

Celebrate THE HOLIDAY SEASON

A message from the President...

Happy Holidays Everyone! Don't forget to attend the holiday gala, election and little picture show and sale on December 2nd! Its always a fun day with tons of food and great companionship. You can do a little holiday shopping too with all the great art and cards.

Please give a warm welcome to Bruce Luscombe as our Festival Director for 2013! Lets all give him a hand and support him throughout the festival. He is going to need plenty of help to make this years 51st as special as it was last year. I want to thank you again Bruce, for helping us so much when Ricky got sick.

Sales have been up at the gallery. In October and November we had over \$2,000.00 in art sales. Customers are coming in more frequently now and impressed with our quality and selection. All the more reason to get your updated bio's into Janet MacCausland who is compiling the members reference books.

We are really looking forward to the Watercolor Society Show here in January. Lets make these artists feel at home — like they did for us last year. Can't wait!

Have you ever cleaned your paint brush in your coffee mug by accident? Have you ever framed anything only to finish and turn it over to see your dogs hair floating in the corner? This is why we need each other! Tuesday's paint group is still up and going and we welcome all levels.

Also, we are teaming up with the East Greenwich Art Club in January for an artist tax seminar and lecture. This will be held at the art association. Its basically what to do with your money after you make an art sale (besides spend it).

Lastly I would like to thank the entire membership for allowing me be president the last year and a half. I have learned so much

and have applied it to my own personal life. Things like strategic plans and public speaking, budgets and testimonials, and even program narratives! I have had the pleasure to work with our enthusiastic gallery director, Sarah. She has pushed the cobwebs out of the way to make room for new and positive directions. Thank you Sarah for making this year so great!

There were so many things I wanted to accomplish but simply couldn't with this year's pace of things. I have never seen the gallery so busy and vibrant. Members meeting and picnics, special events and awards...and so on. We want more for our members and we will keep striving to make your membership all it can and should be.

Now I turn the gavel over to our presidential hopeful, Judith Anderson! Judith is an excellent person and committed artist. She has worked closely with me this year and is on top of all the pressing issues. Judith brings with her experience from being on other boards and from academia.

I will never stop volunteering and I will always be committed because I believe the art association is a very special place. It is a place to learn and grow with out being afraid of failures. It's a place where members can be themselves and enjoy each others company and achievements. It's a base where opportunities can be discovered and we can walk with each other so we won't be alone.

I would like to dedicate this newsletter to our special friends, Anne Hoyle, Irene Spencer, Daphne Henderson, Helen Eaton, Joyce Rogers and Lora Schroder. I honor their commitments and caring ways.

Thank you everyone! Have a wonderful holiday! Pam



ELECTION OF OFFICERS — EXECUTIVE BOARD

— DECEMBER 2TH, 12-1PM —

ALL MEMBERS ARE URGED TO ATTEND — HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD

The purpose of the Wickford Art Association is to educate its membership, the local arts community and the general public, and to promote the arts in the community.

Gallery Hours: Tuesday – Saturday 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. • Sunday 12 p.m. – 3 p.m.

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Congratulations!

OPEN JURIED SHOW AWARDS

ABSTRACT/AVANT GARDE

Juror: Mim Brooks Fawcett
1ST PLACE: Tracy Taylor
2ND PLACE: William Brennan
3RD PLACE: Theresa Girard
Honorable Mention: Jill Tyler
Honorable Mention: Lenny Rumlper
Judge's Award: Noreen Berthiaume

PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW

Juror: Berge Ara Zobian
1ST PLACE: Bonnie Jaffe
2ND PLACE: William Brennan
3RD PLACE: Jillian Barber
Honorable Mention:
Eileen McCarney Muldoon
Honorable Mention:
William Brennan
Judge's Award: Marie Martone
Judge's Award: Sandi King

Thank you all and congratulations on another GREAT year of art!!!



GALLERY NEWS

Dear Artists and Art Lovers,

"The most beautiful experience we can have is the mysterious - the fundamental emotion which stands at the cradle of true art and true science." _ Albert Einstein

I spend so much time problem solving and trying to perfect so that I can wrap something up and move on, only to tackle a new problem or situation that needs tweaking. Somehow I feel the frustration at times more than the satisfaction of having fixed something or of solving a problem. Why is that? I think the answer is this. It is the same as politics. When attention is brought to a new issue or a spotlight is shone on a grievance someone has policies are written to fix things in hopes they will quiet down or go away or be solved. You know the old saying, "The squeaky wheel gets the grease"? But do we really solve things or are we always pushing off the inevitable? One fix can so often create a new problem and it does not take long before we realize the truth, which is — problems are bottomless pits, very deep and inexhaustible. It is the human plight. The best we can do is our personal best at the time we are tackling the problems and go from there.

Why am I saying this? Because I know we all have the same dilemmas and I know life can seem like it is going in circles and we find ourselves back where we started. This can lead to discouragement. Before you know it, you drop the things that make life colorful and fulfilling just to keep taking care of business. So I have some advice, go pick up that camera and blow the dust off of it. Pick up that brush, grab that clay, pick up your chisel that pen — whatever the instrument that helps you to channel the creativity out of you. It's still there, inside of you. Remember? You put it away in a shelf in a closet and closed the door. It seemed like the fight to stay in the game got too hard and there were more important things to do so you denied yourself the joy of creating. After all, you have responsibilities and they are more important.

But really the truth is, if you do not use your creativity and express the yearning of your heart in your own unique way, you will die a little more every day and life will lose its joy and peace will evade you.

The artist's soul must be tended to. I implore you ... tend to your souls. Your family and friends, co-workers and the world around you needs your creativity and the energy it produces.

Thank you to those of you who have already conquered this — you serve as beacons of light to the rest of us. People like Natalie Pfanstiehl who refused to stop teaching, painting creating and encouraging all those around her to do the same. We need people like this. I am so proud to know so many thriving artists here at the WAA. We need each other so let's spend more time together. Member's meetings, classes, open studios, photo arts group and more, are all ways to help us stay in the game.

Now I turn with great affection and gratitude to honor our President, Pam Reed who will be stepping down at the annual meeting on December 2nd at 12pm. Pam has been the hardest working person I have ever known. She stepped out of her comfort zone and into the leadership role as president at great personal cost to her time and energies — when the timing was not ideal for her in any way. Without Pam I do not know where we would be today. Please attend the annual meeting and Little Picture show and gala on the 2nd of December to wish her well and thank her for her sacrificial service to all of us.

I wish you all Happy Holidays and hope to see much of you in the New Year!!!

Yours truly, Sarah Tallarico

Juried Artist Member

OF THE MONTH

The WAA recognizes these accomplished Juried Artist Members for their lifetime work as artists:

- SEPTEMBER 2012:
Jillian Barber
- OCTOBER 2012:
Carol Sward Comeau
- NOVEMBER 2012:
Sally Blitzer
- DECEMBER 2012:
Lorraine Bromley

Congratulations...

to our newest Juried Artist Members!

- Nina Ackman – watercolor and oils
- Cindy DiDonato – watercolor
- Steve Hamlin – watercolor
- Janet MacCausland – photography
- Paul Murray – photography
- Pat Newell – photography
- Patience Peck – pastels
- Elinor Thompson – watercolor, acrylics, oil, drawing and sculpture

Welcome...

new members of WAA

we're glad to have you join our creative family ...

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| Charles Akmakjian | Brittany Gilbert |
| Nancy J. Beck | Nicolas Hernandez |
| Robin Beckwith | Ken Jeremiah |
| Janice Borodizt | Adele Karbowski |
| Susan Brayton | David Katz |
| Sal Capirchio | Claudia Lyons |
| Bonnie Eisman | Haesook Oh |
| Debbie Filkins | Jodie Sinclair |
| | Marc Stuart |





MEMBER NEWS

NOTE worthy...

2013 SLATE OF EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICERS

- President – Judith Anderson
- Vice President – Tracy Taylor
- Recording Secretary – Jackie McCarthy
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2012 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Thank you for your help...

- Carol Berren
- John Pitocco
- Sharon Alemany

Judith Anderson won 2nd place at the RI Watercolor Society's "Anything Goes" Show.

William Brennan was accepted into the Mystic Art Center's 56th Regional Show/William Butcher Solo Exhibition and also took 3rd Prize at the Photo 34 Show at the Mystic Arts Center.

Janice Causey participated in a show at the Sandywoods Gallery in Tiverton, RI. She also exhibited at the Portsmouth Art Gallery in Portsmouth RI. and at the Imperial Gallery in Providence, RI.

Carol Sward Comeau was accepted into the Mystic Art Center's 56th Regional Show/William Butcher Solo Exhibition. She also exhibited during the Photo 34 Show at the Mystic Arts Center.

Theresa Girard has been accepted as a juried artist member to the Providence Art Club. She will be painting live at the PAC on Wednesday September 19th to benefit the Arts in Providence through the Providence Rotary. She also won second place in the International Society of Acrylic Painters Signature Member juried art show. Theresa is also a finalist in the abstract experimental category of the Artists Magazine International Juried Art Show. She will be listed in the December 2012 issue.

Eveline Luppi will be exhibiting at the following galleries: Juried-in, online exhibit for Newport Art Museum, Landscapes, Real and Imagined. Street Views Exhibit, Bego Ezair Gallery and Atrium Exhibit, Garage Art, Museum of Modern Art, both in New York City. White Sands, Todd James Gallery, Provincetown, MA – November, 2012.

John Pitocco was awarded Honorable Mention at the Newport Photo Guild's Annual Show at the Newport Art Museum.

Judy Salvadore won an Honorable Mention for her image "Goldfinch Valentine" at the Newport Photo Guild's Annual Show at the Newport Art Museum.

Tracy Taylor was accepted into the Mystic Art Center's 56th Regional Show/William Butcher Solo Exhibition.

Jillian Barber, Bonnie Jaffe, Marc Jaffe, Cyndy Moniz, Eileen McCarney Muldoon, Nancy Nielsen, Lenny Rumpier, Hiroko Shikashio and Cindy Horowitz Wilson, all exhibited photographs at the Photo 34 Show at the Mystic Arts Center.

Photographic Arts Group

Can Autumn really be over? Our most beautiful season also seems to be the shortest. One of the highlights of Autumn is the annual photography show at the gallery and this year certainly showcased our WAA talent! The diversity of subject matter, creative vision and quality of presentation was quite impressive.

It's nice to see our members taking advantage of our page on Facebook. We have 43 members who are posting photos, messages and sharing information. If you'd like to be added to the group send a request to join "WAA Photographic Arts Group" via Facebook.

We are putting the finishing touches on our programs for 2012/2013 and would appreciate any suggestions from our members. Our Holiday Party will be held at our December 10th meeting (no meeting on December 24th). Last year's holiday party was a real treat - who knew that so many photographers could cook too!

Happy Shooting and Happy Holidays, John

Congratulations...

We have a "new" Festival Director!

Bruce Luscombe has accepted our offer to be our 2013 Festival Director. He accepts with full knowledge of what an awesome as well as enormous undertaking this is!



Bruce is a member of the Wickford Art Association, and it's Photographic Art's Group, as well as a longtime committed and faithful volunteer to the festival.

We are in very good and capable hands and happy to have him step up to the task — thank you Bruce!

Please feel free to contact Bruce at festivaldirector@wickfordart.org and let him know if you are interested in being part of the 2013 festival...either as an exhibitor or as a volunteer before...during...or after the festival.

Congratulations, Bruce!





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