

The Concord Free Public Library is pleased to announce that Boston-based artist, Barney Levitt, will be the Artist of the Month for April. The show, titled '**From My Perspective**', will feature Levitt's often tongue-in-cheek oil paintings, which are executed in the style of the Dutch Masters. Levitt received his B.A from S.U.N.Y at Oswego and has gone on to be represented by many prestigious organizations such as the Copley Society of Art, Gallery Antonia in Chatham, Gold Gallery in Boston's historic South End, Oil Painters of America, and the International Guild of Realism. He has had his work featured in American Artist Magazine and has won numerous awards in National and International competitions.

"I've always been drawn to detail and it's been the realist painters who have been the source of my inspiration, from the Dutch Masters to contemporary realist painters. Though I prefer not to label myself a *Still Life* painter, still lives figure predominantly in my work.

I work from a studio in my house selecting objects of personal interest. I try to create a narrative from the chosen objects that will elevate and give new meaning to their ordinariness. Symbolism plays strongly in my work. My paintings are the result of combining photographic references, direct observation, and imagination. I strive to create a sense of mystery or humor from seemingly disparate objects. Inanimate objects take on an anthropomorphic quality. I like to create tension with precariously balanced objects suggesting the potential for motion or change. Often there's an implicit smirk or wink I'm trying to convey to my audience.

I was raised in the Adirondacks of Upstate New York where my family helped nurture a keen appreciation for nature. As a child, drawing seemed as natural and necessary as breathing. Hopefully I will continue to do both for a long time to come."

The Show will be on view at the Concord Free Library, 129 Main St., Concord, MA. Show dates are from Wed., April 1st through Thurs., April 30th. Library hours are: Mon.-Thurs. 9-9, F-9-6, Sa-9-5, & Sun. 1-5. (The Concord Free Public Library website is www.concordlibrary.org)

For more information about the artist or to preview his work go to: www.barneylevitt.com