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Spring



2013 Newsletter

an online interview with **KIM ELLERY**



Kim Ellery, one of Wickford Art Association's accomplished artists, belongs to a couple of artist communities online, one of which asked her to be the "Featured Artist of the Month". What an honor! Of course she said yes!

"I found this online artist community through a friend/mentor of mine Wyanne Thompson. She taught me

a lot about mixed media and painting", explains Kim. This site is a great site for those interested in being part of an online community of mixed media artists.

"Heather Santos, who I became Facebook friends with, is involved in coordinating some of the "Art Challenges" and in choosing the "Artist of the Month" for this website," Kim exclaims. "I was surprised when she asked me to be the featured Artist! Surprised and humbled!"

Kim's interview also appears on the Wickford Art Association's website. "I became a member of WAA years ago when I was looking to find some artist friends. It wasn't until Sarah Tallarico became director there that I really got involved; painting every Tuesday, then teaching a class, and soon I started exhibiting at every opportunity! WAA will always be my "Artist Community Home" — I count WAA as a blessing in my life!"

Visit www.communitythrive.com or www.wickfordart.org to read Kim's entire interview and experiences as a rising artist...you too may be inspired!

from the President ...

Happy New Year! I want to welcome three new officers to the Board: Vice-President Tracy Taylor, Secretary Jackie McCarthy and Corresponding Secretary Elizabeth Donovan, and the return of our esteemed Treasurer Nancy Nielsen. I also want to welcome three new committee chairpersons: Fundraising--Stephanie Caleri, Publicity — Claudia Crevier, and Amanda Males--Hospitality. And a special welcome to our new Festival Director, Bruce Luscombe. Thank you all for volunteering your talents and experience...we need you!

It is rewarding to start off the new year with good news! First, we received a \$2500 grant from the State Legislature to help defray costs for our student scholarship raffle during the Art Festival. Second, we collaborated with the Wickford Merchants Association to sponsor a "Valentine's Day" celebration on February 12 from 5:00-7:00 when 24 Wickford stores offered merchandise specials and displayed art works by our members. Third, we have an amazing new website which is easy to maneuver and aesthetically pleasing due to the joint efforts of our Gallery Director Sarah Tallarico and our website designer Margaret O'Connor. Here's to more "good news" in the future!

Finally, I want to thank several of our esteemed members for their dedicated service: —Pam Reed as immediate past President for her untiring efforts on all our behalves regardless of the obstacles confronting her and the Association; Marcia Blair (Chairperson), Howard Rubenstein, Charles Bauer, Tracy Taylor, Pat Cahalan and Pam Reed for their rigorous, patient and careful work on our new Bylaws proposals; and Gail Burda for her diligent attention to our publicity.

Thank you one and all for making this Association operate efficiently and effectively.

Sincerely,
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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Juried Artist Member OF THE MONTH

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

JANUARY 2013:

John Pitocco - Photographer

FEBRUARY 2013:

Marianne O'Connell - Etching/
Printmaking

MARCH 2013:

Elsie Kilgus - Watercolor/Oils

APRIL 2013:

Jean Forbes - Watercolor/
Photography

Welcome ... to our newest members

Jerry Aissis	Melanie Johnston
Jeannine Anderson	Linda King
Rick Burt	Cindy Opaluch
Giles D. Cloutier	Susan Petree
Linda Eastman	Shahnaz Siddiqi
Daylene Ebbree	Natalie Squillante
Henry Gauthier	Sheila Turner
Jason A. Howell	Danielle Youngs
Joan Blade Johnson	Mark Youngs

Congratulations... OPEN JURIED SHOW AWARDS

ALL MEDIA SHOW I

1ST PLACE – William Brennan

2ND PLACE

– Maryann S. Chagnon

3RD PLACE – Henry J. Gauthier

HONORABLE MENTION

– Joan McCauley

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– Lenny Rumpler

JUDGES AWARD

– Gerry Grabowski

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– Cyndi Moniz

Member NEWS



Joan Thompson Boghossian and Jan Gaudreau are exhibiting in *Meet the Artists Sundays* at The Forget-Me-Not Gallery which is run by the Samaritans in Pawtucket. They are scheduled for three Sunday receptions, February 10th, February 17th, and March 10th — 2:00-4:30 pm.

Lorraine Bromley — An exhibit at Bannister Gallery “The Art League of Rhode Island: New Work/New Year” that ran earlier in February, showcased some of the finest artists in Rhode Island, many of whom are graduates of Rhode Island College. “Every time I approach the blank white paper, I take a unique journey unlike the last, and never like the next,” said Lorraine Bromley ’79, M’85, PhD’12. After concentrating in studio arts at Rhode Island College, Bromley became a professional graphic designer for 30 years and is proprietor of Lorraine DESIGNS. “I now use the tools of the [graphic arts] trade to shape my ideas into fine art. I admire patterns, texture, color, the practice of brushstrokes, layering techniques and the lettering arts,” she said.

Theresa Girard has won honorable mention for 2 paintings recently. “Narragansett Rocks 2” has won at the Providence Art Club and “Within Reach” at Bonita Springs Art League. She is the winner of second place in the International Society of Acrylic Painters recent on line show for Narragansett Rocks 1. Her new work is featured at Fine Mark Bank in Bonita Springs Florida from January 31st - March 18th. She will be teaching workshops beginning this spring and a revolving exhibit of her work is featured at Spa Thayer in Narragansett Pier.

Susan Graefe has three of her photographs on display at the South County Hospital Out Patient Surgery waiting area. They will be there through April 2013.

Eileen McCarney Muldoon has won awards and had work selected in these shows: Providence Art Club Elected Members Exhibition - First Place Edward Banister Award - January 2013 - photograph “Daphne”. Mystic Art Center - January 2013 - Elected Artist Show Award for Excellence - photograph “Pashupatinath”. Newport Art Museum Annual Members Juried Exhibition 2013 - photograph “Nandi”.

Paul Murray’s “Antarctica Portal” was selected as the Juror’s Choice out of some 800+ worldwide entries for the “Lost Earth” juried exhibition at The Darkroom Gallery in Essex Junction, Vermont. Adding to the winning Vermont experience, “Pride and Excellence” and “Reflections of Renewal” were chosen for The Darkroom Gallery’s *Color Story* juried exhibition. “Just Lovin’ It” won First Prize at the Conanicut Island Art Association’s *Through The Lens* juried exhibit, and was accorded a location in the Jamestown Town Hall that is highly visible from either inside or outside of the building. Other images, “Rounding The Mark” and “A Following Sun On A Fleeting Day” were juried into the show as well, which is open until April. “Antarctica Occluded” won an Honorable Mention, at the Duxbury Art Association’s 2013 Winter Juried Show, which runs from February through April. In another appearance, “Antarctica Occluded” was selected for the Newport Art Museum’s Members’ Juried Exhibition which runs from February through May. “Remembering” was juried into the Pawtucket Arts Collaborative’s *Then and Now Show* which runs until February 22nd. In shows not juried for entry, “No Way” and “WaterFire Blaze” are among the entries at the Plymouth Art Guild’s Winter Show which runs through February 17th, while “Pride and Excellence” is part of the Mystic Arts Center’s Members’ Exhibition which is open until February 9th.

Pam Reed received honorable mention at the Spring Bull Gallery in the *Fake’s and Forgeries* exhibit.

Hiroko Shikashio’s photograph “Beach Grass” has been accepted at the Newport Art Museum Annual Members Juried Exhibition 2013.

Ralph Williams won 1st place in the South County Art Association’s Exhibit Open Juried Print, Paint & Pastel Annual which runs from February 14 - March 16.



Gallery NEWS



Dear Members & Art Lovers,

As I write this it is not yet Spring...in fact a fresh dusting of snow covered the ground as I walked my dogs this morning. I noticed the tracks of a rabbit which had previously run across my front yard. I did not even know we had any bunnies around our home. I noticed many other impressions in the snow that had only come about in the few hours before dawn when the snow fell. On the way home I noticed my own tracks from my boots which defined where I had walked. I never noticed the design on the bottom of my shoes until I saw the pattern in the snow. Later in the day the warmth of the sun had melted away the snow and with it the tracks of the bunny. And I realized that if I did not take the walk I never would have seen the tracks and known we had a bunny around. It inspired me to want to be a better observer of life and not miss the good stuff. It is so easy to have our head somewhere else working out the day's plans and problems to be solved etc. that we miss the little special things that can color our day for the good and cause us inspiration. Like clouds these moments pass never to be repeated the same way. Therefore I encourage you to stop-watch and listen to life...it's beauty and mystery, which surround us at every turn...we only need to create space in our heads and hearts to take it all in and find inspiration.

The RIWS (RI Watercolor Society) had their guest show in January and it was amazing! Such outstanding artists — they took my breath away. Many people came to view the show and so the gallery was busy! Classes are running and a Spring schedule will start soon. Next our All Media I Show saw 115 visitors at its opening. We have some new and amazing artists joining and showing and the atmosphere is lit with great energy. Our next show will be a private show with Barry Butterworth, Amos Trout Paine and William Krul — be sure to attend the opening. Coming up after that is our 3rd Annual North Kingstown Public School K-12 exhibition. Last year saw 500 visitors at the opening and hundreds more over the course of the show's length. It is a must have to experience. And coming up after that is our Member's Show- A-Z...Yep, it will be crowded but we want to get everyone together and have a party and share in a strong community celebration! It's time to get together!

So I hope you will stop in, join a class, enter a show, volunteer-get more involved.

It is my great pleasure to serve you and there are many wonderful shows in store for us this year that quite possibly will floor you. I am floored just planning them! I rely on you all and need your gifts and talents to bring out the best we have to offer.

Until we meet again — Sarah Tallarcio, Gallery Director

Photographic Arts GROUP

Spring will be here soon, at least according to Punxsatawney Phil, although it's tough to believe it with 2 feet of snow dropped on us all.

The Photographic Arts Group enjoyed our traditional holiday party (does 2 years in a row qualify as traditional?). It's a chance for us all to share favorite dishes and enjoy each others company. We've grown over the years but we've kept our small and personal group feeling.

Right now we're planning special presentations to enhance our photography knowledge and experience. On February 11th Bob Kidd will be presenting information on photo presentation site "Zenfolio". On February 25th Michael Rice will be presenting "The True Photographic Process: from concept to completion, the steps to achieving great landscape images".

We meet the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at the Wickford Art Gallery, come on out for a meeting to see what we've been up to!

Happy Shooting ... John Pitocco

NOTE worthy

Wickford Art Festival 2013 UPDATE ...

The WAA is proud to be the promoter of this great annual "Fine Art" festival. Celebrating 51 Years — July 13-14, 2013.

Please join us this year as an exhibiting artist or as a visitor ... you won't be disappointed!

For more information and/or the 2013 Festival Application, visit www.wickfordart.org or contact the Festival Director, Bruce Luscombe at festivaldirector@wickfordart.org.

a special thank you...

Sharon Alemany will be stepping down as our Membership Chairperson to pursue her art career. Thank you Sharon, for all your efforts and service...we look forward to seeing more of your artwork in the future.

an open position...

The Wickford Art Association is looking for a new Membership Chairperson ... or perhaps 2 or 3 people to work together. If you are interested please contact Sarah at the gallery... 294-6840 or e-mail gallery@wickfordart.org





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