



Happy Holidays

from the Wickford Art Association

from the President ...

The Board took the month off in August to recover from the Art Festival and to plan for the Fall. Several items were completed recently: the new proposed bylaws were reviewed by our lawyer Don Gregory and sent to the membership in October to be approved at the Member Meeting on December 8th; a legislative grant proposal for \$2500 was sent to the R.I. Senate to help offset the cost of developing, advertising, staffing and coordinating twenty-plus art classes for 2013-2014 for the benefit of both our members and members of the community. In addition, the Board approved our first annual appeal letter which will arrive in your mailboxes in November just in time for you to make your tax-deductible contribution to our Association by the end of the year!

The most ambitious activity of the Association has been the creative efforts of our Gallery Building-Expansion Executive Committee (Association President Judith Anderson, Association Vice President Tracy Taylor, Association Executive Director Sarah Tallarico and Architect Louis Porcaro) in preparing and presenting a proposed schematic design for the expansion of our current Gallery. So far the design has been presented to: various committee members of the expanded building committee (Finance Committee, Fundraising Committee, User Group Committee, Building Group Committee, Neighbor Relations Committee and Landscape Committee); to the Town Manager, Director of Public Works and the Director of the Senior Center; and to the members of the Association.

On November 25th the design will be presented to the Town Council. Meanwhile, the Executive Committee has conducted four interviews with professional fundraisers in order to be ready for the next phase of the project. As the plans progress we will need all of our members' energy and dedicated support.

Please join us on Sunday, December 8th at 12:00 p.m. to elect new officers of the Wickford Art Association Board of Directors and to approve the proposed new bylaws. Following the member meeting will be a holiday celebration.

Hope to see you there....Judith



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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NEW news

Changes...

IN THE TAX LAWS OF RHODE ISLAND

There won't be any collecting of sales tax from artists at the close of the two-day 52nd Wickford Art Festival in July 2014.

On December 1st, the entire state becomes the first in the nation to have a statewide arts district, a status approved by the General Assembly in July that allows an exemption from the 7 percent sales tax on original works of art.

"We're the first state in the country to have a statewide arts district, R.I. State Council on the Arts Executive Director Randall Rosenbaum said.

"This is going to position Rhode Island as a destination for the arts," said Rosenbaum. "It's an incentive for an arts-buying public to come to Rhode Island to buy art and ultimately help our economy."

Changes...

TO THE PROCESS OF BECOMING A JURIED ARTIST MEMBER

Becoming a Juried Artist Member (JAM) is the aim of many of our artist members' who wish to distinguish themselves in the arts community. To qualify, the artist must prove acceptance into four Wickford Art Association juried shows within any twenty-four month period.

Member NEWS

Beverly Thomas was featured in the Valley Breeze in a September edition. "Art and Soul" describes the process she takes in creating her abstract art. Beverly displayed her work at the Wickford Art Association Gallery, along with fellow juried artists Nina Ackman, Theresa Girard and Mary Ann Liscio — also in September.

Susan Klas Wright's painting, "Alaska High", was accepted into the New England Watercolor Society regional show in Plymouth, MA.

Joan Garfinkel's piece entitled, "Holocaust - Inspirational Music from Schindler's List", was accepted into the Sacramento Fine Arts Center, 2013 *Bold Expressions* 58th Annual International Open Exhibit.

Cyndy Moniz had 8 pieces of her artwork in the South County Member's Invitational Show running from September through October, 2013. Also, two of her photographs were selected for the Mystic Arts Center Annual Juried Photography Show "Photo Show 35" also in October, and another was selected for the 2014 South County Hospital Calendar.

Ehsun Mirza, Alyson McCann and Allyson Barth had work featured at the Warwick Public Library thru October, 2013

Eileen Carney Muldoon, Janice Borodezt and Paul Murray garnered awards in the Newport Photo Guild Member Show.

William Brennan won honorable mention for his image "Self Portrait" in the Portrait category at the 8th Annual Black and White Spider Awards.

Judy Salvadore won an Honorable Mention for my image Blue Blood at the Newport Photo Guild's Annual Members Show at the Newport Art Museum.

Sabra Park, Antoinette Campbell-Hunter and Robin Grace have displayed their artwork at the newly created workspace "The Hive" in North Kingstown.

Theresa Girard's painting "Scarlet Ribbons" won second place in the South County Open All media show. Her painting "Confetti" was voted Peoples Choice Award at the great art heist there as well. She was accepted in the International Society of Acrylic Painters Signature Member Show. Theresa work will be featured through the holiday season at Studio 460 gallery in North Kingstown and Gallerie Ellipsis in Newport. Also at the little pictures show at the Providence Art Club. Theresa will be conducting a week long "Residency for Working Artists" at the Atlantic Center for The Arts in New Smyrna Beach Florida. She will be teaching 2 workshops this winter in "Intuitive Drawing and Painting" at the Center for the Arts in Bonita Springs Florida.

Don Gregory exhibited some of his photographs at The Atrium Gallery at the First Unitarian Universalist Church on Benefit Street in Providence during the month of November.

OPEN JURIED Show Awards

ANYTHING GOES

1ST PLACE – Robin Grace

2ND PLACE – Larry Elig

3RD PLACE – Lucas James Xavier Kolasa

HONORABLE MENTION – Paul Murray

HONORABLE MENTION – Bev Thomas

JUDGES AWARD – Edwin Roche

JUDGES AWARD – Theresa Girard

ABSTRACT / AVANTE GARDE POSTER

1ST PLACE – Robin Grace

2ND PLACE – Theresa Girard

3RD PLACE – Karin Forde Whittmore

HONORABLE MENTION – Gerry R. Grabowski

HONORABLE MENTION – Susan Petree

JUDGES AWARD – Gene St. Pierre

JUDGES AWARD – Bonnie Jaffe

PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW

1ST PLACE – Paul M. Murray

2ND PLACE – Eric Schlicting

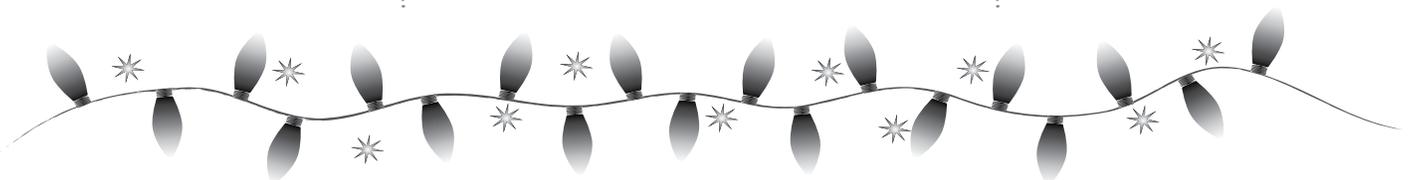
3RD PLACE – Karen Forde Whittenmore

HONORABLE MENTION – Lenny Rimpler

HONORABLE MENTION – William Brennan

JUDGES AWARD – Marc Jaffe

JUDGES AWARD – Marie Martone



FROM THE Gallery

Dear Friends,

It's happening again! The air has a decided chill to it that is beginning to cut to the bone. So it is time for family and friends to come together around the fireplace and the Thanksgiving and holiday tables to be set for loved ones and new friends. It is that time of year to reflect on where we have been and where we are headed. Art plays a huge part of how we get from where we have been to where we want to be. Whether we make it, buy it, or appreciate it, art inspires us. We draw inspiration from nature and love and hardships alike, which we then pour into our art and thereby make the world a better place.

The Little Picture Show will run from November 22 through December 18. Many of our fine artists will have their works of art displayed here for sale. The image size of the works themselves will be 8x10 or smaller not including framing. Please think of doing your holiday shopping here to support local artists and the Wickford Art Association. Our Holiday Gala will be December 8th at 1pm — free and open to the public. Our election of officers will take place at 12pm before the Gala — opened to members only.

We have had many fine exhibits this fall and also special events. The Wickford Art Association received an impressive award in October as the “Friend of RIAEA”, at an awards ceremony we held here at the gallery to a packed house, honoring the art teachers of the year.

This year we are changing the way that we jury our artists into the Association. If you are a GAM and seek to become a JAM you simply need to be juried into 4 open juried WAA shows in a 24 month period of time. Artists must show proof of this. This process simplifies things and brings us current with the way other organizations jury in their elected members.

Coming up this year we are cutting back on our shows giving each show one month to run. This will ease the burden on our staff and volunteers as well as many artists who say the pace is too fast a turn-around with our 16 shows running only about 2½ weeks long. I am seeking more off-site exhibits for our JAM's and spending more time on our building expansion project. We will have 2 weeks in September of fund-raising events that could prove extremely fun to those who participate. I can't think of a better time to get involved than now as we move forward on so many wonderful programs and events. For instance, in December the NKAC will have their student work show presented on the 10th at 7pm and a live poetry reading event will take place on December 12th at 7pm.

Coming up in the New Year we will start off with guest artists from The East Greenwich Art Club. We will have live music from a luthier in January and many other community events coming up.

So much to do! So much can happen! 90% of life is just showing up folks!

See you soon!

Creatively yours, Sarah

Photographic Arts

I hope that everyone has had the opportunity to take in the WAA Photography show. The juror for the show made it a point to comment on the high level of quality photography. One of the strengths of this show is it's diversity; from subject matter to presentation. The show included landscapes, portraits and abstracts. Framed, frameless, metal and canvas! This is a showcase of the photographers around us.

We've seen a surge of new membership in the Photographic Arts Group. I'd like to thank all the new members to our group and welcome them to become active participants and contributors

to the group and the Wickford Art Association.

The Photographic Arts Group is in full swing now that the summer is over. A recent meeting included an introduction to studio lighting. Lighting equipment and basic studio lighting was covered. Our December meeting will feature our annual holiday party! This is a chance for our members to socialize and talk photography. As always, any topics/subjects for future meetings is welcome.

Happy shooting, John

NOTE worthy

Shaping the Future

Each year the Rhode Island Art Education Association has an awards ceremony, which honors the best art educators in Rhode Island. The RIAEA Executive Board also chooses a candidate for their outstanding contributions to this organization.

Louriann Mardo-Zayat, Awards Chairperson of the Rhode Island Art Association, congratulated the Wickford Art Association for being selected to receive the 2013 Distinguished Friend of RIAEA Award! Their dedication and service to art education has been recognized as exemplary in increasing community awareness of the importance of art education in our schools.

She honored these achievements with an award during the Fall RIAEA Awards Ceremony held at the Wickford Art Association on October 25th.

Congratulations again on this well deserved award!!!

Juried Artist Member OF THE MONTH

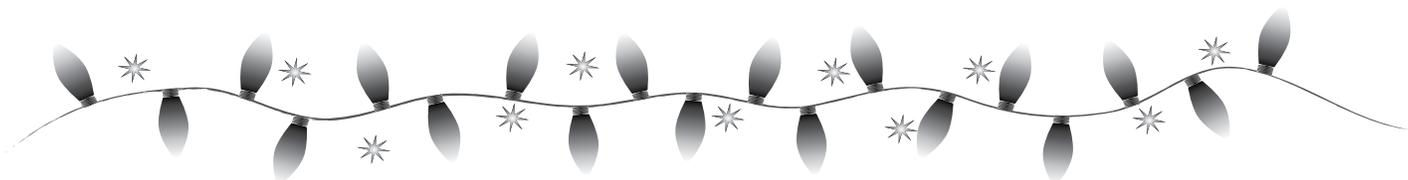
The Wickford Art Association recognizes these accomplished Juried Artist Members for their lifetime work as artists:

NOVEMBER 2013:

- Sandra King: Photography

DECEMBER 2013:

- Ann Webb: Oils





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