



WaterMedia

December 2017



Mom's Gonna Love This One by Frank Robertson

SEASON'S GREETINGS

It's been an exciting year at RIWS, and we can hardly believe it's over. While we all wait for the much-needed rest over the holidays, both staff and members can be satisfied in knowing that we earned it through all the hard work we put in over the year. With a record amount of artist submissions and visitors to the gallery, we can safely say that 2017 has been one of our most successful years to date. Thanks to all who made it so great.

This month's newsletter gives readers a sneak peek at our 2018 schedule, and while we add the finishing touches to it, please stop by the gallery this December to view the Four Seasons exhibition and to have a cup of egg nog (spiking optional). Also, please be aware that the gallery will be closed December 23 - January 2 in recognition of the holidays.

We wish you all a safe and happy holiday season, and we look forward to seeing you all again, bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, in 2018!

President's Corner

2017 was a wonderful and successful year for RIWS. Our gallery has never looked better, with air conditioning and a new look, our classes and workshops were diverse and well-attended, our National Show was one of the best ones we have ever had, and the gallery operations and publications are smooth and professional thanks to our director Sam and assistant Andrea.

I am very thankful for this hobby that I so enjoy and this wonderful community at RIWS to it share with.

Our 2018 renewals are out. In the renewal packet, you will find many opportunities to participate at RIWS: gallery sitting, hanging, hospitality, etc. There is also a survey to get your feedback on how we can make 2018 even more successful.

I hope you will find time to renew and continue this wonderful, artistic growth journey with us.

We appreciate everything you have to give - your donations and your time. Our successes are due to every one of you.

Thank you.

Jackie Habig, President

Director's Corner

Our faithful gallery assistant, Andrea Braga, keeps telling me it's December, but I remain unconvinced. Where did 2017 go? While I consider myself someone who is always looking forward, I think it's important to take a moment and really think about what really did happen in 2017. For starters, we painted our gallery walls! The response to that was overwhelmingly positive. It's no small task, picking just the right color. We also got new air conditioning units put in. That was quite an ordeal, but it made a huge impact in the comfort of our space here at RIWS. I mentioned to Andrea earlier, because she started working for us this year, that it's important that all of us recognize what a difference she has made here. She's an enormous help in all the behind the scenes operations and continues to help all of us maximize the potential of this organization. There are also a lot of successes that are not represented physically. RIWS saw a rise in membership and class attendance, as well as show participation. These are areas that really fuel our flame, so we're thrilled to see such passion for our programming. I could go on about what 2017 has brought us. And while I remain skeptical that it really is December, membership renewals are in the mail, and we do hope that you will renew with us for 2018 as we continue to grow.

Sam Green, Gallery Director

Current Exhibition

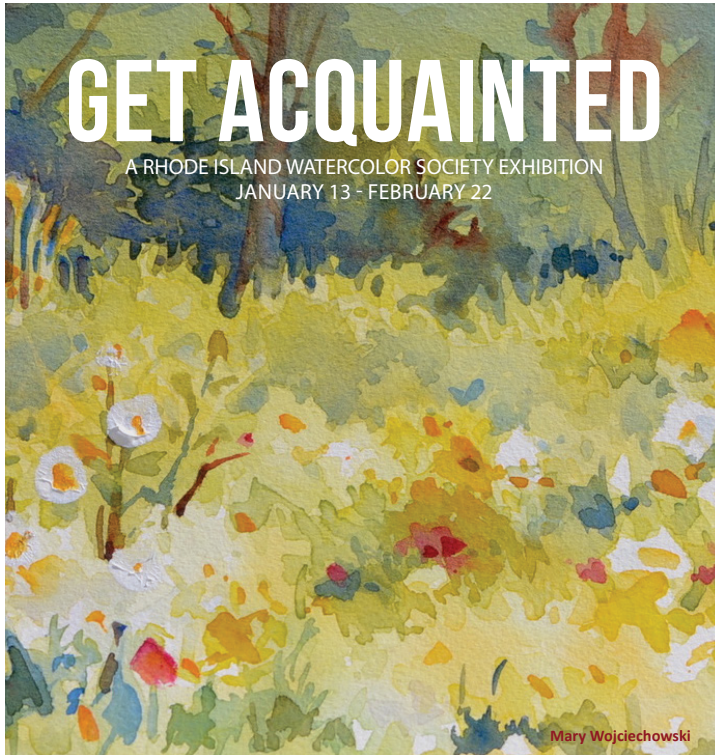


Four Seasons

OPEN JURIED SHOW

Exhibition Dates: December 2 - January 5 / **Info:** www.riws.org/Four-Seasons





GET ACQUAINTED

A RHODE ISLAND WATERCOLOR SOCIETY EXHIBITION
JANUARY 13 - FEBRUARY 22

Mary Wojciechowski



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Gallery Hours:
Wed- Sat: 10am - 4pm
Sun: 12pm - 4pm
Closed Mons, Tues
and Holidays

WATERMEDIA ART WORK BY:
NEW ARTIST MEMBERS
NEW SIGNATURE MEMBERS
ALL ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

-Invite Only-
Open to: New Artist, New Signature,
& Associate Members
Exhibition Dates: Jan 13 - Feb 22
Opening Reception: Jan 13, 2-4pm
Juror: RIWS Hanging Committee
Drop Off: Jan 3 - 11
Pick Up: Feb 23 - Mar 10

RHODE ISLAND WATERCOLOR SOCIETY IN-HOUSE DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY SERVICES

Have your artwork photographed in a professional quality photography studio by our staff.

\$5 for 1 artwork
\$10 for up to 3 artworks
\$20 for up to 10 artworks
\$30 for up to 20 artworks

Images are available in CD format or they can be emailed to you directly.



Contact the gallery to set up an appointment: (401) 726-1876 We are open: Wed-Sat 10AM-4PM & Sun 12PM-4PM

New Photo Service Policy

Effective January 2, 2018, RIWS will be implementing a new photo service policy.

Given the time and effort that goes into the image editing process, we will be charging an additional \$3 per image for any edits beyond cropping and exposure.

Please be aware that a digital image cannot truly replicate that of a painting. While our staff is trained to deliver high quality results, we cannot guarantee the level of quality produced in a high end photography studio.

We encourage you to use this service for our Open Juried Show submissions. RIWS staff will happily walk you through the online submission process at no additional cost.

New Art Work Pick Up Policy

Effective January 2, 2018, RIWS will be implementing a new procedure for pick up of artist works. Artists will now have two weeks from the day after a show's end to pick up their works. Works left in storage beyond the two week pick up period will be charged at \$5 per week per piece. This is to ensure that we keep the studio free for photography services and compliant with fire safety rules.

Four Seasons

WINNERS

FIRST PLACE:

Autumn's Gold by Evelyn Bernal

SECOND PLACE:

Almost Winter by Susan Burgess

THIRD PLACE:

Blackstone Boulevard by Cathy Chin

HONORABLE MENTION I:

Winter's Glow by Jerry Aissis

HONORABLE MENTION II:

Spring Fresh Meets Salt Water by Pamela Haynes

HONORABLE MENTION III:

Belted Galloways at Sunset by Kristina Occhino

HONORABLE MENTION IV:

Mauve Cape - Early Spring by Judith Bertozzi



RIWS 2018 Calendars featuring our calendar contest winners' works are now available for ordering. Please inquire at the gallery front desk or by calling us to find out how you can purchase your copy.

Dates to Remember

December 2	Jack Haran Watercolor Demo 1:30-2:30PM
December 2	"Four Seasons" Opening Reception, 2:45-4PM
December 2 - January 3	"Four Seasons" Exhibition
December 23 - January 2	RIWS Gallery Closed for the Holidays
January 3 - 11	Drop Off: New Artist & Signature Members Show
January 13	Opening Reception: New Artist & Signature Members Show
January 13 - February 22	Exhibition: New Artist & Signature Members Show
January 20	Mary Wojciechowski: Alcohol Ink Workshop (Beginners)
January 27	Mary Wojciechowski: Alcohol Ink Workshop (Advanced)
February 23 - March 10	Pick Up: New Artist & Signature Members Show

2018 Workshop Schedule

MARY WOJCIECHOWSKI ALCOHOL INK WORKSHOP

JANUARY 20 (BEGINNERS) / JAN 27 (ADVANCED)
10AM - 3:30PM

RALPH ACOSTA WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP

FEBRUARY 21 - 23
9AM - 4PM EACH DAY

ANDREW KUSMIN WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP

MAY 10 - 12
9AM - 4PM EACH DAY

JACK HARAN WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP

JUNE 20 - 22
9AM - 4PM EACH DAY

VLADISLAV YELISEYEV WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP

SEPTEMBER 12 - 14
9AM - 4PM EACH DAY

MARLA GREENFIELD WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP

NOVEMBER 7 - 9
9AM - 4PM EACH DAY

Monday Night Painting Sessions

JOIN US AT THE RIWS GALLERY FROM 6-8PM ON MONDAYS FOR OPEN PAINTING SESSIONS FOLLOWED BY CASUAL CRITIQUES. EACH SESSION IS \$5. DROP-INS ARE WELCOME. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN SUPPLIES.

PLEASE VISIT WWW.RIWS.ORG UNDER THE CLASSES & WORKSHOPS TAB TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE CLASSES AND TO REGISTER.

Miscellaneous

NOT YOUR AVERAGE INK

As there was interest following the Alcohol Ink Workshops in November, Mary Wojciechowski will be teaching a new workshop on January 20th for those with prior experience. Additional handling of this medium, including pouring, brushing and stamping, will be explored and there will be opportunities for all to learn from one another as well. For those who are interested in participating, students will bring their own materials (Yupo, and ink, primarily) but RIWS will still supply additional materials needed such trays, cardboard, spray bottles and alcohol.



Mary and her class



Student Work

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