



The Brickbottom Artists Association and Community Newsletter

FUN ACTIVITIES AT BRICKBOTTOM

“Do you ever wish you could have fun without having to change out of your pajamas and leave the building?

Or, if you do manage to change out of your pajamas, do you ever wish you had company right from the front door? I know I do! Let’s take advantage of living in a Community.”

-Pauline Lim

I think Pauline’s idea of taking advantage of the fact that we are a Community is a great one. Hence, as Events coordinator and planner for the BAA, let me know if you have interest in organizing or simply attending the following. Other ideas are welcome. Scheduling some in the Gallery will bring more attention to the exhibits and remind us of the original Mission of Brickbottom. Contact me at 617-764-0056 or tennisadie@comcast.net.

Kick-off event (see the sign up sheet on the mail room door):

Lantern - Lighting Festival at Forest Hills Cemetery. (we already did this—fun!)

Siskel & Ebert Night: Watch a movie in Gallery or at local cinema and discuss. Pauline suggested seeing “Art School Confidential” with a bunch of artists would be a “hoot” to start with.

Field trip to Waterfire in Providence after sunset every other Saturday now through

October

<http://www.waterfire.org/> (check it out)

Play reading in the Gallery: closet Thespians - come out!

Game night in the Gallery: SCRABBLE. Charades, Trivial Pursuit, Pictionary, Bridge, Etc...

A voluntary \$2/person donation for the donation box each time we use the Gallery would help support the BAA. Activities need not be art related-just anything fun that will foster a sense of community.

-Adelaide Smith

The Brickbottom Gallery Report

Summer 06

“**What is Big?**” an exhibition of work that challenges the idea of scale will be in the Brickbottom Gallery from July 13 - August 19, opening reception – Friday, July 14, 7-9PM. Artists: Ray Bourque, Eytan Fichman, Jen Fries, Charlotte Kaplan, Priscilla Lamb, David Marchione, Cyn Maurice, Riki Moss, Piotr Parda, Adriana Prat, Felice Regan, Doug Ruuska, Alyson Schultz, Peter Smuts, David Tonnesen, and Kathleen Vrijmoet.

September 06

“**The Somatic Mirror: self, other, and the delightfully unstable middle ground**” September 14 - October 21, opening reception – Sunday, Sept. 17, 6-8PM. Curated by Peter Marquez, exhibiting artists: Jehanne-Marie Gavarini, Lisa Lunskeya Gordon, Ann Hirsch, Judith Larsen, and Lisie Orjuela

November 2 – November 19

It is not too early to start thinking about Brickbottom Open Studios, November 18-19. While you are planning, make a new, spectacular, small work to be included in the **Open Studios Directory Exhibition**.

December

The December Store, an “Affordable Art Sale” of original works of art will be exhibited. Find the perfect holiday gift.

January 07

The MacDowell Colony in Peterborough, NH will be celebrating their centennial year, and the Brickbottom Gallery will be joining venues across the country to participate

in this joyous occasion! If you were a MacDowell fellow in the visual arts, and did not see the previous outreach, please contact Debra Olin at brickbottomartist@rcn.com, subject: **MacDowell**, to be included in this exhibition.

If you were at the colony as a writer, filmmaker, composer, etc... and would like to organize an event during this time, contact Debra at the e-mail above.

Members’ Exhibition

Please send in your ideas for exhibition themes for the Brickbottom Members’ Exhibition. They should be inclusive enough that many artist members could qualify for entry. Past themes have included - Under the Influence: Artists, Travel, Science, as well as a Creative Process show (from conception to completion). Send ideas to brickbottomartist@rcn.com, subject: **show ideas**.

-Debra Olin

Meetings in the Gallery/ Gallery Rental for Events

The Gallery is available for non-BAA sponsored events. If you would like to hold a private meeting, please contact either Debra Olin galler@brickbottomartists.com or Lois Fiore lfiore@harvard.edu to arrange for chairs, tables, etc. and to make sure there are no date conflicts. www.brickbottomartists.com

Don’t forget to check out the web site periodically. The Baguette is available online if you can’t find your hard copy when you need it. Old issues of the Baguette are also available online.

Upcoming Lecture in the Gallery

MOVABLE MAGIC

A Suitcase Full of Pop-Up Books
A Lecture by Paul Johnson

Sunday July 30, 2006
3:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the New England Chapter of The Guild of Book Workers and the Brickbottom Artists Association.

Watch [Paul Johnson](#) pull a library's worth of books from a single suitcase! He will talk about the endless power of the book as an aesthetic, architectural form and its special fascination for children of all ages.

[Paul Johnson](#), a paper and book artist, is internationally recognized for his pioneering work in developing literacy through the book arts. Author of over fifteen titles including *A Book of One's Own*, *Literacy through the Book Arts*, and *Pop-up Paper Engineering*, he directed the Book Art Project at Manchester Metropolitan University (UK) until recently. His work is in the collections of the Cooper-Hewitt Museum in New York, the National Gallery, the Library of Congress, the University of California at Berkeley and Yale University, among other institutions. Paul resides in Manchester, England, and presents workshops internationally. He exhibits widely and has been elected to the UK Craft Council's select index of British designer-makers.

-Jeff Altepeter

Who's Showing Where!

Flameworked Glass Jewelry by [Beth Gaertner](#), at the "Adorned & Embellished: The Art of Accessories" show, the Concord Art Association in Concord, MA, 37 Lexington Rd, Concord, Gallery@concordart.org, Group show through August 17. www.bethjewelry.com.

Paintings by [Pauline Lim](#) at Tristan Gallery, 148 Commercial St., Provincetown, www.tristangallery.com. Group show runs through November.

Drawings by [Julie McAskill](#) at the "Present Tense" show, artSPACE@16 gallery, 16 Princeton Rd Malden, www.artSPACEat16.com. Group show runs through July.

Painting by [Julie McAskill](#) at the "A Thousand Words" show at Gallery 1581, 1581 Beacon Street, Brookline, Group show runs through the summer.

Multi-media installation by [Riki Moss](#) and [Jen Fries](#) - *An Afternoon with George n the Dog Park* in the "BIG" show at Brickbottom Gallery, July 13-August 19th. Opening reception Friday, July 14, 7-9 pm.

[Mary O'Malley](#) is a 2006 MCC grant recipient in the Drawing / Printmaking / Artist's Books category.

Do you have a show or performance and want to have it mentioned here? Send an E-mail to Julie McAskill at baguette@brickbottom.org, subject **Baguette**, to get into the next issue of "The Baguette".

Gallery Help

The Brickbottom Gallery is open to the public Thursday through Saturday from 12PM to 5PM. People are needed to buzz visitors into the building using the gallery cell phone. You do not need to be in the building, just cell phone accessible. This would be a great help to the BAA. If this is something you can help with, please e-mail Debra at brickbottomartist@rcn.com, subject: **Gallery**.

BAA Membership is Open to All

Being an artist is not a requirement to be a member of the Brickbottom Artists Association. We have many things to offer artists as well as those who are not artists. Forms are available in the BAA office, the Gallery, the Lobby, the mailroom, or can be found online at www.brickbottomartists.com. Please mail completed forms to BAA, 1 Fitchburg St. C-111, Somerville, MA 02143 or deliver to the BAA office at C125 (the door next to the community bulletin board.) Your membership and support is important to our livelihood and operations. Thanks!

Baguette News Items or Articles

The newsletter for the BAA community is issued bi-monthly. If you have news or any items that you would like included in next month's issue, please submit to Julie McAskill, baguette@brickbottom.org, subject: **Baguette**.

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*In your e-mails please use the committee heading in **bold** as the subject.*

Fundraising

The BAA is trying to raise more and enough money to hire someone to help in the office part time and to continue to provide the programs that we want to pursue for the arts. We have had periodic help through the years as we could afford it but the BAA has now grown to the point where someone could be hired for a more regular schedule. This would also help in developing more programs for the BAA to offer since there would be someone to organize and manage these. Through the years, the BAA has been run mostly by volunteers and that leads to things being done on a 'as we have time' basis. We want to change some of that. There are also people who want to volunteer and help but there just isn't anyone to manage them.

How can you help?

The BAA is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and any contribution that you make above your base membership is tax-deductible. We thank the many people that have already contributed in the past few weeks! But we need more! The BAA adds and strengthens the arts community and the Brickbottom community. We need your help!

-Cindy Larson

Open Studios 2005

Brickbottom and Joy Street experienced another successful Open Studios this year. There were 100 artists that either had their studios open or shared studio space with other artists. Overall, studios that were open were fairly evenly spread out throughout the buildings so that there were very few floors without.

The teenage docents were with us again this year and once again enjoyed their experience with the artists. This gives them great exposure to something that they may not normally see.

Gretta and Andrew Pratt of Toscanini & Sons along with Lee Busch/Goodbaker and Paula Brody's home baked goods added flavor and sustenance to the cold and hungry!

Bob and the parking team counted visitors as they entered the Cannery and Brickbottom had approximately 2,022 people come through. Artists were pleased overall with the turnout, the overall atmosphere of the event and the visitors that came through. Sales were also good this year. Many artists have had visitors return since Open Studios for purchases.

The BAA wants to thank the many volunteers that helped to put this event together. It takes a large team to get this event together. Having Joy Street join us again this year and the expansion of their studios added another dimension to the weekend. The joint effort of the signage team to tie Joy Street and Brickbottom together was successful and fun.

Looking to next year... we would like your feedback and input. If you have something that you would like to convey to the OS preparation team, please either email your comments to the BAA office or drop us a note. We feel like the event has gotten stronger each year and we want to maintain and build on that. There are also a few things that will be started earlier in the year (like the invitation!) to take the pressure off of everything having to happen in October so, start thinking of what you would like to help with next year!

-Cindy Larson

Assistance Requested

Long-time Brickbottom resident **Robert Goss** is recuperating from a serious accident which occurred last month and is making slow, but steady progress according to his wife, Susan Schmidt. He is presently being treated at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital. At this time, Susan has requested that visitors be limited to only close friends and family.

Friends of Susan and Robert are seeking help with grocery shopping and meal preparation during Robert's period of recovery. If you are interested in helping Susan with grocery shopping, or if you can drop off prepared meals for her and the two girls, please contact the following people:

Karen Welling is coordinating a rotation for grocery shopping. Her contact numbers are: Home: 617-623-8177 and Work: 617-628-8815.

Janet Theurer is coordinating meal-making. She can be reached at jtheurer@verizon.net. Simple meals such as spaghetti with meat, chicken meals, fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, quiche and pizza are requested. Your help is greatly appreciated!

-Diane Novetsky

Joy Street News

Here is a look at what is happening down the street at the new Joy Street Studios.

Joy Street is growing. Phase three of the building's remodeling, from a storage facility into artists' studios, has recently been completed. This newest addition

added twelve new studios, bringing the total up to thirty-nine. There are a few studios still available. If you or anyone you know is looking for a new studio, contact the studio manager - Louise Maxwell, Tel - (617) 625-2572, E-mail - joystreetstudios@aol.com. Phase four studio construction is underway.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Joy Street Studios Phase 3 neighbors to the Brickbottom community.

-Julie McAskill

Our Joy Street "Artist of the Month" is ...

Kate Vrijmoet

Kate Vrijmoet received her MFA from Syracuse University in Visual Communications. She moved into Joy Street Studios, Studio 24, one year ago.

In the past year Kate had her first solo art exhibition and was featured in the Boston Globe Magazine. Her show, *Essential Gestures: figurative works on paper in 5 minutes and under*, opened in September 2005 in Cambridge. The October 9th, 2005 issue of the Boston Globe Magazine's article entitled "*Freethinking*" talked about a Victorian shard mosaic Kate created for her kitchen backsplash.

You can see her and many other Brickbottom members artwork on display in the "**What is Big?**" show currently being exhibited in the gallery.

-Julie McAskill

Art classes through the BAA

In an effort to increase interest in Brickbottom and Joy Street artists, the BAA would like to offer art classes taught by **our** artists in **our** studios. Participants would sign up for 4-6 classes and pay a fee for the whole session. The proceeds would go to the artist and the BAA. If you are interested in offering a class, please contact Gena Merliss, merliss@yahoo.com. Be on the lookout, for an e-mail of available classes, already being planned.

-Gena Merliss

YOUR AD HERE

Would you like to advertise your business in the Baguette? Well now is your chance. The Baguette is selling **Advertisement Space** that will be seen by over 200 members of the Brickbottom community. Each page of Ads will be divided into sections of business card, quarter, half and full page spots. If you would like to buy ad space in the next issue of the Baguette or just find out more information e-mail Julie McAskill, baguette@brickbottom.org, subject: **AD**.

The Brickbottom Artists Association

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I live and/or have my studio at Brickbottom _____

(Please specify your interests)

Mail checks to the address above.

The BAA is a nonprofit arts organization.