

Monday Night Painting - Every Monday from 6pm-9pm

Members: \$5.00 Non-Members: \$8.00

Monday evenings for informal watercolor painting with Signature Members Joan Croce and Mary Wojciechowski. No instruction, just painting with fellow artists. A critique is held around 8pm.

Spring 2015 Workshops - Space is limited!

All workshops are full days from 9am-4pm

Al Albrekton & Lavonne Suwalski 2-Day Enthusiasm for Watercolor Workshop

All Levels Welcome!

Date and Time: May 16th & 17th (Saturday and Sunday)

Members: \$ 200 Non-Members: \$ 250

Sign up deadline: May 9th

Al & Lavonne have two different styles and approaches to painting, but both are loose and colorful. Demonstrations in the morning and afternoon allow you to see and experience different subject matter and approaches to painting. Strong design, composition, enthusiasm and lots of knowledge of watercolor, combine in this two day workshop to create a unique watercolor experience.



"Flower Vendor" by Al Albrekton



"Docked Boats" by Lavonne Suwalski

Frank Costantino 2-Day Plein Air Painting Workshop

Intermediate-Advanced Levels

Date and Time: May 30th & 31st (Saturday and Sunday)

Members: \$ 150 Non-Members: \$ 175

Sign up deadline: May 23rd

On the scenic grounds of Slater Park and in the facilities of RIWS, Frank will be offering an exciting plein-air watercolor workshop. This intensive and comprehensive workshop will expose students to the freshness and spontaneity of using the watercolor media on site. With daily demonstrations, students will learn about subject and site selection, arranging composition, color choices and more.



"Gliding the Charles"



"Rainbow Fleet, Nantucket"



"Bethesda Terrace, Central Park NYC"

Richard Harrington 2-Day Introduction to Abstract Painting Workshop

Advanced Beginner-Advanced Levels

Date and Time: June 5th & 6th (Friday & Saturday)

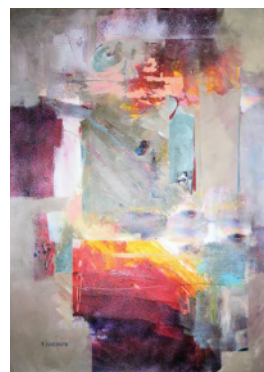
Members: \$ 150 Non-Members: \$ 175

Sign up deadline: May 28th

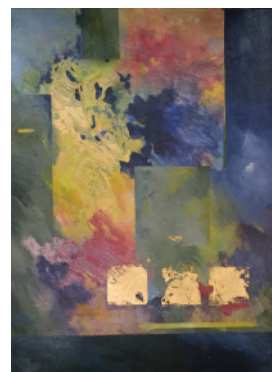
Abstract paintings will be done on watercolor paper using acrylic paints. Students may use other media as well in order to create a mixed media piece. Working in a free and easy manner, painters will use a limited palette to explore: mark-making, shapes, colors, subject matter and personal/historical references. Students will be encouraged to use their own art experiences, habits and interests to explore the way in which they paint.



"Finding Joy"



"Points of Interest"



"In the Beginning"

Janet Walsh 4-Day Still Life & Florals Workshop

All Levels Welcome!

Date and Time: June 23rd-26th (Tuesday-Friday)

Members: \$ 400 Non-Members: \$ 500

Sign up deadline: June 16th

Janet Walsh is a former president of the American Watercolor Society, and studied at the School of Visual Arts and The Art Student's League- both located in NYC. Janet specializes in still life and floral paintings and was selected as one of America's top watercolor instructors by Watercolor Magazine. She has taught watercolor workshops throughout the US, France, England, Ireland and Spain.



"Windows of Venice"



"Glass and Lace"

Current Exhibition

"Go Figure!" Open Juried Show (All 2D Media & Collage)

Juror: Paul Leveille

Show Dates: March 8th-April 9th ***Pickup:** April 10th-14th

Upcoming Exhibitions

119th Annual Artist Member Show & Annual Member Meeting/Potluck Brunch

Exhibition Dates: April 12th-May 7th
Juror: Nancy Gaucher Thomas

Opening Reception:
Sunday, April 12th from 1-4pm

Awards Ceremony at 12:15pm

Demo by Lavonne Suwalski at 12:30pm (Free)

Drop off: March 31st-April 7th

***Pick up after Exhibition: May 8th - May 12th**



"Forest" by Lavonne Suwalski

Annual Member Meeting & Potluck Brunch
Sunday, April 12th at 11am

11:00 am Potluck Brunch

11:30 am Annual Meeting to include:

- 2014 Treasurer's Report
- Committee & gallery reports
- 2015 Board Nominations
- 2015 Outlook and plans

12:15 pm Annual Artist Member Show Awards

This is a great opportunity to share your thoughts and ideas. We hope you will join us!

2015 Proposed Board

**President: Jackie (Canna) Habig*

**Treasurer: Dennis Finlay*

**Recording Secretary: Dyan Rook*

**Corresponding Secretary: Elinor Thompson*

**Directors: Evelyn Bernal, Paula Correia, Alyce Crowell, Jacquelyn Hayes, Sue Klas Wright, Eileen McAllister, Denise Petrin*

There is currently a vacancy for Vice President

The American Watercolor Society's 148th Annual Traveling Show
will begin at RIWS this spring!

Exhibition Dates: May 9th - June 14th

Opening Reception: Saturday, May 9th from 4-7 pm

Demo by Carole Berren, AWS at 4pm

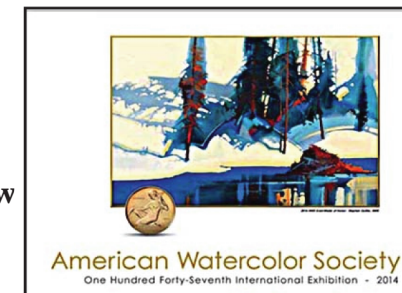
Tickets \$25 each

RIWS will be the first destination for the 148th Annual AWS Traveling Show
This will be the show's only stop in the New England area!

Hosting the AWS show is a huge undertaking, as the entire show will be shipped to RIWS, displayed for 5 weeks, and then shipped to the next gallery in Columbia, TN.

We have set up a Kickstarter fundraiser campaign to help defray the costs of renting the show for five weeks, packing and shipping the show to Tennessee, as well as advertising and printing brochures. If every member donates just \$10, we will be able to easily handle the cost of coordinating this wonderful show. You can visit the Kickstarter website to view our campaign and donor gifts at: www.kickstarter.com/projects/2123200537/the-aws-traveling-show-at-rhode-island-watercolor

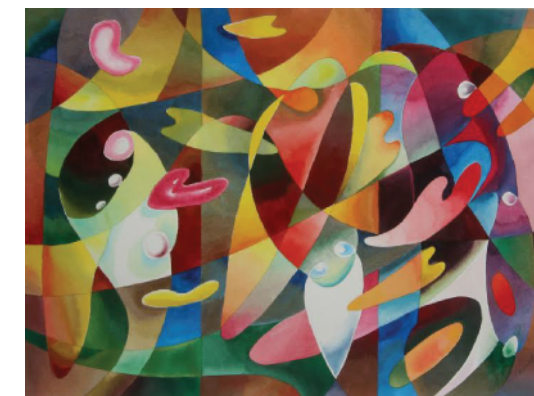
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Featured Lifetime Member: Hiroko Shikashio



Hiroko Shikashio was born in Himeji-city, Japan, and resided in Japan until 1965. She holds degrees from Japan Christian College, in Tokyo, Japan and California State College, in Los Angeles, CA. Hiroko's work has received many awards over the years, and she has been reviewed in the Daily Times, Providence Journal, and Art New England, among others. She is a member of Watercolor USA Honor Society (Board member), Art League of RI, Attleboro Museum, Newport Art Museum, South County Art Association, Wickford Art Association, New Haven Paint Clay Club, and the Pennsylvania Watercolor Society.



"Endless Fun" by Hiroko Shikashio

**If you are a Signature or Lifetime Member, you may send a bio, photo, and samples of your work to riwsgallery@gmail.com to be featured in a future newsletter.*