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Wickford Art Festival UPDATE ...

The 52nd Wickford Art Festival returns to Wickford Village on Saturday July 12 and Sunday, July 13, 2014. Our artists will be traveling from as far away as Florida, Arizona and Canada, displaying their art among historic homes, eclectic shops and picturesque streets, drawing art lovers from throughout New England. New this year – Rhode Island is the first state in the nation to go tax-free on the sale of fine art and we are hoping this new legislation spurs even more sales of artwork at the festival. We are excited to welcome Quanqiang Gao, a respected Chinese artist who will be making his American debut at the festival, exhibiting his large scale modern ink artwork. Other artists' mediums include oil, acrylic, fiber, drawing, sculpture in metal, clay and glass, pastel, carved wood, mixed media, photography, glass and more. All work is one of a kind fine art or limited, signed editions. Artists will be in their booths, available to discuss their inspiration and method of creation. Visit our website before or after the festival for an artist list with contact information – www.wickfordart.org.

We are also excited to welcome this year's WAA Scholarship Fund winners who will be exhibiting in at the festival; please stop by and see these students' amazing work! WAA's Scholarship Fund annually awards \$5,000 in scholarships to three Rhode Island high school seniors attending an art college. On Sunday afternoon, the festival cumulates with the Scholarship Raffle of Fine Art so be sure to purchase raffle tickets anytime between now and July 13th. Artwork is donated by our membership and you do not need to be present in order to win. Proceeds of the raffle benefit next year's fund.

Want to help? Volunteers are needed before and during the festival and we have lots of jobs to fit any personality or ability including information booth sitting, selling raffle tickets, artist registration, hospitality, assisting artists with setup or take down and much more. Email me at wickfordartfestival@gmail.com if you would like to contribute some time – we need your help for our biggest fundraiser of the year! The festival's proceeds support the art association's numerous art programs and community events, all open to the public. For your support, volunteers receive a limited-edition festival t-shirt designed by Bob Lavoie. New this year: tote bags and T-shirts for kids, as well as adults (V-necks for ladies too), will be for sale in the Information booth in Updike Park. Limited quantities available so don't wait.

Are you a social media junkie? Keep up with festival information with Facebook and Twitter at [facebook.com/WickfordArtFestival](https://www.facebook.com/WickfordArtFestival) and [@wickfordartfest](https://twitter.com/wickfordartfest). Stop by our information booth to dress up "a la artiste" and snap a selfie!

Wickford Art Festival hours are Saturday July 12th 10am to 6pm and Sunday July 13th 10am to 5pm and the festival goes on – rain or shine. Admission is free. Parking for the festival is free on certain streets just outside of the village. Wilson Park and Wickford Elementary School have parking within walking distance or take a short shuttle ride into the heart of the festival. See you then!

Judy Salvadore – Festival Director

We have a new look!!



from the President ...

Your Wickford Art Association has been quite busy on many fronts honoring our members, reaching out to the community, and working hard to realize our dreams for the future.

On April 23 we honored our Executive Director Sarah Tallarico by nominating her for the "Renaissance Award" at the annual Chamber of Commerce meeting. On May 22 we honored our past Treasurer Nancy Nielsen as "Volunteer of the Year" at the annual Chamber of Commerce celebration.

During the past several months we have met with the following community groups to raise awareness of both our Association activities as well as our building expansion plans: the Senior Center Board, the North Kingstown Council of the Arts Board, both the Republican and Democrat Parties, the Rotary Club, the Merchants Association, Histwick, and the Newcomers Club.

The current phase of our building expansion plans for the future involves exploration of funding opportunities and the inauguration of our Feasibility Study. We have met with the Vice-President of Grants at the R.I. Foundation, the Grants Coordinator of Congressman James Langevin and Senator James Sheehan, and conversed with contacts at the R.I. State Council of the Arts and the Champlin Foundation. This past week we have sent out letters to a wide variety of both Association and community members to set up interviews to be conducted by our professional fundraisers (Partners in Philanthropy) to determine if it is feasible to move forward with the next phase of our building plans.

All of us on the Board of the Association invite you to join us in continuing our current and future endeavors by volunteering for Gallery events, the upcoming Wickford Art Festival and our dream for creating a "state of the art" Center for Exhibition and Education.

Judith Anderson – WAA President

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OUR MISSION

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.

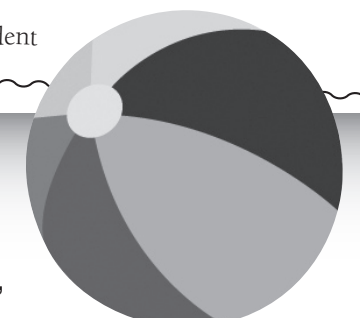
Gallery Hours: Tuesday – Saturday 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. • Sunday 12 p.m. – 3 p.m.

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NEW news

Juried Artist Member OF THE MONTH

The Wickford Art Association recognizes these accomplished Juried Artist Members for their lifetime work as artists:

JUNE 2014: Bruce Martin

JULY 2014: Gerry Grabowski

AUGUST 2014: Barry Butterworth

SEPTEMBER 2014:

Eric Wertheimer

OCTOBER 2014:

Dianne Webb

NOVEMBER 2014: Ann Daum

DECEMBER 2014:

Patricia Cahill Taft

Welcome ...

to our newest members

Andrea Beall
Rhonda Beardsworth
Evelyn Bernal
Christine Bourbeau
Judith Campbell
Glen Clifford
Theresa Dillon
Sue Dion
Anna Guerra
Cathy Kaiser
Ruth Kole Cargill
Linda Finnerty
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Lia Santurri
Ruth Scharer
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Felicia Touhey
Carole E. Zaloumis

Please Welcome ... new interns

Micah S. Shannon – Technical Intern
Janna Beckert – Marketing Intern
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Member NEWS

Bob Baglini had an image selected for the cover of the North Kingstown View magazine.

Donat Beauchaines' watercolor – "Waterfall in My Mind" was accepted into the Providence Art Club National juried All Media show. There were over 200 entries in photography, sculpture, mixed media, textile, drawings, oil & watercolor paintings etc etc. Only 53 pieces were chosen.

Robin Beckwith had an image accepted into the Providence Art Club National juried All Media show. She will also be exhibiting in *Art by the Baker's Dozen* – Hope Gallery, 435/437 Hope Street Bristol, in June.

Carole Berren has just returned from teaching a workshop in Scottsdale, Arizona. On March 5 she has been invited to do a demo at FAA. In addition, Carole has been invited to teach in Connecticut – her students exhibited their work at the Cranston Public library. Carole will also be part of the RIWS exhibition at Spring Bull Gallery in Newport. Her work "Going Home" just won an honorable mention at the Newport members show. Carole will also be exhibiting in *Art by the Baker's Dozen* – Hope Gallery, 435/437 Hope Street Bristol, in June.

Gary Carlson's image "Saxophone in Motion" was accepted by the Warwick Museum of Art for their upcoming "Virtual Rythms" exhibit. He also won Honorable mention at the South County Art Association's 2014 Photography and Printmaking Annual.

Guy Cassaday's exhibited his Pedal Cars – a first in New England, showcasing the design and development of children's pedal cars. The cars represented specific examples chosen from the 70 Pedal Car examples on display.

Rick Devin is exhibiting his work at The Langworthy Public Library through June 14.

Theresa Girard will be exhibiting at Gallerie Ellipsis – 35 Franklin Street, Newport in July – www.tgirard.com

Bonnie Jaffe took FIRST PLACE at the Bristol Art Museum's Joie de Vivre Exhibit at the Bristol Library for her photo "Spray Time". She also had an image accepted into the Providence Art Club National juried All Media show.

Trish Marcaccio's watercolor painting "Blue Rhapsody" was accepted into the Visual Rhythms Exhibit at the Warwick Museum of Art.

Paul M. Murray took Best in Show at the Bristol Art Museum Joie de Vivre Exhibit for "Africana".

OPEN JURIED Show Awards

ALL MEDIA

1ST PLACE – Andrea Beall

2ND PLACE – Edwin Roche

3RD PLACE – Dianne Miller

HONORABLE MENTION – Felicia Touhey

HONORABLE MENTION – Joan Edge

JUDGES AWARD – Wanita M. Paolino

JUDGES AWARD – Bob Lavoie

Photographic Arts

We had a really informative spring at the WAA Photographic Arts Group. We were fortunate enough to have presentations by Bill Brennan, Mike Dooley and Bob Kidd. We're fortunate to have such knowledgeable individuals in our group who are willing to bring their expertise to other members of the group.

Now that we finally have nice weather the group is moving outdoors. For May thru August our regular meetings will be group photoshoots. Our first photoshoot this year was at Salters Grove in Warwick where we had about 25 members attend – our largest group photoshoot to date! If anyone has suggestions for locations for future sites please email them to me. As a reminder our meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month (unless it is a holiday).

July also means the Wickford Art Festival – if you can spare any time helping out, either before or during the festival, please contact Judy Salvatore (festivaldirector@wickfordart.org). This is the biggest fundraiser for our organization, let's all pitch in and help to make it a success!

Happy shooting...John

Gallery NEWS

Dear Friends,

It is with enthusiasm that I am writing to you as we look back at a productive spring and forward to a dynamic summer at the gallery. Our members' show was fantastic and we gave special awards for each art category. Our "All Media" show was well visited and many people complimented the great variety of styles in the work featured.

This May was our 4th Annual North Kingstown Kids Art Show K-12th. There were 442 visitors flowing through the gallery during the opening reception and many more visited throughout the month. Congressman Langevin came and spoke to the crowd and it was an honor to hear his words of encouragement. As I write this note we are setting up a 9 person private members show which is quite diverse – this will be a fun show to come and see.

We have had quite interesting and fun community events on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Anthony Tomaselli gave an oil painting demo and talk about how to get your work into galleries, Wanda Edwards gave a torn paper painting demo and Joan Youngken gave a lecture and slide show on the Hale Family of Matunuck. Upcoming we have an encaustic demo, an origami demo and more to be announced.

In March we had our awards ceremony for our high school senior art competition scholarship winners. Each year we give \$5,000 to 3 high school seniors accepted into an art college. The RIAEA also gives out an award at the event. The ceremony was impactful and moving and we had Senators' Reed and Sheehan at the ceremony as well as some of our Town Council members – all of whom were greatly impressed by the students artwork. Thank you Mia Thompson, our scholarship Chairperson for all your hard work taking our high school competition statewide once again for the 3rd year.

In early May, Judith, Judy and I judged Congressman Langevin's high school art competition, which was a great experience.

We have hosted a few community events at the gallery with the HISTWICK Society, the Newcomers of Wickford, The Merchants of Wickford among them. It has been awesome getting to know the community in a broader sense of the word.

We have resumed work with our filmmaker, Chris Abbey on the documentary film about the WAA and the arts in Wickford now with the help of Tim Cranston. This is a very exciting project and we will keep you updated.

Congratulations to all those who have been accepted into the Poetry & Art Exhibit which will open on July 25th at 6:30pm. Anyone involved last year knows what a powerful show this was and will be again this year.

Thank you to all of you who are volunteering so much of your time and talent to the betterment of the Association. We simply could not be doing all these wonderful things without you!

See you at the gallery soon! Jump in, the water is just right!

Yours Truly,
Sarah Tallarico – Executive Director

2014 Scholarship Competition Winners

For the last 52 years, Wickford Art Association has annually awarded \$5,000.00 in scholarships to three Rhode Island public high school seniors who will be attending an art college. For the last three years, the competition has been open to all Rhode Island public schools and the winners had to be the best in their high school to apply. WAA has partnered with the RI Arts Education Association (RIAEA) to give out a 4th award called the Directors' Award.

This ceremony took place on Sunday March 16, 2014 at 3–5 pm at the Wickford Art Association Gallery located at 36 Beach Street, Wickford, RI.

First Place: Irene Spencer Award (\$2500):

Connor Wray – Portsmouth High School (Educator: Rose Escobar)

Second Place: (\$1500):

Alexandra Mackensie – Lincoln Senior High School (Educator: Heather Binder)

Third Place: (\$1000):

Kyle Calandra – North Providence High School (Educator: Patricia Lucciola)

RIAEA Directors' Award: (\$500.00):

Minru Wang – South Kingstown High School (Educator: Gail Saborio)

NOTE worthy

We'd like to extend a **HUGE Thank you** to two of our **BIGGEST SPONSORS** of the Wickford Art Festival

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Community Events

2nd Tuesday of each month – FREE and opened to the public!
Tuesday June 10th – 7pm
David Hazlett- Encaustic Painting Demo

Tuesday July 8th – 7pm
Ben Coleman - Ben Coleman is an artist, author and inventor. He wrote the Origami Bonsai book series and has a new book coming out on July 1, 2014. His website is www.benagami.com

Juried Artist MEMBERSHIP

Becoming a Juried Artist Member (JAM) is the aim of many of our artist members who wish to distinguish themselves in the arts community. To qualify, the artist must prove acceptance into four Wickford Art Association juried shows within any twenty-four month period.

Congratulations to our Newest JAMs
Chris Abbey – filmmaker
Alice Babcock – photography
Donat Beauchaines – oils
Sharon Eisman – acrylic
Karen Forde Whittemore – photography

