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The Wickford Art Association presents the 62st Annual

WICKFORD *Art* FESTIVAL



July 12th & 13th at Wilson Park

art by Holly Wach

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The Wickford Art Association is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that produces the festival on the second weekend in July and offers art exhibits and art classes to its members and the general public throughout the year. Hope you enjoy the 61st Wickford Art Festival!

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LETTER *from the* FESTIVAL DIRECTOR

Welcome to the 62st Annual Wickford Art Festival!

It is with great joy and anticipation that I welcome you to this year's celebration of art, community, and creativity. As the first time Festival Director of this Rhode Island tradition, I'm honored to invite you into a weekend filled with inspiration, connection, and beauty.

For over sixty years, the Wickford Art Festival has brought together artists and art lovers from all walks of life. This year, we're thrilled to host more than 200 juried artists from across the country, showcasing an incredible range of work—from painting and sculpture to photography and mixed media. Their talent reflects the vibrant, diverse spirit of today's art scene.

As you wander through our open-air gallery in Wilson Park, take your time. Meet the artists, ask about their process, and maybe even discover the perfect piece to take home.

But this festival is about more than art—it's about bringing together a community of talented creatives. Enjoy live performances curated by the North Kingstown Arts Council on the trail to and from town as well as on the field.

Discover interactive nature art by the Eco-Land Art Project along the Bush Hill Trail, and the 2nd year of the Wickford Markers Market, where you'll find local RI-made goods and pop-up shops. Be sure to follow our Photography Trail to capture your own special moments, and don't miss the food (strawberry shortcake) and festivities at the First Baptist Church of Wickford.

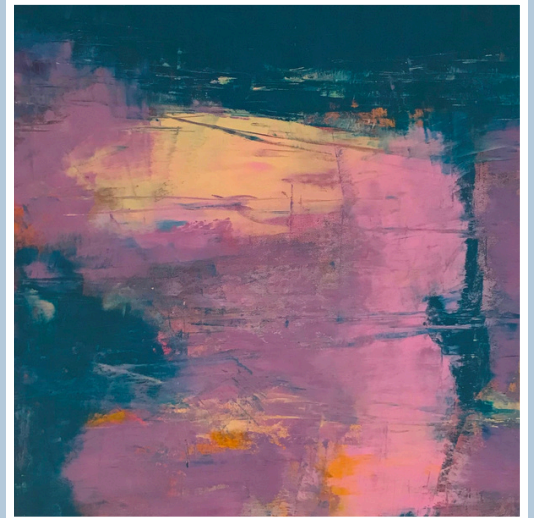
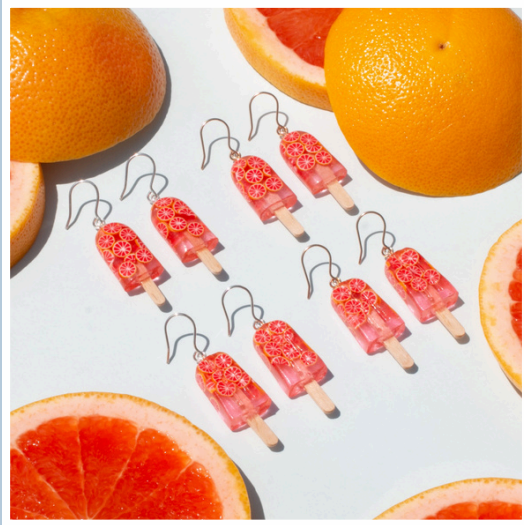
Strolling through Wickford's historic streets—lined with charming shops, waterfront cafés, and harbor views—adds its own magic to the experience.

None of this would be possible without the passion and hard work of our volunteers, sponsors, and community partners. My heartfelt thanks goes out to each of them for making this event a reality. To our returning guests—welcome back! And to first-time visitors—we're so happy you're here. May this festival spark joy, creativity, and lasting memories.

Here's to a fantastic festival weekend

Lydia B. Therrien

WICKFORD ART FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS



190 JURIED FINE ARTISTS

Artists apply each year and their submissions are reviewed by a jury committee of 5 members who look at originality, workmanship and professional presentation. We're welcoming **44 new artists** this year!

MEDIUM BREAKDOWN

18 - Mixed Media	12 - Jewelry
15 - Photography	7 - Glass
93 - Paint	6 - Ceramics
7 - Sculpture, Wood & Furniture	
14 - Drawing, Etching, Graphics & Print Making	

Top left - Hot Fluff, Top middle - Matt Cawles, Top right- Donna Grande, Lower left - Julie Brayton, Lower right - Sarah Hess

THIS YEAR'S ARTISTS

*We are thrilled to welcome artists from
across the state, region & country!*

63 - RHODE ISLAND

40 - Massachusetts

41 - Connecticut

4 - Maine

4 - New Hampshire

1 - Vermont

3 - Florida

1 - Illinois

1 - Ohio

1 - Maryland

7 - New Jersey

15 - New York

5 - Pennsylvania

1 - South Carolina

2 - Virginia

*Click the link below to view
the events digital map with
booth map & town map!*

[FESTIVAL MAP](#)



Top left - Jillian Barber, Lower left
- Joseph Mushipie, Right - Shane Dorey



Booth # 315

Hometown: Providence, RI

About this piece: Great Blue Heron

More about Holly:

Holly's travels across four continents inform her art, which often features birds as expressive symbols of emotion and intelligence. Based in the Northeast US, her work is exhibited in galleries, shows, and publications such as the Boston Globe and Where Women Create, and is included in collections like MOCA Jacksonville and the Langham Hotel Boston.

A highlight of her career is a collaboration with Google, creating a large-scale oil painting for their Quantum lab in California—fusing art and science to offer moments of reflection in a tech-driven world.

Many of you may remember the beautiful festival programs that use to be printed. Due to our efforts to reduce our paper footprint we starting printing only festival maps. One of the fun parts about the booklet was selecting a piece of fine art to be the cover and main design inspiration for that year's event. This year we went back to selecting a piece of fine art to be the "Face of the Festival" for all our marketing materials this year.

The jury committee reviewed work submitted by returning artists that applied before Feb. 15 and selected this piece by Holly Wach!



WAA SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE & MERCH

Stop by the WAA Info Booth for merchandise & commemorative posters! Then swing over to the scholarship raffle tent for your tickets and chance to win a piece of fine art. The drawing will be held at the close of the festival and winners can pick up art at the Wickford Art Association.

RAFFLE TICKETS

To benefit the
**Steven Klein
Scholarship Program**

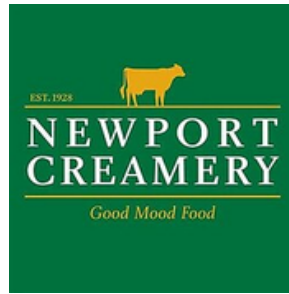
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Don't forget to check out our 2025 merchandise!

- 2025 Limited Edition Festival T-shirt
- 2025 Limited Edition Festival Poster
- WAA Blue & White Reusable Water Bottles
- WAA Blue & White Crew T-shirts

FOOD TRUCKS



COMMUNITY BOOTHS



2025



Steven Klein SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Lily Hannuksela, Ella Black-Andrade, Brandon John Thorp, Kieran Fisher (Alison "Ajax" Holmer not pictured)

What a wonderful evening celebrating the Steven Klein Scholarship Award and the Rhode Island Art Education Association Award recipients. We honored four Rhode Island high school artist seniors who were selected after a competitive jurying process, each recognized with prizes for their exceptional bodies of work.

This scholarship program is made possible through the generous support of the Steven Klein family and other donors who believe in the importance of supporting young artists.

Also a big thank you for the support from the Rhode Island Art Education Association. We wish each graduating artist the best of luck along their respective journeys!

Congratulations to our 2025 Steve Klein Scholarship recipients!

Alison "Ajax" Holmer – Barrington High School
Ella Black-Andrade – Cumberland High School
Lily Hannuksela – North Kingstown High School
Kieran Fisher – Cranston High School East
Brandon John Thorp – Chariho Regional High School

ART



WICKFORD

& EDUCATION

REFLECTIONS FROM SHANELLE ZAINO

THE

EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Welcome to the Wickford Art Festival!

I hope you enjoy all this Rhode Island tradition has to offer. While you walk amongst the artists in the festival, I ask you to think about your own connection to art. I ask that you think of your own art journey.

What is art to you? What does it mean to be artistic?
Is it being able to draw or to paint?
Is this something that you can learn?

The answer is that we all have a connection to art. Being artistic can mean that someone is able to draw or paint, but it can also be taught. You can learn how to create art.

Join us after the 62nd Wickford Art Festival has concluded and become an artist. Art and education come together at the Wickford Art Association throughout the year. Join us in our charming beachfront gallery for art classes that inspire.

BECOME AN

ARTIST

Join Us For Classes



Our classes seek to celebrate the love of art in all of us. We have class offerings for artists of all skill levels. Whether you're just starting out or aiming to elevate your skills, there's a place for you here.

Art education is not just the shaping of techniques; it's learning to see with new eyes, to believe in the beauty you carry, to face the hard things with an open heart.

Art is something created that evokes a feeling, and being artistic means you are the one who created it.

Always remember that art is for everyone.

Shanelle Zaino

CLASSES & EDUCATION



Stop by the education booth at the WAF to receive a festival scavenger hunt, upon completing return to the education booth to receive an original design WAF sticker created by local artist Anna Vetter.

CLASSES

**Interpretive Abstract with
Linda Finnerty
Mondays, July 14-August 4
9:30 AM – 12:30PM (4 classes)**

More classes
available online



**Drawing Studio – A Drawing Club
with Ann Bianchi
Mondays, 1:00PM–3:00PM**

**Summer Collaging with Sarah Hirsch
July 16th, 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

**Learn Monoprinting with
Veronica Janssen
August 18/25, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Fashion Drawings Workshop
with Larisa Martino
August 18 ,5:00 pm - 8:00 pm**



Photo from: Drawing to Completion:
Improve Your Painting by Drawing
with Betsey MacDonald

YOUR PATH TO CREATIVITY



Visit the head of the Bush Hill
Trail starting from Wilson
Park to learn more about
finding your creativity
through nature.



Eco-Land Art
Project

Happy Trails for You

Take a hike through the Bush Hill trails to find some Strawberry Shortcake and the Village Shops. You'll hear some great music on your way!

Saturday, July 12th



10AM-12PM

Sybil & Steve Pierce

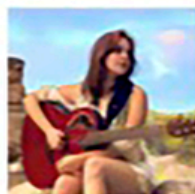
Crystal Bowls will bathe you in relaxation. Get away from the crowds and de-stress enjoying nature on the Wickford Trail at the Eco-land Art Exhibit.



12PM-2PM

Adelaine Punkin

Guitarist & vocalist bent on rocking the world and changing attitudes! Singing by the bridge.



2PM-4PM

**Mary King &
Kristi Otterbach-Celtic**

Harpist & flautist located by the Wickford marker.



Sunday, July 13th

10AM-12PM

Joel Beauchaine

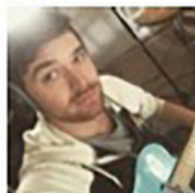
Strolling violinist/fiddler playing while walking through the festival and woods.



12PM-2PM

Greg Peck

Guitarist & vocalist playing by the bridge.



2PM-4PM

Dhuti Johnson

Guitarist & vocalist. She can sing and play it all! Walking through festival, but ending at one of the tents.



There will also be musicians performing near the beer/wine tents.



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Saturday, July 12th

(LOCATED BY THE WINE & MERCH TENT)

10AM-12PM

DYLAN MURPHY

Jazz piano musician



12PM-2PM

INDIRA

Bilingual singer-songwriter



2PM-4PM

DARIEN CASTRO

Soul, folk, R&B vocalist

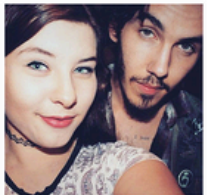


Sunday, July 13th

10AM-12PM

SEATBELT

Romantic folk-blues duo



12PM-2PM

MEERA RAPHAEL

Mystic folk-rock singer



2PM-4PM

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Folk-pop with soul



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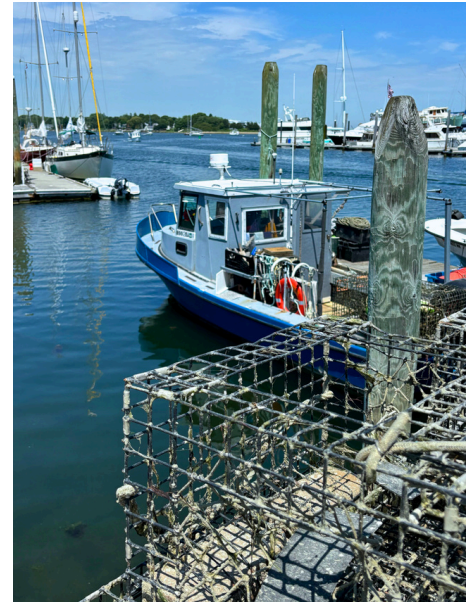
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First Baptist Church OF WICKFORD

There is no Wickford Art Festival without the addition of the wonderful offerings by the First Baptist Church of Wickford! Make sure to stop by **44 Main Street** for their iconic **strawberry shortcakes**! Also enjoy fresh **hot dogs, hamburgers, and fries**. Sit back and enjoy **live music, a kids activity corner, and their Women's Guild Craft Sale**. You don't want to miss it!

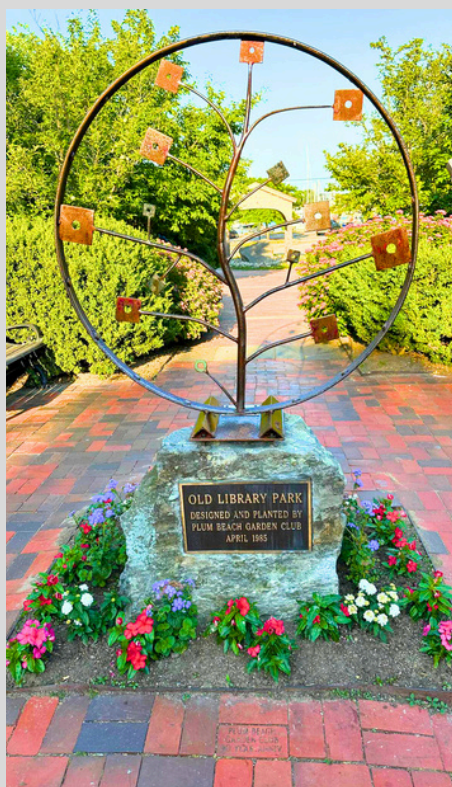


Off the BEATEN PATH



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You've made it from Wilson Park, down West Main Street or the Bush Hill Trail and you have arrived! Welcome to Historic Wickford Village! Voted the #4 Best Historic Town by USA Today and named one of the Best New England Towns to live by Yankee Magazine, it's filled with treasures, history, delicious food, art and incredible harbor views. **Grab your camera and capture all it's creative details and soak in everything it has to offer.**

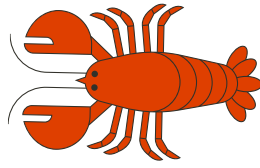


Start by exploring **End of Main & Gardner's Wharf** to see RI's infamous quohogging boats and other fishing vessels plus views of boats coming in and out of the harbor. On your way back up Main Street stroll down **Bay, Washington & Gold Street** for more historic homes and secret gardens.

Further up on **Main & Brown St.** you'll be in the heart of the village! Explore all the great shops and restaurants plus the **"Wickford Makers Market" in Updike Park**. A short ways through the Brown St. parking lot you'll come across more sprawling harbor views, a large anchor plus the "Choo Choo Train" bike rack created by local sculptor **Ken MacDonald**.

Speaking of Ken, you can also view his recently dedicated **"Tree of Life"** in the Old Library Park between Shayna's Place and the Old Library. Ken was a long time member of the Wickford Art Association, previous board president and exhibitor at the Wickford Art Festival. You can learn more about his work thanks to the North Kingstown Arts Council [HERE](#).

ST. PAUL'S ART FESTIVAL DINNER



It's here!



FRIDAY, July 11

4-8PM

76 MAIN ST. WICKFORD



Artists & all community members are invited to kick off the festival weekend with light summer fare with a local flair! Enjoy lobster rolls, clam cakes & chowder, homemade pies and so much more! 18

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JULY
12 & 13
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Shayna's
PLACE

An aerial photograph of the Wickford Festival. The foreground is a large green lawn filled with numerous white pop-up tents of various sizes, many of which have people gathered around them. In the background, there is a dense forest of green trees, a small pond, and a body of water with many sailboats. The text "THANK YOU AND ENJOY THIS YEAR'S" is overlaid in white capital letters on the right side of the image.

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