

Dates To Remember

- November 28th & 29th: Gallery Closed for Thanksgiving
- December 7th & 8th, 14th & 15th: Winter Wonderland pictures with Santa 4pm - 8pm in the RIWS classroom and kids holiday crafts in the classroom from 4pm - 6pm.
- December 22nd-Jan 1st: Gallery Closed
- December 23rd & 30th: No Monday Night Painting
- January 3rd: Pick up for White & Abstraction
- January 3rd -10th: Drop off begins for New Artist and Signature Member Show.
- January 6th: Monday Night Painting Returns
- January 12th: New Artist and Signature Member Show opening reception 1- 4pm.
- January 17th: Sign up deadline for classes.
- January 18th: Intro to Comic Book Art children's class begins
- January 22nd: Jerry Aissis' class begins
- January 23rd: Kris Occhino's class begins

Announcements

- Congratulations to Sue Klas Wright for being accepted as an Exhibiting Artist in the Providence Art Club!
 - Artists of the Deacon Taylor Studios of the Providence Art Club are having open studios: 11am - 3pm Sat. and Sun., Nov. 30 & Dec. 1 and Dec. 7 & 8 9 Thomas St. Providence, RI.
 - Starting December 1st, 2013, all original and limited edition works of art sold in the State of Rhode Island will be exempt from State sales tax. The Rhode Island General Assembly, in cooperation with Governor Chafee, passed this first-in-the-nation legislation designed to establish Rhode Island as "The State of the Arts" A series of workshops will be presented around the state by Randall Rosenbaum, Executive Director of the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts, to provide information to artists and galleries on how to take advantage of this new tax exemption, increase economic activity and help make Rhode Island a destination for an arts-buying public.
- There will be a free workshop for artists on Sunday, December 1st at the Black Stone Valley Visitors Center, Pawtucket at 1pm - 2:30pm
- Forty artist will be showing in the second annual Holiday Open Studio Art Sale at Mad Dog Artist Studios & Gallery Dec. 5th - 15th. The festivities will kick-off with the opening reception on Thursday, December 5th at 5pm. Visit www.maddogartiststudios.com for more info.

• Holiday Gift Table •



Here's a little sneak peek of a few of the homemade items for sale for the holidays made by Zilla Thomas, Daydre Hamilton and Sandra Yehgian. If you would like to add anything to our holiday gift table such as holiday cards, ornaments, scarves, etc., please bring them by the gallery Tuesday - Saturday, 10am - 4pm. With Winter Wonderland right around the corner there will be many people in and out of the gallery and small homemade gift items are popular.



WaterMedia

The Official Newsletter of the Rhode Island Watercolor Society
December 2013

President's Corner

Our National Watermedia Show is always impressive. It is truly some of the best paintings we display all year. Entries came from 14 different states, as far west as California and as south as Texas and Florida.

The juror selected for our National Show is always nationally recognized watercolorist. And while everyone knows the artistic style of the juror, the work the juror chooses often comes as a surprise. John Salminen, who paints beautiful, complex street scenes, chose a portrait. Alvaro Castagnet, with paintings so dynamic, loose and bold, chose a serene, realistic, contemporary still-life.

This year, the top award was an amazing abstract. Barbara Nechis, known for her loose, soft floral paintings, chose a dynamic, strong abstract.

Although I very rarely paint abstract, my eyes couldn't help but dance around the painting. I found myself, as the juror commented, "Captivated by the color."

While this style is something I normally do not paint, I wanted to rush home and paint an abstract. I thank the juror and the artist for enticing me to want try something new and exciting. Every art exhibition should intrigue each artist this way.

On a side note, the top award winners this year were from artists in RI and Massachusetts, so congratulations members! It is never too early to start planning for the national shows you will enter in 2014.

Hope you all find time to paint during the busy holidays

RIWS President
Jackie Cannata

Director's Corner

Hello Members!

Christmas is one of my favorite times of the year, and I'm really excited about my first Christmas at RIWS during Winter Wonderland in Slater Park.

As many of you know, Santa Claus and his team of Elves, graces us with their presence during the first 2 weekends in December, to take pictures with children and their families in front of the fire place in our building. This year, we wanted to get more involved by offering visiting families, Christmas ornament painting in the gallery. DIY ornaments will be for sale at the front desk and a table will be set up with paint, glitter, ribbons and glue etc... for children to use to decorate unique Christmas ornaments of their own to keep for years to come, or give them as gifts.

I think this is a great way to get children and the community involved in some fun, decorative art projects, while getting to know our organization and what else we offer here. If you would like to volunteer during this event, please take a look inside the Newsletter for further details on how to participate. We can use all the help we can get!

I am also very happy about the beautiful show that is up this month. We received a wide range of artwork for the White and Abstraction Show, which runs through December 21st. It was absolutely wonderful to see so many of you going outside of your comfort zone and experimenting with abstract composition and/or new materials for this theme. All of you created such unique, beautiful pieces, that it was a very difficult show for our juror, Bob Noreika, to judge. It is definitely another gorgeous exhibition for RIWS, and that should make all of you very proud!

Kudos to all of our members who entered and participated in RIWS exhibitions this year! And to those of you who haven't been able to, please remember that it's never too late to make some art and enter a few to our shows in 2014!

Happy Holidays to all of you and your families!

Lori Estrella
Gallery Director



Richard Harrington Abstract Expressionism Workshop



Jerry Aissis' Elements of Landscape Class



Bob Noreika Fluid Watermedia Workshop

***Just as a reminder for everyone... THE GALLERY WILL BE CLOSED for two weeks during the holidays starting on Sunday, December 22nd through Wednesday, January 1st, 2014. We will resume our regular gallery hours on Thursday, January 2nd, 2014.**

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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 will be taking a break for the holidays. They will not meet on December 23rd & 30th and will resume on January 6th.

Creating Dramatic Coastal & Landscape Scenes Six Week Class with Kris Occhino

Advanced Beginner - Intermediate Level

Date: January 23rd - February 27th Thursdays, 10am - 12:30pm
Members: \$ 95 Non-Members: \$ 120

Sign Up Deadline: January 17th

In this course, students will be given some tips on how to put more drama into their work through the use of light, color and composition. The instructor will provide the photographic images for the first class and assist with others. There will be a demo done at each class.

RIWS is excited to announce our first children's class!

Intro to Comic Book Art Six Week Class with Eric Fulford

January 18th - February 25th Saturdays, 10am - 12:30pm \$95 per child

In this class students will be introduced to the basics of comic book creation by artist and educator Eric Fulford. Eric has spent years teaching illustration workshops, including the past two summers with the Rhode Island Summer Reading Program. This six-week course will begin with students creating their very own comic book characters while learning sketching and planning techniques. Then the class will cover the use of panels to tell an exciting story as the participants begin to come up with a wild adventure for their characters! Finally, we will discuss how colors can help us set the tone of the scene and put the finishing touches on a complete comic book. This class will give students a chance to let their imaginations run wild as their pencils try to keep up!

** Please note that prices have gone up so we are able to pay our instructors more in the new year.*



"Morning Drama" Kris Occhino



"Stream" Jerry Aissis

Painting Elements of Landscape Six Week Class with Jerry Aissis

All Levels Welcome

Date: January 22nd - February 26th Wednesdays, 10am - 12:30pm
Members: \$ 95 Non-Members: \$ 120

Sign up deadline: January 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.



Winter Wonderland

RIWS will be holding an event for children during Winter Wonderland in Slater Park. As most of you know, the RIWS classroom hosts pictures with Santa every year. This event usually draws a large crowd of children with their families to our gallery, so we have decided to get more involved this year. With help from volunteers, we would like to set up a table in the classroom where children can paint creations of their own, that they can make as gifts or keepsakes. We will be selling paper and blank ornaments, at the front desk, and there will be paint set up at the tables for the children to use (for free) in order to paint and decorate the ornaments they just purchased. All proceeds from the sale of paper and ornaments will be used as donations to RIWS.

We are in need of volunteers who would like to come and sit at the table with the children, to make sure that they stay focused on their projects. This event will be from 4pm - 6pm.



If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Gallery Director, Tues- Friday from 10 am - 4 pm, to sign up.

Winter Wonderland Volunteer Slots Available:

Saturday, December 7th or Sunday, December 8th from 3:30pm- 6:30pm.

Saturday, December 14th or Sunday, December 15th from 3:30pm- 6:30pm.

RIWS has a new website!

Please read the insert with information on the new website to answer questions you may have regarding the site and it's functions. As of right now the new website can be found at:

www.rhodeislandwatercolorociety.wildapricot.org

or

by going to www.riws.org and following the link.

We are currently working on linking the new website with our domain name , we apologize for any confusion this may cause.

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Gallery Hours:

Tuesday - Saturday:
10am - 4pm
Sunday: 12pm - 4pm
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Deadline for Jan. Newsletter:

12/6/13

Mail news items to:
RIWS
Slater Memorial Park
Armistice Blvd.
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"Charles River Crew" Bill Lane

Awards:

- Bill has received six Honorable Mentions at RIWS from '05 to '13.
- David Marsland Memorial Award in the 2006 RIWS Annual Members Show for "Cross Now Lady"
- Best in Show: '12 Bristol Art Museum, Sailing on the Bay Exhibition, "Frostbitten"

Exhibitions

Current Exhibition:

White and Abstraction

Open Juried Show :All 2D Media and Collage
November 24th - December 22nd
Juror: Bob Noreika
Pick up begins January 3rd



White & Abstraction Award Winners



Bob Noreika Demo at the White & Abstraction Opening

Upcoming Exhibitions:

New Artist & Signature Artist Show

January 12th - February 6th
Drop off: January 7th - 10th
Opening Reception: Jan. 12th 1- 4pm
Pick up begins February 7th

Artist Member Show

March 30th - April 24th
Drop Off: March 25th - 28th
Opening Reception: March 30th 1-4pm
Pick Up: April 25th - 27th

Space

Open Juried Show: All 2D Media & Collage
February 9th - March 6th
Juror: TBA
Drop Off: January 28th - February 2nd
Opening Reception: February 9th 1-4pm
Pick Up: Feb. 28th -30th

Reflections

Open Juried Show: All 2D Media & Collage
May 18th - June 12th
Juror: TBA
Drop Off: May 6th - 11th
Opening Reception: May 18th 1-4pm
Pick Up: June 13th - 15th

Member Group Show Opportunities:

Exhibition dates:

March 9th - March 27th
April 27th - May 15th
June 15th - July 10th
October 5th - October 23rd

We are still in need of members to sign up for our first group show in March. If you are an artist member or signature member and would like to exhibit please contact the gallery.

Featured Signature Artist Member

★ Bill Lane ★



If you want to chat about watercolors, painting, scuba diving, cycling and/or swimming, let's talk!
401.529.3504
or bill@lanedesign.com



"Red Pants" Bill Lane

Over 20 years ago I started watercolor painting with Kaye O'Connell at the Attleboro Arts Museum. However, running my own graphic design studio pulls me in lots of different directions, mostly away from watercolor painting as dictated by my clients... who pay the bills.

Fall of 2008 opened up a new level of watercolor painting as I was accepted as a Signature Artist Member at the Rhode Island Watercolor Society... and recently a Signature Artist Member of the New England Watercolor Society. I was also inducted as a full-artist member of the Copley Society of art in Boston.

I enjoy plein air painting but New England winters, which make for lots of frozen water-colors... and fingers, tend to keep me indoors. Monday nights at the Rhode Island Watercolor Society (RIWS), I participate in a drop-in watercolor studio with an informal crit - keeps us all on our toes.

Memberships:

- Copley Society of art, Boston, full-artist member
- New England Watercolor Society, signature artist member
- Rhode Island Watercolor Society, signature artist member
- American Watercolor Society, associate member
- National Watercolor Society, associate member