



Dear members and friends,

I want to make you aware of the present status at the Newburyport Art Association and the steps we are taking to protect our patrons, members, and employees. The Covid-19 pandemic has forced us to close our doors for what may be an extended period before we will be able to open them again. With the prospect of lacking an income source for an extended time, we have made the difficult decision to layoff our staff. It was not an easy decision to make, but we determined it to be the best one both for our devoted, tireless, and highly talented staff and for our ability to re-open when the time is appropriate.

Your role in providing our community with art education, exhibition and a place for artists to work, means a lot. The board will continue working during this time on plans for future events and readying for a reopening date.

Be on the lookout for messages from the NAA about a virtual art show that we are planning!

Please reach out to me at [wmoskowitz@newburyportart.org](mailto:wmoskowitz@newburyportart.org) or to Sara Demrow Dent, our Artist Advocate, at [sara.demrow.dent@comcast.net](mailto:sara.demrow.dent@comcast.net) with any questions you may have and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

There will be a new dawn for the NAA - one that I cannot wait to share with you! In the meantime, please stay healthy and safe. I look forward to seeing you back in the galleries when this pandemic has ended.

Warren P. Moskowitz  
Board President

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