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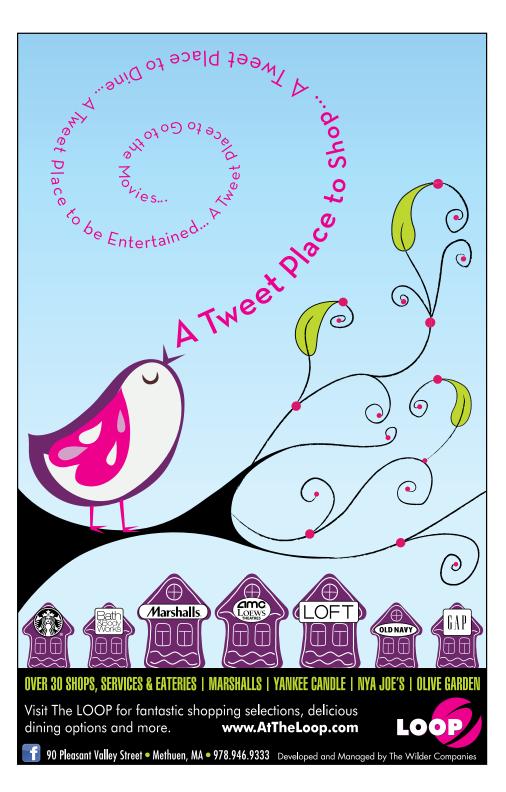
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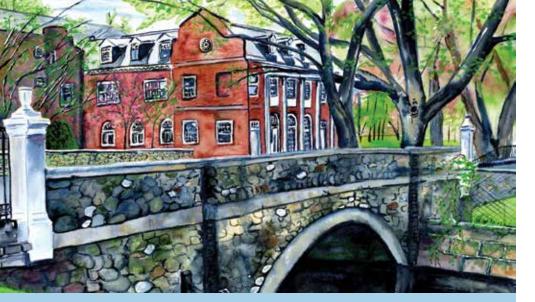
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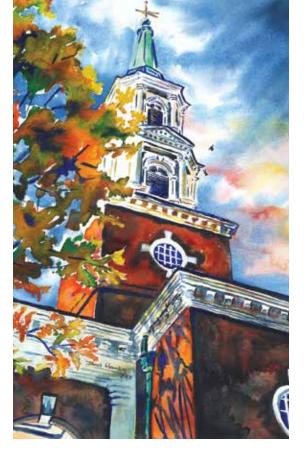
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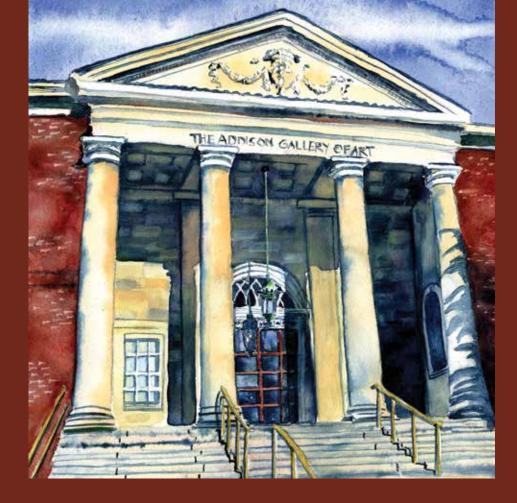
ust off Main Street, on the sprawling Phillips Academy campus, sits The Addison Gallery of American Art. Hiding in plain sight, impressive behind the granite steps, Greek columns and double doors, the gallery is unknown to many Andover residents, fewer still have visited. You are missing one of the finest cultural resources in the area.

When the Andover Guide toured the Addison last winter we saw art from their permanent collection by American icons like James Whistler, Winslow Homer, Frederic Remington, John Singer Sargent, Jackson Pollock and photographs by Ansel Adams and Andy Warhol. One gallery featured a national traveling exhibit: American Vanguards: Graham, Davis, Gorky, de Kooning, and Their Circle, 1927-1942, an exceptional collection of American Modernists called the "show of the year" in Boston by the Boston Globe.

"So many Andover people don't know about the Addison—it's a community museum," said Rebecca Hayes, Curator of Education for the gallery. "We work with students and teachers in Andover, Lowell, Lawrence and many other public schools. Six thousand students a year participate in our programs. We hosted our first Drop-In Family Day program this past December in conjunction with the American Vanguards exhibition."

At the Visitor Services desk, the gallery offers families Looking Together tote bags with materials designed to help adults and children engage with the artwork and each other. "We want to make the Addison a good place to go for quality family time," added Hayes.

The Addison Gallery hopes to be "a big part of the community, open to the public, free of charge. We want people to know the arts are alive and well in Andover," said Susannah Abbott, Director of Development. The gallery's Education Department "partners with individual schools and community organizations, tailoring the program to the students or groups. Classes from Lawrence were studying 'What makes a community?' and that fit well with our photographic exhibit Pictures Woke the People Up about the Innu peoples' culture in Labrador, and how they defined their community."



Opened in 1931, the Addison Gallery finished extensive renovations in 2010. It is a stunning place to visit; the linked galleries allow you to wander through three floors of exhibits. "The collection is always changing," added Abbott," with 17,000 objects to choose from, rotating exhibits and traveling shows, visitors can always see something new." About the only thing that doesn't change is a beautiful marble fountain sculpture of a woman washing her hair, Venus Anadyomene, which greets visitors in the lobby. In the museum's lower level, you can view a permanently installed collection of model ships.

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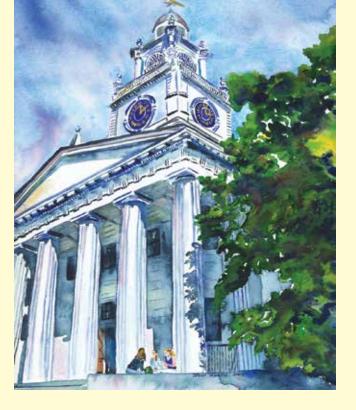
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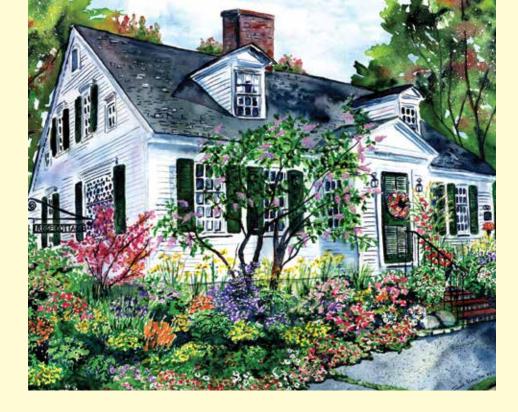
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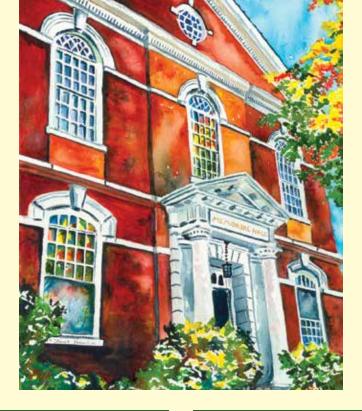
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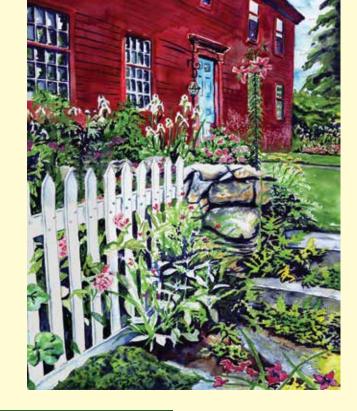
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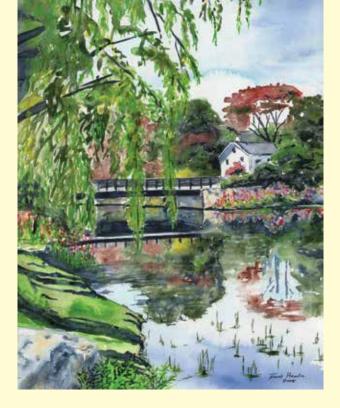
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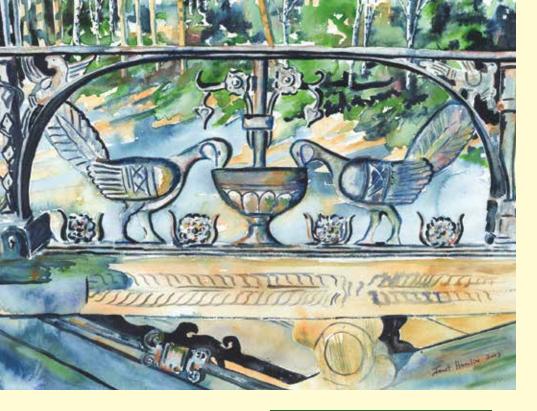
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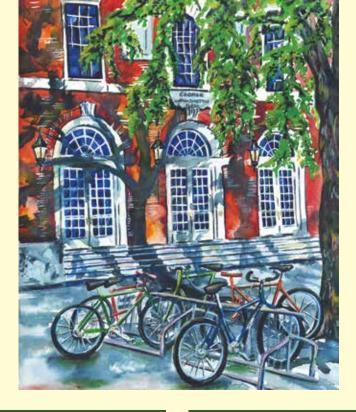
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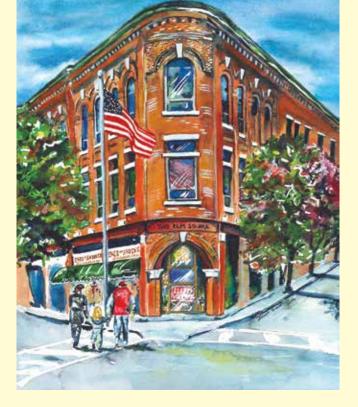
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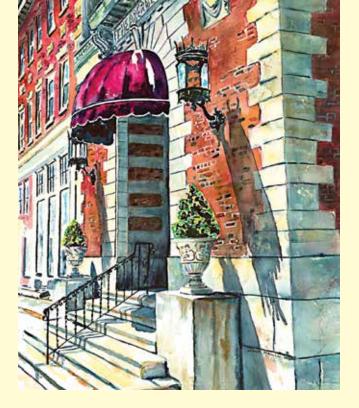
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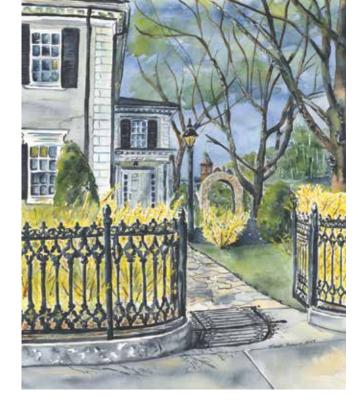
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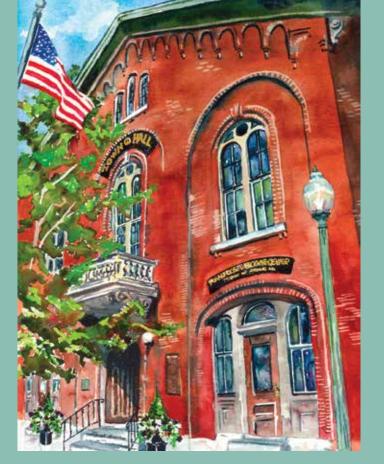
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Andover Artist Janet Hamlin

By Tom Draheim

"When I moved to Andover from New York in 1998 I was struck by the town's beauty and ever since have been attempting to capture that beauty in my art work". Passionate about her art, her town and her family, Janet Hamlin is the featured artist of The Andover Guide. amlin is best known for her watercolors of iconic Andover landmarks, like the Old Town Hall, the Park and Memorial Hall Library. She does commissioned work, mostly portraits of local families' homes, children and pets. She also has a line of prints and museum quality note cards of her works.

She grew up splitting her time between upstate NY, where her father was a French professor, and her mother's native France. An Andover resident for the past 15 years, she loves to paint local scenes of wherever she's lived. "My hands are connected to my eyes, what I see inspires what I paint."

Hamlin has a degree in Fine Arts from Hamilton College. "I have always painted, studied art, and as a child I was dragged to museums by my parents."

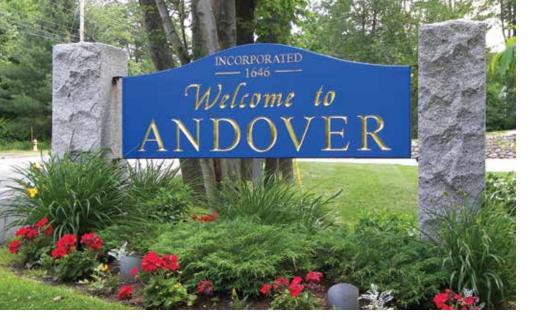
When asked how long it takes to do a painting she said, "forty years of training and a few weeks of painting. When I start a work, I become obsessed with it. The world disappears around me and I get pulled into the art."

The most important people in Hamlin's life as an artist are her, "forever supportive friends and family and most importantly my husband, David Schleifer, who I have been with for 33 years and who has always believed in me as an artist. My two sons are also very involved in critiquing my work." Her eldest, Charlie Schleifer is an Andover High graduate and is currently a freshman at Yale and her youngest, Jack Schleifer is a freshman at Andover High.

Hamlin still has many images of Andover that she plans to paint in her free time. Scenes around West Parish and capturing Andover in the winter are a few sights that she hopes to capture. Hamlin also designs jewelry and is a Special Needs Instructional Assistant at High Plain Elementary.

Please visit Hamlin's website at www.ourtownart.com to see and purchase more of her art. Her prints and cards are for sale in town at Frames Unlimited, the Andover Bookstore and Nest. "I could not have taken my business to where it is without the wonderful advice and support I received from Joel at Frames Unlimited and the staff at the Andover Bookstore and I am delighted to be working with Taylor Simpson at Andover's Nest."

Every year Hamlin exhibits her works at Art in the Park, which she says, is always a wonderful experience. "Andover residents and shop owners have always been so kind and have given me such positive reinforcement. It has been a wonderful experience that always makes me appreciate this town and makes me want to continue what I'm doing."



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