



# Yankee Tole Crier

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## President's Corner

Nancy Mullen

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Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays with family and friends.

We had a good turnout for the January Zoom class painting Erica Joanne's "Frilly Bird" with Barbara Boardman. It was a lot of fun learning a new and interesting technique.

We have a great year of painting planned. Barbara and Anne have worked hard to schedule afternoon programs and workshops to keep your paintbrushes dipping in paint all year long.

Jeanne Paglio and Carol Peck are teaching our workshops in April and August respectively. They will be held at Anne's studio; space will be limited so sign up early.

Lynne Andrews will teach us an adorable folk art design for our March afternoon program, Bonnie Frederico will do a beautiful floral colored pencil design at our June meeting and Barbara Rolla has designed a lovely

Santa for our September meeting. Sign-up sheets for the March and June programs are in this newsletter and as always on the web site.

Carol Peck is working on our Installation meeting scheduled for November 16<sup>th</sup> with a "Tea Party" theme. I am looking forward to the adorable tablescapes that our members will design.

Members have expressed great interest in having a 2-day seminar in 2025 but the survey response was not enough to let us know what our membership wants. Laurie Whitney has offered to design a new online survey. We hope more members will respond to this new survey, including those who responded to the original paper survey. This information will help Anne and Barbara know what medium, design subject, and teachers you are interested in so Anne and Barbara can go forward with the interests of our guild.

Stay warm, I hope you don't have to shovel too much snow and I look forward to seeing you all in person at our March meeting.

Nancy

## *President's Corner Too*

- The theme for the March meeting will be “Wearing of the Green” so I hope you all dress in green and bring in Show, Share, and Tell items with a “green” theme.
- Don't delay sending in your sign-up sheets for the General Meeting and Lynne Andrews program. You can order a surface or use one of your own.



## *1<sup>st</sup> VP's Corner* *Anne Hunter & Barbara Rolla*



### **2024 AFTERNOON PROGRAMS**

The afternoon programs are all set for the year. We will continue with themes for our meetings; for March it's “The Wearing of The Green”. Bring Show, Share and Tell, and if you have something that supports our theme, bring that too.

Lynne Andrews is teaching in March. The flier with details of the meeting, including the sign-up form and deadlines has been sent out and is in this newsletter as well on the web site.

The June meeting is with Bonnie Frederico who is teaching a colored pencil project. The flier is included in this newsletter.

September project is with Barbara Rolla. The design is painted as a cut out of a Santa, although it can be adapted to a plaque or sled. The flier will be available at the March meeting and will be in the March newsletter. For people interested in taking the class and want a surface, you must let us know by May 1<sup>st</sup> to be sure that the pieces can be cut and available in time.

We are now working on scheduling programs for 2025. To date, we have established that January will be via ZOOM, which allows us to enjoy teachers who are a long distance away. We are checking on teachers who teach by ZOOM and are available.

The remaining afternoon meetings will be in-person classes. We already have 2 teachers who have expressed an interest in teaching one of these classes.

### **2024 WORKSHOPS ARE ALL SET**

Jeanne Paglio and Carol Peck are the teachers for this year. The information for Jeanne is published and the details for Carol will be available at the March meeting and the newsletter.

### **2025 WORKSHOPS**

**We are looking for members to teach our 2025 Workshops. We need submissions NOW for April and August 2025. Please let either Barbara or Anne know if you would like to teach and an idea of what it is that you feel would be a great subject.**

### **RETREAT 2025 SURVEY**

**The responses to our survey have been low and not conclusive.** Following discussion of options, the members decided that we need to reissue the survey. Laurie Whitney has volunteered to create an electronic survey that she created and issued before.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne Hunter and Barbara Rolla





## *Installation Committee*

### *Carol Peck*



Please mark your calendars! The Installation of the 2025 Officers and Board Members meeting will be held on November 16, 2024.

This year the theme will be a “Tea Party”. I have been **very blessed** with members stepping up to paint centerpieces and items for the tables. At the March meeting I will distribute items that need to be painted.

A fun-filled afternoon has been planned with games, raffles, make it-take it and a buffet lunch.

I am asking for volunteers to donate themed baskets for the raffle. If you would like to donate a basket, please contact me at [capeck58@gmail.com](mailto:capeck58@gmail.com).

With appreciation, ~Carol



## *Meeting Minutes*

### *Terumi Irizawa*



Meeting was called to order at 10:01 AM

#### **Secretary** – Terumi Irizawa

- Approval of Nov. 18, 2023 minutes. Chris Watson made a motion to accept the minutes from Nov. 18, 2023. Jean Paglio seconded the motion. All were in favor.

#### **Treasurer** – Chris Watson

- Melissa and Julia volunteered to be on the audit committee.
- Kathy Slawsky, Maria C, and Terumi volunteered to be on Chris’ budget committee. Nancy will be an observer and available for questions.
- Chris provided an example of the teacher fees (\$250) associated with an upcoming meeting. If 10 people sign up for the program (@\$30/student), we will have covered the costs of the teacher’s fee.

#### **1st Vice Presidents** - Barbara Rolla and Anne Hunter

- Afternoon programs – March, June, and September
  - **March** – Lynne Andrews - we have 11 signed up so far. Prepped surfaces cost \$6. The theme of the meeting, including Show, Share and Tell is “The Wearing of The Green”.
  - **June** – Bonnie Frederico – colored pencils. Information will be in the January newsletter.
  - **September** – Barbara Rolla – Santa project. We will need to order the 12-inch surface (Santa) by May 1<sup>st</sup>. The cost will be \$10. Barbara will bring the surfaces to the June meeting. The members may use surfaces of their own choice.
  - Dates for 2024 workshops – to be held at Anne Hunter’s studio.
    - **April 20<sup>th</sup>** – Jean Paglio (watercolor)
    - **Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Carol Peck (stamps and watercolor markers). A short supply list will be provided.
- Anne and Barbara have received only 14 survey responses regarding the possibility of having a retreat in 2025.
- Laurie is going to create an electronic survey. Even if you have completed the written survey, please submit the electronic survey.

- Anne and Barbara are very interested in seeing the suggestions for teachers. Members expressed interest in teachers that are local.
- We discussed whether we would attract members from remote locations if we offered afternoon programs, workshops, and retreats via Zoom.

#### **Membership** – Jane Stone-Tatro

- 32 members have joined (30 renewals and 2 new members). 11 have not rejoined. Jane will reach out to those members.
- Membership form has an option to include desired teachers - She will send the information to Anne and Barbara.
- Nancy asked Jane to send the emails of the 2 new members to Terumi and Sandy for future emails related to NET.

#### **President** – Nancy Mullen

- All NE and NY presidents agreed to holding collaboration meetings during the year. The first meeting will be on Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Nancy was speaking to the church about doing a class for them, to thank them for the use of the room. They wondered whether we would be willing to offer a painting class for their youth group fundraising auction.
- If there is enough interest, Nancy suggested that we form a committee (at the March meeting) to organize the trunk show (or whatever it will be named).
- Nancy is going to work with the church to test out the projection system (for future use for Zoom or hybrid classes).

**Newsletter** – Maria Costantini, Newsletter Deadline is Friday, January 26, 2024. Maria mentioned that we will no longer charge the \$5 for a printed copy of the newsletter.

#### **Community Service** – Melissa Walsh

- 20 boxes were delivered (by Chris) to the Disabled American Veterans' home in December.
- Julia also delivered 10 boxes to Visitation House and Abby's House during the year.
- Melissa will put the measurements of the boxes into the newsletter. Members may want to decoupage or apply other materials to the top of the box.
- Melissa bought pajamas to put into the backpacks. Pam asked if we could donate checks instead of painting a box or backpack. Melissa is happy to accept checks as this will allow her to purchase items to put into the backpacks.

#### **Fundraising/Craft Fair** – Maria Costantini

- Maria volunteered to continue to be the chairperson in 2024.
- We believe that the fair will be held on Nov 9<sup>th</sup>. Nancy will confirm the date.
- We do have some pins left. We could convert them to ornaments.
- One suggestion was to sell lawn flags or pennants (using Roc-Lon). Nancy questioned whether these would sell, due to the low cost of these at box stores.
- We could sell smaller ornaments, as some donated ornaments were too large for a tree. Other ornament themes: nutcracker theme. Green wreaths for inserts were discussed as an alternative to grapevine wreaths.
- Nancy had thought that the grapevine wreath would be covered by the painted piece as opposed to being an insert in the center of the wreath.
- Carol Peck has some holiday themed cutting boards that she is willing to donate to the fair.
- Please send all ideas to Maria. There is a space limitation so please keep that in mind.

#### **Website** – Maria Costantini

- Maria will announce the new password at the March meeting.
- Please call Maria if you are not at the meeting and would like to obtain the password.
- Nancy asked Maria to change the font/color on the members page for the link (Here) which comes after the instruction to Click Here. It is difficult to see that "Here" is a link.

**NEDA/NET** – Sandy and Terumi

- The 2024 contract was received. Chris made a motion to pay the \$250 and Maria seconded the motion. Motion was carried with 3 abstentions.
- The NEDA/NET rep meetings in 2024 have not yet been scheduled.
- Sandy mentioned that the teacher submissions are due Jan 27<sup>th</sup> and the website is currently up to date.
- NEDA is looking for logo designs for its pin. If anyone is interested in designing the pin logo, please email Kris Beckman, Sandy or Terumi.
- Laurie Whitney will be Yankee Artist Guild’s rep for the NET Class Selection process.

**Scholarship** – Jane Stone-Tatro

- Jane is working on the letter and will send it to the schools by Feb 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Installation Committee**

- Carol Peck is the chair of the Installation Committee. If you would like to work on this committee, please contact Carol.
- The Installation meeting will be held on Nov 16<sup>th</sup>.
- The decorations for the tables have been reserved by Maria and Mary, Jean and Kathy, Nancy, Barbara, Anne, and Chris.
- The theme for the tables is “Tea Party”. Bev asked Carol to send a picture of the centerpieces to the table lead.

**Old Business**

- Travelling Ted - Mary St. Pierre still requires samples done using colored pencils, oils, and mixed media. She has pieces done using watercolor, acrylics and zentangle.
- Julia has various art books that are too heavy to put into the raffle baskets. Julia suggested that we donate them to the Blessing Barn in Mendon. There is a building devoted to books and the money raised by selling the books goes to support the community of Mendon. Julia also noted that the Blessing Barn will take donations of craft supplies. We all agreed that donating the books to the Blessing Barn was a good idea.

A motion was made by Sandy to adjourn the meeting at 11:39 am. It was seconded by Jane. All were in favor.



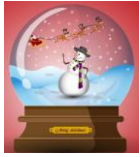
Thank you to everyone who brought in breakfast goodies for the Installation meeting.

We will be needing breakfast items for our next in-person meeting which will be the March 16, 2024 meeting. For future in-person meetings, I will send around a sheet for people to sign up for food for the next meeting, but since our last meeting was a Zoom, this time I will send a Google Docs or if you would prefer you can email me at [mynoah39@yahoo.com](mailto:mynoah39@yahoo.com) and let me know what you will bring.

Also, part of the Hospitality responsibility is to organize Door Prizes for each meeting. I have 2 people who have volunteered to bring in Door Prizes at the March meeting, so we are all set for March.

At future meetings I will also be sending around a sheet to ask people to volunteer to bring in Door Prizes for the next meeting.

Thank you for your generosity in bringing in food and Door Prizes. It is always so fun to see what surprises are in the bags!  
Maria



## *Fundraising -Tantasqua Craft Fair*

### *Maria Costantini*



We will have a booth at the 2024 Tantasqua Craft Fair. It is a great fundraiser for our guild thanks to our generous members who painted items. The exact date has not been announced by the school yet, but we think, tentatively, it will be Saturday, November 9, 2024. When I get the paperwork with the exact date, I will let you know.

This past year we added grape vine wreaths and wreath “inserts” to our product line. The “inserts” sold well, we sold more than half of the painted pieces. Unfortunately, the actual wreaths did not sell so we are going to change only the actual wreaths to possibly smaller grape vine wreaths and/or an evergreen wreath as a display option.

This year we have purchased some wooden shapes from the Dollar Store that will be available for our membership to paint more beautiful designs on or you can go to your local Dollar Store and pick some up to paint. These can be used the same as the wreath inserts or just as decorations on a door or wall.

We will continue with our tree ornaments; they are our best sellers. Customers have asked for ornaments with teachers, dogs, cats, music, and nutcracker designs as well as the traditional Christmas designs. We did notice that the larger ornaments did not fit on trees very well so try to pick surfaces that will fit on a branch of a tree and not hang down several branches, around 2”- 3” long.

We sold some more pins this year, but we still have quite a few left and they are beautiful. We will try to convert some of these pins to ornaments and hope they sell as ornaments.

Yankee members have been very generous painting items for our fundraiser. We all look forward to seeing the beautiful pieces you will paint for the craft fair this year!

Maria



## *NEDA and New England Traditions (NET)*

### *Terumi Irizawa and Sandy Sauta*



New England Traditions (NET) - October 8 - 13, 2024  
"Transport Yourself to Another World"

It was approved at the January Yankee General meeting to pay the \$250 and sign the contract for our guild to participate at NET in October 2024.

The NEDA/NET rep meetings in 2024 have not yet been scheduled.

The teacher submissions are due on January 27, 2024. The NET website is currently up to date.

NEDA is looking for a new logo for their pins. If anyone is interested in designing the pin logo, please email Kris Beckman, Sandy or Terumi

Laurie Whitney will be the Yankee Artist Guild rep for the NET Class Selection Process.

Thanks, Terumi and Sandy



## *Community Service* *Melissa Walsh*



The new year for Yankee Artist Guild has begun. What a great project we did with Barbara Boardman over Zoom at our January meeting. It's always fun to try new techniques. With a new year comes opportunities to refresh and be inspired to reach out and care for others. Last year's participation in our community service projects was wonderful. So many beautiful painted boxes and backpacks! Twenty beautiful boxes were delivered to veterans who are residents in DAV housing. Ten beautiful boxes were also donated to Visitation House and more to Abby's House. Backpacks and the items to fill them including pajamas, blankets, stuffed animals were delivered to Kelly's Backpacks. This year we donated over 50 pairs of pajamas!

Yankee has had the opportunity to touch so many lives! We have made a difference for individuals facing some of life's challenges, whether it is a child in foster care, a woman who is homeless and/or leaving an unsafe situation, or a veteran who is disabled. Let's make it our goal to continue our efforts! Let's make it our goal to do more!

I have boxes to bring to the March meeting and will have backpacks as well. If you do not have a box to paint, don't let that stop you! If you wish to paint before our next meeting, the top of the box is 11 x 7.5 inches. Members have previously painted on paper and decoupage to the top of the box.

As a thank you to members and an incentive for participation, I have been donating a raffle prize for the drawing held at our November Installation meeting. Members who donate a painted box or backpack earn a raffle ticket for each item donated.

Yankee Artist Guild's success requires the efforts of all of us. Community Service is one of the many ways every member can participate. Many thanks to Chris Watson and Julia Tufano for helping to distribute our donations.

Melissa



## *Got Books?* *Julia Tufano*



Many of you have donated some lovely art books to Yankee for inclusion in raffle baskets. While the books are quite informative, some of them are very large and very heavy. We think these donations would be better served by donating them to the **Blessing Barn Bookstore**, located in Mendon, MA and an extension of the **Blessing Barn**.

The **Blessing Barn** is a wonderful thrift store which uses its profits to fund *Compassion New England*, their non-profit organization. As customers donate and shop, they are enabling *Compassion New England* to serve people in the community who need help.

The **Blessing Barn Bookstore** partners with *The Happy Place*, by employing individuals with special needs and intellectual disabilities. Here you can buy a book, sit and read a book, and have a coffee in the cafe! The **Blessing Barn** also has a craft department!

Check it out and donate to the **Blessing Barn** and the **Bookstore**.

Julia



YANKEE ARTIST GUILD Presents

Lynne Andrews

Saturday, March 16, 2024

The class will begin after our General Meeting at 12 noon and end at 4 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
120 West Main Street, Westboro, MA 01581



Lynne will teach this great folk art design, ideal for an inspirational Springtime welcome message.

The class fee is \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members. This includes all instructions, photo, line drawing and all paints for the class.

The design is painted on a 10" x 6 1/2" plaque. This piece, prepped, is available from Lynne for an additional fee of \$6.00. The design is adaptable to any surface you choose.

Please return this form and a check made out to Yankee Artist Guild if you plan to attend the General Meeting or if you will only be joining us to paint with Lynne.

The deadline for signing up for this class and TO ORDER THE SURFACE is February 25, 2024.

Decorative separator line

Name \_\_\_\_\_ phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

- I will attend the General Meeting
I will not attend the General Meeting
I will attend the afternoon program
I am enclosing \$30 - members
I am enclosing \$35 - non-members
I am enclosing an additional \$6.00 for the prepped surface










Mail this form and a check made out to Yankee Artist Guild to: Barbara Rolla, 4 Woodland Heights, Ware, MA 01082. If you have any questions, please email Barbara Rolla at: brolla1@comcast.net or phone: 413-967-5444.







## Happy Birthday

 <i>Fran Rutkowski</i> 2/7	 <i>Sylvia Ball</i> 2/13	 <i>Kathy Macomber</i> 2/17
 <i>Anne Hunter</i> 2/9	 <i>Julia Tufano</i> 2/13	 <i>Cheryl Krilovich</i> 3/21
 <i>Pam Gillespie</i> 2/12	 <i>Jan Fuller</i> 2/15	 <i>Laurie Whitney</i> 3/24

### Screen Shot of the January Afternoon program with Barbara Boardman





**December:**



A **Sympathy Card** was sent to **Sandy Sauta** following the passing of her Father-in-Law.



**Get Well Cards** were sent to **Nancy Mullen** and **Sylvia Ball** following bouts of Covid which hindered so many of their planned Holiday Celebrations.

**January:**



A **Get Well Card** was sent to **Sylvia Ball** down in Florida following a fall and surgical procedure. Please keep Sylvia in your thoughts and prayers.

Stay Warm and Well until we meet again in March. And Remember...Sunshine Cards are happily sent whenever YOU would like the Guild to acknowledge another Guild Member (whatever the reason).

With Warm Regards- Kathy Slawsky, [Kathyslawsky@gmail.com](mailto:Kathyslawsky@gmail.com)

## Save the Date – 2024 Meeting Dates

- **January 21 (Sunday)** ..... General Meeting via Zoom. Afternoon program with Barbara Boardman a certified Erika Joanne teacher and will teach a pencil and paint design.
- **March 16 (Saturday)**..... General Meeting at the First United Methodist Church\*  
Afternoon program with Lynne Andrews and it will be done in acrylics.
- **April 20 Workshop (Saturday)**..... This workshop is for members only. Jeanne Paglio will teach a pretty floral design using reverse watercolor techniques. It will be held at Anne Hunter’s studio. \*\*
- **June 15 (Saturday)**..... General Meeting at the First United Methodist Church\*  
Afternoon program will be taught by Bonnie Frederico and it will be a colored pencil design.
- **August 3 Workshop (Saturday)**..... This workshop is for members only. Carol Peck will teach a mixed media project that will show how to incorporate various techniques and tools. It will be held at Anne Hunter’s studio. \*\*
- **September 21 (Saturday)**..... General Meeting at the First United Methodist Church\*  
Barbara Rolla with teach a Santa design and it will be done in acrylics.
- **November 9 (Tentative)(Saturday)**... Tantasqua Craft Fair at Tantasqua Regional Sr. High School  
319 Brookfield Road, Fiskdale, MA 01518
- **November 16 (Saturday)**..... General Meeting and the Installation of 2025 Officers and Board Members.  
It will be held at the First United Methodist Church\*

\* **Address of the First United Methodist Church is 120 W. Main St., Westborough, MA 01581**

\*\* **When available see the sign-up sheets for the address of the two workshops.**

Ongoing information regarding meetings and classes will be communicated to the membership via the newsletter and President’s Corner Too emails as necessary.

# 2024 Yankee Artist Guild Membership Form

(Please print clearly to avoid mistakes)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/Bus. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ B'day (Mo./Day) \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Note: All member information will be available on a General Membership List and will be provided only to Yankee Artist Guild members.

## 2024 Yankee Membership dues are \$20.00 and are due by 12/31/2023

Please Circle: Renewal New Member -> how did you hear about Yankee Artist Guild: \_\_\_\_\_

➤ What medium do you most enjoy using or would like to try at a meeting? Circle as many as you like.

Acrylic Oils Watercolor Colored Pencil Mixed Media Other \_\_\_\_\_

➤ Are there any artists you would like to take a seminar with? \_\_\_\_\_

➤ Would you consider teaching an afternoon session (after general meeting)? Yes No

If yes, what medium would you teach? \_\_\_\_\_

**During meetings, seminars, and conventions, we take pictures of attendees. These photos may be posted to our Facebook page, YankeeArtistGuild.com website, Tole Crier Newsletter, and/or other media. Please indicate below if you consent to have your photo(s) appear in any of the above locations.**

YES, you can post my photo(s)

NO, do not post my photo(s)

**Please send this form along with your check made out to Yankee Artist Guild for \$20.00 to:**

Jane Stone-Tatro  
124 Steere Street, Harrisville, RI 02830

**You are not automatically considered a member until a completed form has been received.**

**Note:** Yankee Artist Guild will only provide the Yankee Tole Crier Newsletter to members by e-mail (unless you do not have email). If a hard copy is required, please contact the Newsletter Editor, Maria Costantini at: [mynoah39@yahoo.com](mailto:mynoah39@yahoo.com).

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## Things to bring to the next In-Person meeting

- The theme for the March meeting is “Wearing of the Green”.
- Bring in Items for Show, Share and Tell.
- Money for the Brown Bag raffle and raffle basket.
- Bring in your painting supplies for the afternoon program with Lynne Andrews.

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## Has your Contact Information Changed?

If any of your contact information (i.e., home address, phone number, email address, etc.) has changed, please notify the **Membership Secretary:**

**Jane Stone-Tatro - 401-568-4141** or via email [janest42@verizon.net](mailto:janest42@verizon.net)

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## Website Information

If you have any information you would like listed on the Yankee Artist Guild website, contact Maria Costantini via email at [mynoah39@yahoo.com](mailto:mynoah39@yahoo.com)

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## Newsletter Information

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Last Fall I heard a report that the Farmer’s Almanac predicted that the 2023-2024 Winter was going to be very snowy. Because I was going to retire from work, after 53 years, I said, “snow away”. I’ll watch it snow sitting in my living room with a hot cup of tea in a nice warm house. The man across that street will plow me out so I don’t have to shovel so I say, “snow away”.

I doubt there are many members of our guild (other than myself) that are saying “snow away” this year. I watch the weather and they are reporting considerable snow accumulation to the West, North and South of where I live.

As I look out my window today, the last week of January, I see bare ground, even the grass is bare. We have had plenty of precipitation, whenever you got snow, we got snow but only an inch or two of snow and then it rained and washed it all away. I guess that’s the benefit of living on the coast.

The rivers, lakes, and ponds are high, but nothing is frozen. It has been many years since the ponds have frozen enough to go ice skating like I did as a kid. Global Warming???

I know Winter isn’t over yet, and we have had storms well into March so rather than tempting fate, I won’t say “snow away” anymore for all of you who still see piles of snow outside.