

Bedford Center for the Arts

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Update: BCA Annual Meeting



Bob Bass, Bob Barrett and Carl Hanson

Among the actions taken at the 2012 BCA Board meeting was the adoption of a new set of bylaws constructed to incorporate current practice and to serve BCA into the future. [Click here to read the approved bylaws.](#)

The membership thanked outgoing board members Susan Grieb and Liz Rodriguez for their enthusiasm, creative ideas and programming leadership; and approved BCA's new honorary directors Linda Christen and Charlotte Christen who will sustain our connection with BCA's esteemed founder, Jerry Christen. They also saluted Marv Goldschmitt, leader of the Photography Group since its inception, as this year's Celebrated Volunteer.

This year's annual meeting welcomed four new directors to serve on the Board in the coming year:

Bob Bass is a faculty member of the UMass Medical School, where he directs an information technology program. Although not a professional photographer, Bob is an enthusiastic hobbyist and currently serves on the Program Committee for BCA's photo group.

Bill Davison has been involved in the process of making photographs, reproducing other peoples' art, printing books, and dabbling with different image mediums for 40 years. He is currently concentrating on portraits and has opened a studio in a rehabbed mill in Nashua.

Katherine Deflice Secor feels that drawing is the foundation to everything she does; her current work is mostly abstract and is exhibited in both juried and non-juried shows. Along with several other artist members, Kathy is one of the champions of BCA's new Artists' Salon gatherings.

Kim Siebert was a member of the original BCA board formed before the renovation of Old Town Hall. She has served on a variety of boards in Bedford and in Maine, and is a freelance journalist and community TV producer who promises to share her skills through the BCA Blast.

The current board also includes Sing Hanson and Julie Turner, Co-chairs; Rosemary Barnett, Treasurer; and members at large Susanna Natti, Elizabeth Nemirovsky, Joanna Nickerson, Kati Oates and Doris Smith.

Mini-biographies of BCA board members are posted on our website. [Click to read them.](#)

Update: BCA Sampler Series



All the sampler classes were a hit - flower arranging, book making, sushi making, and garden touring - and we want to know what you think. Should BCA do this again? If so, when? Are there classes that you'd like repeated? Do you have new ideas? Please share your thoughts with Lee at lvorderer@comcast.net.

As an enjoyable outreach strategy, this spring's Sampler Series can't be beat---each of the four events drew individuals who hadn't previously attended a BCA event. Organizers Lee Vorderer and Mindy Pollack-Fusi said that they enjoyed both organizing and

participating in the series. BCA greatly appreciates Lee's and Mindy's initiative and hopes that there will be a roster of new experiences to announce in the fall.

[Click to read Lee and Mindy's review of the sushi sampler at Asiana Bistro, with a photograph by Bob Bass.](#)

Update: Artists' Salon



The first BCA Artists' Salon was a small but productive gathering. We discussed local shows and galleries and reviewed Kathy Deflice-Secor's pen and ink drawings, Bobbie Ward's quilt work, and Gail Carrigan's oil painting. It was a great start and we look forward to welcoming more artists to upcoming salons.

Kathy Deflice Secor, Gail Carrigan and Liz Rodriguez are the champions who will invite BCA's artist members to the informal evening gatherings from time to time through the coming year.

Update: BCA's Photography Group

During the May meeting Marv Goldschmitt announced that he needed to step back from his leadership role in the Photography Group because of increased business obligations. A program committee (Bob Bass, Bob Bicknell, Bill Davison, Donna Griffiths and John Sullivan) has met and will assume shared responsibility for creating interesting and substantive monthly meetings. Because the current meetings draw between 15 to 20 enthusiasts each month, the didactic format will be preserved with additional activities and programs for photographers of varied skills.

The Photography Group members are planning a juried show titled *Water*, a show of images that depict water in any of its forms, at Cary Memorial Library in Lexington this fall. The group has invited Nick Johnson of Gallery Seven in Maynard to jury the show and will spend its summer meetings preparing for the show.

Bedford's all-school Art Show



Work by every student in the Bedford schools was on display in the all-school Art Show at Bedford High School on a weekend in early May.

From simple drawings and crafts by elementary, middle school and high school students, the work became ever more sophisticated, with several senior art students creating individual vignettes to showcase their body of work.

[Click here to view an online photo essay about the exhibit.](#)



Members' News

Ronnie Gould



Bedford's Ronnie Gould will curate a show, **Our Shared Planet - The Animal Kingdom Portrayed**, in the Parsons Gallery at the Lexington Arts and Crafts Society from June 10 to July 9, with a reception on Sunday, June 24, from 5 to 7 pm. Christopher Leahy of the Mass Audubon Society will speak during the reception; he has been a professional conservationist for more than 30 years and has served as Director of Mass Audubon's Center for Biological Conservation.

Nineteen celebrated New England artists working in mediums varying from traditional paintings to cutting-edge materials to expresses the joy and celebration that humans feel towards animals, as well as serving as a commentary on the condition and frailty of our world. The show will feature works by Alice Abrams, Jane Dahmen, Donna Dodson, Erick Durant, Shane Fero, Kathryn Field, Gay Freeborn, Ronnie Gould, Suzanne Grey, Bob Hesse, Alison Lauriat, Madeleine Lord, Michelle Louge, Andy Moerlein, Dawn Mostow, Steve Murphy, Ilene Richard, Tom Whelan, and Nancy Whitin.

For additional information and directions, visit www.lexingtonma.org/LACS.

Michael Milicia

A solo show of Michael Milicia's bird photographs will take place at the Mass Audubon Joppa Flats Education Center located at 1 Plum Island Turnpike in Newburyport, from June 10 to July 28 with an opening reception from 2:30 to 4 pm on Sunday, June 10. For additional information, visit <http://www.michaelmiliciaphotography.com>.

Liz Rodriguez



If you are planning to visit weekend craft fairs around Boston this month you're apt to find Liz Rodriguez and her functional tableware, decorative tiles and distinctive personalized custom pieces. She'll be at the Coolidge Corner Arts Festival on Saturday, June 2; the Greenway Open

Market on the following Saturdays: June 9, June 23 and June 30; and the SOWA Open Market on Sunday, June 10.

Doris Smith and Anita Feld

Bedford artists Anita Feld and Doris Smith are among the Middlesex Community College (MCC) students whose work was chosen for inclusion in **MCC's first juried art show**. The show will run through June 29 at the Lowell Telecommunications Corporation's gallery at 246 Market Street in Lowell. [Click here for directions and hours.](#)



Monthly Events

- **Photo Group:** Bedford Center for the Arts is home to a group of photo enthusiasts who explore the intersection of art and digital technology. Their next meeting will be held at 7 pm on Tuesday, June 5.
- **Play Readers:** Led by Lois Pulliam, the BCA play readers will read Kaufmann and Hart's comedy *You Can't Take it With You* at 1:30 pm on Tuesday, June 12.
- **Art in the Afternoon:** Martha Shea Smith invites all local artists to join her every Thursday at 1 pm for coffee/tea and conversation while working on portable projects.

Unless otherwise noted, our monthly events take place in the BCA Space on the ground floor of Old Town Hall, 16 South Road, Bedford.



In & Around Bedford ~ June, 2012

The Art of Community News

Tom Stites, founder and president of the Banyan Project, will speak about **The State and Future of Journalism** at the Bedford Lyceum from 9 to 10 am on Sunday, June 3, at First Parish on the Common in Bedford, 75 The Great Road. The Banyan Project seeks new models for journalism in the digital age. The program is free, open to the public and fully accessible. For additional information, contact Meredith McCulloch at 781-275-6256.

Around and About Bedford

Bedford's 2012 Prom Stroll will take place on the Common at 4:45 on Tuesday, June 5, with the senior class picture being taken at 5:15.

Bedford High School graduation will take place on Thursday, June 7, at the Tsongas Arena in Lowell.

The 62nd annual **Strawberry Festival** at the First Church of Christ, Congregational, 25 The Great Road, will take place on Thursday, June 14, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. You will enjoy modestly priced but delicious homemade strawberry shortcake and ice cream sundaes smothered in homemade hot fudge. There will be musical entertainment by Jim Felker band director for the Bedford Public Schools. For additional information, call (781) 275-7951

Registration is still open for Middlesex Community College's **Bike Challenge 2012**, a 10-mile or 40-mile benefit bicycle ride, to be held at 9 am (40-mile ride) and 10:30 am (10-mile ride) on Sunday, June 10, starting from the Bedford campus, 591 Springs Road. Open to cyclists of all ages, the event supports the MCC Foundation. Registration is \$40 and includes T-shirt, water bottle, snack and hot lunch. Riders age 17 and under are free. (All riders under 18 must be accompanied by a participating parent/guardian.) Race-day registration starts at 8 am in MCC's Cataldo Building (Building 10). Rides start promptly, rain or shine. For registration and information call 781-280-3785 or visit www.middlesex.mass.edu/events/bike_challenge

Summer programs for kids at the Bedford Library

School's out, but there's plenty going on for kids at the library:

- Registration for the Bedford Library's **summer reading program for kids**, Dream Big READ, begins on June 18.
- Thirty-minute **story times on the Bedford library lawn** will start each Wednesday at 10:30 am starting on June 20 and continuing through August 29.
- **Magician and juggler Scott Jameson** will perform at the library from 3 to 4 pm on Wednesday, June 20.
- Sparky's Puppets will present **Adventures in Dreamland** from 10:30 to 11:30 am on Friday, June 29 – fun for all ages!

The Art of the Garden

June is not too late to get a **good vegetable garden** going: Do you need a nice sunny spot to play in the dirt and grow some vegetables? Garden plots are available at the Jordan Community Gardens on Hartwell Road. Gardeners do not have to be Bedford residents. Applicants can go to Town Hall, first floor, to see which plots are available or call 781-275-6211.

The fruits (and vegetables!) from several farm gardens will be available during the **one-day Bedford Farmers' Market** that will take place on Sunday, July 22 from 12:30 to 4:30 pm in the Town Hall parking lot on Mudge Way. [Click here to read the Farmers' Market's current newsletter.](#)

Gallery Della Piana's mixed media show **From the Garden** opens with a reception from 4 to 6 pm on Thursday, June 21 and continues through August 25. Please note that the gallery will be closed from July 4 through 7, You may wish to time your visit to coincide with the 3rd annual [Art Grows Here](#) festival of art installations in gardens throughout Hamilton and Wenham that runs from July 13 to 21. Maps are available at Gallery Della Piana, located in a sweet building behind 152 Main Street (Rte 1A) in Wenham.

A Phenologic Garden was recently installed at the Concord Museum. Inspired by Henry Thoreau and the detailed observations he made in the 1800s in his study of plant cycle phenomena, such as flowering, breeding, and migration, in relation to climatic conditions. This in-progress garden will be an integral part of the Concord Museum's spring 2013 exhibition, *Early Spring: Phenology and Henry David Thoreau*, curated by Concord Museum curator David F. Wood and guest scholar Dr. Richard Primack, professor of biology at Boston University. [Click here to read more about the research that Richard Primack and his team have been conducting in Concord.](#)

Sara Lawrence-Lightfoot in Concord

Harvard sociologist **Sara Lawrence-Lightfoot** will read from her new book *Exit: The Endings That Set Us Free at the Concord Bookshop at 3 pm on Sunday, June 3*. The reading is free and open to the public and will be followed by Q&A and book signing. The Concord Bookshop is located at 65 Main Street in Concord. You are invited to [rsvp on the Concord Bookshop's Facebook page.](#)

Big Deals in Boston

Totem, a fascinating journey into the evolution of mankind, will mark **Cirque du Soleil's** return to the Marine Industrial Park in Boston's Seaport District from June 10 through July 1. [Click here to see a preview of Totem.](#) For tickets: <http://www.cirquedusoleil.com/en/shows/totem/tickets/boston.aspx>

In celebration of the War of 1812's bicentennial, **tall ships from around the world** will converge on Boston this summer. Boston is included in the tour because the historic battle between the USS Chesapeake and the HMS Shannon took place outside of Boston Harbor on June 1, 1813. The Shannon quickly overtook the Chesapeake, and Chesapeake's captain, James Lawrence, having been wounded was taken below famously shouting, "Don't give up the ship!" Class A tall ships scheduled to participate include the United States Coast Guard training ship Eagle and the USS Constitution, along with Cisne Branco (Brazil); Gloria (Colombia); Guayas (Ecuador); and Dewarucci (Indonesia), plus six Class B (privately owned) ships. The tall ships will arrive in Boston on June 30 and depart on July 6. [Click here to visit the Operation Sail website for the Tall Ships' Boston visit.](#)

Music, music, music!

The Liberty Jazz Quartet, musicians from the Hanscom Air Force Base active duty Band of Liberty, will perform an all-ages concert in the Bedford Free Public Library's meeting room at 6:30 pm on Monday, June 4. The concert will feature popular swing classics as well as current tunes and is free and open to all. The library is located at 7 Mudge Way in Bedford. For additional information, visit www.bedfordlibrary.net

Mingle with orchestra members and gain a new perspective when the orchestra is placed in the middle of Cary Hall during **the final concert in Lexington Symphony's current season at 7 pm on Saturday, June 2, with a Q&A with orchestra musicians at 6 pm.** The program will include **Bach's Third** Brandenburg Concerto No. 3; **Gounod's** Petite Symphony; **Bartok's** Romanian Folk Dances; **Honnegger's** *Pastorale d'ete*; and a pair of **Gabrieli** sonatas: *Pian'e Forte* and *Canzon Noni Toni*.

Soprano **Rachel Luther** will perform a short program of songs by Dowland, Caccini, Mozart, Schubert and Schumann as well as a recitative, aria, and cabaletta from Stravinsky's opera, *The Rake's Progress*, at 11:30 am on Sunday, June 3, in the sanctuary at First Parish on the Common, 75 The Great Road, Bedford. A member of the First Parish choir, Rachael, who studies voice with Carolyn Kingston, will be accompanied by pianist Margaret Ulmer. A small reception will follow the concert.

The 31st season of the Rockport Chamber Music Festival runs from June 7 to July 16. *Festival Highlights include performances by pianists Leon Fleisher, David Deveau, Gabriela Martinez, and Bruce Brubaker; the Calder, Parker, and Jupiter string quartets; violinists Andrés Cárdenes and Jennifer Koh; choral music by Cantus; concerts by Centennials, Boston Musica Viva, Boston Symphony Chamber Players; to say nothing of Jordi Savall, Benjamin Bagby with Sequentia, and Red Priest.* There are pre-concert lectures and special events, free family concerts, a master class, and an open rehearsal. For additional information and directions, visit [Rockport Chamber Music Festival Concerts](#).

In the galleries

Arts calendars to check regularly:

- **Artscope:** <http://artscopemagazine.com/asdyn/museumsgalleries.wr>
- **Art New England:** <http://artnewengland.com/exhibitions/#MA>
- **Arts Boston:** <http://www.artsboston.org/categories/index/13/0>

[Click here to check out the new list of local art centers and museums in our region on BCA's website!](#)

For the month of June, works on paper by late Westford resident William A. Millett (1922–2007) will be exhibited from June 8 to June 24 at the Parish Center for the Arts in Westford. Because Millett and his family were long-time residents of Westford, many of the landscapes and portraits will seem familiar to the community. The exhibition is free and open to the public. Artist's receptions will take place on Friday, June 8, from 4:30 to 8 pm, and on Sunday, June 10, from 1 to 4 pm. Additional viewing hours will be on Saturday, June 16, during the Westford Strawberry Festival, from 10 am to 4 pm; and on two Sundays, June 17 and June 24, from noon until 2 pm. The Parish Center for the Arts (PCA), Westford's home for visual and performing arts is located at 10 Lincoln Street, Westford. The building is wheelchair accessible. For more information, call 617-625-4962 or e-mail art@williamamillett.com.

Emerson Umbrella Center for the Arts is pleased to present its third annual outdoor large-scale sculpture exhibit, **BIG ART 2012**. This captivating project opened earlier this spring and will continue through 2013; it is an evolving show, with new pieces to be exchanged or added throughout the exhibition. The current installation promises to thrill the eye, pique the intellect, and stimulate community discussion about art. Featured outdoor sculptors are Ben Cabot, Kevin Duffy, Gary Haven Smith, Linda Hoffman, Michio Ihara, Yin Peet, Louise Peterson, Antoinette Schultze, and Billy Sherry. A companion indoor sculpture exhibit of related 2D and 3D work by these artists and Tom Odell will be on display through June 29 in the Emerson Umbrella

Gallery, located on Stow Street in Concord. For additional information or directions, visit www.emersonumbrella.org. BIG ART 2012 is sponsored in part by the Concord Cultural Council.

Jeffrey Engel's animal-related artwork evokes the feeling of being in a swamp, beach or border region like the Everglades; he captured that feeling by manipulating his wildlife photographs in a way that brings out their wildness. A show of Engel's work, **Scale, Tail, Tooth and Nail**, will be on exhibit in The Loading Dock Gallery on the second floor of the A-Mill at Western Avenue Studios, 122 Western Avenue in Lowell, through June 24 with a reception from 5 to 7 pm on Saturday, June 2, after the artist open studios.

Call For Artists

The deadline for submissions for the 2013 **Concord Art Association's annual calendar**, *Concord: A Sense of Place*, is June 6. Click [here](#) for the prospectus.

Strength and endurance will be necessary during the **Artist in Wilderness residency program** offered by the Wilderness Workshop for one week in late summer or fall, 2012. The residency will take place in Colorado's White River Forest and offers the opportunity of a one-week adventure for a professional three-dimensional or land artist working in any material which can be sculpted, carved, constructed or installed. The application deadline is July 13; [click here to learn more](#).

Lexington Arts and Crafts Society (LACS)

The Needle Arts Guild of Lexington Arts and Crafts Society's show **Pins & Needles with a Splash of Neon** will be on display through June 10. The show includes handmade garments, tabletop pieces, decorative accessories and quilts created with all manner of fibers, color and techniques, plus, just for fun, there will be a splash of neon!

A summer program for 10–13-year-olds, TRAVEL AROUND THE WORLD WITH ART, is facilitated by artists of LACS Metalworkers, Ceramics, Painters, Polymer Clay and Woodworkers Guilds, who will introduce students to the cultural and historical background of the arts and crafts of various countries. Students will be guided to create their own pieces using paint, clay, metal, wood and polymer clay. Classes begin on July 9 and continue through July 13, from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm each day. Classes are limited to 12 students; the fee is \$190.

For more information on either program and directions to LACS, call 781.862.9696 or visit www.LACSma.org

Road Trips

The Friends of the Concord Free Public Library **book sale** will have thousands of wonderful titles for adults, teens and children carefully sorted into more than 20 categories for easy browsing on the front lawn of the Concord Library from 10 am to 3 pm on Saturday, June 2. In case of bad weather, please call 978-318-3301 or visit www.concordlibrary.org for updates.

Visit master weaver **Randall Darwall** and designer **Brian Murphy** (stars of BCA's Loom with a View last fall) during their open studio days at 687 Main Street in Harwich Center on June 30 and July 1 or August 3 and 4. For more information, visit <http://www.randalldarwall.com>.

The Garden Conservancy's Open Days program will visit two private gardens in Little Compton, RI, on Saturday, June 9. [Click here to learn more](#).