

# Memo to Art Collectors

During the rise of Impressionism in France, the shock of the new drew the reprisal of artistic excommunication from juries of official exhibits called Salons. But did you ever wonder if observers—whether they loved or loathed Monet and company—sometimes just sighed with exasperation, “These painters, they’re just doing the same thing over and over again.”

Professional artists can tend to get in a groove, which can be a good thing, or it can begin to wear thin. Those looking for artistic excitement might instead gravitate toward finding, and perhaps purchasing, the work of students. If you need evidence of how refreshing this can be, head to The White Gallery in Lakeville (860-435-1029) this weekend to see the exhibit of work by talented young artists from Housatonic high in Falls Village.

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“There is no way to peace. Peace is the way.”

*A. J. Muste*