



# WaterMedia

October 2017



*Night* by Evelyn Bernal

## A SPOOKTACULAR SEASON AT RIWS!

As we approach the holiday season, we want to remind everyone that RIWS is the perfect place to purchase beautiful original art works, tax-free. Our *Art in Autumn* fundraising exhibition is one such opportunity to stock up on Christmas gifts. With a variety of different media and subject matter to choose from, you are bound to find that special piece among the 5"x7" works kindly donated by our members. The pieces will be hanging in our gallery until October 13.

Our 2017 National Show will officially open on Saturday October 14 with a demo by the show's juror, artist Stan Miller, followed by the show's opening reception. For those who are unable to attend Stan's sold-out class this month, the demo will offer a great opportunity to get a glimpse at Stan's creative process. The demo is open to both members and non-members. Details and registration can be found on our web site under the Classes & Workshops tab. To find out more about the National Show, please click on the Exhibitions tab.

We are pleased to announce that we have added several new classes and workshops for all skill levels to our fall calendar. Please see the last page of this newsletter to learn more about them and visit [www.riws.org](http://www.riws.org) to register.

Finally, children (young and old) are welcome to stop by the gallery throughout October to grab complimentary Trick or Trick goodies.

# President's & Director's Corners

## President's Corner

While autumn at RIWS is full of exciting events, it is this time of year that we start looking forward to shaping our 2018 calendar.

We start by reviewing the previous year by asking:

- how well did we do in our fundraisers?
- how well were our events attended?
- did our classes and workshops fill up?
- what feedback did we receive from our members?

We also realize there are a lot of successful ideas and events that we don't always hear about, but our members do.

Is there an artist you would like us to contact? Did you hear of a fun art event we could try? Do you have an idea for an open show theme? This is the time to be heard. Please email the gallery or any board member or stop by the gallery and let us know your ideas for 2018.

Thank you!

*Jackie Habig, President*

## Director's Corner

The opening reception for this year's National Show exhibition is going to be taking place on Saturday October 14th from 2-4pm. This reflects a slight time change than we originally had on our schedule. We switched it so that it could be closer to Stan Miller's demonstration. If you would like to attend Stan's Demo and luncheon please sign up online as there are a limited number of spots available.

For this year's National Show we received a total of 303 entires, which is over 100 more than last year! Submissions came in from all over the country. Each piece really does deserve recognition; the submitted work was astounding! That being said, our juror, artist Stan Miller, had to narrow the selections down to the 65 that will be featured in our gallery.

I can't thank you all enough for your entires, we look forward to seeing more from all of you in the future. I, more than anyone, know that the online system was imperfect and we thank you for your patience as we refine this submission process to maximize its convenience for our members. In looking toward the future, we've got 1 more open juried show this year, our fall classes are up online, calendar voting is currently underway, and the *Art in Autumn* Fundraiser is going on until October 13th!

*Sam Green, Gallery Director*

## Current Exhibition



# Art in Autumn

NOW THROUGH OCTOBER 13, 2017

We could not be more pleased with the results of our *Art in Autumn* fundraising exhibition, currently hanging in our gallery.

RIWS members were asked to donate two 5"x7" original 2D media works for display in our gallery and for purchase at \$40 each. We were amazed at what our artists produced with the small scale they were given to work with. Several different media were used to paint a variety of subjects, ranging from animals to flowers, and oceans to portraits. Gallery Director Sam Green did a great job hanging the pieces in a format that showcases their beauty, giving them the appearance of colorful gems lining our walls.

Our opening reception saw a record amount of visitors to the gallery where we were treated to a demo by the living legend, watercolor artist Al Albrekston. A special thanks goes to Al, our members, and to Paula Correia for her cheery and seasonal decor.

We remind everyone that all proceeds of RIWS sales go towards keeping RIWS open to the public and maintaining a space where artists can gather to create and share their work. We invite all to visit us and experience it first-hand.



# Art in Autumn Fall Fundraiser

**DROP OFF:** Jul 21 - Sep 7  
**OPENING RECEPTION:** Saturday, Sep 9, 2-4PM  
**EXHIBITION:** Sep 9 - Oct 13

Find out more about this event and all the coinciding fall events that will be happening at the gallery and surrounding area at [www.riws.org/art-in-autumn](http://www.riws.org/art-in-autumn).



## STEPHEN ELLERY MANNING PORTRAITS

**Raffle Giveaway**  
**September 9 - October 14**

We will be raffling off one opportunity for a person to win a commissioned portrait valued at \$200 by watercolor artist and RIWS Signature Member Stephen Ellery Manning. The portrait will be approx. 11"x14", unmatted and unframed. The winning ticket must be redeemed within one year. Raffle tickets will be available at our gallery starting September 9 at the *Art in Autumn* opening. Winner will be announced during the 2017 National Show opening reception.

## 2017 ARTIST OF THE YEAR AL ALBREKTSON

INTRODUCING THE FIRST ANNUAL  
 RHODE ISLAND WATERCOLOR SOCIETY  
 ARTIST OF THE YEAR AWARD

SEPTEMBER 9 - OCTOBER 14, 2017  
 RAFFLE TICKETS: 3 FOR \$5 OR 8 FOR \$10

Join us in celebrating this year's recipient, renowned local artist Al Albrektsen. A limited run of 18"x12" prints will be made available to purchase. We will also be raffling off Al's original framed work titled "Blue Bay" (as seen above) during the 2017 National Show opening reception.

## NATIONAL SHOW 2017



WATERMEDIA EXHIBITION: OCTOBER 14 - NOVEMBER 24, 2017



## Watercolor Demo Stan Miller

OCTOBER 14, 2017  
 12:30 - 1:30PM

\$20 member  
 \$25 non-member

Please join us for a one-hour watercolor demonstration with renowned artist Stan Miller. Lunch will be served. Register now at [www.riws.org](http://www.riws.org) under Classes & Workshops.



## Four Seasons OPEN JURIED SHOW

Submission Deadline: November 18 / Info: [www.riws.org/Four-Seasons](http://www.riws.org/Four-Seasons)

## Miscellaneous

### BUDDING ARTISTS

RIWS was happy to welcome Girl Scouts Troop #655 to our gallery for a fun morning of art education and painting as part of their badge-earning program. The girls were tasked with painting pieces using the media of their choice to depict whatever subject matter they chose. Afterwards, they were awarded with their Girl Scouts Art Badges.

As more schools threaten to take away art education, we are pleased to see that organizations like the Girl Scouts of America continue to include art in their programming.

The girls' pieces will be hanging in our gallery alongside the National Show exhibition.



Girl Scout Masterpieces

## Dates to Remember

September 9 - October 13	"Art in Autumn" Sale Exhibition
September 30 - October 29	2018 Calendar Contest NEW Voting Dates
October 14	Stan Miller: Watercolor Demo, 12:30-1:30PM
October 14	National Show 2017 Opening Reception, 2-4PM
October 14 - November 24	National Show 2017 Exhibition
October 17 - November 28	Ben Macomber: Splendors of Watercolor
October 18 - November 29	Jerry Aissis: Painting the Elements of the Landscape
October 20 - December 15	Evelyn Bernal: Wet on Wet Techniques in Watercolor
October 28	Kris Occhino: From Photo to Finished Painting
November 10	"4 Seasons" Submission Deadline
November 11 - December 11	Mary Wojciechowski: Alcohol Ink Workshop
November 18	Kris Occhino: From Photo to Finished Painting
November 11 - 18	"4 Seasons" Drop Off and Online Submission
November 26	"4 Seasons" Opening Reception, 2-4PM
November 26 - January 5	"4 Seasons" Exhibition

## Weekly Painting Sessions

JOIN US AT THE GALLERY FOR PAINTING SESSIONS. DROP-INS ARE \$5. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN SUPPLIES. DATES AND TIMES TO BE DETERMINED. EMAIL: RIWSGALLERY@GMAIL.COM FOR MORE INFO.

## Upcoming Classes & Workshops

### **BEN MACOMBER: SPLENDORS OF WATERCOLOR**

6 WEEKS (ALL LEVELS - BEGINNERS WELCOME!)  
OCTOBER 17 - NOVEMBER 28 (NO CLASS NOV 21)  
TUESDAYS 6:00PM-8:00PM  
MEMBERS \$105 / NON-MEMBERS \$135

### **JERRY AISSIS: PAINTING THE ELEMENTS OF THE LANDSCAPE**

6 WEEKS (ALL LEVELS - BEGINNERS WELCOME!)  
OCTOBER 18 - NOVEMBER 29 (NO CLASS NOV 22)  
WEDNESDAYS 10:00AM-12:30PM  
MEMBERS \$105 / NON-MEMBERS \$135

### **EVELYN BERNAL: WET ON WET TECHNIQUES IN WATERCOLOR**

8 WEEKS (INTERMEDIATE - ADVANCED)  
OCTOBER 20 - DECEMBER 15 (NO CLASS NOV 24)  
FRIDAYS 10:00AM-1:00PM  
MEMBERS \$150 / NON-MEMBERS \$185

### **KRIS OCCHINO: FROM PHOTO TO FINISHED PAINTING**

1-DAY WORKSHOP (ALL LEVELS- BEGINNER'S WELCOME)  
1ST WORKSHOP SATURDAY OCTOBER 28  
2ND WORKSHOP SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18  
10:00AM-3:00PM  
MEMBERS \$75 / NON-MEMBERS \$95

### **MARY WOJCIECHOWSKI: ALCOHOL INK WORKSHOP**

1-DAY WORKSHOP (ALL LEVELS - BEGINNER'S WELCOME)  
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 11  
10:00AM-3:00PM  
MEMBERS \$90 / NON-MEMBERS \$110

PLEASE VISIT [WWW.RIWS.ORG](http://WWW.RIWS.ORG) UNDER THE CLASSES & WORKSHOPS TAB TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE CLASSES AND TO REGISTER.



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