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The story of the Friday Night Painters is closely intertwined with that of the Guilford Art Center. Over the past 50 years, individual FNPs have been students, teachers, board members, and show organizers at GAC. This exhibition celebrates their enduring connection to each other and to the Center that helped shape their intense sense of community.

### **The Group Forms and Evolves**

In the mid-1970s, some FNPs began taking painting and drawing classes at what was then the Guilford Handcraft Center with Dan Rice, the mentor and inspiration for the group.

Rice was a second-generation abstract expressionist painter who attended avant-garde Black Mountain College in the 1940s and 50s. He was an active member of the burgeoning postwar art world in New York – friends with Franz Kline, Mark Rothko, Willem de Kooning, Robert Rauschenberg, Jackson Pollack, Kenneth Noland, and Joan Mitchell, among others.

Rice's initial group of students disbanded when he moved back to New York City in the early 1980s, but they reassembled when Rice returned a few years later to live and work in a large studio overlooking a wide salt marsh in Madison.

#### The FNPs Paint in Madison and Maine

In the early 1990s, Rice's students persuaded him to begin hosting open-studio sessions on Friday nights in his Madison studio. The group grew to 14 painters, some traveling each week from as far away as New York City and Long Island.

These gatherings were never a formal "class" – instead, they were an informal, lively opportunity to paint and interact with others in the legendarily free and experimental tradition of Black Mountain College.

### **Friday Night Painters**

The group adopted the name "The Friday Night Painters" and held several exhibitions a year at Rice's studio throughout the 1990s, sometimes attended by up to 200 people.

The FNPs also traveled with Rice to the Maine coast each summer, renting a house together for up to two weeks, and sketching, painting, and critiquing each other's work.

#### The FNPs come home to GAC

After Dan Rice died in 2003, a number of FNPs returned to GAC to continue painting together on Friday nights – and for several years continued painting in Maine in the summer. New members joined, and now seven FNPs meet on Friday nights in Studio 6, which the group rents from GAC.

Although the FNPs are now scattered from Connecticut to New York City to California, the whole group still finds opportunities to attend each other's exhibitions; travel together to museums and galleries; meet to paint in various locales; gather for reunions; and stay in touch by Facebook and email.

The FNPs are truly "family."

"The real value of this group is their rapport and openness to each other across lines of abstraction and representation. The group has become an organism that each person is able to give to and receive from, creating tremendous energies. It's a rare thing." — Dan Rice

The Friday Night Painters would like to thank Maureen Belden and the entire staff at the Guilford Art Center for this opportunity to show our work; fellow FNP Rex Prescott Walden for producing the show graphic, based on an original design by Wendy Walden; K&G Graphics in Branford for printing the show's postcards and flyers; and Jen Payne of Words by Jen for the final design of this price list.

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JULY 28 - AUGUST 11, 2017
OPENING RECEPTION: July 28, 5-7PM
GALLERY TALK: July 30, 2-4PM
Gallery Hours: M-S 10AM - 4PM, Sun 12-4PM

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### THE FRIDAY NIGHT PAINTERS

1	Dan Rice*	Marsh Sunset	Oil On Canvas	NFS
	Dan Rice*	Mulberry Point	Oil On Canvas	NFS
3	Dan Rice*	Your Marsh	Oil On Canvas	NFS
4	Ed Horan*	The Wall Must Come Down #I	Mixed Media	NFS
5	Ed Horan*	Maine Connection	Mixed Media	NFS
6	Ed Horan*	Endless Possibilities	Oil On Canvas	NFS
7	Diana Perron	Boats In Winter	Acrylic & Gouache	\$400
8	Frank Model*	Two Barns	Oil	NFS
9	Frank Modell*	Winter Crossroads	Acrylic	NFS
10	Frank Modell*	At The Gallery	Acrylic	NFS
11	Julann Meyers	Rte 146	Oil On Canvas	\$350
12	Shirley Gonzales*	Still Life With Hydrangea	Oil	NFS
13	Shirley Gonzales*	Spring Landscape	Oil	NFS
14		Bottles	Oil	NFS
15	Shirley Gonzales*		Oil	NFS
	Shirley Gonzales*  Bernie Braverman*	Autumn Landscape  Mexican Woman 1		
16			Charcoal	\$250
17	Bernie Braverman*	Mexican Woman II	Pencil	\$150
18	Shirley Gonzales*	Portrait Of Bernie	Charcoal	NFS
19	Timothee Graze	Scavenging Dogs In India	Oil On Canvas	NFS
20	Timothee Graze	Burning Ghats On The Ganges II	Oil On Canvas	\$475
21	Gwen Gunn	An Angel Appears	Gouache & Watercolor	\$750
22	Ed Horan*	Breakthrough	Mixed Media	NFS
23	Ellen Douglas Lowe	Fleeting	Oil On Canvas	NFS
24	Ellen Douglas Lowe	A Peek Of Sun	Oil On Canvas	NFS
_ 25	Ellen Douglas Lowe	Marsh Heat	Oil On Canvas	NFS
26	Christina Maile	Goldilocks, Later	Polyester Plate Litho	\$450
27	Christina Maile	Rapunzel, Later	Polyester Plate Litho	\$450
28	Christina Maile	Red Riding Hood, Later	Polyester Plate Litho	\$450
29	Christina Maile	Choking Victim	Polyester Plate Litho	\$1,500
30	Christina Maile	Bear's Dream	Polyester Plate Litho	\$1,500
31	Christina Maile	Tree Of Knowledge	Polyester Plate Litho	\$1,500
32	Christina Maile	Birds & Boxer - Winners	Polyester Plate Litho	\$1,500
33	Ed Casey	Untitled # 7	Watercolor	NFS
34	Ed Casey	Untitled # 5	Watercolor	NFS
35	Ed Casey	Untitled # 6	Watercolor	NFS
36	Ed Casey	Untitled # 8	Watercolor	NFS
37	Ed Casey	Untitled # 3	Watercolor	NFS
38	Ed Casey	Untitled # 2	Watercolor	NFS
39	Timothee Graze	Burning Ghats On The Ganges	Oil On Canvas	\$800
40	Catherine Ferguson	Pear Study 1	Watercolor	\$100
41	Catherine Ferguson	Pear Study 3	Pastel	\$100
42	Bernie Braverman*	Flower Vase	Pen & Watercolor	NFS
43	Catherine Ferguson	Pear Study 4	Pastel	\$100
44	Catherine Ferguson	Pear Study 2	Pastel	\$100
45	Lexi McCrady Axon	Study Green, Yellow, Violet Jungle	Flasche /Arches	\$1,800
46	Ed Casey	Untitled # 1	Watercolor	NFS
47	Ed Casey	Untitled # 4	Watercolor	NFS
48	Diana Perron	Mr. Sheep	Gouache	\$400
49	Diana Perron	Evening	Oil	\$350
50	Diana Perron	Brown's Boatyard	Gouache	\$500
51	Diana Perron	Orr's Island Maine	Gouache	\$500
52	Julann Meyers	Study For Above & Below	Oil On Canvas	\$350
53	Julann Meyers	Above & Below	Oil On Canvas	\$600

## **Show Their Stuff**

54	Marja Watson	Zen Garden	Oil	\$425
55	Virginia Foster	Timetable	Mixed Media On Wood	\$350
56	Virginia Foster	It's High Time	Acrylic On Wood Panel	\$375
57	Bernie Braverman*	Howler Monkeys	Pencil	\$150
58	Bernie Braverman*	Water Buffalo	Pencil	\$300
59	Bernie Braverman*	Chimp	Pencil	\$250
60	Bernie Braverman*	Monkey In Tree	Pencil	\$150
61	Catherine Ferguson	Turnip	Pastel	\$100
62	Lexi McCrady Axon	Red Tea Minnie Mouse	Flasche /Arches	\$1,800
	•		Watercolor & Ink	NFS
63	Alice Hayden	Friday	Watercolor & Ink Watercolor & Ink	\$150
64	Alice Hayden	Spring Koi	Watercolor & Ink Watercolor & Ink	\$150 \$150
65	Alice Hayden			
66	Alice Hayden	Beach	Watercolor	\$150
67	Alice Hayden	Water	Watercolor	\$150
68	Alice Hayden	Woods	Watercolor	\$150
69	Rex Prescott Walden	Cigar Box Lid # 4	Print	\$200
70	Rex Prescott Walden	Cigar Box Lid # 1	Print	\$200
71	Rex Prescott Walden	Cigar Box Lid # 7	Print	\$200
72	Rex Prescott Walden	Cigar Box Lid # 17	Print	\$200
73	Rex Prescott Walden	Cigar Box Lid # 14	Print	\$200
74	Rex Prescott Walden	Cigar Box Lid # 11	Print	\$200
75	Rex Prescott Walden	Cigar Box Lid # 18	Print	\$200
76	Rex Prescott Walden	Cigar Box Lid # 3	Print	\$200
77	Rex Prescott Walden	Cigar Box Lid # 23	Print	\$200
78	Scott Paterson	Building At The Beach	Oil On Canvas	\$375
79	Scott Paterson	Leaving For The Day	Oil On Canvas	\$375
80	Scott Paterson	In Conversation	Oil On Canvas	\$375
81	Scott Paterson	Along The Shoreline	Oil On Canvas	\$375
82	Scott Paterson	Bathers, Stony Creek	Oil On Canvas	\$425
83	Scott Paterson	Arrival By Taxi, Barcelona	Oil On Canvas	\$375
84	Scott Paterson	Staten Island Ferry	Oil On Canvas	\$475
85	Scott Paterson	Me And My Shadow And Mom	Oil On Canvas	\$375
86	Scott Paterson	Waiting, Washington Square Park	Oil On Canvas	\$550
87	Molly McDonald	Soft Rain	Oil	\$4,250
88	Molly McDonald	Portal # 5	Oil	\$475
89	Molly McDonald	Portal #10	Oil	\$475
90	Molly McDonald	Portal #11	Oil	\$475
91	Molly McDonald	Tetra# 1	Oil	\$475
92	Molly McDonald	Spring Snow	Acrylic	\$500
93	Molly McDonald	Alice's Birthday Party	Acrylic	\$500
94	Diana Perron	Winter Pond - Footsteps	Gouache	\$400
95	Marja Watson	Touching The Sky	Acrylic	\$275
96	Marja Watson	Transition	Oil	\$525
97	Marja Watson	Silent Quarry	Watermedia	\$275
98	Marja Watson	Forelle	Watermedia	\$275
99	Parviz Mohassel	Untitled I	Acrylic On Canvas	\$4,000
100	Parviz Mohassel	Untitled II	Acrylic On Canvas	\$4,000
101	Parviz Mohassel	Untitled III	Acrylic On Canvas	\$4,000
102	Parviz Mohassel	Untitled IV	Acrylic On Canvas	\$4,000
102	FNP Group Painting	Untitled	Oil	94,000 NFS
103	Dan Rice*	Cliffs, Camden Maine	Oil Pastel	NFS
105	Dan Rice*	Untitled #2	Oil On Canvas	NFS
106	Timothee Graze	Indian Holy Man	Oil On Canvas	\$575
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