



# City of Methuen

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**MAYOR MANZI NAMES LISA BUGLIONE-DESHARNAIS AS THE FEBRUARY/MARCH  
ARTIST OF THE MONTH**

*Methuen Art Teacher's Work on Display in the Mayor's Office*



Mayor William M. Manzi has named Lisa Buglione-Desharnais as the February/March Artist of the Month. Lisa is an art teacher at the Timony Grammar School in Methuen and a lifelong Methuen resident. Her work includes oil and watercolor paintings. She is a graduate of Presentation of Mary Academy, and received a B.A. in Elementary Education with an additional certification to teach art. She also has a M.A. in Early Childhood Education from Wheelock College.

Lisa began painting at the age of twelve and the work that she has displayed in the Mayor's Office is a chronological retrospective of her life as an artist. Included in the display is a painting of her mother, Joan, who died when she was fifteen and a picture of her father, former State Rep. Nicholas Buglione. Her late father proudly displayed that picture in the State House until his retirement.

Lisa states, "I remain in the art room because I believe my program provides children opportunities to feel good about themselves, celebrates culture, embraces diversity and connects them to their community. I am grateful to work closely with the staff in connecting their curriculum into my art program. I feel that art is a tool that provides each of us an avenue to express who we really are in creative ways. I chose to

display my artwork chronologically because of this reason. Each work of art represents who I am and what I am attempting to portray during a period of time in my life.”

Mayor Manzi stated, “It is my pleasure to display Lisa’s work in my office. She is one of many talented teachers working in our schools. It’s my hope that more Methuen art teachers participate in the program. I encourage the public to come by City Hall and view her work.” Lisa is the second Methuen art teacher to participate in the popular program.

The Methuen Artist of the Month Program was created by Mayor Manzi over two years ago in order to give members of the Methuen Arts Community a forum to display their work and to encourage participation in Methuen’s growing creative economy. Methuen artists interested in being considered for Artist of the Month should contact the Mayor’s Office.