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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.

## PRODUCERS OF THE 49TH ANNUAL WICKFORD ART FESTIVAL

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## Art Festival BUZZ

The days are flying by ... the Wickford Art Festival will soon be here ... and what an exciting time it will be!

Our streets have been graced with exceptional talent ... artists from all over the globe ... and this year won't be any different!

Please check our "new" website for a listing of all exhibiting artists ... your favorites, as well as some new talent.

As is customary, we'll need volunteers to help out during the two days of the Festival. If you can volunteer 2 hours of your time, at any time during those two days, please contact me as soon as possible, to be put on the list.

We would like to thank our Corporate Sponsors of this year's Festival ... Webster Bank, the New York Times and Tavern by the Sea.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Francie Christophersen  
Festival Director  
festival@wickfordart.org  
or call 401-294-6840

## A message from the President...

I extend my sincere greetings to New England lovers of the arts.

Our membership is increasing rapidly and for many good reasons. We now have members from throughout the state of Rhode Island as well as Massachusetts and Connecticut. We have a new state of the art website which is a must see. There are many new and exciting courses being offered and we have started working on some preliminary plans for our expansion, which will be south of our present building. New classrooms, a gift shop, a new kitchen and library space are in the offing, as well as an office space for our gallery director. We are hoping for an outdoor deck with a view overlooking beautiful Narragansett Bay. Removal of the old Beechwood house will give us an unobstructed panorama. It is a very exciting time to be a member of the Wickford Art Association. If you know someone who would like to become a member, appreciates the arts and is interested in supporting a valuable community asset, then I urge them to join. We are here. We are not going anywhere and we are going to continue to be bigger and better, to serve New England, Rhode Island and our community.

Don't forget our 49th annual Wickford Art Festival, rated number one in the northeast, produced by our Wickford Art Association.

If you have any comments, ideas or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at president@wickfordart.org or hrubenstein@wickfordart.org

All the best,  
Howard Rubenstein

**— RAFFLE TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW —  
STOP BY THE GALLERY AND GET YOURS TODAY  
AND GET A CLOSER LOOK AT THE BEAUTIFUL ARTWORK  
THAT WILL BE RAFFLED OFF AT THE FESTIVAL THIS YEAR!**

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

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# NOTE worthy...

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Notices for membership renewal have been mailed out and are due back by June 30th. Please pay close attention to the updated levels of membership and how they apply to your particular membership status. As the association looks to the future, offering several levels of membership and benefits better serves our members as well as the community.

If you have not received a renewal, please contact the gallery or download the form from our website, and mail it to the Wickford Art Association.

## VACANCY...

We'd like to thank Sharon Alemany for the great job she did as our Hospitality Chairperson — and now welcome her as our new Membership Chairperson. This means that we now have an opening on the board for a Hospitality Chairperson. If you're interested please contact Sarah Tallarico at 401-294-6840.

## CORRECTION NOTICE SHOW CHANGE

The July 1 – 19, 2011  
Open Juried  
“Anything Goes”  
show is now  
OPEN to Photography.

Please see inside for more details.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

THE DEADLINE FOR THE  
FALL 2011 NEWSLETTER IS  
AUGUST 10, 2011.

This deadline will be strictly  
enforced going forward.

# MEMBER NEWS

**Jillian Barber** received Second Prize with her photograph in the South County Art Association exhibit in March, 2011.

**Carole Berren** received word that one of her paintings has been selected for publication in *Splash 13: Alternative Approaches*. The name of the series is *Splash: The Best of Watercolor* and is published by North Light Books. She also was accepted into the Catherine Lorillard Wolfe Art Club's 114th Juried Exhibition. The exhibition was held in the fall of 2010 at the National Arts Club in Gramercy Park, NYC.

**Bill Brennan** received First Prize with his photograph in the South County Art Association exhibit in March, 2011.

**Theresa Girard** has won third prize in the Portsmouth Arts Guild Abstract show. Her piece “Airing Laundry 2” is an 18 x 28 combined media. Her “Homage to Klee” was displayed and sold at the Spring Bull Gallery in their previous show.

**Bonnie Jaffe's** photograph, “Plastic Reflections”, won First Prize at the Portsmouth Arts Guild “Imagine Purple” Exhibit, April 7-May 1, 2011. Also, her photograph, “Dressing”, was one of 27 works of art accepted into the 4th Annual Pawtucket Foundation Prize Exhibition, May 1-June 24, 2011.

**Marc Jaffe's** photograph, “Vertebral Columns”, was accepted into the 100th Annual Connecticut Academy of Fine Arts Exhibition at the Mystic Arts Center, May 27 - July 16, 2011.

**Bonnie and Marc Jaffe** also exhibited in a 3 person artist member show at the Wickford Art Association, May 20-June 7, 2011

**Trish Marcaccio** was invited back to the Voila Gallery in Wickford to exhibit for the season. Stop by and see some of her new work.

**Marie Martone** had a piece accepted in the South County Art Association Annual Open Juried Photography Exhibition, entitled “Presence”.

**Cyndy Moniz** had two images in the South County Art Association exhibit in March, 2011.

**Martha Powell** was invited by the Newport Art Museum to exhibit her photograph “Monarch Meets Mum” in the *Things With Wings* exhibition which opens June 10th. She also received Honorable Mention for her photograph, “Profane” in the Open Juried I show at the South County Art Association in June. She attributes this new-found recognition and has the greatest gratitude to Howard Rubenstein for teaching her to think “Outside the Box”.

**Merilyn Rocks** received First Prize and a purchase prize in Hopedale's Art in the Park for her acrylic “Vancouver Sunset” and also won First Prize from Blackstone Valley Art Association for her acrylic called “Killarney Ireland”.

**Howard Rubenstein** will be participating in an exhibit at Gallery Z, 259 Atwells Avenue, Providence, June 16 - July 2, 2011. The exhibit title is “Photographers and Sculptors of Our Times”.

**Judy Salvadore** had two images selected for the Annual Open Juried Photography Invitational at South County Art Association in March, 2011.

**Brad J. Sherman** had his acrylic painting “Kitchen” juried into The Artists' Cooperative Gallery of Westerly's 18th annual Regional Art Exhibit running from April 27 - May 21, 2011.

**Beverly Silva** had a painting accepted into the 4th Annual Pawtucket Foundation Prize Exhibition which runs from 5/1/11 to 6/24/11 at the Pawtucket Arts Collaborative Gallery, Blackstone Valley Visitor Center, 175 Main St., Pawtucket.

**Roberta Van Der Molen** received Honorable Mention in March for a solar print, at the Art League RI Annual Associate Members Show at the Imago Gallery in Warren, RI.

**Shari Weschler Rubeck** has currently been invited to join up with One Way Gallery in Narragansett, RI. and in Providence for the Indie Arts Festival on June 4th 2011. She and her husband will have art in both locations. Her work is slated to show in Boston at Vee Vee in July and Colo Colo Gallery in September of this year.

**Reiko Wimbush** is exhibiting her oil paintings, titled “Around the World in Eighteen Paintings” at Bill Krul's Gallery on Boon Street, Narragansett (next to Crazy Burger). The Gallery is opened daily from 10am to 8pm. The exhibit ends on June 30th.

# WORKSHOPS and CLASSES

ANIMALS IN ART WORKSHOP – ages 9 and up  
• Tuesdays, July 5 - 26 – 10:30-11:45 am

Lori Jeremiah — COLOR CLASS FOR KIDS  
• Monday, June 13 & 20 - 3:30-5:30 pm  
• Wednesday, June 15 & 22 - 3:30-5:30 pm

Lori Jeremiah — OUTDOOR ALL LEVELS  
• Fridays, June 17 - July 15 – 9 -11:30 am

Bill Brennan — PHOTOSHOP CLASS  
• 3rd week of July – For more info, call the gallery.  
At least 10 students are needed for this class to take place.

Adele Karbowski —  
EXPLORING ART AND GREAT ARTISTS – ages 5 - 8years  
• Saturdays, July 16 - August 6 – 10-11am

FINE ART AND ART HISTORY TIMELINE – ages 9 and up  
• Saturdays, July 16 - August 6 – 11:30 am -1 pm

FINE ART KID'S CAMP – ages 6-13  
• Monday-Friday, July 18 - 22 – 9 am -1 pm  
Limited space available, contact Gallery ASAP!

CREATING ANIMALS – ages 5 - 8 years  
• Tuesdays, July 5 - 26 – 9-10 am

Fred Meli — OUTDOOR PASTEL LANDSCAPE  
• Saturdays, August 6 -27 – 10 am - 12 noon

Sally Caswell — OUTDOOR WATERCOLOR LANDSCAPE  
• Fridays, August 5 - 26 – 4 week course  
• Fridays, September 9 - October 7 – 9:30 am - 1 pm

Howard Rubenstein — OUT OF THE BOX PHOTOGRAPHY  
• Wednesdays, September 28 - Oct 26 – 7 pm

## WE CURRENTLY HAVE 3 OPEN STUDIOS

- Tuesdays, 12 - 3 pm
- Thursdays, 9:30 am - 3 pm – Pleinair, off location (must call gallery if interested) – \$2 fee
- Sundays, 12:30 - 2:30 pm – All media (unless there is a show opening)  
Instructor: Gail Fairbanks – \$5 fee

## OUTSIDE EXHIBITS



We now have an off-site exhibit for our Juried Artist Member's. It is at the Wakefield Mall in the Wakefield Book Store. Stop by and see our artist's work in this fine setting! And spread the word that there is local art to be found there for anyone interested!

## the Rhode Island Home Show ...

The Wickford Art Association took their place in the *first ever* Fine Arts Showcase section of the Rhode Island Home Show at the Convention Center in Providence this past Spring. Our booth showcased artwork of Juried Artist Members ... was organized by Sarah Tallarico and several of the artists who helped look after the booth during the 4-day show. Kim Ellery, who coordinated the showcase, had her own booth set-up, as did several other artists, photographers and sculptors from the Association.

It was a different venue for the RI Home Show ... but was received with enthusiasm by patrons and artists alike.



## Japan Earthquake Hope Fund

The recent earthquake in Japan was so devastating to millions of people, it necessitated the need to do something to extend a helping hand.

With the generous help of “Crestar” in East Greenwich, who would be supplying the gallery space, we are able to have fund raising events in the latter part of September at their spacious facility.

Artists are encouraged to donate 25% of the proceeds of the sale of their artwork ... area merchants may donate merchandise for auction as well.

There will be live music and refreshments on the day or days of events.

Please feel free to e-mail me at [www.hirokoart.com](http://www.hirokoart.com) or call me 401-827-0645 if you would like to participate in these special events.

Please accept my sincere appreciation ahead of time for extending a helping hand for this worthy cause, and thank you for taking the time to help others who are in desperate need.

Most Sincerely,  
Hiroko Shikashio

