$1,000 award and one from Farmington will receive a \$100 gift card. PeoplesBank provided the card and will be granting us \$2,000 for next year's scholarships. Awards will be presented on June 8th at the opening reception of our spring show at the Simsbury Library.



Membership

Member dues for Oct. 1, 2024 – Sept. 30, 2025. Student dues \$25, Individuals \$35 and Families \$40. Please send a check, along with a membership form, including your address, phone number and email address. (*Note any changes or additions from last year.*) Submit to: **Joan Brault**, 49 Byron Dr. Avon CT 06001

Membership Perks include:

- Program meetings featuring a demo by an 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 and Facebook pages
- Becoming involved in our business and activities
- Renting our display racks for shows
- Opportunity to have your work in our calendar

Annual Meeting

Please attend our Tues. June 17 meeting to vote for our Board of Directors for the upcoming year. A proposed Amendment to the Constitution reads as follows: "The President may serve for more than two consecutive terms if, at the time of an election, two-thirds of the general members present vote in favor of the President serving an additional term."



We wish to thank Jerry's Artarama of West Hartford for generously providing gift cards for our monthly demo meeting door prize.

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