



Summer 2010

NEWSLETTER

Our mission is to educate our membership, the local arts community and the general public, and to promote the arts in our community.

festival BUZZ



It's our favorite time of year!!!
FESTIVAL time!!! and
WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

Anyone who is interested in bringing "goodies" for the artist reception, Friday, July 9th, please call the gallery with your name and telephone number.

We also need volunteers to help out during the 2 days of the Festival — possibly 2 hours on either day would be appreciated — please email me — Francie Christophersen at festival@wickfordart.org

I would also like to congratulate Elizabeth Donovan as this year's winner of the 2010 Wickford Art Festival tee-shirt logo contest. Great job! ... and thank you to all who submitted artwork for this contest.

Get ready for a fun weekend and a *fantastic* Festival. See you there!

Francie Christophersen

A message from the President...

Dear Wickford Art Members...

Spring is upon us; the season of hopes and dreams.

As you all know, we have extensively researched the possibility of moving into the town of Wickford. After all the due diligence, we have come to the conclusion that we would incur too much risk to make it work. There are also other reasons, which I will not expound upon at this time.

The founding fathers and mothers of the Wickford Art Association were very wise indeed. They secured in 1989, a 50 year lease of the land with the town of North Kingstown for one dollar a year. They constructed a very well built building that has withstood several hurricanes and the most recent "flood of 2010". This is been sighted on land overlooking our beautiful Narragansett Bay. We also have no debt.

However, on the short side, we exist in an isolated location, lack visibility to the rest of the world and reside in a building which is "shrinking" while our membership keeps growing. To fulfill the needs of our members now and in the future, we need more space and more exposure. We are planning an expansion of three additional rooms; a classroom/library, an office and another washroom. We are also dreaming of a deck on the east side of the building for a clear view of the bay if and when the Beechwood House is removed (pending). We are upgrading our website to state of the art to reflect today's reality, beefing up our publicity budget and hope to increase our gallery hours to be more available. We are very excited about this plan and the board has already begun taking positive steps to make this happen. Our budget is \$250,000. Seed money through direct contributions and estate planning from our members is needed. With start-up money, we greatly increase our chances of obtaining grant money, which we are already investigating. Our active fund raising drive will begin this fall. *Stay tuned!*

If you have any positive suggestions or ideas, or questions, I can be reached at rubenstein.howard072@gmail.com.

SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE - NOW!!

That's right ... get your Scholarship Raffle tickets right NOW at the gallery ... don't wait until the Festival ... get ahead of the crowd...and get a closer look at the beautiful artwork that has been donated to this raffle — now hanging at the gallery. It's an exciting time for the Wickford Art Association and it's members ... so come to the gallery ... purchase your tickets ... and support this worthwhile event!

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

36 Beach Street • Wickford, RI 02852 • 401.294.6840
www.wickfordart.org • gallery@wickfordart.org

NOTE worthy...

Congratulations
TO OUR 2010

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Clayton Haun

– \$3000
Savannah
College of
Art and
Design



Alysia Wilkinson – \$2000
New England School of Art and
Design at Suffolk University



a warm WELCOME

Lori Jeremiah has volunteered to
be the new Membership Chair.

WELCOME TO ALL... new members

Hilary Barton
Barry Butterworth
Maria Cassaday
Guy Cassaday
Donna Elwell
Brandy Hutchinson
Marie Martone
Martha Powell
Elaine Siwicki
Michael Stultz

DATES and DEADLINES

**Deadline for the Fall 2010
Newsletter is August 10, 2010.**

Please share your news ... email
or call in your submissions in a
timely manner so as not to be left
out of the circulation.

MEMBER NEWS

Gail Armstrong and Craig Masten a married couple, are having a joint exhibition of their recent paintings entitled "Opposites Attract," at the Dodge House Gallery of the Providence Art Club. The show runs from May 23-June 11, 2010.

Cynthia Blair will be featured in a 6 page interview in the French Art Magazine "Pratique Des Arts" issue June 2010 primarily focusing on her pastel work in florals.

Janice Causey has been invited to show at the gallery AS220 in Providence. The show, "Plunge" will run from June 6th - June 26th, 2010. For directions or more info please call, 401-783-7475.

Ann Daum received the Best in Show Award and the Curator's Award which entitles her to an exhibition at the Newport Art Museum's Annual Members' Show.

Paula Dewell was accepted as an artist member of the Art League of Rhode Island.

Theresa Girard's work is currently featured at the White Space Gallerie in Naples Florida. She has also received honorable mention from the Citra Solv contest and has become a featured artist for the company located in Darien, CT. and will be exhibiting with them for the month of June. Her new works, "Airing Laundry" will exhibit in July through August 21st at the Cheeky Monkey in Narragansett. She is teaching a half-day workshop, "OMG BIG ART" at the Neighborhood Guild in Peace Dale, RI. For all details and to register for this workshop please call 401.789.9301 or visit www.tgirard.com.

Bonnie Jaffe received Honorable Mention for her photograph, "Gilda" at the Wickford Art Association Members' Show.

Marc Jaffe received Honorable Mention for his photograph, "Taos Ladder" at the DeBlois Gallery "Step On It" Exhibit.

Lori Jeremiah had a pastel entitled "Stone Cove" in the Artists' Cooperative Gallery of Westerly ... the 17th Annual Regional Art exhibit. She is also teaching pastel classes at the South County Art Association this summer.

Trish Marcaccio exhibited her watercolor "Sea Smoke" in the East Greenwich Art Club Members' Show in April and her watercolor "Jungle Rhythm" in the R.I. Watercolor Society's Annual Members' Show in May. She is also pleased to announce that she has been invited to exhibit her work at the Voila Gallery in Wickford. Her watercolors, mixed media paintings and oils will be on exhibit throughout the coming year.

Nancy Paull has won 3rd prize in Newport Art Museum Artists' Guild Members Show, April 2010 ... the Jane Archibald Memorial Award in Rhode Island Watercolor Society 113th Annual Artist Members Show ... honorable mention in the Open Juried Show "Flower Fantasy" at RIWS ... Best Water Media in South County Art Association's 82nd Member's Annual and has had a painting accepted into SCAA Open Juried Art Annual 2009.

Norah Pfeiffer had a piece, "Morn", accepted into the Imagine Red exhibit at the Portsmouth Arts Guild and also has "Flow" in the April Fools exhibit at the Spring Bull Gallery. She has also received an honorable mention in SCAA's Workshops 2010 for a mixed-media piece "The Eyes Have It".

Reiko Wimbush will be exhibiting 8 oil paintings at the Artist Members' Invitational at South County Art Association in June. He will also be having a duo exhibit (oils by Reiko Wimbush, watercolors by Pat D'Ambra) at the Bill Krul Gallery in Narragansett in July.

MORE FESTIVAL NEWS

Thank you again ... to the following artists who donated their artwork to the Festival Raffle. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Jean Andrew ... Sandy Askey-Adams ... Bill Chisholm ...
Lillian Forziat ... Theresa Girard ... Sandra King ... Paul Marra ...
Tim Murphy ... John Pitocco ... Merylly Rocks ... Ralph Williams

a note for EXHIBITING ARTISTS AT THE WICKFORD ART FESTIVAL

There will be 2 photographers taking photos each day during the Wickford Art Festival weekend. They are volunteers from our Photographic Arts Group who will be wearing Staff shirts, so you'll recognize them as belonging to the Wickford Art Association. They will be recording the excitement at the Festival as we are coming up on 50 years in existence and we would like to have photos for our archives. These photos will not be distributed publicly, they will only be used for our promotional needs as an association.

If you need your booth shot for your own purposes, please contact the Gallery Director prior to the Festival weekend with your name, address and booth assignment and one of the photographers will take the photos.

Enjoy the Festival!

WICKFORD ART ASSOCIATION 48TH ANNUAL
Scholarship RAFFLE

A SPECIAL "THANK" YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED ARTWORK!

Wickford ART ASSOCIATION

tickets available
NOW at the Gallery ~ then at the Festival
drawing at the Festival ~ July 11th

\$1 ea. or
6 for \$5

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The History of the Festival AND THE ASSOCIATION

Program to be held at:

The North Kingstown Free Library • 100 Boone Street

Wednesday, June 30th, 2010 — 6:30 pm

The Art Festival is almost upon us! Come learn about John Huzser, who almost fifty years ago put his paintings along the sidewalk to sell. The following summer he was joined by fellow artists in the first Wickford Art Festival. Incorporation of the Wickford Art Association followed in 1969. The story continues to unfold as volunteers work to produce what has often been called the premier art festival in New England and to keep the Association vital as it moves forward. Art Association member and Library Outreach Coordinator, Elizabeth Donovan, will show slides to illustrate this fascinating story and Gail Shawn Burda will reminisce about her 45 continuous years as an artist exhibiting in the Festival. Registration for this program begins June 16th; please call 294-3306.



2010 GALLERY CALENDAR

21st Annual Open Juried Photo Show "Creatures"

June 4 – June 22, 2010

\$14/entry or 3 for \$35. 3 entries max. CASH AWARDS

Tracy Brown – Judge

Registration: June 2nd from 11am-3pm and 5-7pm
and June 3rd from 11am-3pm

Opening Reception: Sunday, June 6th from 1-3pm

SHOW CHANGE

"Anything Goes"

All Media Open Juried Show
June 25 – July 13, 2010

Registration:

Wednesday, June 23 from 11am-3pm and 5-7pm

Thursday, June 24 from 11am-3pm

Opening reception Sunday, June 27 from 1-3
Juror TBA

48TH ANNUAL WICKFORD ART FESTIVAL

July 10 & 11, 2010

10 am to 6pm in Wickford Village

Contact: Festival Director Francie Christophersen
www.wickfordart.org/festival.htm
festivaldirector@wickfordart.org

15th Annual Art of the Ocean State Open Juried Show – All Media July 16 – August 3, 2010

\$14/entry or 3 for \$35. 3 entries max. CASH AWARDS

Harley Bartlett – Judge

Registration: July 14th from 11am-3pm and 5-7pm
and July 15th from 11am-3pm

Opening Reception: Sunday, July 18th from 1-3pm

Artist Members' Show – All Media August 6 – August 31, 2010

One entry per member, Ribbon Awards Only

Registration: August 4th from 11am-3pm and 5-7pm
and August 5th from 11am-3pm

Opening Reception: Sunday, August 8th from 1-3pm

3 Person Artist Member Show September 2 – September 21, 2010

Dolores DeCesare – ceramics

Pat Cahalan – watercolor

AJ Reilly – oils

Opening Reception: Sunday, September 12th from 1-3pm

4th Annual Juried Photographic Arts Group Show September 24 – October 12, 2010

\$14/entry or 3 for \$35. 3 entries max. CASH AWARDS

Registration: September 22nd from 11am-3pm and 5-7pm
and September 23rd from 11am-3pm

Opening Reception: Sunday, September 26th from 1-3pm

The Absurd & Grotesque Open Juried Show — All Media October 15 – November 2, 2010

\$14/entry or 3 for \$35. 3 entries max. CASH AWARDS

Registration: October 13th from 11am-3pm and 5-7pm
and October 14th from 11am-3pm

Opening Reception: Sunday, October 17th from 1-3pm

14th Annual Abstract/Avant Garde Open Juried Show — All Media November 5 – 23, 2010

\$14/entry or 3 for \$35. 3 entries max. CASH AWARDS

Registration: November 3rd from 11am-3pm and 5-7pm
and November 4th from 11am-3pm

Opening Reception: Sunday, November 7th from 1-3pm

Little Picture Show & Sale November 30 - December 23, 2010 Members Affordable Art in All Media

\$10 non-refundable entry fee

Registration: Beginning October 1st from 11am-3pm

"Hanging" November 26 – 27 from 11am-3pm

Election of Officers: December 5th from Noon - 1pm

Holiday Gala: Sunday, December 5th from 1-4pm

WORKSHOPS and CLASSES

Pen & Ink — with Fred Meli

This course is designed for the novice, with little or no previous pen and ink experience and/or the advanced artist. The course will cover: line, wash drawing and mixed media techniques. The instructor will provide several simple exercises that will help facilitate a student's ability to acquire a basic knowledge helping them to render and sketch with this very versatile medium of pen and ink.

Tuesday, June 22, 29 & July 6, 2010 — 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Fee: \$85 members, \$95 non-members

Relief Stone Carving in Limestone — with Laura Travis
Beginner Workshop in Celtic Relief Carving. The distinctive look of the High Crosses and decorative knotwork requires a specialized approach that is actually simple to learn... We'll be able to complete two small carvings in this weekend workshop.

July 27-28, 2010 — 9:30 am – 3:00 pm
August 21-22, 2010 — 10 am – 3:30 pm
Fee: \$100 per session

Out of the Box Photography — with Howard Rubenstein

This course is designed for photographers and painters of any level who know how to use a camera. There will be a short lecture on the technical aspects. However, most of our time will be spent learning to think and see in a much different way, resulting in a more creative artist.

Wednesdays, Sept 15 – October 13, 2010 — 7 – 9 pm
Fee: \$65 members, \$80 non-members

Papermaking Workshop — with Janet Tobin

This three hour class will allow the creation of 5X7 sheets of decorative paper using ordinary recycled paper, fragments of fiber and found natural objects such as bark, potpourri, flower petals, grasses and ferns. A blender, water, paper towel and recycled cards, card stock and other household recycled mail can be used to create varied textured papers for use in collages, scrapbooking, handmade cards, journal covers and actual writing paper. This technique can be utilized to make larger or smaller papers and will allow participants to use their imagination and creativity to design unique papers to enhance a variety of art projects or crafts. Materials list will be provided at registration but will include objects easily found around the house or yard. The only object necessary to purchase or make is a 5 X 7 frame with a wire mesh screening attached to the flat side of the frame. Further information for this item will be provided at registration.

Monday, June 21, 2010 — 9 am – Noon
Fee: \$20 members, \$25 non members

Painting in Pastels — with Lori Jeremiah

Elements of design with emphasis on color, value and composition will be included along with the basic fundamentals of pastel painting. Students do not need prior pastel or drawing experience. Teens to adults. All levels are welcome.

June 29, 30 and July 6, 7, 2010 — 10 am – Noon
Fee: \$80 members, \$85 non members

NOTE: Advanced registration for classes is required unless otherwise specified. For more details on any of these courses, or to register, email the at galler@wickfordart.org or call 401.294.6840.

Photographic Arts Group UPDATE

The Photographic Arts Group has a busy summer planned. Beginning in June we will be meeting at various locations around the state for group photo shoots. The June photo shoot will take place at the Rhode Island State House. In July, Sheila Lawrence, winner of our Winter Scavenger Hunt, will be organizing our next Scavenger Hunt Photo Shoot, details to be released soon.

Congratulations to all group members who had a photo selected for the 2011 calendar. This "first-ever" Wickford Art Association Calendar will be available for sale during the Wickford Arts Festival this July — with all proceeds 'kicking-off' the building fund campaign. After that they will be sold only at the gallery.

A special thanks to Sandi King for putting together this calendar and to the Calendar Committee ... Barbara Bourgette, Barbara DeCesare, Maria Cassaday and Marianne Guarnieri for their efforts in reviewing all the submissions.

We invite photographers of all skill levels to our meetings, we've got something for everyone!

See you there ... John Pitocco

ATTENTION!

ALL ARTIST MEMBERS:

Please contact Kristen at the gallery for consideration for a 2011 three person show. She will need to know your medium(s) of choice and your availability. Requests to show with another Artist Member of your choice will be reviewed but not guaranteed. Three person shows usually are in March, May, July and September for 3 weeks each. Remember, these shows are for Artist Members ONLY and who have not had a three person show in the past three years. Kristen can be reached at galler@wickfordart.org, or call 401-294-6840.



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