



### *from the Gallery Director ...*

I hope this newsletter finds you enjoying the better things in life like family, friends, nature and art. It's hard to believe that summer is coming to an end and the routine that fall brings is upon us. But I welcome the change of seasons and the excitement they bring.

During the summer we had some great shows and classes and community events and this has been the busiest summer since I have worked here with more visitors than ever. We had the most unique show we have ever hosted titled, Poetry & Art. A wonderful committee worked on it since last October. Sharon Eisman and Kim Baker joined me to bring about the vision of collaborating with poets for an exhibit. I was inspired to do this when I agreed to host an international poetry event a year and a half ago. I was so moved by the poetry and I just knew we should all be creating together. Kim and Sharon so graciously volunteered their time and efforts to bring this event about. First a call went out to poets to submit poems to be juried. 32 poems were selected and then our juried artist members created a work of art based on each poem selected. They met for the first time at the opening ceremony. It was both moving and inspiring and began the beginning of a new and beautiful relationship. A book was created from the poetry and art show, which is available at the gallery for purchase for \$25. The proceeds of this book will be a fundraiser for us and for the RI Food Bank.

Special thanks to our special sponsors as well: Lou Porcaro for sponsoring the making of this book; Sharon Eisman for putting the book together and creating the logo and all the many things you did along the way;

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### *from the President ...*

The summer of 2013 was filled with highly popular, very successful events!

The months of June and July consumed almost everyone's energy preparing for and hosting the 51st Wickford Art Festival. Our new Festival Director, Bruce Luscombe, proved himself as a master of organization, recruiter of new sponsors and mediator of any and all conflicts. The turnout was in the thousands, the mood was festive and fun and the response from both artists and visitors was over-whelmingly positive.

A couple of wonderful footnotes: the Board's Publicity Director, Claudia Crevier, managed to arrange for 36 festival promotional spots to appear on RI PBS and for a banner to hang on the Newport Bridge; and the North Kingstown Rotary Club donated \$500 toward costs of the festival! Congratulations to Bruce and all the wonderful volunteers that helped make this Festival a memorable occasion.

On the Gallery front, Sarah Tallarico (Gallery Director), Sharon Eisman, and Kim Baker designed, organized and hosted one of the most original and extremely popular exhibits in the history of the Association: the Poetry and Art exhibit! This innovative event attracted so many people to the show's opening that visitors stood elbow to elbow and spilled outdoors! Congratulations to these three creative individuals and all the volunteers who helped them present this extraordinary event.

Meanwhile the Board of Directors finished the proposed new Bylaws and sent them to our lawyer Don Gregory for approval and we should be sending them out to the members for approval sometime this Fall. Also our Treasurer Nancy Nielsen has worked tirelessly to bring the Association up to date with the addition of Quickbooks and a very informative meeting with our CPA.

One sad note: our esteemed Recording Secretary Jackie McCarthy has resigned due to her imminent move out of state. Jackie has been a long time artist member and volunteer of the Association as well as a former co-director (with her husband Wayne) of the Wickford Art Festival. Thank you Jackie for all your efforts on our behalf...we will truly miss you!

Thank you all, Judith Anderson – WAA President

## 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

## Juried Artist Member OF THE MONTH

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

SEPTEMBER 2013:

- Theresa Girard: Acrylic & Combined Media

OCTOBER 2013:

- Daniel Urish: Pen & Ink

NOVEMBER 2013:

- Sandra King: Photography

DECEMBER 2013:

- Ann Webb: Oils

## Congratulations ... to our newest Juried Artist Members

Robin Beckwith – Watercolor & Mixed Media

Cate Brown – Photography

Guy Cassaday – Illustration & Gouache

Henry Gauthier – Wood Sculpture

Susan Klas Wright – Watercolor

## Welcome ... to our newest members

Larry Ackmann

Janet Bell

Anthony DeAngelis

Christopher Emerson

Susan Fox

Sharlene Hyland

Paula James

Richard J. Kelley

Rebecca Long

Ann O'Brien

Kathleen O'Kula

David S. Pinkham

Karin Forde Whittemore

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Kerstin Zettmar

# Member NEWS

**Joan Garfinkel's** work, "Holocaust" was accepted into Sacramento Fine Arts, Inc. There were over 50 entries and 99 pieces from 79 artists will be shown. Her piece was inspired from the music of *Schindler's List*.

**Lori Jeremiah** received the "Best Drawing/pastel" award for the pastel portrait "First Flower" at the member's annual exhibit at South County Art Association. Two of her pastels, "Black Point II" and "Sunset Sail at Salt Pond" were accepted in the Beaches and Boats juried art exhibit at Spring Bull Gallery in Newport. She is also exhibiting at BagelZ in Wakefield during August, plus an on-going art exhibit at South County Commons, Brewed Awakenings.

**Paul Murray** "Antarctica Rising" was selected for the People's Choice Award in the Cape Cod Art Association's The F Stops Here exhibit, and was two months later part of CCAA's A Different Point Of View exhibit. "No Way..." was awarded First Place in Photography at the CCAA's All Things Bright And Beautiful show. "Just Lovin' It" was juried into the same show, while "Antarctica Portal" and "Life Is Good!" were selected for the CCAA's highly competitive National juried exhibition. At the Conanicut Island Art Association's Absolutely Abstract juried show, "Reflecting Polygons #1" and "Crystal River #1" won First and Third Place awards, while at the Portsmouth Art Guild's Abstraction IV juried exhibit, "Crystal River #1" won Honorable Mention. At Bristol's Hope Art Gallery, "Hopes and Dreams" won an Honorable Mention in their Reflections show. Here at the Wickford Art Association's AZ Members Show and juried All Media II exhibit, "Life Is Good!" and "No Way..." earned Honorable Mentions, respectively.

**Nancy Nielsen** exhibited 2 photographs in the Conanicut Island Art Association in Jamestown in July and received honorable mention for her photo, entitled "Betsy's Shadow". She also exhibited at the Festival Fete Art Festival, East Greenwich in August, and will be exhibiting at the Pawtucket Arts Festival, September 7 & 8 — Scituate Art Festival October 12 - 14 — West Bay Open Studios Tour - October 19 & 20.

## Photographic Arts

Chase Farm...India Point Park...Rocky Point...Fort Wetherill...the WAA Photographic Arts group has been on the road this summer.

From amazing double rainbows at Rocky Point Park (ok - so it did rain a little) to the graffiti at Fort Wetherill we've been covering the state in search of images. The most interesting part of our group photoshoots is seeing how other photographers interpret the area we're visting. Macros, wide open landscapes, long exposures, iPhone cameras — we have them all. It's an inspirational group and we manage to learn something at each shoot (like flashlights don't float, sorry Erin).

With the days starting to get shorter we'll move back inside beginning in September. Any suggestions for programs that you would like to see, please forward them to me.

The annual WAA Photography show is November 1st - 7th. Check the Gallery's show calendar (visit [www.wickfordart.org](http://www.wickfordart.org)) for specifics on registration times, dates and number of pieces that can be entered. Frame that perfect shot from this past summer's shoots. Lets work on making this the best showcase of the groups talent!

Happy shooting, John

## OPEN JURIED SHOW AWARD WINNERS

### ART OF THE OCEAN STATE

1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE – Nancy Nielsen

2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE – Claudia Crudele Venditto

3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE – William Brennan

HONORABLE MENTION

– Anne Margaret Norcross

HONORABLE MENTION – Sheila Turner

JUDGES AWARD – Larry Ackmann

JUDGES AWARD – Roberta Van Der Molan

### ALL MEDIA II

1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE – Karin Forde Whittemore

2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE – Theresa Girard

3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE – Guy Cassaday

HONORABLE MENTION – Paul Murray

HONORABLE MENTION – Barbara DeCesare

JUDGES AWARD – William Brennan

JUDGES AWARD – Ben Buglio



# Wickford Art Festival 2013 UPDATE ...



The 51st Wickford Art Festival was a lot of fun! This year's festival went on without any problems or disasters. After some early shuffling of artists everything went great. Weather did seem to play a factor though, as attendance and sales seemed down a little. Commorative festival t-shirt sales were down too. So we are offering members a special price of \$10 each and they can be purchased at the gallery. Help the WAA / WAF and buy some of these great t-shirts. The "mice painting the town" design was done by WAA artist Lori Jeremiah.

Our festival had 2 new sponsors this year! First Gooseneck Vineyards brand wine, produced by Wickford Wine Company, stepped up and saved the day by becoming our Major Sponsor. If you haven't tried their great pinot grigio wine, please do so. Second, Coventry Credit Union has stepped in as a business sponsor and we wish to thank them also. These companies have chosen to support our festival and we need to support their great wines and banking services.

Having lived through my first year as Festival Director I'm feeling very positive about future festivals. There are the usual things that need updating but I see this as an opportunity for the festival to move into the present technology. We will no longer accept slides or photographs from artists, in fact I hope to see a completely seamless submission process that is all done on-line. This might be a lot to do for 2014 but I'm going to try.

After a few weeks of mindless rest, I will be back at it again — working on next year's 52nd Wickford Art Festival which will be held July 12th & 13th, 2014.

No report about the festival would be complete without saying a big THANKS to all the great volunteers, WAA Board Members, Gallery staff, and of course all the hard working police, fire, and recreation department personnel from North Kingstown who stepped up and made it all happen.

Thank you all ... Bruce Luscombe – Festival Director



## NOTE worthy

### Together Shaping the Future

We at the Wickford Art Association have partnered with the Rhode Island Arts Education Association for almost three years bringing to the state the "Art Teacher of the Year" Awards Ceremony in October to the top art educators in the RI school system. RIAEA's past President Mia Thompson has joined our board as the scholarship chairperson and facilitated us going statewide with our scholarship program these last two years.

Each year we give \$5000 to 3 top high school seniors who have been accepted into an art college. The RIAEA also gives a \$500 Presidents Award.

The Wickford Art Association has teamed up with Gallery Z in Providence to bring to light this great organization — the RIAEA — who strive to assist art educators in our school systems with grants and art supplies as well as other opportunities for art students to thrive in our state, and have had successful events at their gallery.

### We are now on all of these social media networks...

- Twitter
- Pinterest
- LinkedIn
- Instagram
- Facebook

### Just a reminder...

As a Juried Artist Member of the Wickford Art Association, one of the privileges is being able to list your website on [wickfordart.org](http://wickfordart.org). If you have a website and would like to take advantage of this, please send your information to Felicia Whiting, Gallery Director's Assistant.

The second Tuesday of every month at 7pm we have a member's meeting which is open to the public. Call the gallery for further details...

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to Kim Baker, our house poet, for bringing poetry into the Association; to John Pitocco and Sandi King for photographing all the artwork; and to all those volunteers and others who made this exhibit a success. Our full list of sponsors can be viewed on our website.

Coming up this fall we are offering some wonderfully inspiring classes and members meetings. We have exhibits and special events planned for the rest of the year that will be sure to keep us creating. Many thanks to you, our members and supporters for shining your light of creativity on this place, for watering it with your passion and feeding it with your volunteerism and your ideas. Let's keep the good energy flowing! See you soon! Sarah Tallarico – Gallery Director







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