

SUMMERTIME
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The Association of Representational Artists

CANVAS NEWS

PLEIN AIR PAINTING SESSIONS OVER THE SUMMER

ALL OUTDOOR PAINTING SESSIONS BEGIN AT 9:30 UNTIL NOON AND EACH FACILITY HAS WASHROOMS AVAILABLE. BRING YOUR CHAIR OR STOOL, EASEL AND SUPPLIES. Look for dates and days that suit you best—Saturdays, Wednesdays or Sundays. Come and join us! Many thanks to Sue Marentette for making the arrangements for our summer painting schedule.



**PLEIN AIR
PAINTING**

SUMMER SESSIONS



July 2, Wednesday at Ojibway Park

July 12, Saturday at Reaume Park

July 20, Sunday at La Salle Marina

July 30, Wednesday at Willistead Manor

August 9, Saturday at Gibson Gallery

August 17, Sunday at Windsor City Marina

August 27, Wednesday at Navy Yard in Amherstburg

Welcome New Members



ARA CONTINUES TO GROW AS MORE ARTISTS JOIN OUR ASSOCIATION: WELCOME TO:

- Guinaz Turdalieva
- Pat Vetor-Gatto
- Bridgett Scheuerman
- Carol Ouellette

Best wishes to Elaine Woods and her husband John as he recovers. We are all thinking of you and missing you at ARA.



SEPTEMBER MEETING

The June meeting was a great social gathering with the majority of our members in attendance.

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER

See you on Tuesday evening, September 16th at 7:00 p.m. upstairs at Zehrs on Walker Road

Don't forget to bring your "SHOW AND TELL" art and your paint order .



DENNIS SMITH COMPOSITION WORKSHOP

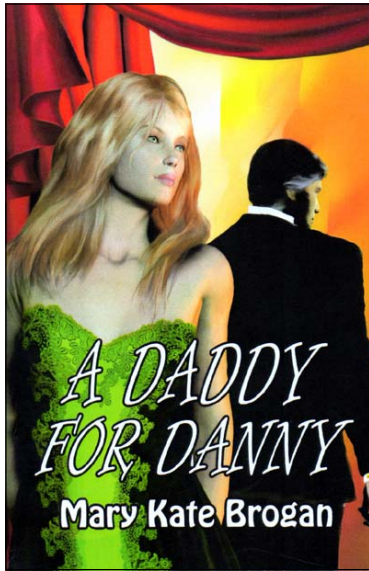


The Saturday Composition Workshop with Dennis Smith brought artists together to experience learning, laughter and artistic insights under the guidance of a true professional. First, we saw an astonishing composition slide show that outlined step-by-step all the elements of composition with stunning morphs created by Dennis to illustrate focal point, intention of the artist and technique to achieve better design in our paintings. Next, we began a work of art as a group. After lunch and two exercises in composition we began with a painting where each of us used the lessons learned in the workshop with lots of encouragement and positive critique from Dennis.

Leona won the group work and will complete it for our fall meeting. The day flew by. This was one of the very best ARA workshops we have had which proves that our teachers do not have to be brought in from afar. We have excellence and masters in our midst.



Congratulations to Mary Kate Brogan—creative artist and author



Mary Kate has woven her experience into an entertaining romance novel which tells the story of a beautiful artist. She is the mother of a young son and this story takes the reader through various misunderstandings and complications as she begins a relationship with the man she is destined to share her life with. ARA members will enjoy reading this book where the heroine is an talented but struggling artist. I'm sure many of us can identify with her central character. Writing and publishing a novel is a huge accomplishment and we are very proud to have this lovely author in our membership. Book signings will take place this summer at various locations but members may purchase a copy by sending Mary Kate Brogan an email and picking up the book at the September meeting.



JUNE MEETING IN REVIEW:

Members did a short exercise in drawing fulfilling Jude Quick's constant request..."Can we please paint a nude"? It was no surprise then that Jude posed for the group with her nude body draped in a silky dressing gown much to the delight of our members. Way to go Jude!



LEARN TO SKETCH NUDES

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n1Xzsxy-HEs>

YOU WILL BE AMAZED!



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**1st PRIZE
DENNIS SMITH**



Many members participated in the Show and Tell competition at the June meeting. Our theme was, "Looking Through The Window". First prize was awarded to Dennis Smith for his stunning portrait of a man



in a restaurant looking out through the glass. Some other artists are:

Stewart Carter
Sue Marentette
Linda Heise
Blanche James
Trudy Dempsey
Heather Hooper



The Association of
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WE'RE ON THE WEB

<http://www.artwindsor.com/>

June Meeting brought out record crowds to the ARA meeting. Members enjoyed a great meal, fellowship and art!



GREAT MEAL JUNE SOCIAL

The Association of Representational Artists was Formed in 1978 and is considered one of the oldest art organizations in Essex County. It was started as a way for artists to network together, learn new skills and show their work as a group. There are currently more than sixty members of this group. Workshops and classes are conducted through the guidance of professional members. Each artist is encouraged to develop their own style. The ARA provides members the opportunity to show their artworks and increase the ability to interact with potential buyers. The groups meets once a month and often paint together during the summer months.

Background Art by Dennis Smith

www.dskoriginals.com

GET READY FOR OUR FALL SHOW AT MACKENZIE HALL....CONTACT LUPITA FOR DETAILS OR CHECK THE ARA WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION

**TIPS
AND
TRICKS**



Susan Duxter used a mat to frame her objects at the recent composition workshop....which works like cropping on the computer. Try it, You'll like it!

NOMINATIONS

ARA GETS BETTER EVERY YEAR. PLEASE- CONSIDER A POSTION ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE NEXT SEASON. NEW BLOOD AND NEW IDEAS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME. WE ARE ONLY AS GOOD AN ASSOCIATION AS OUR MEMBERSHIP AND OUR LEADERSHIP. PLAN TO MAKE YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE ARA IN 2009. CONTACT ANY EXECUTIVE MEMBER TO ANNOUNCE YOUR INTEREST IN STANDING FOR OFFICE

**TOGETHER WE
CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE**