# Bedford Center for the Arts Arts for all and all the arts

#### July - August, 2012

#### **Joan Ross**



Bedford Center for the Arts lost a member and good friend when Joan Ross died on June 27. A professional photographer, Joan presented *The Art of Seeing*, BCA's first foray into the photography programming, which has grown into our very active Photography Group; taught photo classes for the Council on Aging; and participated in BCA Open Studios.

A memorial service will be held at 5 pm on Friday, July 6, on the grounds of the Massachusetts Audubon Society at 10 Juniper Road in Belmont. Donations in Joan's memory may be made to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Brookline or to the Massachusetts Audubon Society in Lincoln.

BCA thanks John Sullivan for sharing his photograph of Joan Ross.

# Artists' Salon: July 18 at 7



Bedford Center for the Arts organizers Gail Carrigan, Liz Rodriguez and Kathy Deflice Secor invite all local artists to join them at 7 pm on Wednesday, July 18, for the second BCA Artists' Salon in the BCA Space at Old Town Hall, 16 South Road.

#### Click here to learn more about the inaugural Artists' Salon!

Please bring work to discuss or stories and ideas to share. A possible discussion topic: resources for art instruction in our area. The leaders look forward to meeting you and hearing your creative ideas.

# **Update from Honduras**



Jason Musselman brought his Journey for Hope to BCA's annual meeting in May, speaking fervently about teaching photography to children in South Africa last summer and about this year's trip to Honduras. <u>Click here to read Jason's blog</u> and see some of the earliest photographs taken by the students.

Jason and Becca Laders are teaching five classes of ten or more students each day and expect to re ach approximately 200 kids before heading back to Massachusetts

#### Autumn Classes – watch for more information

Based on the success of this spring's Sampler Series and Maureen Oates's drawing class, a select series of classes will be announced during August. Maureen has already scheduled a Saturday afternoon drawing class to begin on September 22, and BCA board member Kati Oates is developing the list of additional offerings.

### **News from BCA's Photography Group**

Bedford Center for the Arts is home to an active and energetic group of about 20 individuals who meet monthly (usually the first Tuesday) to discuss technical and artistic aspects of photography. Past meetings have included presentations on topics such as image capture; basic workflow from capture to framed photograph; sharpness and focus; panoramic, studio and winter photography; and bird photography. Currently the group is focusing its attention on its upcoming show at the Cary Memorial Library. If you are interested in participating, you must attend the group's meeting on July 10.

Over the past year, the group has concentrated primarily on presentations by advanced photographers at its monthly meetings. A new program committee is at work on expanding the photo group's offerings, to include field trips, gallery visits, photo "challenges," and the possibility of forming special interest or subgroups. Group members have planned a field trip for July 18. Details will be provided at the July 10 meeting.

If your passion is photography and you would like to share your interests and learn from others, you're welcome to join the photo group. Summer meetings will be held at 7 pm on Tuesdays, July 10 and August 7, in the BCA space on the ground floor of Old Town Hall, 16 South Road.

Contact Bob Bass (<u>rwbass5@comcast.net</u>) if you would like to be added to the group's mailing list.

## **BCA Photo Group Schedules October Show at Cary Library**

A juried exhibit of images by BCA photo group members, *Water in All Its Forms*, will be presented in the lower level meeting room at Lexington's Cary Memorial Library from October 1 through October 30, with a reception on October 3. The juror, Nick Johnson is an accomplished fine art photographer and faculty member at the New England School of Photography. He is also the co-owner of Maynard's Gallery 7 with his wife Kelli Costa.

The next two meetings of the photo group will focus on the requirements for submitting images to be considered for the exhibit (Tuesday, July 10 at 7 pm), and important information about printing and framing (Tuesday, August 7 at 7 pm). Anyone planning to enter an image should attend the group's July meeting in the BCA space on the ground floor of Old Town Hall, 16 South Road in Bedford.

#### **Update: BCA's Annual Report**

Sing Hanson, co-chair of BCA's board of directors, presented the attached annual report for the program year 2012-2012 during Bedford Center for the Arts' annual meeting on May 2, 2012. <u>Click here to read BCA's annual report.</u>

#### **Members' News**



#### **Rob Dobson**

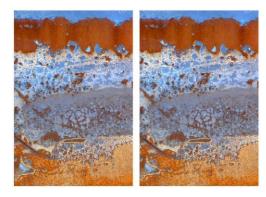


*Basket #81*, one of Rob Dobson's sculptural baskets, has been purchased by the U.S. State Department for the permanent collection in the U.S. AID building at the brand-new U.S. Embassy in Kiev, Ukraine, as part of the ART in Embassies Program. Currently celebrating its 50th anniversary, this wonderful program focuses on providing art as a diplomatic tool for U.S. Embassies throughout the world

A man of many talents, Rob will makes his opera singing debut in

Telemann's 1721 *Der geduldige Socrates (Patient Socrates)* during the Amherst Early Music Festival in New London, CT, at 8 pm on July 13. It will be a staged production with costumed singers and dancers, and period instruments. The production will be directed by renowned countertenor Drew Minter. Tickets are \$20 per person. Visit the festival's website: <u>http://www.amherstearlymusic.org/taxonomy/term/25</u>.

#### **Sing Hanson**



Sing Hanson, Iris Lee Marcus and Jerry Wedge will take part in *The Color Beneath*, a small-group show, at Gallery Seven, 7 Nason Street in Maynard, from August 21 to September 22, with a reception from 7 to 9 pm on Saturday, September 8. For information, call 978-897-9777 or e-mail <u>info@gallerysevenmaynard.com</u>

Sing will show her Pyroglyphics Series; Iris Lee Marcus, well-known for her faux finishes for woodwork, will display her Aqueous Series of fine arts paintings; and Jerry Wedge will show his oils on wooden panels.

# Michael Milicia



A solo show of Michael Milicia's avian photographs continues at the Mass Audubon Joppa Flats Education Center located at 1 Plum Island Turnpike in Newburyport, from June 10 to July 29. For additional information, visit <u>www.michaelmiliciaphotography.com/joppa.php</u>.

During August, his work will be shown at the Sun Up Gallery in Westerly, RI (<u>www.sunupgallery.com</u>).

Photo students wishing to learn more about Michael's techniques

may wish to investigate his half-day seminar on flash for nature photographers on July 14. See <a href="http://www.michaelmiliciaphotography.com/flash.php">www.michaelmiliciaphotography.com/flash.php</a>.

## **Liz Rodriguez**

Judi Babcock



You'll find Liz and her work at the following open studios and craft festivals:

- Saturday, July 7 <u>WAS Open Studios (</u>Lowell, MA)
- Saturday, July 21 <u>ArtBeat</u> (Davis Sq., Somerville, MA
- Friday to Sunday, July 27 29 <u>Art in the Courtyard at Lowell</u> <u>Folk Festival</u> (Lowell, MA)

A creative ceramicist, Liz also teaches at Feet of Clay pottery studio in Brookline and maintains a studio at Western Avenue Studios in Lowell.



Judi Babcock's acrylic paintings of children playing and people dancing will be on display in the Pierce Gallery (lower level) of the Cary Memorial library during August, with an opening reception from 5 to 7:30 pm on Tuesday, August 7. The party will be a joint reception with Karen Berman-Mulligan, whose abstract landscapes will be on display in the Meeting Room.

For additional information, visit Judi's website: http://www.judibabcockpaintings.com/paintings.html.



# **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. The next meeting will be held at 7 pm on Tuesday, July 10, and the August meeting will take place on Tuesday, August 7. NOTE: It is important for members to attend this meeting if they wish to enter the group's juried exhibit at Cary Memorial Library.
- **Play Readers:** Led by Lois Pulliam, the BCA play readers will read *Let Me Hear You Whisper*, a tender play about a cleaning woman and a dolphin, written by Paul Zindel, at 1:30 pm on Tuesday, July 10.
- 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.



# **Bedford Day**

Bedford Day will take place on Saturday, September 15. There will be a parade and the Town Hall parking lot will be filled with booths representing town organizations and activities. Applications for booth space or to march in the parade are available through the Bedford Recreation department.

The 13th Annual Regional Art Exhibit sponsored by the Bedford Arts &Crafts Society is open to both professionals and non-professionals. Paintings, drawings, pastels, sculpture, wood carving, fabric art and photography will be juried by a professional artist on Thursday, September 13. The exhibit will open to the public on September 14, the Friday before Bedford Day, with awards presented at noon on Bedford Day. For additional information, check local news sources and the September BCA Blast.

# The Bedford Farmers' Market

Although there won't be regular markets in Bedford this summer, the Farmers' Market board is still in place and will present two events in July:

- A screening of a TED talk, *How I Fell In Love With a Fish,* in the library meeting room at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, July 10. The short film chronicles James Beard Award-winning chef Dan Barber discussing the difference between conventional and sustainable fish farming, followed by a discussion of sustainable farming.
- A one-day Farmers' Market Festival from 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm on Sunday, July 22, in the parking lot of Town Hall on Mudge Way, with parking behind the library and along School Way. A partial list of vendors includes The Biscuit, Charlton Orchards, Chip-In Farm, Cookie Lady Treats, Deborah's Kitchen, Foxboro Cheese, Golden Girl Granola, Paino Organic Salsa and Chips, Pastor Blacksmith Farm veggies, and Shady Pine Farm grass-fed meats. And there will be artisans, children's activities, entertainment, and Market Café seating under the canopies!

## **Concerts on Bedford Common**

Bedford's popular summer **Concerts on the Common** will take place from 7 until 8:30 pm on Thursday evenings between July 5 and August 2. All concerts will be held on the Bedford Town Common. Concert details and cancellations or postponements will be posted on the Recreation Department's website, www.bedfordrecreation.org.

- July 5
  Brass Connection
  - July 12 Grupo Fantasia
- July 19 Jumpin Juba
- July 26 Garden Party
- August 2 John Penny Band

# Girls' Night Out – a book swap to benefit the Friends of the Library

The Melting Pot restaurant will host an evening of fondue and fun to benefit the Friends of the Library. Diners are asked to bring two gently used books for the swap. There will be a discounted menu starting at \$25 per person (including a cocktail). Everyone will go home with a book and the remaining tomes will be sent to the library for future sales.

## At the Bedford Library–for adults and kids

Looking for something to do this summer? Check out the Bedford Free Public Library. Beyond books, DVDs and museum and movie passes (all can be researched and reserved online) the library offers programs for adults and kids during July and August.

#### **Reading Programs**

Dream Big: READ is the children's summer reading program, and there's still time to sign up. Everyone who registers will receive a BINGO card to work on and you may start a new card if you fill your first one. Turning in a completed row on the BINGO card earns a coupon for a *FREE* book from the Friends of the Bedford Library children's book sale nook! If you complete five rows, you'll get five coupons and a certificate at the end of the summer. The program ends with a popsicle party from 6 to 6:30 pm on August 29 before Ricardo Frota's interactive concert. All ages are welcome!

There's not a structured summer adult reading program, but grown-ups are invited to an ice cream sundae party sponsored by the Friends of the Library at 2 pm on August 28 to share their recent favorite reads.

The Cookbook Book Club will discuss *Salad as a Meal* by Patricia Wells during its meeting on July 3 at 7 pm in the meeting room. Salads will be sampled and recipes shared. The Cookbook Book Club is funded by the Friends of the Library

#### Weekly programs for kids

Summer story times take place on the library lawn from 10:30 to 11 am every Wednesday morning through August 29.

Story and Craft Club members will journey to the four corners of the world with stories and crafts both big and little. The library will provide all the ingredients, and kindergartners to 4<sup>th</sup> graders just need to bring their imaginations. The group will meet on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:15 pm from July 10 to July 31.

The library's enormous collection of LEGOs will be put to use during the weekly LEGO Challenge on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:30 pm, July 11 through August 15. Each week, builders will be challenged by a different theme, or will able to dream up individual creations. Models will remain on display in the library until the next meeting.

#### **Special events**

- Kids of all ages are invited to build a tiny house for a fairy or an elf in the gardens and shrubs outside the library's Children's Room. Supplies will be on hand, but builders are encouraged to bring twigs, bark, shells, pebbles, and other house-building things that the Little Folk would like. Construction will take place on Tuesday, July 3, from 3:30 until 5 pm. If it rains, the program will move to Thursday, July 5 from 3 to 5 pm.
- Wingmasters, a raptor rescue team, will bring its live wild owls to the Bedford Library and share a world of facts and folklore about these masters of the dark. There will be two shows of *The World of Owls*, from 4 to 5 pm and from 7 to 8 pm on Monday, July 9. The program is suitable for 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> graders.

#### There will be music!

Sing Along with Sharon will take place from 7 until 7:45 pm on Tuesday, August 21. Families are invited to join children's librarian Sharon McDonald in singing familiar world songs, silly songs, movie songs and camp songs.

A family concert featuring keyboardist and trumpeter David Polansky's clever repertoire will take place from 7 to 8 pm on Monday, August 6.

Percussionist Ricardo Frota and his Rainforest Instruments return to Bedford for an interactive family concert of sound and story from 6:30 to 7:30 pm on *Wednesday, August 29.* Frota creates instruments out of almost anything, and the audience uses them to create unique rhythms.

#### In the library gallery

A unique show, *36 Years of Children's Art: a Teacher's Collection,* goes up in the Bedford Library Gallery on July 9. It will feature some of the most interesting and memorable artwork produced by Bedford public school students from the collection of Bedford Schools' art teacher Gillian Frazier. The show will be mounted with assistance from the Friends of the Bedford Public Library.

The Bedford Library is located on Mudge Way; <u>http://www.bedfordlibrary.net/</u> or 781-275-9440.

## Annie Leibovitz: Pilgrimage at the Concord Museum

Fresh from its exhibit at the Smithsonian Institution, *Annie Leibovitz: Pilgrimage* is on display at the Concord Museum through September 23. The museum will be open seven days a week from 9 am to 5 pm and on Thursday and Friday evenings until 8 pm beginning on July 5. The exhibition is included free with regular museum admission. <u>Click here for more information about your visit.</u>

Special public receptions will take place from 5 to 8 pm on three Thursdays: July 26, August 23, and September 20. Museum curator David Wood will talk about the exhibition and its Concord photographs during his gallery walk, and the theater will show *Annie Leibovitz: Life Through a Lens*, a documentary by her sister Barbara Leibovitz. A cash bar and light refreshments will be available. No reservations are required, and the receptions are free with Museum admission. During the Pilgrimages exhibit, the Concord Museum will be open seven days a week from 9 am to 5 pm, and on Thursdays and Fridays until 8 pm between July 5 and September 21.

## Looking ahead–Call for Artists

To celebrate the Town of Lexington's 300<sup>th</sup> birthday, Cary Memorial Library will hold a month-long juried art show and sale in March 2013. Ceramics, glass, metal, painting, small sculpture (no more than 6 inches), photography, jewelry, wood, drawing, textiles, paper art, and other media are welcome. Artists must submit their work and a brief artistic statement by November 1, 2012. For specific submission guidelines, contact Ashley Rooney, 781-861-9511.

#### 26th Annual Lowell Folk Festival

The largest free folk festival in the nation takes place in downtown Lowell from July 27 to July 29. With continuous performances on six outdoor stages, the festival offers an international array of traditional and folk music, ethnic foods, craftspeople and artisans. There will also be activities for kids and canal boat and trolley rides. For more information, visit <u>www.lowellfolkfestival.org</u>.

#### The Art of Local History at Minuteman National Park

Minuteman National Historical Park offers a host of summer activities in Lexington, Concord and Lincoln:

- A reading of the <u>Declaration of Independence</u> at 1 pm on Wednesday, July 4, on the banks of the Concord River at North Bridge.
- Concord residents of 1774 (portrayed by The Guild of Historic Interpreters) debating current events in <u>Town Meeting: Let Your Voice Be Heard!</u> The audience is encouraged to participate in the debate. At North Bridge on Saturday, July 7, at 1:30 pm and at 3 pm.
- Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of July will find Nathaniel Hawthorne reading some of his short works that explore the dark side of human nature in <u>The Haunted Mind</u> at 7 pm in The Wayside, 455 Lexington Road in Concord. Hawthorne will be portrayed by literary historian and playwright Rob Velella.
- <u>The Long Arm of the Law</u>: The Guild of Historic Interpreters presents a living history program about local justice in colonial Massachusetts at noon, 1 pm and 2:45 pm on Saturdays, July 14 and August 4, in the Hartwell Tavern
- Love Letters: The Intimate Correspondence of John and Abigail Adams follows the personal correspondence of John and Abigail Adams through some of our nation's most tumultuous times. Presented by Adams scholars and veteran living history performers Patricia Bridgman and Thomas Macy in the Buttrick Garden of the North Bridge Visitor Center at 1 pm on Saturday, July 28 and at 1 pm on Sunday, August 26.
- First in the Field: The Lexington Militia will take place when the Lexington Minutemen muster at Hartwell Tavern from 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday, August 11, for a day of drill, musket firing, and historical demonstrations.

## **BCA's annual listing of nearby Summer Concert Series**

**Masterworks Chorale:** Bedford residents Beverley Matthews and Rick Spofford, will sing in the 43rd season of Summer Sings, the Masterworks Chorale's summer concert series, which will take place in the Lawrence Auditorium in the Wheeler Music Center at Noble and Greenough School in Dedham. The concerts will begin at 8 pm on Tuesday evenings through August 7. General admission is \$10 per person, \$9 for seniors, and \$5 for

student rush seats (proper identification required). Noble and Greenough School is located at 10 Campus Drive, Dedham. *Important Traffic/Construction Advisory for Summer Sings*: Due to road construction on Route 128/I-95 and Exit 18 (Great Plain Avenue), click <u>here</u> for the best driving routes to the concerts. For additional information about the concerts, click <u>here</u>.

July 10 Fauré–*Requiem* Steven Karidoyanes, conductor
 July 17 Brahms–*Ein Deutsches Requiem* Steven Karidoyanes, conductor
 July 24 Orff–*Carmina Burana* Jaime Kirsch, conductor
 July 31 J.S. Bach–*Magnificat* Anne Watson Born, conductor
 August 7 Mendelssohn–*Elijah* (abridged) Katherine FitzGibbon, conductor

**Music at the Manse:** Free concerts take place every Sunday from 2 pm to 4 pm at The Old Manse, on Monument Street in Concord, adjacent to the Old North Bridge. Call 978-369-3909 for additional information.

- July 1 Larry Unger
- July 8 Lorraine and Bennett Hammond, with Claude Galinsky
- July 15 Deborah and Giovani Rocha
- July 22 Roaring Jelly
- July 29 Cooper and Kenneally
- August 5 Dan and Faith Senie with Chris Gerstner and John Boehmer
- August 12 Steve Rapson and Hatrack Gallagher
- August 19 Jerry Bell
- August 26 Woody Guthrie Tribute The Folksong Society of Greater Boston

**At the Crane Estate in Ipswich**: Visit Castle Hill on Thursdays in July and August to explore the newly restored landscaped lawn, picnic on the grounds and enjoy the weekly concerts. The gates open for picnicking at 5 pm, the concerts begin at 7, and you'll be on your way home at 9. Admission: \$20 per car, with no advance sales. Click for directions and more information.

- July 5 The Blushing Brides, a Rolling Stones tribute band
- July 12 HELP!, a Beatles tribute band
- July 19 David Wax Museum, folk rock
- July 26 Grupo Fantasia, Latin rhythms
- August 2 The BaHa Brothers, summertime fun a la Jimmy Buffett/Beach Boys
- August 9 Beantown Swing Orchestra, with swing dance coaching at 6 pm
- August 16 Inner Visions, authentic Caribbean reggae
- August 23 Entrain, a rock funk jam band
- August 30 Orville Giddings Band, boogie blues

**At Fruitlands Museum in Harvard:** The Concord Band's Thursday evening summer concert series is underway on the hillside beside the museum. The gates open at 5:30 pm for picnics and the concerts begin at 7:15 pm. Admission: Members: \$10 per car; non-members: \$15. <u>Click for directions and more information</u>.

- July 5 Americana
- July 12 Around the World in 60 Minutes
- July 19 BrassWind–Featuring Brass and Woodwind
- July 26 Summer Retrospective

At the Wayside Inn in Sudbury: Enjoy live music in the air-conditioned Martha Mary Chapel on four Tuesday evenings in July. Choose either the concert only (\$15 per person) or the concert and dinner at the Wayside Inn (\$44.95 per person, tax and gratuity included). Call (978) 443-1776 or for information or reservations.

- July 10 <u>The Heatons</u>
- July 17 <u>Wolverine Quintet</u>
- July 24 <u>Southern Rail</u>
- July 31 Chasing Blue

**The Lowell Summer Music Series** takes place on Friday and Saturday nights in July and August at Boarding House Park, 40 French Street in Lowell. Ticket prices vary by concert.

- Friday July 13
  America <u>Click for ticket information</u>
- Saturday July 14 John Mayall <u>Click for ticket information</u>
- Friday July 20 Dennis DeYoung: The Music of Styx <u>Click for ticket information</u>
- Saturday July 21 Kenny Loggins <u>Click for ticket information</u>
- Friday August 3 Pat Metheny Unity Band <u>Click for ticket information</u>
- Saturday August 4 George Thorogood and The Destroyers <u>Click for ticket information</u>
- Friday August 10 Lyle Lovett and His Acoustic Group <u>Click for ticket information</u>
- Friday August 17 Livingston Taylor <u>Click for ticket information</u>
- Saturday August 18 k.d. lang and The Siss Boom Bang <u>Click for ticket information</u>
- Friday August 24
  Gaelic Storm <u>Click for ticket information</u>
- Saturday August 25 Southside Johnny and The Asbury Jukes <u>Click for ticket information</u>
- Friday August 31
  The Brew <u>Click for ticket information</u>

**Monadnock Music in southern New Hampshire towns** will present a summer full of music under the direction of Gil Rose. There will be ticketed events in Peterborough and Keene, with Sunday afternoon village concerts in churches around the region. Special guest artists will perform at the Peterborough Town House. The concerts will feature the Monadnock Sinfonietta on Friday, July 6; the Claremont Trio on Friday, July 13; and Sanford Sylvan (baritone) with David Breitman (fortepiano) on Saturday, August 4. <u>Click here to order Town House Concert tickets.</u>

- Monadnock Music's inaugural Opera Celebration will take place at 3 pm on Sunday, July 29, in the Keene Colonial Theatre. Directed and conducted by Gil Rose, the concert will feature Heather Buck (soprano), James Maddalena (baritone), Frank Kelley (tenor), Aaron Engebreth (baritone). <u>Click here to</u> <u>order Opera Celebration tickets.</u>
- Village concerts with voluntary admission will take place throughout the Monadnock region during July and August. <u>Click here to see the entire Monadnock Music schedule</u>.

# Free Fun Fridays: visit museums, zoos and theatres throughout Massachusetts

The Highland Foundation has arranged free admission to museums around the area on Fridays through August 31. Click to check the foundation's calendar and see which attractions are available each week.

## Free weekday programs for kids, sponsored by the Lowell Music Festival

**Free Fun For Kids** is offered in Lowell at 10 am on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Sponsored by the Lowell Summer Music Festival, all shows are free; each will include a Make-and-Take craft session at 10 am; natural or organic snacks; an 11 am performance; and a noon-time National Park trolley ride.

- Wednesday July 11 Curious Creatures, reptiles & snakes up close
- Thursday July 12 O'Shea Chaplin Irish Step Dancers
- Wednesday July 18 Stacey Peasley, interactive songs & dance
- Thursday July 19 Magic with George Saterial
- Wednesday August 1 Benjamin The Juggling Clown
- Thursday August 2 Wayne Potash, music fun
- Wednesday August 8 Ben Rudnick & Friends, tie-dyed family band
- Thursday August 9 Rani Arbo & Daisy Mayhem, tradition and fun

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In case of inclement weather (excessive heat or rain) a message with the details of any weather-related relocation will be posted by 9:30AM on the day of the show on the info line, 978-970-5200 and on the web at <a href="http://www.lowellsummermusic.org/page.php?wpage=kids/kids.htm">http://www.lowellsummermusic.org/page.php?wpage=kids/kids.htm</a>. If relocated because of weather, all children's shows will be held in Cyrus Irish Auditorium at Lowell High School located diagonally across French Street from Boarding House Park; performances will begin at the same times as at the park.

## **Big Deals in Boston**

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 quite quickly overtook the Chesapeake and its Captain James Lawrence was wounded and taken below shouting, "Don't give up the ship!" 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 privately owned Class B ships. The tall ships will arrive in Boston on June 30 and depart on July 6.

Forest Hills Cemetery and the Forest Hills Educational Trust present the 14<sup>th</sup> annual **Lantern Festival** on Thursday, July 12, from 6 to 9 pm (rain date: July 19). The memorial ceremony held in the cemetery's lush Victorian landscape is inspired by Buddhist ritual. The evening includes Taiko drummers, gospel music, Irish fiddlers and traditional Japanese dance. Admission is free, but there is a \$10 parking fee and a \$10 donation for each lantern inscribed with visitors' words of hope or remembrance. Forest Hills cemetery is a short walk from the Forest Hills station on the MBTA's Orange Line.

# In the galleries

Arts calendars to check regularly for the latest exhibits around the region:

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

The artists of at the Loading Dock Gallery invite visitors to celebrate **Summer in the City** during the months of July and August with color, texture, and imagination in an exhibit that ranges from paintings to fiber, sculpture to jewelry, and mixed media to ceramics.

**Summer in the City** shows in the Loading Dock Gallery, on the second floor of the A-Mill, from June 27 through August 26, 2012. Join the artists for the opening reception after Open Studios on Saturday, August 4, from 5 to 7 pm. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 4:30 pm. For more information about the exhibit, visit <u>theloadingdockgallery.com</u> or call 978-710-8605.

# Lexington Arts and Crafts Society (LACS)

The Lexington Arts and Crafts Society's **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Fair** runs from July 21 through August 11 during regular gallery hours. The fair features original arts and crafts created by over 40 artists from LACS Guilds, including the Ceramics, Painters, Polymer-Clay and Beaders, Needle Arts, Decorative Arts, Photography, Woodworkers, and Metalworkers Guilds. Opening day features an outdoor Tent Sale, which continues on the following days in the Parsons Gallery. Admission and Parking are free. For information or directions call: 781-862-9696 or visit www.LACSma.org. LACS is located at 130 Waltham Street, Lexington.

## Worth the ride

**Art Grows Here**: An annual 10-day, map-guided tour of art installations and performances in Hamilton and Wenham from July 10 through July 21. <u>Click here to find Art Grows Here on Facebook</u>.

**The Art Drive** brings visitors to artists' open studios in the coastal towns of Dartmouth and Westport on the weekend of August 11 and 12; studios will be open from 10 am to 5 pm. For additional information, <u>www.the-art-drive.com/</u>.

BCA's buddies Randall Darwall and Brian Murphy (of last year's BCA fundraiser Loom with a View fame) will hold **open studio days** in Harwich Center on August 3 and 4. Click the link to the their website, <u>http://www.randalldarwall.com/open\_studio.html</u>, for details. And plan to stop at the Sesuit Harbor Café (<u>http://sesuitharbor-cafe.com/</u>) for an outstanding lobster roll when you visit.