

Spring



News from our President ...

As we eagerly await the first signs of spring, we take time to pause and reflect on the events which have transpired during this past winter. We have had record snowfalls and low temperatures in southern New England, but that has not stopped us from holding many fantastic events this season!

The year began with our annual exhibit dedicated to a visiting art group, and this year we hosted the Art League of Rhode Island's (ALRI) Associate Members' exhibition. This was a dynamic exhibit, which featured a variety of magnificent pieces of art from a very talented group of artists. I was pleased to discover that many of the members of ALRI are also members of the Wickford Art Association!

In January, also we held a community event with Lindsay Elgin, the juror for last year's photography show. Lindsay provided amazing insight into the preparation of artwork for jurying, including considerations of composition, matting, and framing. We hope to have Lindsay back for events in the future.

Our next exhibit was our Anything Goes show, and once again we had record number of submissions for the show! Rebecca Siemering, our juror, had a very challenging time selecting from the multitudes of quality pieces. She was able to curate a vibrant show with a very thematic aspect to it.

February's community event was not to be missed as Tim Cranston provided the background and history behind how Wickford became the art community that it is today. From origins as a way station for Newport-bound well to do, Wickford became a sought out destination in its own right. Hearing the story of the start of the Wickford Art Association and Wickford Art Festival was truly inspiring, as we can really appreciate that we are a part of a long legacy of fostering art in this community.

On that note, the WAA board has been working towards helping to establish a strategic vision for the Wickford Art Association for the years to come. Work that will continue well into the spring includes the revision of our mission and vision statement and development of a strategic plan, along with ongoing strengthening our infrastructure. We are evaluating our building expansion effort and working on establishing a strong foundation on which we can move forward.

As we look ahead, we have many great events and exhibits planned for this year, such as the Photo Arts Group show, the Poetry & Art Exhibit, and of course, the 53rd Wickford Arts Festival. We hope that many of our members will be involved in these shows and will consider volunteering to help with these and many of the other great events that we have planned for this year.

Hang in there. Spring is just around the corner!

Erin Walsh - WAA President

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

Alice Babcock's photo won Honorable Mention in the Conanicut Island Art Association Show.

Carole Berren's painting, *All Aboard the 932*, was selected as one of the ten prize winners in the Artist's Magazine Over 60 Competition. The painting and a short article appear in the March issue of "the Artist's magazine".

Trish Marcaccio's acrylic painting "On the Rocks" was accepted into the Northeast Regional Watermedia Competition Oct/Nov 2014. This has now allowed Trish the honor of becoming a Signature Artist Member of the RIWS. Her watercolor collage "Music of the Night" was accepted into the juried exhibit "Art inspired by Song" at the RI Watercolor Society and she was also invited to exhibit four paintings in the New Artist and Signature Member Show as well.

Nancy Paull's painting, "I Love Paris" was accepted into the RI Watercolor Society's exhibit, "Art Inspired by Song".

Erin Walsh had her photograph "Snowy Church" chosen for Congressman Langevin's 2014 holiday card.

FYI: In an article posted by the Providence Business News, **Judy Salvadore** – Wickford Art Association Festival Director – is also president of the board of directors for the Friends of the Warwick Animal Shelter, which focuses on promotion of and fundraising for its shelter animals. She is a longtime volunteer for the shelter. In this article she discusses the work of the nonprofit Friends group. Go to – <http://pbn.com/Five-Questions-With-Judy-Salvadore,101590?Judy> – to find out more.

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 any twenty-four month period.

Congratulations to our Newest JAMs
Rachel Marzocchi – Photography
Alyson McCann – Photography
Avis O'Neill – Photography
Roberta Van Der Molen
– Printmaking and Oil

UPDATE from the Festival Director



With record snow in Rhode Island, it's hard to believe that summer will ever come this year! While some may be down about the current weather, we are looking forward to warmer days and the 53rd Wickford Art Festival on July 11 and 12. The Wickford Art Festival is a juried, fine art festival with a rich history and diverse collection of artists. The Call for Artists is open and artist applications must be postmarked by April 1st for consideration. The WAA Board of Directors voted to allow two browse bins of matted, signed artwork (up from one in the past) to help artists increase their sales. We hope the economy is finally looking up as we have had a lot of new artists inquiring about exhibiting and to date we have received more

applications as compared to last year at the same time. Most applications arrive closer to the April deadline: we can't wait to see our longtime friends and welcome new artists to the festival!

Wickford Art Association needs your help to make our largest fundraiser of the year a success. Consider volunteering before, during or after the festival: volunteer meetings start in mid-March and will continue until after the festival. Check our website for committee lists and join other like-minded people that love the arts and the community. We welcome donations of artwork for the Annual Scholarship Fund Raffle and hope that you will purchase Scholarship Fund raffle tickets (you do not have to be present to win). Support WAA with an ad or tribute in the festival program: any donation, large or small, in-kind or monetary, will help WAA continue to offer its many art programs, services as well as award scholarships to young aspiring artists. Donations are tax-deductible. Finally, be sure to mark your calendar for July 11 and 12 and visit coastal Wickford Village to buy some fabulous tax-free art!

Download applications on our website www.wickfordart.org. Follow festival news, meeting dates, announcements and more at our official Facebook page Wickford Art Festival RI or on Twitter and Instagram: @wickfordartfest or contact me at wickfordartfestival@gmail.com for more information.

See you at the festival...Judy Salvadore – Festival Director

Welcome ... to our newest members

Sharlene Allen
Natalie Aubin
Jody Brown
Karen Byron
Lydia M. Capobianco
Ted Culotta
Becky Davis
Missy Englehard
Grace Farrell
Lori Gelfuso

Ronald Joseph
Marie King
Sonja Lemoi
Earle MacGillivray
Kay McManus
Lawrence O'Leary Jr.
Steve Paulson
Vanessa Piche
Jason Phillips
Lori Reinert

Howard Rotblatt-Walker
George Salter
Suzanne Siegel
Mary Eleanor Toms
Kathleen Tondreau
Barbara Tortolani
Lori Viner
Michelle Williamson

OPEN JURIED Show Awards

ANYTHING GOES

1ST PLACE – Kathleen Laquerre
2ND PLACE – Bonnie Jaffe
3RD PLACE – Kerstin Zettmar
HONORABLE MENTION – Nina Ackmann
HONORABLE MENTION – Bonnie Jaffe
JUDGES AWARD – Nancy Nielsen
JUDGES AWARD – Paul M. Murray
JUDGES AWARD – Marc A. Jaffe

MEMBERS SHOW

1ST PLACE – Dan Lake
2ND PLACE – Robin Beckwith
3RD PLACE – Betsy Fenik
HONORABLE MENTION – Marc Jaffe
HONORABLE MENTION – Felicia S. Touhey
JUDGES AWARD – Suzanne Siegel
JUDGES AWARD – Cindy Horovitz Wilson
JUDGES AWARD – Jody Brown



Gallery NEWS

It is with great pleasure that I submit to you that we are passing through the woods of winter which have been dominated by many storms. But we take great pleasure in knowing that in front of us, the colors of spring are coming and we shall breathe the free air once again. Yes, Spring is on her way – she will wrap us in her warm embrace.

So how did we get through this winter at the Wickford Art Association? Well we started off the year with our annual guest show and hosted The Art League of Rhode Island. It was an amazing event and we were thrilled to meet many new artists and it was our great privilege to have their amazing artwork displayed in our gallery.

For our first community event we hosted photographer and RISD educator Lindsay Elgin who spoke about how to make the best presentation for your artwork. Those in attendance felt they walked away with a greater understanding of what a juror is looking for in the art submitted for shows. Up next was an open juried show titled “Anything Goes” and our juror was Rebecca Siemering. We had 172 submissions for this show and 82 works of art were displayed. It was a huge success and the variety of work accepted reflected the vast community of artists we are now attracting.

For our February Community event we hosted Tim Cranston, North Kingstown’s historian who spoke about the history for the arts in Wickford from the Victorian age up till the birth of the Wickford Art Association. It was very inspirational to hear how our organization fits right into the flow of history and inspires us to be among the leaders of the arts in the future of Wickford.

Currently we are hosting our annual Members Show at the gallery and we are getting ready to run our annual scholarship competition as well. Each year we give away \$5,000.00 to three high school seniors from around the state who enter our competition. These students must be accepted into an art college. The winners work will be displayed in the gallery from March 13th - 27th. The winners ceremony will take place on Sunday the 22nd at 3pm and we welcome you to attend.

As we approach warmer weather and venture to go outside for pleasure once again lets endeavor to capture the beauty we sense and create something beautiful in response to it before we take it for granted.

“The artist’s world is limitless. It can be found anywhere, far from where he lives or a few feet away. It is always on his doorstep.” ~Paul Strand. You never know what lies outside your doorstep, everyday offers the hope of a new adventure or the promise of peace to quiet the soul. Whatever your days bring, they will no doubt require you to decide how to interpret them. Let’s make the most of life folks - the world needs our art to start a conversation that will make a difference for the better. Carve out space for yourself to be creative this season!

Yours Truly,
Sarah Tallarico, Executive Director, Wickford Art Association

Juried Artist MEMBER OF THE MONTH	
The Wickford Art Association recognizes these accomplished Juried Artist Members for their lifetime work as artists:	
MARCH 2015: Nancy Paull	MAY 2015: Hiroko Shikashio
APRIL 2015: Susan Klas Wright	JUNE 2015: Norah Pfeiffer

Photographic Arts Group

Mother nature has not been very cooperative with our Photographic Arts Group meeting schedule – on the bright side it’s provided many opportunities to capture beautiful snow covered scenery.

Our meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month – 7:00 PM at the Wickford Art Association Gallery. All members of the WAA are welcome to attend. Photos from our monthly photo contest, which takes place during our meeting, are located on the Association’s website: <http://www.wickfordart.org/photo-arts-group-latest-news.html>. Please visit the website and take a look at what our photographers have been up to.

We did get a welcome break from the snow with a presentation by Cindy Wilson and Eileen McCarney Muldoon with beautiful photos from their travels to central Europe, Hungary, Vienna and Prague.

See you at the next meeting....happy shooting...John Pitocco

NOTE worthy

Welcome....
to our new Education Coordinator
FELICIA TOUHEY

Community Events

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 7 - 8 PM
We will feature Guy Cassaday – see his work and learn more about his career in automobile illustration and industrial design.

no one can help you when you’re “ALONE”

As the newsletter creator for the WAA, I would like to take this moment to boast about my son’s accomplishments in the film industry. Earlier this year, Actor and Director Joe Guarneri returned from LA to produce his first feature film, “Alone” in Bristol, RI.

He relocated to LA to launch his career in the film industry, studying acting at the Stella Adler Theater, appearing in several indie films and garnering a Best Supporting Actor Award in “The Craving Heart”.

He has taken part in all aspects of production and uses these tools in creating this indie thriller – the first film produced by his production company G-Films.

For updates on the movie and to follow this upcoming film artist, visit the ALONE Facebook page, follow Twitter @Alone_Movie or Instagram Movie.Alone.

a REMINDER:

As a simple reminder to all members – the quarterly Newsletter is designed with you in mind. Please share your accomplishments...we all want to know what’s going on in the lives of our fellow artists, and we’re only too happy to share in your excitement over an award or an exhibit you’re entering. Email the Newsletter Chair – mguarnieri122@gmail.com or call 401-231-9258 to leave your name and your exciting news.



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