



# the PAINT BOX

NEWSLETTER OF THE YARMOUTH ART GUILD

November 2020

## 2020–2021 YAG Executive Committee

### *Elected Officers*

**President:** Joan Johnson

**1st VP:** Pam DeYoung

**Recording Sec'y.:** Jan Darcy & Barb Milton

**Corresponding Sec'y.:** Mary Kay Ebersold

**Membership Secretary:** Cis Poremba

**Treasurer:** Gerry Murray

### *Appointed Board of Directors*

**Community Liaison:** Joanie Shostak

**Events & Exhibits:** A Collaboration

**Historian:** Gail Burke

**Showcase:** Cis Poremba

**Newsletter Editor:** Joan Johnson

**Demo Programs:** Leslie Altman and

Michael Helfen, Consultant

**Press Releases:** Joan Johnson

**Web Administrator:** Joan Swaluk

### **Yarmouth Art Guild's WEBSITE**

[www: yarmouthartguild.org](http://www.yarmouthartguild.org)

*Check our website for our latest newsletter, listings of exhibits, and monthly demonstrators.*

*Also check: [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)*

YarmouthArtGuild - Kathy Kelley, Creator

### ***Indoor Events/Exhibit Contacts:***

**Cape Cod 5 Bank Show:** TBD

**Oliver's & Plank's Tavern:** Lynn Richards

**Yarmouth Town Hall:** Elaine Giberti

**So. Yarmouth Library:** Betsy Walker

### **Outdoor Summer Tent Shows:**

Saturday Tent Exhibits  
at Cultural Center of Cape Cod  
Joan Johnson & Pam DeYoung

## ***YAG Paintbox Newsletter***

*Joan Johnson, Editor*

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***We need volunteers...that means YOU!***



### **A Message from your President, Joan Johnson**

As we emerge from a place of stress in a country that appeared to be so deeply polarized, we take comfort in observing the healing of so many.

There is now new hope! We can dream of communities that truly listen, care and help one another. The recent past has felt like we were rowing against the wind. Now, with renewed energy, the wind will propel us and the atmosphere in the USA is inspiring ... new creativity! Happy Painting!

*Joan*

## ***General Meeting, October 7, 2020*** ***Demo Artist - Jonathan Earle***

***“My aim is to capture the energy and emotion of the subject.”***

Jonathan Earle was born on Cape Cod in 1971. After graduating from the University of Massachusetts with a degree in landscape architecture, he spent 20 years in architectural and construction management. As his career path moved him further and further away from expressing his ideas with pencil and paper, he returned to his true passion, painting. (Con't. Page 2)



**BE SURE TO CHECK WEBSITE ... NEW “On-Line” Art Sales!**

**Website: [yarmouthartguild.org](http://yarmouthartguild.org)**

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“Creating a sense of place in the landscape is at the core of landscape architecture. A sense of place is the experience or emotions associated within a familiar setting. It is this principle that I draw upon when painting, the dimension that is formed by people’s relationship with their physical setting, whether an actual figure in the painting or the viewer. I aim to capture the emotion and energy of that place. Whether it be the energy of a crowded street or the potential energy of idle traffic at a stoplight, both evoke emotion and feeling for a place”.

Jonathan is a member of the Cape Cod Art Association, where his work has received numerous Best in Show awards, and The Arnold Coleman Award. His works have also received top awards from various other art organizations. Jonathan lives in Sandwich with his wife and two children.



“Cleveland Circle”

*A paraphrase from a YAG member observing the Demo . . . Earle was great! His paintings are in oil and he does them in different phases. In his first stage he uses a burnt sienna mixture to sketch his painting from a photo that he has taken and lets it dry. We were relieved to see he brought another painting he had started and was now dry. That allowed him to go on to stage 2 where he starts to use colors but little detail and highlights. He then lets that stage dry.....he goes onto a 3<sup>rd</sup> stage where the highlights and details are reinforced.*

## *Safe and Comfortable Social Distancing in The Great Room*



*It was a safe environment and a great joy for YAG members to gather once again.*

*On right, Jan Darcy is faithfully working hard operating our ZOOM equipment.  
Leading our YAG General Meeting was our kind and efficient Treasurer, Gerry Murray.  
We are blessed with an active YAG TEAM!*

### **THANK YOU to many artists who have extended necessary assistance to others!**

Around the Cape, many people have come forward to assist other artists who are in quarantine and unavailable to display their own art. Others are aiding family members who are ill, etc.

We work as a community sharing and encouraging one another in expectation of a better tomorrow! Many YAG members are part of *Monday Painters* in Dennis who faithfully assisted others.



## General Meeting, Nov. 4, 2020 Demo Artist - Robert Mesrop



Robert (Bob) Mesrop has been an artist and painter for over 45 years. He is a Signature Member of the New England Watercolor Society and the Pennsylvania Watercolor Society and is currently a painting and drawing instructor at the Cape Cod Art Association and the Creative Art Center in Chatham Mass. He has also conducted painting workshops in Maine and Massachusetts.

Robert's primary medium is watercolor although he also works in oil and drawing media. Robert is fascinated by changing lights and shadows. He paints to capture these moments in time. The freshness and luminosity of watercolor make it the perfect medium. He says *"it requires discipline, planning and forethought. I try to work through the painting mentally so that I can approach the paper with the spontaneity that is the hallmark of the medium"*.

Bob received his Bachelor of Professional Arts degree from the Art Center College of Design in Los Angeles. For 22 years he was an Art Director at J Walter Thompson and at Kenyon and Eckhardt Ad agencies in New York. He is a Master Artist member of the Cape Cod Art Association, and a member of the Creative Art Center, Chatham, the Transparent Watercolor Society and the Salmagundi Club. He exhibits his work at the Fresh Paint Gallery in Yarmouth Port, Ma. Bob Mesrop's paintings have been accepted for exhibition in national shows nationwide.

Comments from an observing YAG member: *Bob was so helpful and pleasant while teaching and added bits of humor as well. He commented about having a multitude of "too many brushes out" ... but that it felt good seeing them all there. He also confessed that he likes to put out many more colors than needed as well. His favorite colors to work with are Ultramarine Blue and Burnt Sienna.*



***"Winter at Bone Hill"***

### INSPIRING WORDS from our former YAG President. . .

*"It's the first pastel in over a year. Submitted for a virtual class with Betsy Payne Cook. I always loved the colors of fall. When walking through the woods with my dog I came upon this scene that just 'sung' to me. The way the light played with the colors of the leaves on the trees and the ground was just magical. I took several photos for reference because I knew I just had to paint it. As of now, I have not yet named it but it will always have a the secret name of 'Election Day Stress' ". (8 x 10")*

~ Mary Jane Xenakis



Pam DeYoung, Cis Poremba, Pan Darcy,  
Gerry Murray and Joan Shostak.  
Other officers attended via zoom.

### ***NEW SLATE OF YAG OFFICERS elected at our Annual YAG Meeting, Wednesday, Oct. 7th***

**Elected Officers:** President: Joan Johnson, VP: Pam DeYoung; Recording Sec'y: Jan Darcy, Membership Sec'y: Cis Poremba (& Showcase), Correspondence Sec'y: Mary Kay Ebersold & Treasurer: Gerry Murray.

**Appointed Board:** Demo Artists: Leslie Altman (Michael Helfen, Consultant), Historian: Gail Burke, Community Liaison: Joan Shostak, and Web Administrator: Joan Swaluk.

***YAG ANNUAL DUES - \$40***

***You enable us to continue our mission:  
To provide art education ...please!***

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***Let us know if you have an event at a gallery coming up soon? We'll be happy to publicize in our Paintbox Newsletter!***

***“NEW BEGINNINGS”***

***Check our new Website Pages...***

***[Web Administrator: joanswal42@mail.com]***

***The new feature: “Online” Art Sales is now up and running!***

***You may join and have your own “Gallery Page” of artwork (as many as 24 photos) of your paintings, etc. The set-up and yearly maintenance is only \$35 per year for YAG paid members. Write to Joan S.***

***Monday Painters in Dennis enjoyed a most successful summer season despite Pandemic!***



*Above photo: On the Green in Dennis. Many YAG members are part of the Monday Painters. Mary Ebersold, our YAG Corresponding Secretary said, “I sold paintings as well as my weathered woods, cards and woodblocks. It was a wonderful venue to navigate COVID-19 outdoors. We all worked together to solve social distancing and sanitizing protocols.*



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