

Dates To Remember

June 1st: Photography for Regional Show Submissions
June 3rd: Ben Macomber's class begins, 6-8pm
June 4th: Jerry Aissis' class begins, 10am-12:30pm
June 5th: Elaine Gauthier's class begins, 1-3pm
June 7th: Kris Occhino's class begins, 10am-12:30pm
June 13th: Pickup begins for Reflections (through 6/15)
June 13th: Blithewold Paint Day, 10am-5pm
June 14th: Opening Reception for Member Group Show 4-7pm
June 28th: Photography for Regional Show Submissions
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July 1st-31st: Drop off for "1000 Works on Paper" fundraiser
July 1st: Deadline for Stephen Quiller workshop deposit
July 4th: CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY
July 5th: Kris Occhino's class NOT meeting for holiday weekend
July 12th: Opening Reception for Annual Invitational, 4-7pm

Announcements

Catherine Radix Mansell, Robin Beckwith, and Cathy Chin were selected for the Providence Art Club National Show that exhibited this May.

Nan Rumpf is teaching a 3 day workshop, "Adding Texture to Enhance Your Watercolors" at the Newton Watercolor Society from June 12-14. Workshop fee is \$250. Visit <http://www.newtonwatercolorssociety.org/> to register.

RIWS members and guests are invited to meet and paint out on the grounds of Blithewold in Bristol on Friday, June 13 from 10-5. No charge but donations accepted. All grounds and restrooms will be open, but there is a fee for a mansion tour. When arriving, say you are with RIWS. Bring a lunch! (rain date 6/20)

Painting Around Members' Exhibit Cranston Public Library, main branch 5/31-6/27. Opening Reception, Wednesday 6/4 from 5:30-7:30pm. This exhibition highlights artwork by over 20 local plein air artists, many of whom are RIWS members. All artwork was created or inspired by many Rhode Island venues.



20% Discount on "Colors of Nature" paints!

"Colors of Nature" gave a demonstration of their earth-friendly paints at the opening reception of Reflections on May 17th. They are currently offering a 20% discount on their website exclusively for RIWS members and friends! Use the code **Members-20-RIWS** at checkout for the discount. In addition, "Colors of Nature" will donate the equivalent of your savings back to RIWS! This is a great opportunity to try a new product and also support our society. Visit www.colorsofnature.com to view all available products.



RIWS Members Hollis Machala and Jerry Aissis trying out "Colors of Nature" paints



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The Official Newsletter of the Rhode Island Watercolor Society

June 2014

President's Corner

Exciting.

- The "Reflections" open juried show, had 85 entries and a wonderful Saturday evening opening. The show is beautiful.
- The last group member show had sales of over \$1700 - congrats to the artists!
- The gallery has applied for one grant and has another in process.
- We have over 300 members - 12 new members signed up this past month!
- Steven Quiller's 5-day workshop is full and we are planning a Sunday demo so more members can enjoy this esteemed artist.
- Final plans for our August gala fundraiser "1000 Works on Paper" are being made. Donated work can be brought to the gallery during July.

I find all this news very exciting. Everyone involved in the operation of the gallery has had great ideas and we are starting to make progress into making these ideas happen. And as I believe that Good makes Good - as these events and ideas roll out, we create more excitement, get more people involved, and make more good things happen. Exciting.

And it is great to welcome new members to RIWS. Thanks for becoming part of our exciting society.

Jackie Canna
RIWS President

Director's Corner

June 18th marks my 1 year anniversary as Gallery Director of the Rhode Island Watercolor Society. It is such a pleasure to work for one of the oldest watercolor organizations in America, and I want to thank all of you for your continued support, and for welcoming me into this wonderful art organization. It has been a great year!

We will also have our second Member Group Show this month, which will feature the artwork of RIWS Artist Members, Alyce Crowell, Jacque Hayes, Sherri Snyder and Kristin Stashenko, and Signature Member, Norma Sumner. Please come and meet the artists at their opening reception on Saturday, June 14th from 4-7pm.

This month is also the last month to have your artwork photographed for submission to the Regional Show. We still have slots available on Sunday, June 1st, Saturday, June 28th and Sunday, June 29th. If you need photos taken, please call the gallery for an appt. You may also submit your piece(s) to the Regional show at the time of your photo session; just make sure to bring your filled in entry form and corresponding fee. Remember... the deadline for the Regional Show is July 15th!

Our next newsletter will be a summer edition for July & August, and is scheduled to be released in mid July. Therefore, I'd like to remind everyone that you can drop off an unlimited amount of donated works on paper during the entire month of July, to show in our Fundraiser Exhibit in August. We encourage everyone to participate, as it is our goal to hang and exhibit 1,000 works on paper! We have included an amended prospectus for this event, as the dates have been changed. Please remember that the gallery will be closed on Friday, July 4th for the holiday.

We are also having this year's Invitational Show in July, which will feature the artwork of our local High School students from Shea High School, Pawtucket and St. Mary's Academy, Bay View. This exhibition is scheduled from July 12th - August 7th, and there will be 2-D and 3-D work on display. Come and show the future artist's of our community your support at their opening reception at the gallery on Saturday, July 12th from 4pm - 7pm.

Lori Estrella
Gallery Director



First Place
"Reflections III" Daydre Hamilton



Second Place
"Magic Carpet" June Morse



Third Place
"Mill Pond" Hollis Machala

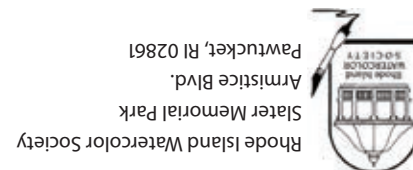


Honorable Mention
"Quarry Perch" Mary Wojciechowski



Honorable Mention
"Reflections" Al Albrekston

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Monday Night Painting
Every Monday 6pm - 9pm
Members: \$5.00 Non-Members: \$8.00

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

PLEASE NOTE: Monday Night Painting's last meeting before summer is June 16th.

Monday Night Painting artists participating in an informal critique.



New Classes for Spring/Summer! To sign up, visit riws.org or call 401-726-1876.

Splendors of Watercolor with Ben Macomber (6 Weeks)

All Levels Welcome

Date and Time: June 3rd - July 8th Tuesday Evenings from 6pm-8pm Sign up deadline: May 27th
Members: \$60 Non-Members: \$100

In this class, the instructor will demonstrate the various techniques of working in watercolor and introduce his students to the characteristics of watercolor, application of paint and drying times. There will be a focus on composition, value, style and focal point. The instructor will seek to enhance each student's individual painting styles and skill level. Ben Macomber is a Continuing Education Instructor at RISD and also teaches at the Taunton Art Association.



Jerry Aissis Returns This Summer!

Painting Elements of the Landscape (6 Weeks)

Advanced Beginner - Intermediate Level

Date and Time: June 4th - July 9th Wednesdays from 10am - 12:30pm Sign up deadline: May 28th
Members: \$ 95 Non-Members: \$ 120

This class will emphasize painting rocks, trees, water and buildings that can be used to create a landscape. Emphasis will be in mixing colors directly on the paper, learning to use controlled washes and creating textures that simulate actual objects used to paint a landscape. This six week class will have students using photos of their own to learn the basics of watercolor and how to push it to more than just copying the photo.



Watercolor Painting is Fun! A Beginner Class with Elaine Gauthier (8 Weeks)

Beginner Level

Date and Time: June 5th - July 24th Thursdays from 1pm - 3pm Sign up deadline: May 29th
Members: \$ 60 Non-members: \$ 100

Let's take the mystery out of watercolor painting and learn to love this medium. This class will teach the basics of watercolor with washes, color mixing, saturation, application, and shading as students explore the many possibilities watercolor has to offer. Watercolor experiments will become finished projects. Students will be guided at their own pace and experience.



Summer Painting Class with Kris Occhino (6 Weeks)

Beginner - Intermediate Level

Date and Time: June 7th - July 19th Saturdays from 10am - 12:30pm Sign up deadline: May 29th
Members: \$ 95 Non-Members: \$ 120

Don't let your summer slip away without doing some painting! Each class will begin with a painting demonstration, and will be covering a variety of subject matter. Students can paint the demonstration subject, or can choose to work independently on some of their own projects. In either case, Kris will give all students one-on-one attention with their work, and will assist each student at his or her painting level. Weather permitting, students will be able to paint outdoors. There will be a critique at the end of each class.



Current Exhibition: Reflections: An Open Juried Show Juror - Nancy Friese

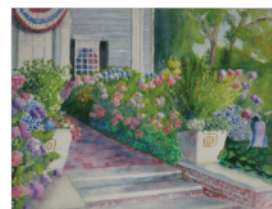
May 17th-June 12th Pickup Begins: June 13th

Upcoming Exhibitions:

Member Group Show: Featuring Alyce Crowell, Jacque Hayes, Sherri Snyder, Kristin Stashenko & Norma Sumner

June 14th - July 10th Opening Reception: Saturday, June 14th from 4-7 pm

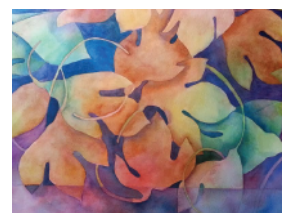
Drop Off: June 10th-13th Pickup Begins: July 11th



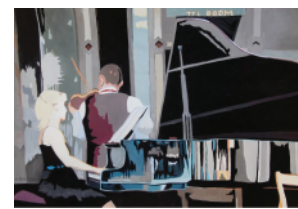
"Nantucket Flowers" Alyce Crowell



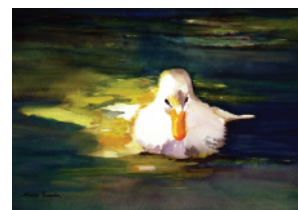
"Prince Charming" Jacque Hayes



"Leaves" Sherri Snyder



"Reflections of Music" Kristin Stashenko



"Just Ducky" Norma Sumner

Alyce Crowell is an Artist Member of RIWS. She also has memberships in the Franklin Art Association, Attleboro Art Assoc. and the Plymouth Art Guild. She has entered and displayed her work in local juried shows at various Art Centers. Since retiring as an Educator from the Dighton-Rehoboth School District, Alyce has been focusing on her love for painting with watercolors, with a special interest in landscapes. "I enjoy sketching and planning my pictures and seeing how they develop. It is now my passion and has become my occupation."

Jacque Hayes - My love for painting allows me to be creative and use my imagination. I love challenges and learning new techniques. I like to be able to let you put yourself into the painting and I love to see smiles when people view my work.

Sherri Snyder-Roche has been painting and selling her work for 25 years in the New England area. She is primarily self-taught except for a few watercolor classes here and there (ie: with Tony Couch). Her passion for nature, color, and shadows can be seen in every painting. Her images are strong yet gentle, colorful and inviting. See more of her work at www.SherriSnyderWatercolors.com.

Kristin Stashenko -After studying illustration and painting at the Massachusetts College of Art and the MFA school, I worked as a commercial artist for 15 years. I designed hundreds of greeting cards, notes, labels and a multitude of home decor items. I am now focusing on my own fine art which is extremely satisfying. Although I still love transparent watercolor I have become enamored with gouache, an opaque watercolor. This show feature more paintings in this medium. In the past two years I have exhibited with the New England Watercolor Society, the American Watercolor Society, was juried into the Copley Society of Art and became a signature member of RIWS. I currently work full time out of my studio at Fountain Street Studios in Framingham, MA.

Norma Sumner has been a member of RIWS since 2001. She is a Signature member of RIWS; Gold Coast Watercolor Society of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; National Pen Women Society of Washington, DC; and a former art member of Cape Cod Art Association. Norma's paintings have won over 90 awards and ribbons, and her paintings are owned nationwide and internationally in England, Italy, Denmark, Japan and Lithuania. "Life is very short...things we put time into have little permanent worth. The permanent things are matters of the spirit and heart... which is art."

Annual Invitational Show: July 12th-August 7th 2014

Featuring the artwork of local RI high school students from Shea High School in Pawtucket, RI and St. Mary's Academy-Bay View in East Providence, RI

Opening Reception: Saturday, July 12th from 4-7 pm

Drop Off: July 8th

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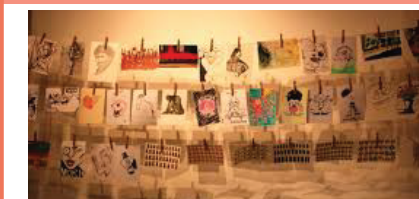
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Mail news items to:

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Email to: riwsgallery@gmail.com with "Newsletter Submission" in the subject title.

Mark your calendars!
RIWS Fundraiser & Exhibition



RIWS will be accepting donations for "Celebrating the Rhode Island Watercolor Society with 1,000 Works on Paper" for the entire month of July. Works can be drawings or paintings on paper (unframed, unmounted) that are 9x12" or smaller. All work will be sold for \$20 during this fundraiser, and will benefit RIWS to finance future exhibitions, classes, workshops, demos, and the daily operation of the gallery. Artists may submit an unlimited number of works. **Please note changes in dates below in yellow.**

August 9th-September 4th
Exhibition Party: August 16th 5-8 pm
with live music and catered food
Tickets: Exhibiting Artists - \$10
General Admission - \$20

Northeast Regional Watermedia Competition

(This year RIWS is hosting a regional competition instead of a national. Acceptance into this show counts towards Signature Membership. Please refer to the bylaws on the website for more information about membership.)

October 25th-November 20th Juror: Stephen Quiller \$1500 in prizes

For entry form and more information, visit riws.org or stop in and see us!

Dates to remember:

July 15 - deadline for digital entries - email to RIWSimages@gmail.com

September 5 - Notification of acceptance
September 9-30 - Hand delivered paintings due
October 17 - Jurying of awards
October 25 - Opening reception 4-7pm
November 21-23 - Pickup



Attention Artists!

Would you like to digitally archive your submissions for the Regional show? Photography will be available for your 1-3 submissions on May 31st, June 1st, 28th, and 29th from 12 pm to 4 pm. \$10 for a CD of your work. To sign up for a time slot call or email RIWS!