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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Already you are seeing the stores putting out the holiday displays, enticing us to shop. Think of donating to us this holiday season. Your dues renewal forms will be out soon.

The Board would like to propose a change to the bylaws by adding a Student Membership to encourage younger members to join, and thereby, increase our income. See the proposed changes on page 2.

We will vote on this at our holiday meeting on Sunday, November 27, 2011 at noon. We will also announce the Member of the Quarter, and the members who won our People's Choice Awards from the last open shows. This is also the date of the opening of the open juried show *Winter*.

Lisa G. Bailey



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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

I would like to congratulate our newest Artist Members:

RICHARD GROSVENOR, Newport, RI
MARY KOSOWSKI, Smithfield, RI
NINA ACKMANN, No. Kingstown, RI.

If you have gotten into 3 different open shows in the last 5 years, you can apply for Artist membership by simply putting the names and dates (years) of the shows (not the titles of your work) on the back side of the dues renewal form that you will be receiving in the mail soon.

There is still one opening in our small group shows - March 18 - April 12, 2012. Only Artist members can sign up to be in these 5-6 person shows. Those artists who have signed up to be in one of these shows will be receiving a *commitment* letter from me soon which will tell them who their fellow exhibitors are, their contacts, etc.

If you became an Artist Member in 2011, you are invited to show up to 6 pieces of your work in the **New Artist Members' Show: January 29 - February 16, 2012**. Opening reception: Sunday, Jan. 29, 2012.

Please contact me if you would like to be in this exhibit. We will feature the bios of each new Artist Member during this show. You may show some work that has been displayed here before.

Please pick up your work after open shows. We still have a number of paintings in the back and we don't have the room to store them.

If you are no longer an instructor, gallery sitter, etc. and have a key to our building, please return it. We are short of keys.

We are missing a lot of the DVDs from our library. Please return any DVD you have taken ASAP. We might have to change our policy, as too many have been out for more than the two weeks allowed.

Please donate a small work to our silent auction fund raiser. If you wish to donate more than one piece, simply make copies of the form on page 2. Keep the value low. The starting bid price should not exceed half the value of the piece.

Enjoy the colors of fall!
Kris Occhino



By-Laws Proposal

Article III – Members (Currently reads)

1. The members of this society shall consist of Associate Members, Artist members, Honorary members, Life members and Patron Members. **All members are expected to personally contribute toward the work of the Society through volunteerism or financial support.**

Changes to Article III – Members would read as follows:

1. The members of this Society shall consist of Associate members, Artist members, Honorary members, Life members, Patron members and Student members. **All members are expected to personally contribute toward the work of the Society through volunteerism or financial support.**

The added Student Members description would be #7 under Article III – Members, and would read:

7. **Student Members** may be artists, non-artists or friends of the Society between the ages of 18 – 25. Student members shall be elected to membership as designated in Article X. par.1 and must present a current student ID upon membership application and renewal. Student Members will receive publications of the Society, and discounts on classes, show entries, etc. They may not vote and may not serve on the Board. Student Membership annual dues are 50% less than Associate Members annual dues.

SMALL WORKS SILENT AUCTION FUND RAISER

Thanks to you, last year's silent auction of small paintings was very successful. We raised over \$900 which really helped our year-end finances. If you are willing to donate 1 or 2 original works of art to this auction, please fill out the form below and mail it into the gallery (or drop it off) by **November 1, 2011**. This will allow us time to make the bid cards.

Drop off for the work will be Nov. 15 – Nov. 20 during gallery hours. (These dates are the same dates to drop off for the **Winter** open juried show.)

If you would like to volunteer to hang this show, please contact the gallery. Two volunteers are ideal. The work will be placed on our wire

panels and will be on display from Nov. 27 – Dec. 23, 2011.

Guidelines:

- Watercolors, acrylics, collages, drawings, pastels, monotypes, and oils are all acceptable.
- Frame size: 11" x 14" or smaller.
- The image size should be 8" x 10" or smaller accept for oils and acrylics which can be 11" x 14".
- Oils and acrylics should be framed and pastels should be matted and framed under glass.
- Watercolors, drawings, monoprints, and collages should be matted and in clear bags or matted and framed under glass. Nice, inexpensive frames work well. Framed pieces sell better and are easier for us to hang.

SMALL WORKS SILENT AUCTION FUND RAISER

Name: _____

Title: _____ Media: _____

Suggested Starting Bid Price: \$ _____ (50% or less of value \$ _____)

Telephone Number: _____ Email: _____



Holiday Party & Brunch

Our annual holiday party will be on **Sunday, Nov. 27**, the same date as the **Winter** show opening. There will be a brunch from 11am – Noon. Members are asked to bring finger foods.

Noon – 12:45pm: Membership Meeting – Announcements of **Member of the Quarter, People's Choice Award Winners**; Vote on proposed changes to the bylaws.

Our own resident master artist, **AL ALBREKTSON**, will be doing a demonstration from 12:45 – 2pm. Awards from the **Winter** open show will be presented at 2pm.

Come help us celebrate!



Winter Wonderland

This year **Slater Memorial Park's Winter Wonderland** will be held over two weekends.

Saturdays: Dec. 3 & 10 and

Sundays: Dec. 4 & 11.

Time: 4pm – 8pm.

Santa Claus will be downstairs and children can come to have their pictures taken for a small fee that goes to charity. If you would like to volunteer to work with Alice Broadbent on one of these evenings, please contact the gallery.

You will receive a \$25 voucher for each evening you donate.

Thank you!

• **DONNA MACLURE** received *First Place in Painting* in the Southern MA Arts Festival in Mansfield, MA.

• **KRIS OCCHINO** had her painting *Swans Flying over Acadia* accepted into the Lyme Art Association's current show, New England Landscapes Invitational that runs through November 12. Kris's work is now represented by Voila Fine Art Gallery in Wickford, RI. www.voila-art.com

• The Franklin Art Association will be having its fall show titled *Colorful Images* on Saturday, November 5, 2011 from 11am – 8pm at Restaurant 3, 461 West Central Street, Franklin, MA 02038. This art show is juried for prizes.

Many **RIWS** members will have work on display. There will also be a silent auction of small works, a raffle of items donated by FAA members, and a display of art work created by

Franklin High School students. Part of the proceeds of this show benefits a scholarship given to a Franklin High School student. Restaurant 3 is providing the hors d'oeuvres and there will be a cash bar. **KRIS OCCHINO** and **PAULA CORREIA** are co-chairs of this show. **FRANK ROBERTSON** is the President.

• **PBS Auction Donations:** Once again **RIWS** is a drop-off site for this televised auction. Deadline for drop off is Nov. 4, 2011. Please fill out a form and attach it to each of your donation(s). We have forms at the gallery. You can find some basic info on the auction webpage at

<http://www.biddingforgood.com/auction/AuctionHome.action?vhost=ripbs>

Remember to wrap them up for their protection as the volunteer who picks them up from us is not responsible for this.

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DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER:

November 1, 2011
Mail news items to:
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Slater Memorial Park
Armistice Blvd.
Pawtucket, Rhode Island 02861
or email: **Kris Occhino** at
riwsgallery@verizon.net

18th Annual National Watermedia Competition

Congratulations to all of our members who got into this exquisite show! Stop in and pick up a color brochure that pictures the paintings in the show. A special congratulation to the following members who won prizes:



David Marsland Memorial Award - \$1500
Robert Y. C. Hsuang, Newton MA
Speeding in the Rain, Ireland

Mary Lou Moore Award - \$300
(This is the first time this award has been given.)
Carole Berren, Warwick RI
Going Home

Fujie Wright Memorial Award - \$250
Al Albrektson, West Warwick RI
Boatyard

Mary Kosowski Award- \$100
Madeleine von Hemert, Providence RI
Island Path

Honorable Mentions
Kristina Stashenko, Medfield MA
Shoe Shine
Andrew Kusmin, Manemett MA
Birds and Buoys



Janet Rogers (left) and Jackie Canna with the portrait Janet did of Jackie at the October 5 evening demo.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov. 6 – Nov. 22:

Visions 5 - Reception with music on Sun., Nov. 6, 1-4pm
Jerry Aissis, Robin Beckwith,
David Locarno, Kris Occhino
and Frank Robertson

Nov. 15 – 20:

Drop off Silent Auction

Nov. 27 – Dec. 22 :

Winter - open juried show –
Reception: Sunday, Nov. 27 1-4pm

Drop off: Nov. 15 – 20

Pick up of work not accepted:

Nov. 23, 25, 26, 27

Pick up of accepted work:

Fri., Dec. 22 (late afternoon),

Dec 23 & Wed., Dec. 28

Sunday, Nov. 27. :

Holiday Party & Meeting

Brunch: 11am – Noon

Membership Meeting:

Noon – 12:45pm

12:45pm – 2pm –

Demonstration with artist,

Al Albrektson

Announcement of awards from

Winter show: 2pm

January 8 – 26, 2012:

Invitational Show

Work by members of the

Wickford Art Association.

Reception, Sun. Jan. 8 from 1-4pm



Board Member, Lois Monteiro, who won the floral bouquet demo that Janet Rogers did on October 5.



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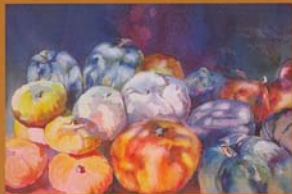
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Visions Five

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