

Join us in honoring our 2015 Scholarship Award Winners



These prestigious state-wide scholarship awards are given to the top four public high school, college-bound seniors with exceptional talent in visual art and design. The competition is open to all college-bound public and charter high school seniors. Each school nominates their strongest art student for the competition, and Wickford Art Association (WAA) and Rhode Island Art Educators Association (RIAEA) assemble the jury panel.

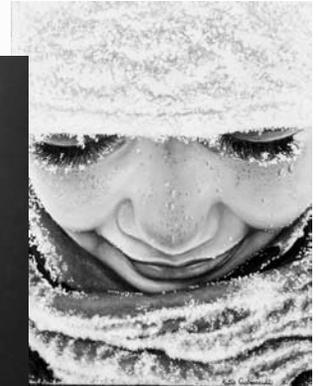
As part of their prize, the four winners are also given the opportunity to exhibit in the Wickford Art Festival. Winners and honorable mentions all receive a one-year membership to Wickford Art Association.

WAA First Place Award (\$2,500): Hunter Brokaw
Portsmouth High School (Educator: Nancy Brandley)

WAA Second Place (\$1,500): Kyle Richer
Cumberland High School (Educator: Betsey MacDonald)

WAA Third Place (\$1,000): Kayla Spirito
Ponaganset High School (Educator: Nancy Boyden)

RIAEA President's Award, (\$500): Katie Gaboriault
Lincoln High School (Educator: Susan Kolenda)



Honorable Mentions (in alphabetical order):

- **Amy Carranza**, East Providence High School (Educator: Tricia Barry)
- **Emily Hook**, Middletown High School (Educator: Renee Bissell)
- **Brittney Iovino**, North Kingstown (Educator: Tara Harrington)
- **Nataliya Karashchuk**, Barrington High School (Educator: Doreen Lindenburg)
- **Samantha Rendine**, South Kingstown High School (Educator: Gail Saborio)
- **Hannah Riccio**, Mount Hope High School (Educator: Chris Mullen)

The purpose of the Association shall be to educate, encourage and inspire its membership, the local arts community and the general public and to promote fine 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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Member NEWS

Kim Baker's poetry manuscript had been chosen by Quills Edge Press, as one of 6 finalists out of 150 entries, for the "On the Edge" Competition.

Cynthia DiDonato received a first place award at R I Watercolor Society's Annual Show for my watercolor called "Sole Passage."

Trish Marcaccio was awarded second place for her oil "Approaching Storm" in the East Greenwich Annual Member's Show in March.

David Zapatka was juried into several Northeast shows including two photographs in the "State of Photography" at the Pawtucket Arts Coalition; he had five photographs in the National Lighthouse Museum juried show "Lighthouses and Tales From the Sea" in Staten Island, NY; he also had one photograph accepted at "Photography Now" juried show at the Cambridge Art Association in Cambridge, Massachusetts; and he won Best in Show with "Napa Balloon Flower" at the Cape Cod Art Association juried show "Fluent in Photography."

Juried Artist Member of the Month

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

June – Norah Pfeiffer

July – Robert LaVoie

August – Ann Daum

September – Elinor Thompson

October – Paul Murray

November – Mary Ellen Dwyer

December – Trish Marcaccio

Congratulations... TO OUR NEW Juried Artist Members

To qualify as a Juried Artist Member, the artist must prove acceptance into four Wickford Art Association juried shows within a twenty-four-month period.

Kerstin Zettmar – Fiber Art/Oil

Wanita Paolino – Pastel

Joan Marie Hansen – Acrylic



UPDATE from the Festival Director



The 53rd Wickford Art Festival returns to Wickford Village on July 11 and 12, 2015. Named "the main event on the summer arts calendar" and "one of the state's signature events" by the *Providence Journal*, this year's festival is sure to please art lovers. Festival artists include artists that travel from all over the US and Canada as well as many WAA members. RI is in its second year of no sales tax on original fine art or limited, signed editions, so buy yourself some fine art, then buy a gift! Mediums include acrylic, drawing, mixed media, oil, pastel, photography, sculpture in clay, glass, metal and wood, and more. Visit our website before or after the festival for an artist list with contact information.

Our annual Raffle of Fine Art supports next year's Scholarship Fund. WAA members and festival artists donate their gorgeous art (values up to \$450!) and the raffle is drawn at 4 PM on Sunday afternoon at the festival. Visit the festival's Facebook page to see an album of donations. Tickets are available for purchase now at the Gallery, and during festival weekend, and you don't have to be present to win. If you like to sell raffle tickets, please contact me as well: we need our membership's help to reach out to the community and build the Scholarship Fund. Stop by the 2015 Scholarship Fund winners' tent to meet some of the winners too.

We are thrilled to welcome back our title sponsor Centreville Bank. We are grateful for their support of WAA and the arts. Be sure to visit their booth in Updike Park for something special! A warm welcome back to Gooseneck Vineyards as well: stop by Wickford Package Store for Gooseneck wine tastings on Saturday and Sunday. There are many individuals and businesses in RI that also support WAA through program advertising and gifts in kind: you can see them all in our festival program available at the festival or on our website. We are very grateful for their generosity – please support these businesses that support the arts!

Of course, we need YOU, our members, to help with WAA's biggest fundraiser of the year! We have lots of jobs and we need the most help on festival weekend. Volunteers will receive a commemorative festival T-shirt. To learn more about volunteer opportunities, visit the festival's volunteer page on the Art Festival section of the WAA website, email me, or find us on social media to keep up with meeting dates and our needs.

Wickford Art Festival hours are Saturday July 11th 10 am to 6 pm and Sunday July 12th 10 am to 5 pm, rain or shine. Admission is free. The festival is on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram – follow us! Limited free parking is available on certain streets just outside of the village. Wilson Park and Wickford Elementary School have parking within walking distance, or take the short free shuttle ride to/from the festival. See you then!

Judy Salvadore, Festival Director

A special thank you to the sponsors of the Wickford Art Festival...

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Welcome ... to our newest members

Virginia Alvarez
David Bosworth
Ann Bruno
Amanda Cardeira
Marklyn Champagne
Anitha Cheekoti
Joan Creamer
Gloria Dahl
Victoria Dority
Judy Chase Doyle

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Beverly Russell
Howard Schlesinger
Jaclyn Sheridan
Carol Stedman
David Sykes Jr.
Jeanne Tangney



Gallery NEWS

Dear Friends,

“The main thing is to be moved, to love, to hope, to tremble, to live.” –Auguste Rodin

This season we are approaching is already being introduced in such a way as to heal our exhausted souls. The sun and the warmth are beginning to heal us and we are happier and healthier in many ways. Let this translate into the beauty and inspiration of your art; let it flow right through you into art that inspires the world around you.

We have a lot to look forward to at the WAA as summer is around the corner along with the festival and many great exhibits. The Art of the Ocean State, the amazing Poetry & Art Exhibit and then the Plein Aire Painters of Narragansett Bay are all coming up, as well as community events, classes and special events. June 19th is a distinctive “Frienderaiser” called “Midsummer’s Night Soiree” at a private residence in Wickford with live music, great people, food and wine and a raffle of amazingly painted bricks. Tickets are available at the gallery for \$50.00; visit our website for more information.

We recently hosted the 5th annual NK Kids K-12th grade art show that brought in over 600 visitors. The Photo Arts Group’s beautiful show is currently up in the gallery – we will be awarding a People’s Choice Award at the end of the show so stop by, view the exhibit and vote on your favorite piece. September 19th will be our 2nd Annual Gala on the beach with live music, a silent auction and more. More information will be coming by the end of June – if you would like to be involved as a volunteer please let us know!

September 15th will be our annual Members meeting and election of officers. As a member it is important for you to know what is going on and how we are doing.

Annual reports will be given, and it’s a good time to learn more about the building expansion project that has been on hold and will be resuming with a new direction.

We are seeking a new Treasurer and are asking you to please submit names of those who may be interested in this position. As always, we are seeking volunteers who want to join our community of volunteers and make the magic happen.

Here’s hoping that your creative souls overflow and that you make your life and the lives of others around you more fulfilling - one artistic creation at a time!

Your Friend,
Sarah Tallarico – Executive Director

“EKPHRASIS!”

No, this is not a word describing a rare disease. And no, it is not your Russian great-grandmother’s favorite swear word! This is the beautiful word describing poetry inspired by art. And this word inspired our now-annual and much-beloved Poetry and Art Exhibit.

The Poetry and Art Exhibit grew out of my love of writing ekphrasis. What could be better than looking at beautiful art, iconic and modern, and telling the story that one finds there, on and off the canvas? The first Poetry and Art Exhibit took place in 2013 with poets submitting a poem first. Then, artists selected a poem without knowing who the poet was and created a response piece of art inspired by that poem. Watercolor. Oil. Photography. Sculpture. So many beautiful works of art in many mediums! The opening was a magical event because the poets and artists met each other for the first time that evening! All gathered outdoors for a beautiful reception overlooking Wickford Harbor. Candles. Quiet music. Boats bobbing in the bay. Then, the poets and artists went inside in pairs to view the art and meet each other for the first time! All the participants tell us that this is the best part of the experience!

In 2014, we reversed the process. Digital images of art work were posted online for poets to select. It never ceases to amaze me the stories told just from an image with the poet having no idea about the artist’s intent in creating the work. So much of writing great ekphrasis and of creating a work of art inspired by a poem is releasing any expectation of creating a realistic representation. Instead, poets and artists dance in that creative space where the imagination runs like horses along a beach. Wild and free.

The 2015 annual Poetry and Art Exhibit will take place from July 24th to August 16th with the opening on Friday, June 24th from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. This year, poets and artists either entered an inspiration piece, a response piece, or both. I can’t wait to see what beautiful interpretations have taken place! I hope you can’t either. Please join us for this unique and magical show. You will be changed forever about what is possible when poets and artists collaborate and trust their own creative instincts. Wickford Art Association. Where magic happens. Carpe art! – Kim M. Baker

NOTE worthy

Community Events

2nd Tuesday of each month – FREE and opened to the public

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 7 – 8 PM

Christy Sherman is a wildlife artist who primarily works in relief sculpture. Her sculptures are highly tactile, with the marks of her fingers clearly visible. Her works capture the fleeting expression of a particular animal.

Come listen to Christy talk about her work and demonstrate the many possibilities of polymer clay.

Christy is offering 2 polymer clay classes this summer.

Photographic Arts Group

I’d like to thank everyone who participated in the WAA Photographic Arts Group show at the gallery.

We had over 70 photos submitted covering a wide variety of topics and a great turnout at the opening. Stop by the gallery and see the show before it’s over.

Now that the summer is here we’re officially moving outside for group photoshoots. I’m looking forward to a fun summer shooting photos and the breeze with a great group of people. Please join us at one of our group shoots this summer if you haven’t been yet. They’re a lot of fun and a casual way to learn and share ideas.

Happy shooting...John Pitocco

WANTED FOR THE ART FESTIVAL:

New artist and first time presenter this July needs panels for booth. If you’ve got ProPanels or similar display walls you’re not using this July, I can put them to good use. Please call David, 486-8674

WOULD LIKE TO RENT:

I am doing the Narragansett Fair on June 27-28, and wondered if anyone would rent me their festival display racks. Please call me: Joyce Gatta – 645-415-2600 or email me at joyce7g7@aol.com



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