

The Palette

May 2026

Happy spring to everyone! The Guilford Art League has been quite busy this year. This letter will catch you up on the events this past winter and those to come this summer and fall.

RECAP OF WINTER EVENTS

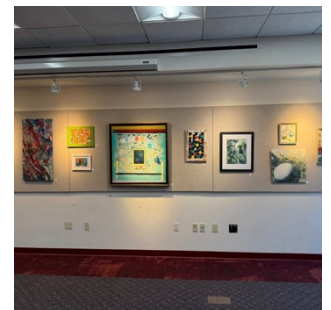
Community Center Exhibits

Jeanette Wimmer has been leading a crew of helpers in hanging the quarterly exhibits at the Community Center. You can visit the Menunkatuck room any time to view the work of your fellow members. The tentative date for receiving work for the summer show is July 8. Please remember to pick up your work from the spring show on that date. Check your emails for the date confirmation.



Member Show

Thank you, Brooke Sheldon, for organizing the Annual Member Show at The Guilford Free Library. This year our show was juried by Janet Warner. We had a great turnout at the opening reception. Thank you to all who contributed to the success of this event.



Annual Carry-In Supper

On a beautiful May evening our members brought in a feast of delicious treats. The desserts were amazing! We gathered in the gallery at The Guilford Art Center and enjoyed the eclectic exhibit of work by the Gallery One Artists. Diana Rogers presented an informative talk on the history and activities of the artists of that group. This casual event was great opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new acquaintances. Be sure to join us next year!



COMING UP

GAL Annual Show on the Green

Do not miss this chance to exhibit your work alongside your fellow league members on the green during the Guilford Craft Expo weekend. We are grateful to Jodi Marra, who will be organizing the event to be held July 17 – 19. Your cost to participate is only 60.00. Most art festivals average 350.00. You should have already received her invitation via email. Once you get your booth set up you can sit back in your favorite lawn chair chatting and selling your art. Not a bad way to spend a summer weekend!



Annual Juried Show

Our juried exhibit is held each September in the Guilford Art Center Gallery. This event drew 180 art submissions. Stay tuned and read your emails to get upcoming information about this prestigious show.



OTHER STUFF

You can be a star!

Lauren Murphy, our social media wizard invites you to be interviewed in your studio. She will create a short video and post it on Facebook. Contact her if you are interested. Laurmurph@msn.com

You can be our President!

It is not as scary as you think. We have a team of over 10 talented and supportive people sharing the duties that were performed by Sheila and a few others for decades. Give these ladies a well-deserved retirement and join our team!

Exhibits at Shoreline Eye Associates Office

Members have an opportunity to show 12 -14 pieces for two-month slots at the local eye doctor office. We are very excited that all slots for 2026 have been filled. If you are interested in signing up for 2027 OR interested in taking over the coordination of these exhibits, please contact Denise Casey at Dencasey@comcast.net

Guilford High School art scholarship

Each year the Guilford Art League awards a scholarship to a GHS senior who will be pursuing a post-secondary education in visual arts. This year Sophia Albe will receive 1000.00 from GAL at the GHS senior awards night ceremony on June 2.

Special thanks to our hard-working committee members who bring all of this to you. Helpers are always welcome!

Sheila Kaczmarek, Denise Casey, Rhonda Voos, Marsha Borden, Ava Orphanoudakis, Brooke Sheldon, Eileen Clark, Jeanette Wimmer, Lauren Murphy, Sandee Spahr and Kajsa Lydell-Conte

Sheila would like to extend special thanks to Eileen Clark for organizing the Carry-in Supper.