



WaterMedia

September 2017



WELCOME TO AUTUMN AT RIWS!

Autumn is an exciting time to visit the Rhode Island Watercolor Society!

We kick off the season with our fall fundraiser *Art in Autumn*. Visitors to the RIWS will have the chance to purchase original 5"x 7" art works created and donated by our members. The *Art in Autumn* exhibition will coincide with the annual Pawtucket Arts Festival, which will be taking place in venues across the city, including Slater Memorial Park where our gallery is located.

Our annual fundraising Art Yard Sale takes place on September 30. This is a great opportunity to buy new and lightly used art supplies at excellent prices.

Starting October 14, our gallery will be exhibiting the selected and winning entries for our 2017 National Show, which will be juried by renowned watercolor artist Stan Miller. Following that will be the *4 Seasons* exhibition, our last exhibition of the year, towards the end of November.

Finally, as always, we will be offering classes and workshops designed to improve your technique. New ones are added regularly, so please check our web site under the Classes & Workshop tab for our upcoming schedule.

We hope you can join us in celebrating the 2017 fall season!

President's Corner

While I am not ready for Summer to be over, Fall is looking very exciting with all our RIWS events.

The Yard Sale, Pawtucket Arts Festival, 2108 Calendar Contest, and the National Show are all great, yet I am the most excited about our "Art in Autumn" fundraiser.

Our small picture fundraisers are very successful for the gallery. 100% of the profits help out our programming and the price point is excellent for our gallery patrons who can acquire art that is very affordable. And this year we are making an exciting opportunity for our members to showcase who they are. Not only does every member have an opportunity to show their work in our gallery, each artist will also display his or her bio or personal statement. It is an exciting way to get you and your art out there.

And we really appreciate your support in helping the society.

Thank you.

Jackie Habig, President

Director's Corner

Some people see Spring as a new beginning, but I see Fall as a fresh start. It's when all the leaves make way for the new ones to come the following year, it's when everyone's favorite television programs return, and it's when all the new college students make their way to campuses around the country. It's also some of the busiest months at RIWS as we fill our schedule with events and activities to get everyone through the long New England winter.

We especially want artists to be prepared to continue their work without distraction or delay. That means having the tools of the trade at their disposal. Our annual Art Yard Sale takes place on September 30. It's a great opportunity to stock up on new and lightly used arts and crafts supplies at half (or less) the price of their values in store. Everything from watercolor paints and brushes to jewelry crafting tools and beads will be sold. The yard sale will coincide with our *Art in Autumn* sale, so why not pick up the supplies you need **and** take home some beautiful original art pieces created by RIWS members?

We hope you will join us for this event, and welcome you to browse through all the others coming up.

Sam Green, Gallery Director

Current Exhibition



First Place: *To Venice With Love* by Al Albrekton



Second Place: *Pleasant Memories* by Jane Newton



Third Place: *Lower Falls, Portage Lake, Alaska*
by Judith Bertozzi

Memories

NOW THROUGH SEPTEMBER 8, 2017

New York-based artist Patti Mollica was the juror for our *Memories* exhibition and she could not have been more impressed with the work submitted. Patti's comments reflected her sharp eye for technique, detail and subtle nuances. She described the winning entries as "harmonious," "strong" and "gorgeous."

Like with our previous *Anything Goes* exhibition, we received many stellar entries, and it was difficult for Patti to choose from them. This goes to show the caliber of work the RIWS receives on a regular basis. Regardless of skill level or subject matter, our members and the Rhode Island art community continue to impress jurors (and us!) with work so exceptional that it transcends subjectivity. It is because of them that the RIWS remains a unique gallery, and we invite all artists to continue contributing to that singularity.

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.



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", unmattd 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.

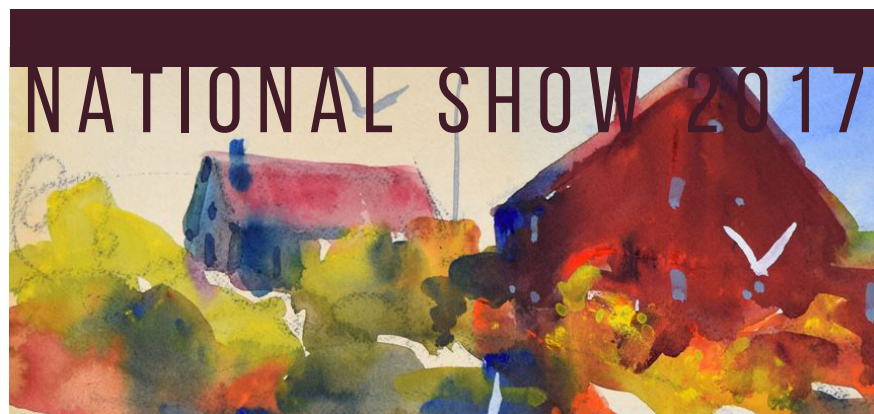
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**ART
 YARD
 SALE**
 SEPTEMBER 30, 2017
 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
 OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
 EASELS CANVAS PADS ART MARKERS
 DRAWING PADS ART MARKERS
 GOOACHE ACRYLIC PAINTINGS
 WATERCOLOR JEWELRY TOOLS
 SOME ART TECHNIQUE BOOKS
 BRUSHES MAGAZINES VARNISHES
 SPRAY GRAYONS ACCESSORIES
 OILS DRAWING PADS
 PICTURE BOOKS
 SOME ART TECHNIQUE BOOKS
 JEWELRY TOOLS

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



WATERMEDIA EXHIBITION: OCTOBER 14 - NOVEMBER 24, 2017

2018 Calendar Contest

Deadline for submission has been extended to September 28.

Please visit www.riws.org/Calendar-Contest



FROM PHOTO TO FINISHED PAINTING
 2-Day Workshop (all levels welcome)
 Instructor: Kris Occhino

DATES: 1ST WORKSHOP: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21 & 28
 2ND WORKSHOP: SATURDAY NOVEMBER 11 & 18
 TIME: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Dates to Remember

July 21 - September 7
August 5 - September 8
September 8 - 11
September 8 - 24
September 9
September 9 - October 13
September 28
September 30
September 30 - October 29
October 14
October 14
October 14 - November 24
October 21 & 28
November 10
November 11 & 18
November 11 - 18
November 26
November 26 - January 5

“Art in Autumn” Drop Off
“Memories” Exhibition
National Show 2017 Drop Off
Pawtucket Arts Festival
“Art in Autumn” Opening Reception, 2-4PM
“Art in Autumn” Sale Exhibition
Calendar Contest NEW Submission Deadline
RIWS Art Yard Sale, 10AM-2PM
2018 Calendar Contest NEW Voting Dates
Stan Miller: Watercolor Demo, 12:30-1:30PM
National Show 2017 Opening Reception, 2-4PM
National Show 2017 Exhibition
Kris Occhino: From Photo to Finished Painting
“4 Seasons” Submission Deadline
Kris Occhino: From Photo to Finished Painting
“4 Seasons” Drop Off
“4 Seasons” Opening Reception, 2-4PM
“4 Seasons” Exhibition



FOR MORE INFORMATION
ON OUR CLASSES AND
WORKSHOPS, PLEASE
VISIT WWW.RIWS.ORG
UNDER THE TAB
CLASSES & WORKSHOPS.

Miscellaneous



Developing Artists is now accepting fall registration for art lessons taught by Lisa G. Bailey at her home in Franklin, MA. Students age 8 yrs. – adult can choose their desired medium: oil, acrylic, watercolor, pen, and colored pencil. Small group classes (8 max) are available Wed. – Sat. throughout the school year.

Call 508.553.9119 or email info@lisagbailey.com today to set up your free one hour consult.

For more info go to Lisa’s website at <http://lisagbailey.com>.

RHODE ISLAND WATERCOLOR SOCIETY IN-HOUSE DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY SERVICES

Have your artwork photographed in a professional quality photography studio by our staff.

\$10 for up to 3 artworks
\$20 for up to 10 artworks
\$30 for up to 20 artworks

Images are available in CD format or they can be emailed to you directly.



Contact the gallery to set up an appointment: (401) 726-1876 We are open: Wed-Sat 10AM-4PM & Sun 12PM-4PM

WE HAVE CLASS

Part of the RIWS experience are the fantastic classes and workshops we offer throughout the year. We are fortunate to be in the position to invite and work with some of the greatest talents in the art field.

Recently, artist Patti Mollica stopped by our gallery to juror our “Memories” show and to teach a 3-day class and a half-day workshop, as well as give an informative demo on the Golden products line. We had a full house and everyone walked away with some beautiful new pieces they created under her guidance.

We are constantly adding new classes and workshops to our schedule for all levels and skill sets, so please visit our web site regularly.



Patti Mollica instructing a full house.

RIWS Newsletter Information

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