

## *Paintings by Scott Niemi*

A painting exhibit by Scott Niemi, "Selections: 20 years/ 20+ Paintings", will begin on Friday, April 2, in the first floor Auditorium Gallery at the Jaffrey Civic Center.

The show will run through Saturday, May 1.

Fitzwilliam resident Scott Niemi was born in 1964 in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. After he completed his A.S. degree from Mount Wachusett Community College he married in 1986 and moved to Lake Worth, Florida the following year. In 1987 Scott's first son was born (He and his spouse, Nancy, have two boys).

That was a pivotal year, as that's the year he began painting. His Grandmother gave him a set of oil paints that had been his recently deceased step-grandfather's. Scott began working with the paints regularly and as a result of his progress, entered his first juried show at the Lake Worth Art League where he won an "Honorable Mention" award. Since that time, Scott has been in many shows, both juried as well as non-juried, and has twelve one-person shows to his credit. His work is in hundreds of private collections ranging from Beverly Hills to Australia (his most famous client is Jane Erickson the mother of John Sebastian, founder of the 60's musical group "The Lovin' Spoonful"), and in eight public collections including the Schacknow Museum of Fine Arts (Plantation, FL), The Oak Brook Bank (Oak Brook, IL) The Essex Inn (Chicago) and the U. Mass Medical Center cardiac wing (Worcester).

Scott completed his formal education at Florida Atlantic University (Boca Raton, FL) where he earned a Master of Fine Arts in Visual Art with a concentration in painting. After graduating, he worked at Florida Atlantic University as an adjunct art professor and then later for the Palm Beach Institute of Contemporary Art (Lake Worth, FL) as an Art Installer. Scott is currently an Assistant Professor at Becker College in Worcester (MA) and also teaches art courses at Franklin Pierce University in Rindge, NH.

The Civic Center is located at 40 Main Street, Jaffrey, New Hampshire (next to Library, parking in rear.) Hours are Tues 10-6, Wed-Fri 1-5, and Sat 10-2. For more info about this and other shows, classes and events at the Center, either call 603-532-6527 or visit <http://www.Jaffreyciviccenter.com>.



