

Let Art Be Your Muse Monson Arts Council Offering Two Writing Workshops During Spring Art Show

Let Art Be Your Muse is the theme of two writing workshops which will be sponsored by the Monson Arts Council during the upcoming Spring Art Exhibition and Sale at the House of Art in March. Workshops will be held on Wednesday, March 21st from 6:30 – 8:30pm and on Wednesday, March 28 from 6:30 to 8:30pm. Both will take place at the House of Art and will combine viewing art in the *Imagine That!* exhibit with writing exercises and discussion. The workshops are free, and are funded with a grant from the Monson Cultural Council, a local branch of the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

The first *Let Art Be Your Muse* workshop *on March 21* features noted regional artist, Maria Joseph Nace. Sister Maria Joseph is a noted western Massachusetts artist and poet, whose work has been exhibited in many of the Monson Arts Council shows. Using her book, entitled *Poet with a Brush*, Sr. Maria will involve participants in the process of writing poetry as it is inspired by art. Maria Joseph Nace, SP holds an MA from Springfield College, has studied art at Smith and Mt. Holyoke and with Jack Flynn, AWS. She has published widely and received many art awards.

The second *Let Art Be Your Muse* workshop *on March 28* will be presented by Maria L. Arroyo a Massachusetts poet and teacher of poetry, who will lead participants in a writing workshop utilizing the art exhibit as inspiration. Maria Arroyo, holds an ABD from Harvard University in Germanic Languages and Literature. She has given many many writing workshops and is widely published.

To register for the workshops of Let Art Be Your Muse, contact Gay Paluch at john.paluch@comcast.net.