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please Welcome...

Judy Salvadore as she takes over the large-scale task of Festival Director for the 52nd Annual Wickford Art Festival.

Growing up in Bonnet Shores, our family visited the Wickford Art Festival every year. As a child, one of my fondest memories is having my portrait painted on a walnut shell! Although the festival has changed in some ways throughout the years, its soul has not: promoting fine art. The Wickford Art Association is in its 52nd year of strengthening the arts community in RI and New England. Our fine art exhibitors come from all over the country and beyond, ready to share their creative vision with anyone who stops by their booth. An added benefit for everyone this year is Rhode Island is the first state in the nation that no longer collects sales tax on the purchase of original and limited edition fine art.

The call for Artists is currently open and applications must be postmarked by April 1st: applications and more information can be found on our website www.wickfordart.org then click on "Art Festival". An event this large needs lots of volunteers to be successful. If you are interested in volunteering, being a sponsor, advertising in the festival program or even hanging a festival poster in your business's window, please send me an email at festivaldirector@wickfordart.org Follow Wickford Art Association on Facebook to keep up on the latest news concerning the festival too.

Judy is a long-time member of the association as well as an accomplished photographer and member of the WAA Photographic Group. Wishing you all the best in this position, Judy.

from the President ...

December's Annual Member's Meeting achieved two important goals: passage of the new Bylaws; and nomination and election of the Association's new Board officers for 2014 (President—yours truly; Vice-President--TracyTaylor; Treasurer—Michael Salk; Recording Secretary—Robin Beckwith; Corresponding Secretary—Carole Berren). We also mailed out our first Annual Appeal letter and as of mid-January we have received over \$7,000! Thank you one and all and keep on sending in those donations!

In January we interviewed several applicants for Festival Director and are pleased to announce our new Festival Director for 2014: Judy Salvadore! Check out her first report in this newsletter to find out all the work she has already accomplished.

The Executive Committee of the Building Expansion Committee has also been quite busy. In January we hired the professional fundraisers Louise Dinsmore and Cheryl Comai of "Partners in Philanthropy, LLC" to prepare and execute a feasibility study to determine our ability to financially proceed with our building expansion plans. Sarah Tallarico and I have also been meeting with a wide variety of groups to explain our plans and build community relations. So far we have met with the Town Council, the North Kingstown GOP, the Board of the Senior Center and the North Kingstown Chamber of Commerce. Our future meetings include the North Kingstown Council of the Arts, the North Kingstown Democrats, the North Kingstown Rotary Club, the North Kingstown Lyons Club and the North Kingstown Merchants Association. Let us know if any of your groups would like us to make a presentation.

In conclusion, try to stay warm and keep up your spirits because Spring is just around the corner!

Judith Anderson

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:

JANUARY 2014:
Edwin Roche - Oils & Acrylics

FEBRUARY 2014:
Tracy Taylor - Watercolor and multi-media artist

MARCH 2014:
Lenny Rumpler - Photography

APRIL 2014:
Mary Bucci - Watercolor

MAY 2014:
Reiko Winbush - Oils

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Member NEWS

Judith Anderson received an “honorable mention” award at the Newport Members Show for her mixed media piece.

Carole Berren received an “honorable mention” award at the Newport Members Show for her watercolors.

Maryann Chagnon had a painting accepted into the first annual INTERNATIONAL JURIED ARTISTS GUILD EXHIBITION at Legacy Gallery in Scottsdale Arizona in January, 2014. The stilllife oil painting was entitled ‘flirtation.’

Theresa Girard’s painting “scarlet ribbons” along with other great pieces on display until late spring at the Newport Art Museum.

Marc Jaffe won 1st Place for Photography in the South County Ary Association Members Show.

Ken MacDonald won the 3-D prize for the annual membership show at Providence Art Club on the 16th of February. They no longer have a sculpture category, but included all 3-D art in the category including, sculpture, pottery, glass, assemblages and jewelry. Ken’s metal sculpture was entitled “13 Colonies and 50 States” and was welded from recycled materials.

Nancy Paul won 1st place at the South County Art Association Members show for her watercolor.

John Pitocco’s photo of the state house in winter was selected by the governor to be on the cover of the 2015 State of Rhode Island Budget.

Lenny Rumpler will be exhibiting at the Providence Art Club, Maxwell Mays Gallery, from March 9 - 28, 2014.

Photographic Arts

The Photographic Arts Group is back in full swing after our holiday time off. I’m always amazed by the die hard nature of our membership - regardless how cold it is we’ve been treated to a full house! Locally there have been great photographic opportunities; from beautiful snow storms to the snowy owls who have been gracing our coastline. At our meetings we’ve covered an introduction to Lightroom as part of your workflow and initial editing as well as our usual photo critique/feedback.

Over the next few meetings we will have guest presenters covering “Landscape Photography” and “Image editing - from raw to print”. Make sure you check out the Photographic Arts Group page on the WAA website; each month we post images selected by our members.

Happy shooting, John

Gallery NEWS

Dear Friends,

Time is flying by as a galloping horse and I am trying to ride it like the wind... both my hands are clasped on the horn of the saddle and I am as a flag flapping in the wind, excited for the ride. I am grateful for the moments the horse decides to rest and I can lean upon him and feel his warmth and breath. Oh what a wonder life can be when we are paying attention.

Last December we hosted the NKAC’s (North Kingstown Arts Council) first student exhibition at our gallery, the first of many more to come. The Arts Council has recently given us a grant to assist us in hosting our monthly community events and we are pleased to continue our collaboration with them as we move towards reaching our community. These events are the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7pm and are free and open to the public. In January we had a poetry reading event led by the URI poets and friends which was very well attended.

In February we had Sixia Devine teach tips and strategies to help artists grow a stronger presence online through Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter. In the months to come we will have a luthier, a guitar maker along with his musician friends, a Johnson and Wales pastry chef doing a demo, a floral designer, artists doing demos and much more so stay tuned.

We have had a very incredible year so far with life flowing through our space. We started off the year with The EGAC (East Greenwich Art Club) as our Guest Invitational show followed by our Anything Goes show which had 149 entries. The opening and closing receptions have been very well attended and very exciting.

As we move forward we will be seeking artists and poets to be in our summer exhibit. Visit our website for more information.

We are moving ahead with our plans to build an expansion onto our gallery and seeking grant writers and others for the many needs this creates as well as for continued operational needs. If you are seeking to volunteer we have many opportunities so feel free to make an appointment with me to discuss this.

Welcome also to our new hospitality chairperson, Fae Rosenthal who has already delighted us with her positive energy and hard work.

See you very soon at the gallery.

Yours truly, Sarah Tallarico
Executive Director

NOTE worthy

Community Events

2nd Tuesday of each month — FREE and opened to the public!

In February the Gallery offered: Poetry Slam — and Open Mic event where poets can read and discuss their poetry.

Key tips and strategies to help Artists grow a stronger presence online through social media, presented by Sixcia Devine of SIXCIA Consulting.

March 11th:
The Hale Family in Matunuck, lecture and slideshow — presented by Joan Youngken, consultant on this creative family.

April 8th:
Wanda Edwards will demonstrate Torn Paper Painting.

May 13th:
Anthony Tomaselli – Oil painting demo – getting your work in a gallery.

Juried Artist

MEMBERSHIP

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.

As a Juried Artist Member, one of the privileges is being able to list your website on 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.

Welcome ... to our newest members

Elenor M. Acton
Frances Alexakos
Carol Anderson
Elmer Anderson
Nancy Antosh
Carol Archambault
Ann Bradley
Susan Brayman
Gina Campbell
Judy Chaves
Dennis Dimauro
Bob Diorio
Michael DiQuinzio

Janice Evans Allen
Gorden Foer
Val Follett
Bill Gallagher
Virginia Gladding
Jean Green
Carol Gjelsvik
John Haden
Rev. Sandra P. Haines-Murdocco
Muriel Hall
Douglas Harris
Cora Himmel

Tiffany Holgate
Lorraine Hynes
Daniel Kieliszak
Iliana Luchka
Claudia Lyons
Paula Martinuzzi-DeSano
Sally Martone
Rachel Marzocchi
Barbara Marx
Avis O’Neill
Jeff Potter
Joe Rattie
Jean Ricci

Danielle Salisbury
Stephen Schultz
Julia Simpson
Sharon Smith
Mary Staulo
Thomas Tynell
Claudia Venditto
Thomas Walsh
Dennis Williams
Roseanne Williams
Jaqueline Wesson
Amanda Wright

OPEN JURIED Show Awards

ANYTHING GOES

1ST PLACE – Henry Joseph Gauthier

2ND PLACE – Sharon D. Eisman

3RD PLACE – William Brennan

HONORABLE MENTION – Robin Grace

HONORABLE MENTION – Tiffany Adams

JUDGES AWARD – Kerstin Zettmar

JUDGES AWARD – Elinor Thompson

from the STANDARD TIMES WEBSITE — by SHAUN KIRBY

Wickford Art Association’s latest exhibit, “Anything Goes,” shows off the best of local artists working in various, and intriguing, kinds of media, from photography to animal bones.

The latest exhibit is an amalgam of many different and creative artistic media, all brought to the local audience by local artists. “Anything Goes” is exactly that — an exploration into how many unique ways art can be interpreted and created.

“Anything Goes is a wonderfully eclectic show, very diverse with both serious and humorous works,” said exhibitor Jillian Barber. “It was up to each artist to choose pieces they would like to see displayed. There is no particular theme, so it’s a smorgasbord of delicious offerings.”

