

Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Wickford Art Festival



A message from the President...

Hi Everybody,

Please give a warm welcome to our new festival director, Rich Watrous and co-director Ricky McLaughlin. We are thrilled to have them heading the ship for the 50th Anniversary of the Wickford Art Festival — welcome aboard Rich and Ricky!

I would like to announce also that we have new outside lights, foyer lights and our exit signs are fixed, thanks to Rise and S&S Electrical.

A big thank you to Patricia Lake for taking over the Daphne Henderson Most Creative Award. This award is on behalf of Daphne's family in honor of her lifetime art career. It will be given out yearly to one member. The details are still being worked on but keep a lookout in the next newsletter.

Congratulations to our members who entered the Newport Art Museum show. Snow storm and all! We are proud of you.

Another thank you I would like to extend is to our members who helped paint the gallery in January — Carol Beatrice,

Tiffany Adams, Bob Chaisson,
Dan Lake, John Pitocco,
Charles Bauer, Barry Butterworth.

This was accompanied by a huge cookie and candy platter from Ellen Waxman.

We are grateful to the Rhode Island Watercolor Society for hosting the art association in January. What a great turnout for the opening and a refreshing start to the new year. The RIWS will be our guests next year.

A reminder: don't forget to use our library. There are some great painting books and tons of art magazines for you to enjoy.

We still need volunteers for the finance committee, hospitality chairperson, one more person for newsletter mailings, the upcoming festival, grounds and maintenance, office and a person in charge of demo's.

Thank you and happy spring, Pam

A Golden Anniversary – A Golden Opportunity to Shine

According to an unknown source, probably Hallmark, an anniversary is a celebration of love, partnership, and TENACITY, the order varying for any given moment in time. Reaching a golden anniversary is a rarity in this day and age. It marks a half century of togetherness, accomplishment and strength.

This year, the Wickford Art Festival celebrates its 50th Anniversary, and we believe that with your help, our historical 50th anniversary Festival and associated celebrations will be ones to be remembered.

Scheduled for the weekend of July 7th and 8th, the Wickford Art Association, in conjunction with the Wickford Art Festival Directors Group and the support teams, will welcome approximately 225 artists and 70,000+ art enthusiasts to the town and village.

In addition to hosting the artists and visitors, this year, special focus will be given to celebrating both the Wickford Art Association's and the Wickford Art Festival's past heritage, present accomplishments and future aspirations.

What a week for RI! Parades in Bristol, Tall Ships in Newport and the Wickford Art Festival's "50th" Celebration — where visitors can purchase a fine painting to commemorate their visit to three of Rhode Islands finest waterfront communities!

This great, historic "Golden Anniversary" celebration will continue the regional festivities of the Fourth. The opening reception, gathering, and registration for artists is Friday evening July 6th.

To accomplish all that needs to be done, in a very short period of time, we are calling on our loyal members, friends and "historians" to help us make this year's festival a tribute to our anniversary year. To help with the challenges that lie ahead, the gallery will be open on Monday afternoons from noon to 4:00 p.m. for Festival business. Each of you are welcome to drop in with your input.

As our Festival Support Teams form, some of the areas that we will need help with include: office support, marketing & publications support, graphics, video, photography, sponsorship development and — of course — many hands for artist registration, artist's support and festival days. We are also looking for individuals who can help with historical information about the Association and Festival. In addition to Monday afternoons, we can be reached by email at festivaldirector@wickfordart.org.

In addition, you will also be receiving a volunteer/support team recruitment form that you will be able to fill out, and return to the gallery. Remembering that our volunteers are the backbone of the festival, we hope to hear from many of you regarding your specific interests.

Looking forward to meeting and working with you now and in the future ... and to our Golden Anniversary celebration.

Rich Watrous – Festival Director
Frederica McLaughlin – Co-Director

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

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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.



NOTE worthy...

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

Jeannine Beliveau
Dorothy Campbell
Bob Carniaux
Kathy Carniaux
Richard Cohen
Linda Hamlin
Steve Hamlin
Donald Knee
Erin Schlicting
Puiming Webber
Theresia Wenisch
Cathryn Wirth

Congratulations
to our newly Juried
Artist Members!

Georgann Casey - Photography
Patricia D'Ambra - Watercolor, oils and acrylics
George Furbish - Oils
Robin Grace - Abstracts, acrylics on canvas
Sylvia Hampton - Photography
Beth Johnston - Oils
Sabra Park Luscumbe - Watercolor, acrylics and pencil
Marie Martone - Photography, oils and pastels
Cyndy Moniz - Photography
Amos Paine - Pen, ink and guach
Judy Salvadore - Photography

MEMBER NEWS

Carol Beatrice's photo, "Birth of a Refuge", received 3rd place in the Flora category of the National Wildlife Refuge Photo Contest. Carol took the photo on the group photo shoot this summer.

Carole Berren has just been accepted into the annual American Watercolor Society's International Exhibition this year. Upon this, her 3rd acceptance, she is now considered to be a Signature Member of AWS.

Don Gregory - Photographer has just published his first fiction novel.

Bonnie Jaffe has received "Best in Show" award at the Newport Art Museum's Annual Members Juried Exhibition.

Beth Johnston Beth had a solo show at Henry Carter Hull Library in Clinton, CT. She was also featured in a SO Rhode Island Magazine article.

Sandi King was featured in Wren magazine (Woman's Rural Entrepreneurial Network, a group out of Bethlehem, New Hampshire). Sandi has been a member for 4 years and was featured for her pet photography and custom magazine covers. They have a wonderful gallery and store in Bethlehem and, for the first time, will be allowing dogs in the gallery to have their photos taken.

John Pitocco's photo "Providence Power Plant" on aluminum was selected for RISCA Contemporary Art at the State House.

Jessica Vescera recently won Yankee Magazines 2011 Summer Photo Contest.

Laurie Brandt, John Pitocco and Jessica Vescera all had images selected for the 2012 Printmakers, Inc. calendar.

Photographic Arts Group

Because it's winter doesn't mean the Photographic Arts Group has gone into hibernation! In January several members took a trip to New York to see the Vivian Maier exhibit. This was a great time for everyone that attended and all enjoyed viewing Miss Maier's unique style of street photography.

We are also wrapping up a new Photo Scavenger Hunt. Laurie Brandt, winner of our most recent Photo Scavenger Hunt has designed one with a lot of unique challenges (starting with the use of disposable cameras only)!

Bill Brennan let us all in on his method of photographing smoke — awesome! The images created by this process are very unique and beautiful. Other topics covered at recent meetings were: Photoshop Curves, challenges of winter photography and the use of fill flash.

Don't let the winter weather keep you home, come on out to our meetings. They're held the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Wickford Art Association Gallery.

Happy shooting,
John

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ASSOCIATION NEWS

Dear Esteemed Members,

I hope this letter finds you at peace during this time of year while the ground sleeps. Winter is a great time to reflect on where we are and where we hope to go in our lives. As we stay inside more we also seem to go inside our thoughts more in pensive reflection. For some this can be full of sadness and others a time of deep gratitude. May I encourage you all to remember the gift that is in you? You paint, you draw, you sculpt, you photograph and so much more. Your hands and your eyes try to express what your heart feels and sees. So if you have not been being creative lately and been around art, dive back in! The water of life, being creative, heals, invigorates and grows the soul of the producer and the receiver. The world needs your vision and your soul longs to express itself. I know this because you are members of the Wickford Art Association. You intentionally chose to invest in your artistic self. So please remember to stop in the gallery to view the art, register your work for a show, come to an open studio and surround yourself with other creative seekers or take a class. You may find a smile crease your face a bit more often if you do!

We are thrilled to have RIAEA (RI Art Education Association) teaming up with our scholarship chair, Lori Jeremiah for the Scholarship awards this year. This year our scholarship will be going statewide and that is no small feat to accomplish. But Mia Thompson the President of RIAEA along with its Board have graciously agreed to contact all the public high schools in RI to inform them of this great

opportunity. They have also agreed to help on several other levels because their mission statement is being expressed through what our organization has been doing for so many years. They are thrilled that the Wickford Art Association is so encouraging to those students striving to go to college as art students. Hat's off to the founders and keepers of the WAA who have been faithful to give so generously and with such vision to promote fine arts in its youth!

I want to take a moment to thank a very special volunteer, Jenna Mandel who was here last year and has come back and not a minute too late! Her many hours of help got Pam and the board through the last show as I was out of town! Well done Jenna, you rock! Also thank you to all those who make these shows happen from registration, jury team, set up, etc. — Gail Fairbanks, Joyce Rogers (also for her posters!), for the many years Ralph Williams was here his presence is missed. To Bruce and Sabra Luscombe our Wednesday night crew and Bruce for all he does whenever he can. To Carol Beatrice and Dianne Webb (welcome to the crew Dianne). To Judy Salvadore and Barbara DeCesare the juror assistant team and to Tory Corey our fabulous show hanger. There are others who come when they can such as Marcia Blair and Judith Anderson. Thanks to all of you and for all of you who make my job easier!

Hope to see you all soon!!

Yours Truly,
Sarah Tallarico, Gallery Director

Congratulations!

OPEN JURIED SHOW AWARDS

“FIRE AND ICE” – Juror: Sara Young

1ST PLACE: Marc Jaffe

2ND PLACE: Elinor Thompson

3RD PLACE: M.A. Podolak

Honorable Mention: Lori Jeremiah

Honorable Mention: Lee Alexander

Judge's Award: Bonnie Jaffe

“STILL LIFE & INTERIOR SPACES”

– Juror: Natalie Thompson

1ST PLACE: Beth Johnston

2ND PLACE: Jo Ann Elig

3RD PLACE: Cindy Horowitz Wilson

Honorable Mention: Dianne Webb

Honorable Mention: Pamela Reed

Judge's Award: Edwin Roche

Judge's Award: Jill Tyler

“ALL MEDIA”

– Juror: Michele C. Leavitt

1ST PLACE: William Brennan

2ND PLACE: Lawrence Elig

3RD PLACE: M.A. Podolak

Honorable Mention:
Steve Hamlin

Honorable Mention:
Gail Fairbanks

JAM 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 will house the bios of all those who are featured on the wall. The **Juried Artist Member** of the month is on the left side of the foyer entering the gallery.

Artists featured to date:

JANUARY 2012: Norma Cheek

FEBRUARY 2012: Lee Alexander

MARCH 2012: Anne Hoyle

In Memorium ...

Our member, Jacqueline Roy has passed away. She was also a member of the Providence Art Club. Jacqueline enjoyed watercolors and oil painting. She was an active member of the plein air painters group on Thursdays for 30 years! I know she will be very missed by all who knew her. Her family and friends are setting up a scholarship in her honor. If you would like to donate to this, please contact the gallery.

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We are starting to price stone benches to launch our memorial garden. Would anyone like to head this special project? Call Pam at 286-6911





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