

MERRIMACK VALLEY IN A MINUTE

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NORTH ANDOVER — Twenty-four artists were given a challenge when they received a photograph of the Davis & Furber's East Mill, and were asked to create a painting from it.

The results were 27 works of art from boldly abstract to a near re-creation of the photograph done in oil, watercolors, acrylics and others mixed media.

The paintings "Art from the East Mill" will be on display Thursday through May 31, in the gallery inside the main East Mill lobby, 21 High St. An opening reception will take place Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. The gallery is open weekdays, 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., and weekends by appointment.

Most of the artists are members of the Andovers Artists Guild, the event's co-sponsor with others coming from across the Merrimack Valley, the North Shore and one entry from Maine.

Nella Lush, president of the Andovers Artists Guild came up with the idea for the exhibit. The guild is working with East Mill developer David Steinbergh to develop artist studio work space, a gallery and a teaching classroom to complement the office, restaurants, and residential apartments which occupy the building. The art show is meant to be a prelude to the establishment of an art community at East Mill.

The Davis & Furber Machine Co. was once the leading manufacturer of machinery for the textile industry, operating from 1832-1982. The complex has been re-developed for residential, commercial and industrial use.

For details, call East Mill ArtSpace Director Caroline Cole at 978-237-5972.

Students art display at Heritage Park

LAWRENCE — Students from Lawrence, Andover, Methuen and North Andover will have their art work on display beginning Tuesday, May 4 at Lawrence Heritage State Park, 1 Jackson St.

The 22 artists will be honored at the May 4 grand opening and awards ceremony at 7 p.m. The exhibit, open daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., runs through May 15.

Participating high school students are from Andover, Lawrence, Methuen and North Andover and the Greater Lawrence Educational Collaborative of Methuen, the host of the annual Collaborative Visual Arts Awards.

It's carnival time

NORTH ANDOVER — The carnival is coming to town.

North Andover Youth and Recreation Services will hold its 20th Annual Spring Carnival on April 28 through May 2. It is the group's largest fundraising event of the year.

The carnival, on the front, north lawn of 1600 Osgood Landing, will feature rides, games and food. Times of operation are April 28 and 29, 5 to 9 p.m.; April 30, 5 to 10 p.m.; May 1, 11 a.m. and 11 p.m.; and May 2, 1 to 9 p.m.

Methuen woman wins fellowship

Methuen resident Gail da Silva, a 22-year-old civil engineering major at Merrimack College, was recently awarded a National Science Foundation graduate research fellowship to pursue doctoral studies in civil engineering.

She was chosen as one of 1,000 science and engineering majors pursuing advanced study across the country. The fellowship guarantees tuition and a \$30,000 stipend per year for three years. She will attend the University of California, Davis.

She has participated in a research project at Cornell University for the last two summers. The project is called, "Damage Detection and Health Monitoring of Buried Pipelines after Earthquake-Induced Ground Movement."

da Silva aspires to earn her doctorate and become a professor of civil engineering.