

AVON *Arts* Association

NOVEMBER 2020

James Alan DeCesare Demo
Tuesday Nov. 17, 7pm
Via Zoom App



James Alan DeCesare will demo his oil painting techniques via ZOOM at 7pm.

Info for logging in will come from 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.

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

Art Classes



Karen Israel is teaching a Zoom pastel workshop "The Painterly Floral," Dec. 5 and 6, 9:30am - 4pm, <https://www.pastelsocietynh.com/k-israel-2-day-workshop>



Paul Batch gave an online demo in September

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Justine Coleman and Cyd Gorman have work in the Fall Juried Show at the Kent Art Association running until Nov. 20.

Florence Bourgoin has a show at the 1820 House in Simsbury through the end of November.

Membership

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- Program meetings featuring an artist demo
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- Opportunity to have your work in our calendar

Desk calendars are sold out but we are still taking orders for the Avon Arts wall calendars, which are 6.5" x 8.5" and sell for \$20. Please contact Joan Brault as soon as possible to order your copy.

Membership fees for existing members are waived for the remainder of this year. Charitable donations to our 501c(3) organization are always welcome. Mail to Treasurer: **Julie Gutowski, 10 Churchill Place, Avon CT 06001.**



Luciana Heineman gave an online demo in October

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