

The 50th Anniversary of the Wickford Art Festival

# Summer 2012



## Juried Artist Member OF THE MONTH

The goal is to research as many members from as far back as I can go to bring the history of our association closer to us in the present. A Photo album houses the bios of previously featured JAM's for public view. The **Juried Artist Member** of the month is on the left side of the foyer entering the gallery.

Spring featured JAMs:

APRIL 2012: Rick Devin

MAY 2012: Olive Willis

JUNE 2012: Carol Berren

Coming in JULY 2012:

Joan Boghossian

## *A message from the President...*

Hello to all members!

First off, we want to get updated artist bio's from all of our members to update our Artists Membership Reference Book. Having a bio is a really important tool when selling your art work. Thank you to Janet MacCausland for taking this volunteer position. Please send in your updated bio's for our book to Janet, her info is stated in this newsletter.

Next, I have been working with Senator Sheehan on a tax free artist zone for Wickford. The proposal is on the table at the state house and we are waiting to here if it will be passed. If it isn't passed I think it was a good start. I gave testimony and we had a petition with signatures that was brought to the hearing. This will give downtown Wickford a chance for a vibrant artist community with our organization involved.

Please thank Sarah, our Gallery Director for an amazing public school show. We had 551 visitors in the gallery the day of the opening. It was a real joy to see the kids faces running in the door looking for their art piece with their family.

Its fest time! There are plenty of opportunities to volunteer again this year especially with the Wilsons Clothing Store exhibit featuring our founding members. Thank you to Wayne and Jackie McCarthy, Nancy Gauthier Thomas and Kate Church for helping us with this project. The festival program is going to be extra snazzy this year too combining our past history and today.

Be on the lookout for a new granite bench honoring our founding members. It will be placed just outside our gallery door. A big thank you to Mike Brito for his volunteer time helping us!

If you get a chance please congratulate the very talented John Pitocco, volunteer of the year! This honor was given out at the Chamber of Commerce dinner in April. It is one of the highlights for me this year to be able to do that.

The Imperial gallery has opened at Jerry's Artarama. Jonathon Florez who is the manager is asking for artists work for upcoming shows. The gallery is part of Gallery Night Providence and Jonathon does not take a commission.

The oil and watercolor show had a new award tied to it. The Daphne Henderson most creative award went to Cynthia DiDonato. There was a special ribbon, plaque and \$200.00! Ironically, the ribbon matched the painting perfectly. A nice deep purple. Thank you to Patricia Lake and Judy Henderson for being so supportive with this.

One last thank you and that is to our well respected community member, Mr. Paul Wilson. Mr. Wilson for over the past 50 years has always been a supporter of our art festival and he has helped our town in so many countless ways. Thank you, Mr. Wilson for being there for us so many times!

Gratefully,  
Pam Reed

## Jacqueline Roy SCHOLARSHIP

A scholarship has been set up by the friends of Jacqueline Roy, who recently passed away.

The *Plein Aire Painters of Narragansett Bay* took up a collection from their Thursday painting group here at the gallery in honor of their friend Jacqueline.

This year, this award will be given to Miri Kim a finalist in our scholarship award competition and winner of our Presidential award. Miri Kim is from Chariho Regional High School and will be attending Rhode Island School of Design.

**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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# 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

## WICKFORD ART FESTIVAL 2012

### GALLERY NEWS

#### Congratulations!

OPEN JURIED  
SHOW AWARDS

##### MEMBERS SHOW A-L

Juror: Bill Krul

1ST PLACE: Carole Berren

2ND PLACE: Barbara DeCesare

3RD PLACE: Gerry Grabowski

Honorable Mention: Linda Hamlin

Honorable Mention: George Furbish

Judge's Award: Bruce Luscombe

Judge's Award: Lawrence Elig

##### MEMBERS SHOW M-Z

Juror: Bill Krul

1ST PLACE: Adriana Sanchez

2ND PLACE: Dianne Webb

3RD PLACE: Michael Masi

Honorable Mention: Pat Newell

Honorable Mention: Janet MacCauseland

Judge's Award: Nancy Nielsen

Judge's Award: Frank Mullins

##### WATERCOLOR & OIL SHOW

Juror: Nancy Stula

1ST PLACE: Pamela Reed

2ND PLACE: Steve Hamlin

3RD PLACE: Elinor Thompson

Honorable Mention: Theresa Girard

Honorable Mention:

Roberta Van Der Molen

Judge's Award: Nina Hope Pfanstiehl

Judge's Award: Judith Anderson

Most Creative Award:

Cynthia DiDonato

Hello Esteemed Members,

It sure feels like Summer today!!! I hope we all find this Summer to be relaxing and inspirational and creativity productive.

Over the Spring we held many successful classes and shows. The North Kingstown K-12 Show boasted 551 visitors for the opening! The door seemed to never stop having people flow in and out and the response was amazing. There is a real gratitude on the part of the community that we have embraced and validated their kids' art. We are fulfilling the mission statement of our association.

Thank you to all who have donated artwork for fundraisers in the community. This has been both generous and inspirational... I am happy to serve such an incredible group of artists.

June 16th the gallery will be honoring our longest standing members by hosting a formal 1st Annual Tea in their honor. It has been my vision to seek out the history and the stories of those who brought our organization into being. I believe in honoring the past as we move into the future. On this note I have begun a documentary film which PBS has agreed to air when it is complete. There will be many interviews and stories from the past on into the present as well as a projection into the future. Many thanks go to the core team who are working with me on this project: Chris Abbey, our film maker, Rick Devon, Olive Willis and JoAnne Breslin as well as Lora and Walter Schroder who are my personal sounding board. We are seeking historical facts, articles and stories and if you are in possession of these please do not hesitate to come forward. If you have an

interest in assisting please contact me at the Gallery.

On Sunday, June 24th from 3-5pm we are beginning a collaboration with Origami Poetry and will be having a poetry meeting at the gallery. One of the poets is coming from Indonesia to read and hotels are already booked in the area for out of towners coming to this event. We are calling for artists to create the artwork for poet's poems. This a very exciting new opportunity please come and check it out.

We are working on getting a date on the calendar for a members picnic this Summer. We will be honoring our volunteers and maybe my band will come and play. So I am seeking volunteers to help me plan the picnic.

This year we went statewide with our scholarships with the help of Mia Thompson, president of RIAEA and reached out to 40 public high schools giving them the opportunity to compete for the scholarship. We have 3 place winners and also a presidential award. The awards opening will be Saturday June 2nd from 3-5pm.

I could go on but suffice it to say if you have time and interest I can use your skills to make the gallery reach it's full potential. I hope to hear from you soon.

Do you need to Spring clean your life? Those things you do which are not fruitful or life giving, cut them off...make space in your life to create and grow as an artist. You will live a richer and fuller life and inspire others to do the same.

Till we meet again,  
Sarah Tallarico – Gallery Director

### Photographic Arts Group

The Photographic Arts Group most recent challenge was a scavenger hunt where all the images submitted had to be taken by a disposable film camera provided at our holiday party. There were over 100 images submitted by 22 members. Each category related to a film topic which had a winner, the overall scavenger hunt winner was then selected by the members from the Photographic Arts Group. Carol Beatrice's beautiful image of a red kayak was selected as the overall winner. Carol will be the hunt mistress for our next scavenger hunt in the fall. We are all looking forward to Carol's challenge!

We were treated to presentations by two guest speakers: Barbara (Babs) Bourgette, a photographer and WAA member, provided a lot of thought provoking discussion on our own

personal legacy images and how they should be handled. Michael DiStefano, award winning photographer, exhibitor and judge of 4 International Exhibitions, shared his many years of experience in photography giving members in-depth photo critiques of their images.

With the nice weather approaching, starting in June our meetings will be photo shoots. If you have a location or suggestion for a photo shoot please send me an email.

Our meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month and meeting agendas are posted on the website Wickfordart.org. Stop in and see what's happening or join us on a photo shoot!

Happy shooting, John

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### 2012 WAA SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

This year we went statewide with our scholarship awards with the help of Mia Thompson, president of RIAEA and reached out to 40 public high schools giving them the opportunity to compete for the scholarship. Here are the results...

**First Place** (\$2500): Brooke Pacheco from Mt. Hope High School

**Second Place** (\$1500): Jordan Walker from Cranston High School West

**Third Place** (1000): Lauren Olsen from Barrington High School

**Presidents' Award** (250.00 +5 year membership to WAA and free entry into any WAA Exhibit):  
Miri Kim from Chariho Regional High School

Reception and exhibit for the winners is schedule for June 2, 3pm-5pm at the Wickford Art Association.  
Art exhibit will run from June 2 - June 9.

### NOTE worthy...

#### Membership Reference Book

Janet MacCausland, a member of the Wickford Art Association will be contacting the members over a period of time for updated profiles. This may be up to two pages, including your logo, contact information, an artist's statement, copies of your work, or anything else you would like to include. It will be collected into notebooks as a reference for the gallery and potential buyers of art. If you have something you would like included, please e-mail it to Janet at [jimmermaid@aol.com](mailto:jimmermaid@aol.com), or mail it to her at 26 Lakeview Drive, Raynham, MA. 02767.

### MEMBER NEWS

Carole Berren's watercolor has been recognised by the feature editor of "Watercolor Artist" magazine. She has been invited to write an article for their magazine dealing with creativity and imagination in watercolor. Also, her painting, "The Strand" is included in the new Splash 13 book which should be coming to bookstores sometime in August.

Sally Caswell, CA, RIWS is pleased to announce that her monotype, "Autumn Song" was #124 in the juried WGBH 2012 Art Auction.

Barbara DeCesare has two photos of the Federal Building in Providence hanging in an office at the Federal Court, as a result of the FemFocus photography show April - May.

Theresa Girard received a third place win for her piece "Blue Laundry" at the Naples Art Association this winter. SOHO restaurant, in Pier Village, Narragansett is featuring the work of Theresa Girard in a revolving exhibit. Her work "Emerge" is also featured in the International Society of Acrylic Painters 2012 show. She is also a finalist in the abstract category for the Artist's Magazine., and is also published in Best of Artist worldwide Mixed Media artists Volume 2. Theresa also participated in the recent "12 Artists for Domestic Violence". She will be teaching Mindful Drawing and Painting here at the Wickford Art Association on Friday July 13th.

Steve Hamlin has exhibited at the Chabot Gallery "Discovering New England" show. He was also accepted into the Connecticut Academy of Fine Arts National Show in Mystic and "Art of the Animal Kingdom XVII" show at Bennington Center for the Arts, Vermont.

Trish Marcaccio was awarded an Honorable Mention for her mixed media painting "Snowy River" in an exhibit at the Warwick Art Museum, "Women Artists of R.I." Trish continues to exhibit at the Voila Gallery in Wickford and recently was thrilled to receive a commission through the gallery. She has also exhibited at the Main Street Coffee Art Gallery, the East Greenwich Art Club "Little Picture Show", and the East Greenwich Library.

Cyndy Moniz had two photographs accepted into the Connecticut Academy of Fine Arts 101st Annual Juried Show at the Mystic Arts Center which runs from 5/25/12 - 7/14/12. She also had two photographs accepted at the South County Art Association All Media Open Juried Show.

Tim Murphy has 20 photographs at the Sunset Cafe, 499 Hope Street, Bristol. They will be there thru the end of July. Call ahead to check on the hours the Cafe is opened.

Nancy Paull won and Honorable Mention at the Newport Art Museum.

Shari Weschler Rubeck had an exhibit at Krause Gallery at Moses Brown School, May - June, 2012

Howard Rubenstein had a panoramic photo of Fenway Park which was featured in a special glossy section of the Sunday, April 1st edition of the Boston Globe in association with Nikon camera to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Fenway Park.

Roberta Van Der Molen received an honorable mention in the Newport Museum's 2012 Annual Members Juried Exhibit for her solar print titled, "Cherries II".

#### Congratulations to our newly Juried Artist Members!

Sally Blitzer – watercolors

Peggy Field – pastel and watercolor.

Nina Phansteil – ceramic sculpture,  
watercolors, oils

Barbara DeCesare – photography

#### Welcome... new members of WAA we're glad to have you join our creative family ...

Allie Amaral	Elizabeth
Jan Armor	Littlefield
Cate Brown	Judy Nudelman
David Christner	Pat Newell
Joan Edge	Cherly O'Neil
Michael Egan	Cheryl O'Neil
Lawrence Elig	Donald Powell
Thomas Freeman	Adriana Sanchez
Jessica L. Hines	Kenneth Sliney
Susan Kupper	Tom Sisito
Melanie	Bill Synwoldt
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