

## Dates To Remember

**AUGUST 31st:** CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

### SEPTEMBER

**September 2nd:** Last day to drop off for "The Artist Travels"

**September 5th:** Announcement of acceptance to Regional Show

**September 6th:** Opening Reception for "The Artist Travels" 4-7pm

**September 8th:** Monday Night Paint returns! 6-9pm

**September 9th:** City Voting 6am-8:30pm

**September 9th-30th:** Drop off for Regional Show

**September 13th+14th:** Pawtucket Fall Arts Festival, 11am-5pm each day

**September 13th:** Richard Harrington Demo 1pm (free to the public)

**September 14th:** Looft Carousel slide show presentation and book signing at 1 pm (free to the public)

**September 24th:** Jerry Aissis' Landscape class begins, 10am-12:30pm

**September 25th:** Kris Occhino's Color class begins, 10am-12:30pm

**September 26th:** Richard Harrington Workshop 9am-4pm

**September 27th:** Richard Harrington Workshop 9am-4pm

### Announcements

**Trish Marcaccio's** abstract oil "Into the Abyss" was accepted into the Wickford Art Association's "Poetry and Art Exhibit" which is from July 25- August 17. Trish had two watercolor abstracts accepted into the "Merge Exhibit" at the Warwick Museum of Art. Show runs from July 25-August 29.

**Paola Mangiacapra's** painting "Friends" has won two awards: 2nd place watercolor at the Catharine Lorillard Wolfe Art Club Annual Members' show at the Salmagudi Club, NYC, and 1st place overall in the "Artist's Choice" show at the Spring Bull Gallery.

**Kristin Stashenko's** painting "Ode to Alex Katz" was accepted into the National Watercolor Society's International Show in California.

**Bunny Griffeth** will be participating in the Children's Illustration Show at the Quindbaug Valley Council for Arts and Humanities, August 24 to 31st. Reception and book signing will be on August 24th from 12-4pm.



*A view of the gallery filled with donated artworks*

### A Note from the Director:

I would like to thank everyone who worked to make our most recent fundraiser in many years at RIWS a success! Our 1,000 Works on Paper event raised \$2,500 on Saturday, August 16th! This money will help us tremendously to keep the prices of our classes and workshops down, and to enhance the quality of the gallery for our members and the general public. Thank you to: the board of directors who made this event possible; my wonderful assistant Nicole Monfils who helped me with every aspect of planning this event; to all of the talented artists who donated their works on paper for this exhibition, because without all of you there would be no exhibit; to our instructors Jerry Aissis, Richard Harrington, Ben Macomber, Kris Occhino and Bob Noreika for donating their pieces to our Silent Auction; to James Dalton for coming out to RI and singing for us; to B&M Catering for providing us with a wonderful buffet of pulled pork, salads and fresh lemonade that evening, as well as donating a gift certificate to our raffle; to Len's Seafood Haven in Slater Park who provided us with their special New England clam chowder and clam cakes that evening, as well as two \$25 gift certificates for our raffle; and a very special thank you to all of the wonderful RIWS members who volunteered their time to help out on the night of the event... *Evelyn Bernal, Jackie Canna, Paula Correia, Cynthia DiDonato, Jacque Hayes, Hollis Machala, Stephen Ellery Manning, Rosemarie Manson, Yale Nicolls, Kris and Guy Occhino, Denise Petrin, Marguerite Pile, Norma and Jim Sumner and Elinor Thompson.* **THANKYOU!!!**



# WaterMedia

The Official Newsletter of the Rhode Island Watercolor Society  
September 2014

### President's Corner

Fall at RIWS offers many of our big events: Pawtucket Arts Festival, the Regional Exhibition, art workshop with Stephen Quiller, and our annual potluck Holiday brunch.

Fall is also the time for the gallery to start planning for next year. The calendar needs to be established, exhibitions selected, and workshops planned.

And for all our members, it is the time to think about your art aspirations for the year. Having a member show at RIWS is a great benefit that other organizations cannot offer. Up to 6 artist members exhibit their artwork for 3-4 weeks at various times in the year. You may plan a show with other artist member friends or the gallery can coordinate a

group for you to show with.  
- We have a beautiful gallery, your art will look great.  
- Our staff is here to help with publicity, posters, post cards, and anything else you may need.  
- Our volunteer hanging committee always does a wonderful job hanging.

Showing your art is invaluable - the sense of accomplishment, the feedback from viewers, the experience in producing an exhibition.

So as we are planning the next year, we hope you are planning your next show here at RIWS.

Jackie Canna  
RIWS President

### Director's Corner

There is a lot to look forward to in September. Our next open juried show "The Artist Travels" juried by William Heydt is this month. The last day to drop off your submission is Sept 2nd. Please note: this date was extended due to Labor Day weekend. The opening reception for this show is Saturday, September 6th from 4-7pm. We hope to see you there!

The Pawtucket Fall Arts Festival is also this month, including the Slater Park Fall Festival which takes place on Sept 13th and 14th from 11am-5pm. On this particular weekend, Slater Park is filled with art, music and food vendors, and it is a wonderful way to experience all of the art that is being made in our community and support local artists.

Last year, RIWS had a handful of members come out to Plein Air paint on the gallery grounds, showing the public what we do best... PAINTING! People loved walking by and getting a glimpse at our artists at work, and having an opportunity to talk to them about it. Participating members also brought additional bin work and gift cards to sell during this event, and we had a wonderful response. I would like to encourage all of our members to come out and Plein Air paint with us the weekend of September 13th and 14th. RIWS will be open to the public on Sat from 10am-5pm and Sun from 11-5pm. Plein Air painters are free to stay and paint as long as they'd like, while the gallery is open. If you are available to volunteer some of your time to help us with this event, please take a look inside the

newsletter for a list of volunteer spots available, including assisting the public with art projects of their own. It's going to be a busy weekend and we would really appreciate the extra help!

In addition to the Plein Air Painting, gift items and craft tables, Richard Harrington will also be here to give an artist demo of his abstract painting at 1pm on Saturday, Sept 13th. This demo is free and will be a great opportunity to see his work, especially if you were thinking of signing up for his Intro to Abstract Painting workshop at RIWS on Sept 26th and 27th. We are also having a slide show presentation and book signing event about Looft Carousel on Sunday, Sept 14th at 1pm. This event will be hosted by Blackstone Valley Tourism and is also free and open to the public.

City elections also begin this month and RIWS will be opening our doors to the City of Pawtucket, Department of the Board of Canvassers and Registration, to hold voting polls on Primary Day- September 9th from 6am - 8:30pm. If you live in the area and need a location to vote, you can do so in our Classroom on the lower level. I would also like to thank the City of Pawtucket for fixing the warped handle on the gallery's classroom doors, and making it more accessible. For all of you taking classes and workshops with us this fall, you will see a huge difference!

Lori Estrella  
Gallery Director



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**Monday Night Painting returns for the fall!**

Every Monday 6pm - 9pm beginning September 6th  
 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.*



"Barn" Jerry Aissis

**Painting Elements of the Landscape with Jerry Aissis (8 Weeks)**

*Advanced Beginner - Intermediate Level*

**Date and Time: September 24th-November 19th (no class 10/15/14)** Wednesdays from 10am - 12:30pm

**Members: \$ 120 Non-Members: \$ 160 Sign up deadline: September 17th**

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.



"Morning Drama" Kris Occhino

**Color Theory for the Color Confused with Kris Occhino (8 Weeks)**

*Advanced Beginner - Intermediate Level*

**Date and Time: September 25th - November 20th (no class 10/16/14)** Thursdays from 10am - 12:30pm

**Members: \$ 120 Non-Members: \$ 160 Sign up deadline: September 18th**

Knowledge of basic color theory will help you create paintings with a sense of light, atmosphere and mood. Classroom assignments will examine the properties and personalities of a selected palette of colors. Lessons will then go one step beyond the usual value sketch to planning a color design for each painting assignment. The instructor will provide the images for most classroom exercises.



**Children's Mixed Media Art Class with Nicole Monfils (8 Weeks) Ages 9-12**

**Date and Time: October 22nd-December 10th**

Wednesdays from 4-6pm

**Cost: \$80 per student, includes all materials and snacks Sign up deadline: October 15th**

Come join us for our fall Children's Art Class! Students will be introduced to a variety of mediums including watercolor, acrylic, collage and unconventional media. Weekly projects will be tailored to students age and skill level, and will result in a completed piece of art after every class. All materials and light snacks provided.



"Dawning Spray" Ben Macomber

**Splendors of Watercolor with Ben Macomber (6 Weeks)**

*Refresher class, All levels, Beginners Welcome!*

**Date and Time: November 11th-December 16th** Tuesday Evenings from 6pm-8pm

**Members: \$60 Non-Members: \$100 Sign up deadline: November 4th**

Has it been a few years since you picked up a paintbrush? Are you a painter that 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.

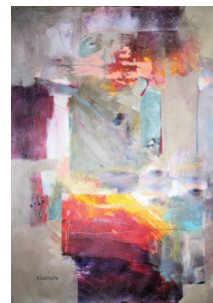
**Introduction to Abstract Painting with Richard Harrington *All Levels Welcome***

**Date and Time: Fri & Sat, September 26th-27th** from 9am-4pm each day Sign up deadline: September 19th

Both Days: Members \$125, Non-members \$150 One Day: Members \$75, Non-members \$85

**Workshop Description:** 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, as well as what they paint.

**About Richard Harrington:** Richard Harrington, a Signature Member of the RI Watercolor Society and other juried state and regional organizations, is an award winning painter as well as teacher. He has been exploring non-representational painting for several years and has studied abstract painting with Carole Barnes, Louise Cadillac, Gerald Brommer, Lenny Long and Katherine Chang-Liu. Richard will also be giving an abstract painting demonstration on Saturday, September 13th during the Pawtucket Fall Arts Festival at 1pm. The demo is free and open to the public.



"Points of Interest" by Richard Harrington

**Stephen Quiller Open Demo & Luncheon**

**Date and Time: Sunday, October 12th** 12-3pm Sign up deadline: October 5th Members \$15, Non-members \$25

This open demo is a great opportunity to meet and see Stephen Quiller work, especially for those not attending the full workshop. A light lunch buffet will be served to all attending, provided by B&M Catering. Demonstration will begin at 1pm.

\*Stephen's Color & Watermedia Workshop is October 13th-17th. This workshop is currently full. To be placed on the waitlist, contact the gallery.

*Current Exhibition:*

**Celebrating the Rhode Island Watercolor Society  
 with 1,000 Works on Paper - August 9th- September 4th**

Over 90 artists have donated 620 small works of art for this fundraiser.  
 Each piece is for sale, \$20 each. Support local artists and RIWS!

**Upcoming Exhibitions:**

**"The Artist Travels" An Open Juried Show (Watermedia only)**



"New York" by William Heydt

September 6th-October 2nd 2014  
*Drop off: August 26th-September 2nd*  
 Opening Reception: Saturday, September 6th from 4pm-7pm

**Juror: William Heydt**

First Prize \$100, Second Prize \$75, Third Prize \$50  
 plus Honorable Mentions

*\*Please note, all work for this show must be for sale.*

**Member Group Show: Featuring Jerry Aissis, Denise Cornwall, Allen Halle,  
 Donna Kenny Kirwan & Ben Macomber**

**October 4th - October 23rd**

Opening Reception: Saturday October 4th from 4-7 pm

*Drop off: September 30th-October 3rd*

*Pick up begins: October 24th*

**Northeast Regional Watermedia Competition**

**Dates to remember:**

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 - Pick up

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**

Opening Reception: Saturday, October 25th from 4-7 pm

**"Art Inspired by Song" An Open Juried Show (All 2D Media & Collage) Juror: Bob Noreika**

**November 23rd-December 20th 2014**

Opening Reception: Sunday November 23rd 1-4pm

*Drop off: November 11th-16th*

*Pick up begins: January 2nd, 2015*

**The Pawtucket Fall Arts Festival comes to Slater Park on September 13th & 14th!**



RIWS will be open to the public **Saturday from 10am-5pm and Sunday from 11am-5pm.**

All members are welcome to come on both days, anytime between 11-5 for Plein Air painting. Stay and paint as long as you want. Painters are welcome to bring extra work to sell. Please email a list of items to RIWS the day before, or bring a copy of a typed list with you on the day of and give to the front desk upon arrival. (\*\*Please Note: All work sold during RIWS' Paint Out at the Pawtucket Fall Arts Festival will be subject to 25% commission. Payment to the artist will be issued within 30 days of the sale.)

In addition to Richard Harrington's demo and Plein Air painting, we will also have additional artwork to sell, and craft tables for the public. Come join us in making this a successful and enjoyable event for all!

**Volunteers are needed** - please contact the gallery ASAP if you would like to help out!

We are looking for volunteers to help with...

-RIWS Set up (2 volunteers needed 10-11am each day)

-RIWS Clean up- (1 volunteer needed 5-6pm on Saturday)

-RIWS General Gallery Assistance at Front Desk- Art Sales, class registration, Q&A (1 volunteer needed from 12-4 on Saturday)

-Crafting with families (2 volunteers needed 11am-2pm and 2-5pm each day)

\*We will be offering "Try Watercolor" tables, one with a crayon and watercolor activity and another with a salt and watercolor drawing project. If you have any ideas for additional crafts, let us know!

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 October Newsletter:

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