

RIWS 2016 NEWS CONT.

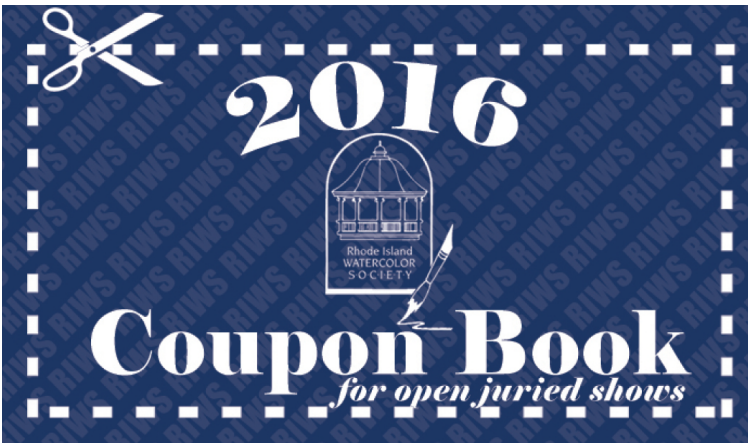
RIWS has raised the entry fees to Open Juried Shows. Entry Fees are now as follows:

MEMBERS

\$15 - 1 Entry
\$30 - 2 Entries
\$40 - 3 Entries

NON MEMBERS

\$20 - 1 Entry
\$40 - 2 Entries
\$50 - 3 Entries



Coupon Books on sale now!
\$50 per Coupon Book.

Each coupon allows you to enter one painting for free to the corresponding exhibition. There will be a \$12 charge for any 2nd entry and a \$8 charge for a 3rd. To purchase, please visit the Rhode Island Watercolor Society.

Dates To Remember



January

January 4th: Monday Night Painting resumes

January 6th: Gallery re-opens for regular hours & RIWS Open Studio begins.

January 6th-10th: Drop off for New Artist & Signature Member Show and the Associate Member Show. (Also Pick up for *Sky's the Limit*)

January 17th: New Artist & Signature Member Show and Associate Member Show opening reception from 2-4pm. Awards presented at 3pm.

February

February 12: Deadline for March/April Newsletter

February 24th- 28th: Member Group Show drop off.

February 26th- March 2nd: Pickup for New Artist & Signature Member Show and the Associate Member Show.

Member Announcements

It is with great sadness we announce that Rhode Island Watercolor Society Lifetime Member, Helen M. Pierce passed away in November 2015. Helena lived to be 95 years old and served as president of RIWS in 1977. Our condolences go out her loved ones.

Helena's family has asked that donations be made to RIWS in Helen's name for a memorial award, which will be presented during our 120th Annual Artist Member Show on April 3rd, 2016.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

Gallery 175 features the work of established and emerging artists in southern New England. The gallery is located in downtown Pawtucket, Rhode Island, adjacent to the Blackstone Valley Visitor Center and just steps from the historic Slater Mill on the Blackstone River. Two and three-person shows of two-dimensional artwork are organized throughout the year. No gallery commission on sales. For information about applying, visit <http://www.gallery175.com/about.html>

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Congrats to the winners of the Rhode Island Watercolor Society's "Sky's The Limit" open juried show!



1st Place
Saquish
Becky Haletky



2nd Place
Chance of Showers
Donato Beauchaine

Thank you to all that participated in such a diverse exhibit. It was a great way to wrap up the RIWS 2015 Exhibitions!



3rd Place
Cityscape IV
Beverly Silva

President's Corner

Welcome 2016!

We are off to a great start - we were notified we received a grant for new lighting and wall repairs! Lights were one of the biggest complaints we heard all year and we are happy to say we are addressing this. We will be getting sample bulbs in to make sure the gallery is properly lit. So here's to a BRIGHT new year!!!

I am also very happy to see membership renewals come in - and come in with members filling out the volunteer sections. We have a group already set up to meeting in January to start planning our Spring Fundraiser. I know our members have great ideas and this is what is going to make our events even better. If you would like to join, please email the gallery. We need ideas and we need people that simply want to come help. If you attended an event last year and have new ideas, we would love to hear them. And thank you to those who have already signed up.

Jackie Habig
President

Director's Corner

Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays and is ready to come back to some exciting news and events in 2016!

RIWS workshops and spring classes all begin in March, and we have several talented artists visiting us this year! Information on classes and workshops can be seen on page 2, or you can go directly to our website for more information and to register online. We are also happy to announce that we are starting an Open Studio this year. For a small fee, members will be allowed to come and use our classroom as a painting studio during regular gallery hours, when classes and workshops are not in session. A 2016 calendar of available days for the Open Studio is now available to view on our website.

January is also when RIWS features our New Artist & Signature Members! This year, we thought it would be wonderful to pair this exhibition with our Associate Member Show and have an extended exhibit. This show will run for 6 weeks, from Jan 17th - Feb 25th. What a wonderful opportunity for our organization to celebrate our Associate members and congratulate our New Artist and Signature Members of 2016! This will be a great way for all levels of membership to socialize and get familiar with each other's work. I hope you can all attend the opening reception on Sunday, January 17th btwn 2-4pm. Awards will be presented at 3pm.

Lori Estrella-Auger
Gallery Director