



Laundry, a painting by Andover artist Hillary Mishcon.

Local Artist Prepares For Show

The art work of Andover's Hillary Mishcon will be presented at an art show at Artisan's Workshop in New London on August 8 from 4 PM to 8 PM. The original works of art will include landscape, portrait, and still life pieces and will be available for sale during the show. Limited number prints of *Laundry*, a scene from Monhegan Island in Maine, are on sale at Artisan's now and will be available during the show as well.

The *Beacon* asked Hillary to tell its readers a bit about the path that led her to this point. Here's what she wrote:

I have lived in Andover all my life. My father is a doctor with a family practice in Tilton and my mother, on top of taking care of my younger (no longer smaller) brother and me, is active in the Andover community and has turned my family's five acres of land into a farm complete with barn, chickens, goats, dogs, rabbits and, most recently, a llama.

I have always enjoyed art. There has never been a time in my life when I was without it. At AE/MS I became aware that art was something I was good at and my teachers were always very supportive.

But it wasn't until my junior year at MVHS that it occurred to me to actually pursue art as a career. I spent three of my four years of high school art under the nurturing eye of Mrs. Robin Denham. She gave me the freedom I needed to be able to create, and she found every opportunity available for me to do workshops or competitions.

By the end of senior year I had managed a perfect score on my Advanced Placement studio art portfolio, was responsible for three murals on the high

school walls, and had been awarded four Gold Keys, two Silver Keys, and three Honorable Mentions for pieces submitted to the New Hampshire Scholastic Art Competition. I was also the American Vision Award recipient and winner of the Coca-Cola Scholarship.

An interesting aside: Just this year I found out that the grandfather I never knew won the same Coca Cola Scholarship over 50 years ago. It was \$1,000 then, too.

Every summer since before I can remember, my family has gone to Maine to visit with family for a week or two. The exposure I had there to art galleries and museums influenced the art I have made more than any other experience I have had. I became acquainted with and regularly exposed to the work of the Wyeths, Greg Mort, Gary Akers, and Barbara Ernst Prey. I think I can safely blame them for my preference to realism. I enjoy painting people the most, but I also spend a good amount of effort on still life and the occasional landscape.

This past year I spent my first year of college at Alfred University School of Art and Design in rural western New York. But it just didn't seem to quite suit me, so next year I will be attending Rhode Island School of Design in Providence, and I am hoping that will work out better.

Alfred was almost too comfortable for me – it felt too much like high school. So I am hoping that RISD will be a bit more challenging, and it might be a fun change to be in a city area. I'll be a painting major and plan to do a fifth year which will give me a master's degree in art education.

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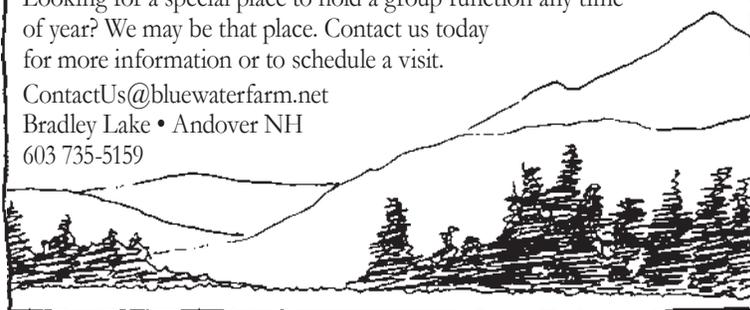
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