

DEERFIELD VALLEY ART ASSOCIATION

CENTER FOR THE ARTS, GALLERY, AND HOME OF THE MUSEUM OF NEW ENGLAND ART

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Hello my fellow home-bound artists and art lovers,

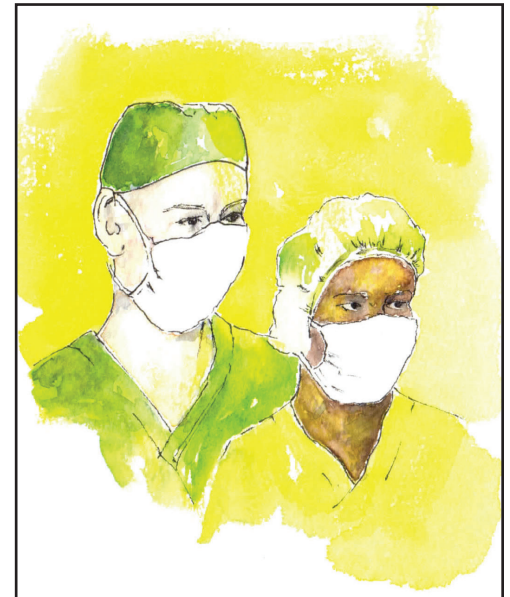
in consideration of the pandemic, DVAA, like all other public venues, has closed its doors until the emergency comes to an end. Meanwhile, all our many beautiful *objects d'arte* are patiently waiting for life to resume its normal course once again and looking forward to our return so we can admire them anew.

May the only fever you have be Cabin Fever; and should that one strike you, you can mitigate it with an “art fix” at

<https://artsandculture.google.com/partner?hl=en>

which will give you happy eye-fulls of art from some of the world's greatest museums.

There is no calendar this month because we will be closed through the end of April. All classes will be rescheduled when it is safe to do so. The Board warmly wishes good health to you all, take good care and keep safe.



America's Heroes
Watercolor, M. Moore

MEMBER NEWS

We have received messages from members about they are doing in the face of social distancing: KARMA KITAJ reports that she is in 14-day self quarantine in Bernardston after 6 glorious weeks of travel, inhaling beauty and art in San Miguel de Allende and tango dancing in Buenos Aires. The air, sky, sunsets, cityscapes, street celebrations, wall murals (still called graffiti), contemporary art museum in Buenos Aires, all have contributed to inspiration for her next works in encaustic. She adds “I took a day-long private with wonderful encaustic/oil artist Ezshwan Winding in San Miguel to refine some techniques I’ve always struggled with—using transfers of images onto platform, e.g. [I need a [Laser Printer](#) for that in case anyone has one they want to sell.]

SUSAN MULHOLLAND writes in to report how she is dealing artfully with social distancing “Well, I was happy to see the segment on Connecting Point. It was great, & Marge was excellent! I have set up my dining table for doing a series of pastel & watercolor paintings. Just a series of 6”x6” and 5”x7”. When the weather gets warmer, there’s a lot of yard work! Also I found several online art tutorials that have been fun. I hope everyone is well.

BEVERLY PHELPS encourages all of us to see the silver lining saying now artists have the time they may have been hoping for. Stay well everyone. Love, Bev (and I would add, time to find the artful in every small thing from a beautifully prepared meal to a (finally!) decluttered closet--art hides in the mundane)

CHRIS PELLERIN writes: I’m also a member of Sawmill River Arts Gallery. Several of the members get together every 4 to 6 weeks to show and talk about what we are working on and get a critique from the other members. As that is not possible, we’re sending around images of our new work or works in progress among ourselves and critiquing via e-mail.

MARGE ANDERSON reminds us that, if you are on Facebook, you can check out pictures of art from our current exhibit Trash-y Art & Science that I post daily to the DVAA Facebook page Also, interesting sites and things to do that have been shared. <https://www.facebook.com/1deerfieldvalleyart.org/>

In the spirit of all things both artful and ecological, DVAA Member Katharina Rooney is making Easter eggs out of recycled materials (tip: stretchy fabric works best)

Many thanks to the above member contributions with encouraging ideas for coping with this emergency. If you have ideas of your own that are helping you deal artfully with isolation please direct them to me at mosdva@gmail.com

I will collect them and share them at large in mid April, a sort of mini , mid-month newsletter to keep us “in touch” with each other.



K Rooney Easter Eggs



M. Moore Still Life, colored pencil

I have been coping by committing myself, finally, to a Daily Painting routine in which I create one small painting (usually 5x7) each day and I post it on Instagram. The Daily Painting movement has been ongoing for some time, but I was full of excuses, “too busy”. Ha ha, bit of an exaggeration and now it doesn’t actually apply, so each day I produce some small thing, and sometimes some larger thing too! You can see me at Instagram:

<https://www.instagram.com/mosartstuff1/>

(If you too have an Instagram account, let me know so I can share it at large) Learn more at:

<https://www.dailypaintworks.com/>

This is the link for the YouTube video in case you missed it <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LadMZ1MSmk>