

Dates To Remember

May 3rd: Photography for Regional Show submissions
 May 6th-13th: Drop off for Reflections
 May 15th: Accepted paintings for Reflections announced
 May 17th: Opening Reception for Reflections 4 - 7pm, Demo @ 4pm
 May 25th: CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY: Monday Night Painting will NOT meet!
 May 31st: Photography for Regional Show Submissions



"Winter Blues" Trish Marcaccio
Best in Show at Wickford Art Association's Annual Member Show

Announcements

Trish Marcaccio was recently accepted into three juried shows at the Wickford Art Association. She won "Best in Show" for her oil "Winter Blues" in their annual Member's Show in April 2014. Her two other paintings will be in the "Visual Rhythms" exhibit which begins May 7 and the "Poetry and Art" Exhibit which begins July 25.

Congratulations to Mary Wojciechowski for winning 1st Place at the Cape Cod Art Association Members' show!

Cathy Chin and Robin Beckwith were selected for the Providence Art Club National Show currently on exhibit until May 9th. Robin was awarded an honorable mention. Visit <http://providenceartclub.org> for more info.

Raymond Andreotti was awarded The Winsor & Newton Award for Watercolor Painting at the Academic Artists Association 64th Annual National Exhibition of Contemporary Realism. The Exhibit took place at the Vernon Community Art Center, Vernon CT, on April 6, 2014.

Lian Quan Zhen will be teaching a watercolor and chinese brush painting workshop July 22-25 2014 from 9am-4pm with an optional painting clinic on July 26 at Sandywood Farms in Tiverton, RI. Workshop fee is \$375. To register contact Lois Erhartic at 401-683-2598 or BrushDance2008@gmail.com. Visit Lian's website at www.lianspainting.com.



WaterMedia

The Official Newsletter of the Rhode Island Watercolor Society
 May 2014

President's Corner

Time.

For a long time, we have been talking about having a gala fundraising event.

And it is about time.

This summer we will be holding an event exhibiting "1000 Watercolors." Imagine our gallery with 1000 works of art draped through out the galleries. Imagine the excitement of guests purchasing affordable artwork right off the walls. Imagine being able to buy a sketch from an artist you have always admired.

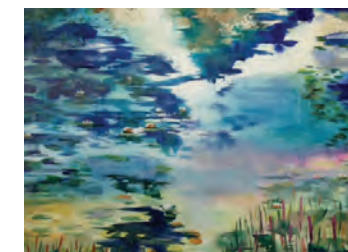
We will be asking for donations of unframed, 8x10 or smaller works on paper. We need 1000. I believe every member has a small piece of paper laying around and paint already on their palette. So we are asking for a little of your time.

An exhibit of 1000 Watercolors. Sounds grand and we cannot do it without you.

So please, lend us your talent and your time.

RIWS President
 Jackie Canna

Now on display at RIWS:
 Member Group Show
 Featuring Elaine Gauthier,
 Linda Littleton, and
 Diane Taylor, rsm



"Lillypads" Linda Littleton



"In Memoriam" Diane Taylor, rsm



"Irish Pub" Elaine Gauthier

Director's Corner

I am so happy that May is here! The trees and flowers in Slater Park are finally blooming and there are more people about, which means that the gallery is also receiving more visitors. I would like to urge all of our members, who haven't already taken advantage of this opportunity, to come by and drop off some cards and bin work to sell at the gallery. Members are allowed to bring in an assortment of cards and 4-6 pieces of bin work, which must be matted and sealed in plastic, to place in our gallery bins for sale. Small, easy to carry, and affordable works of art are always a huge draw for people who stumble into our gallery when they are walking through the park. As an added incentive, we also now have all of the bin work that is currently in the gallery posted to our website on the "Photo Gallery" page, so that people can get a sneak peek of the art that is available for sale with us throughout the year.

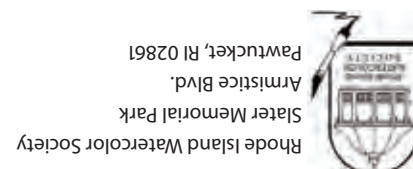
For those of you who read Art New England, RIWS is included in the "Focus On Rhode Island" section of their May/June issue, so please look out for it. It advertises the Member Group Show that is currently up through May 15th, as well as our next open juried show, "Reflections", which will be juried by Nancy Friese, painter and RISD Professor. Remember... drop off for "Reflections" is May 6th - 13th! I would also like to remind everyone that RIWS will start holding the opening receptions for our exhibitions on Saturday evenings, starting this month, throughout the rest of the summer and early fall. The opening for "Reflections" is on Saturday, May 17th, from 4pm - 7pm. We also have a

demo scheduled for this reception at 4pm, with "Colors of Nature" accompany that sells professional quality, earth friendly paint, made with all natural ingredients. The President of the company will be doing a demonstration, using their paint, and will be bringing enough art supplies for everyone attending to try out! I am really looking forward to this demo. I am a huge advocate of taking care of our planet, so when I saw their earth friendly products, I immediately wanted to learn more about it. Don't miss the opportunity to see this demonstration. This is going to be a fun and informative introduction to a new brand of watercolor paint, with a chance to win some free art supplies! Hope to see you all on May 17th!

I would also like to take a moment to welcome Nicole Monfils to the Rhode Island Watercolor Society! Nicole is our new Gallery Assistant, who started her position with us on April 3rd. She has been doing a great job, and I'd love for all of our members to get to know her better. She is at the front desk Tues - Sat, from 10am - 4pm, and is always available to assist you with any questions or concerns you may have.

Have a great Memorial Day weekend!

Lori Estrella
 Gallery Director



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Workshops & Classes

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.

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

Has it been a few years since you picked up a paintbrush? Are you a painter who wishes to try the medium of watercolor, but would like a little guidance? Or maybe you have never painted at all, but have always wanted to...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.



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.



Exhibitions

Current Exhibition:

Member Group Show: Elaine Gauthier, Linda Littleton, & Diane Taylor, rsm

April 27th - May 15th

Pickup Begins: May 15th



"Steere Farm Firetrucks" Elaine Gauthier



"The Surge" Diane Taylor, rsm



"Cosmos" Linda Littleton

Upcoming Exhibitions:

"Reflections" Open Juried Show: All 2D Media & Collage

May 18th - June 12th

Opening Reception: Saturday, May 17th 4 - 7 pm. Demo @ 4pm w/ "Colors of Nature"

Drop Off: May 6th-13th Pick Up: June 13th - 15th

Juror: Nancy Friese

About Nancy Friese

Nancy Friese received an M.F.A. in printmaking from Yale University School of Art and studied in the graduate painting program at the University of California, Berkeley. She studied painting and printmaking at the Art Academy of Cincinnati and was a recipient of a Yale University Summer School of Music and Art at Norfolk fellowship. She has a B.S. from the University of North Dakota. Her paintings and prints are represented by Cade Tompkins Projects in Providence. A member of ArtTable, she resides in Rhode Island and North Dakota and teaches at Rhode Island School of Design.



"Muddy River, Emerald Necklace: Pathway" by Nancy Friese

Member Group Show

Alyce Crowell, Jacquelyn Hayes, Sherri Snyder, Kristin Stashenko & Norma Sumner

June 14th - July 10th

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

Drop Off: June 10th - 13th

Pickup Begins: July 11th

Featured Signature Artist Member

Frank Robertson

Signature Member since 2009



"Sweet Dreams and Memories"

Frank was born in Queens, NYC and now lives in North Attleboro, MA with his wife Marilyn. He holds an AAS in Capital Radio Engineering, a BSBA from URI, as well as an MBA from Providence College. Frank has worked in the US Army Signal Core, as a Field Engineer for ITT Federal Electric, and for the Foxboro Company for 37 years. Before retiring in 2005, he was the VP and General Manager at Franklin Environmental Services. He now enjoys perennial gardening, travel, and spending time with his wife, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and wonderful friends. Frank paints whenever possible, and has been an RIWS member since 2005, becoming a Signature Artist in 2009.



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Deadline for June Newsletter:

5/20/14

Mail news items to:

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

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

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 3rd, 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!