



## Letter from the President

Happy holidays to all of our members and friends of the arts.

It is with great sadness that I announce the passing of Bruce Raven, a great artist and even greater teacher. He had been a member of ACAM for more than thirty years. A reception was held at Gallery 53 after his funeral on December 12<sup>th</sup>. He will be sorely missed as member, artist, teacher and friend. We will also miss Fred Fay who passed at about the same time at Elim Park Baptist Home; he too was a fine artist and teacher. Although Bruce will be hard to replace we hope you will welcome Clint Crosthwaite as another fine artist and instructor who will take over for Bruce's painting classes.

The new year will welcome in Dr. Sophie Trent, artist and poet, as our artist of the month for January; we hope the weather will be mild and suitable so you can get in to see her work. Please try to make her reception on January the 17<sup>th</sup>.

For one of your New Year's resolutions please resolve to make the arts an important part of downtown Meriden by continuing to support the efforts of ACAM, Sandman Gallery, Castle Craig Players, the Meriden Poetry Society, Augusta Curtis Cultural Center and any other arts venues in the downtown area. Have a great new year in the arts.

Dick Kupstis

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**January 10**, Sunday, 2:30 p.m. -- A special celebration for Three Kings Day, featuring the musicians and dancers of FLECHAS, and reception for all. Free admission.

**January 16**, Saturday, 2-4 p.m. Reception Highlights of the ACAM Art Collection

**January 17**, Sun., 1-2 p.m. Reception, Featured Artist of the Month Dr. Sophie Trent

**January 19**, Winter classes begin - see list on page 2

**February 6**, Saturday, 10 - 4 p.m. Robert Noreika, "Painting the Winter Landscape in Fluid Acrylics" Workshop - see page 2 for details

**March 6**, Saturday 2-4 p.m. - Reception for Theme Exhibit Connecticut Pastel Society Exhibit

### Featured Artist

## DR. SOPHIE TRENT

Dr. Sophie Trent is a Meriden resident and has long been a Gallery 53 member. Her talents in painting reveal a great love for sea and mountain landscapes. While already a physician, Dr. Trent had artistic aspirations and returned to college to graduate with a Master's Degree in Art from Central Connecticut State University. Her associations include the Paier School of Art, CT School of Fine Art, New Haven Paint and Clay Club and the Cheshire Art League. Dr. Trent has traveled extensively, with Sanibel Island, FL, being one her favorite locations to paint. Her oil, acrylic and watercolor paintings illustrate her varied travel destinations. Dr. Trent's work reflects both traditional and contemporary painting styles.



### Gallery 53 is hoping to find

a person who is interested in becoming the Gallery 53 archives director. Please consider volunteering.

### Please Note:

In cases of inclement weather, volunteers please call to check if Gallery 53 is open for business.

Art Exhibition by the Central Connecticut Artists  
"Scenes from the Outer Cape" Cheshire Public Library 104 Main Street, Cheshire, CT 203 272-2245 Opening Reception January 9, 2010 2 PM-4PM Exhibition Jan 5-30, 2010

ARTS AND CRAFTS ASSN. OF MERIDEN/Gallery 53 WINTER Jan.-Feb. 2010 Classes

**TUESDAY Morning**  
Portraits-Working with a Model  
 Monitored by ELLIE BENDER  
 9:30 AM -12:30 PM  
 Independent work for three weeks with same model. Any medium. Skill levels vary. \$20 per three-week cycle or \$10 per session. Walk-in. Classes are ongoing. Begins January 19

**TUESDAY Afternoon**  
Drawing and Painting  
 Instr: LESLIE LILLIEN LEVY  
 2 – 4 PM  
 Focus on drawing still-life in vine charcoal or pencil, or painting in color with pastels or oils. Concentration on composition, value, line, form, perspective and edge. For students at all levels. Individual instruction. Six sessions. \$110 members / \$125 nonmembers Begins January 19

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**NEW: WEDNESDAY Morning**  
Oil Painting  
 Instructor: CLINT CROSTHWAITE  
 10:00 AM – 12:00 noon  
 Learn to paint oils in the traditional style. Choose your own subject from sketch or photo. Assistance given as needed. Six sessions. \$110 members / \$125 non-members Begins January 20

**THURSDAY Morning**  
Watercolor Painting  
 Instructor: JUNE WEBSTER  
 10:00 AM – 12:00 noon  
 For beginning and advanced students. Emphasis on techniques and good composition. 6 sessions. \$110 members / \$125 non-members 8 student limit. Begins January 21

**Snow Closings:**  
 When Meriden schools are closed, classes will be cancelled.

**\*Winter hours:**  
 The building is open all week for scheduled classes.  
 The main floor exhibit space and gift shop will be open  
 Thursday 12-4 p.m.  
 Friday, 12-4 p.m.  
 Sat. 10-2 p.m.  
 Sun. 12-3

**ROBERT NOREIKA**  
 Workshop: “ Painting the Winter Landscape in Fluid Acrylics”  
 Saturday, Feb. 6, 10-4 p.m.  
 \$85 members / \$100 nonmembers

Bob is a prominent national award-winning artist and illustrator. His paintings hang in corporate and private collections throughout the United States, Europe and Japan. He has illustrated several children’s books. Bob has been featured in The Artist’s Magazine and recently won Best in Show at the Connecticut Watercolor Society. Join him in this fun and relaxed workshop that should appeal equally to watercolorists and oil painters.

**Classes must have a minimum of 6 students or will be cancelled.**

Gerri Kogut, Coordinator for 2009 Holiday Sale - would like to thank all those that stopped in to browse & shop at The Gallery during our 2009 Annual Holiday Sale. Our Gallery had a wonderful new design & layout through the creative labors of Mary Gould! Many thanks! I also thank Janet Gawlak, Store Manager, for all her time sending out mailings, craft items inventor, and keeping track of sales. Thanks to all who help & support the Gallery this year - Thank you! Wishing all a very happy, healthy & peaceful 2010!

**Member News:**

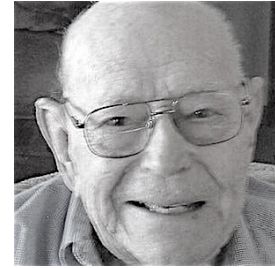
CHRISTINE IVERS has recently been awarded the Art Spirit Foundation Award for Excellence in Pastel at the 126th Annual Members Exhibition at the Salmagundi Club, NY. She has also been notified that she has been selected to be one of the top 100 Pastelists by Pastel Journal with an honorable mention in the landscape division. Chris has also had paintings accepted into the 15th Juried International Association of Pastel Societies Exhibition at the City of Brea Art Gallery, Brea, CA and this year's "Richeson 75" Best in Pastels Competition. She has been elected to the Board of Directors at Lyme Art Association, Old Lyme, CT and has been invited to join The Allied Artists of America, Inc. as an active artist member.

Artist NYDIA DOMINGUEZ demonstrated colored pencils techniques to students in an after school program at the Women and Families Center. Nydia taught them how to blend and layer colors to make three dimensional shapes.

**In Memory of  
Frederick Fay**

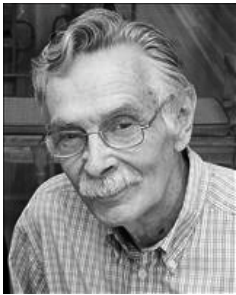
Frederick Taylor Fay passed away on December 1st, after a brief illness. He was 101 years old. He was a AIA certified architect and designed many churches, schools

and homes. he taught art and mechanical drawing for more than 30 years in schools in New Haven and Woodbridge. Fred taught watercolor at the Creative Workshop in New Haven and at Elim Park, Cheshire. A longtime member of the Arts and Crafts Association, his painting of a house in winter was used on ACAM's 2008 annual holiday postcard.



**In Memory of Bruce Raven**

by Jill Nichols



Cry a tear of Cerulean blue,  
mixed with a spot of Sap Green  
Roll down my cheek of Cadmium Red Light  
and Yellow Ochre  
My eyes are blood shot with Alizarin Crimson  
My sorrow is shades of gray  
mixed from a palette of years gone

Now let's sweeten the colors a bit  
And for the sake of the picture  
Smile, a warm smile mixed with Cadmium Yellow  
A warm embrace of Burnt Sienna and Orange  
Hopeful eyes now with some Ultramarine Blue

Leave me with your memories  
And paintings  
Both yours and mine

You will stay between my heart and the canvas  
A blend of humor, knowledge and love  
A color that you mixed once still remains.  
Rest now, our hands will carry on as best we can.

Bruce Raven passed away on December 6th. He was a retired advertising illustrator and designer. Throughout the years, Bruce won numerous prizes and awards for his paintings. He taught painting at Gallery 53 where he generously shared his exceptional talents with his students. Bruce will truly be missed by all.

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