



# WaterMedia

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I would like to thank **ALYSSA** for all she has done as our gallery director for the past two years. While running all of our gallery activities (classes, newsletters, openings, building management), she has also streamlined many of our operations.

I know that I enjoy the weekly emails of upcoming events. The Tiverton Art show was very successful in sales and publicity for **RIWS**. Our website is now always current. Integrating Paypal payments for many offerings has made life easier. Bottom line, we are in great shape for the next director to take over.

The board is actively looking for a new gallery director and **ALYSSA** will be here until June 21 in order to provide training. While **ALYSSA** will

be missed, the transition to a new gallery director will be seamless to our members.

Be sure to stop by the gallery during our Small Picture Opening and Art Yard Sale on June 16 and wish Alyssa well...and get some art bargains!

*Best of luck Alyssa in your future endeavors.*

Jackie Canna  
President



“Be sincere and committed to what you’re doing. Be as honest as you can, and that will come through in your work”

- Wes Porter

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

It is with a bittersweet heart that I have to announce my resignation as the **Rhode Island Watercolor Societies Gallery Director**. I have been offered another position for a company closer to home and I must do what is best for

my family.

The past two years here at **RIWS** have been a wonderful experience. Working with this passionate membership and working with such a dedicated enthusiastic board has made my time here both rewarding and lots of fun.

We have put many hours of work to expedite the hanging and entry process, we have expanded our communications and publications

using social media and our e-mail blast, and have used online calendars and news sources to get the word out about this wonderful hidden gallery and organization.

I truly hope **RIWS** stays on this ever expanding path and the artists associated with this society gain the exposure and notoriety they hope to have.

I wish both the society and all of the members the best in your painting future. I will be here at the gallery until June 21st and will aid in the transition with a new director once the time comes.

*I thank you for all your support these last two years.*

Sincerely Alyssa



## WORKSHOP/CLASSES/EXHIBITIONS

### Christine Belanger Main Gallery Exhibition July 7-August 2

Artist Member **CHRISTINE BELANGER** will be displaying her work in our main gallery. This is Christine's first exhibition here at **RIWS** and we encourage everyone to come out and support our fellow member.

If anyone is interested in exhibiting with Christine in July, we are looking for 1 or 2 more artist to show with her in the main gallery. Cost is \$50 per artist. You are able to exhibit 5-10 painting in the show. Please contact the gallery if you are interested.

### Maureen Fain Library Exhibition July 7 – August 2 Opening Reception Sunday, July 7, 1-4pm

*Maureen will be giving a Figure Demonstration with a live nude model at the opening at 2pm.*

Member's admission to the demo is Free, Non-Members admission is \$5.00, and membership will be checked for this event.

Come and meet artist Maureen Fain at her guest exhibition here in the Library Gallery of **RIWS**. Exhibition will include nudes and portraits in Maureen's series. Stay for her demonstration and see the master at work while she paints a nude figure with instruction.



### Painting the Nude with Maureen Fain 2-Day Workshop with Live Nude Model

9-4pm - June 29 & 30

Members: \$125, Non-Members \$150  
Come for one day for \$75

*\* Maureen Fain will be showcasing her works at RIWS, July 7 - August 1*

Watercolor Techniques relating to the body will be introduced. The model will be posed in various ways to show the use of different techniques and tonal values of the poses. Color choices and mixing flesh tones will be discussed, including transparent colors for layering and opaque ones for more impressionistic paintings. Students will paint various poses of the model and be instructed on how to paint hands and feet.

#### **About the instructor:**

Maureen has had 20 solo exhibitions, notably in Paris, the

USA, Norway, South Africa, as well as in Israel. She had a special exhibition of watercolor nudes at the Israel Museum in 1994. She has participated in over 40 group exhibitions, notably an international group exhibition in London in March 2011, and was one of five Israeli women artists who were invited to exhibit in Berlin in 1999, as guests of the German Government, the City of Berlin and the National Association for Women in the Arts. Maureen has taught watercolor at the Israel Museum since 1990

## NEWSLETTER GRAPHIC DESIGNER WANTED

### *Call for Computer Savvy Member(s):*

Our long time newsletter editor, **JAN FUSCO**, has decided to retire from her position as newsletter editor. Jan has been with us for many years and we are sorry to see her go. Her colorful fun newsletters and quick response to the gallery will be missed!

We are looking for a replacement to edit and design the newsletter. It is a once a month publication and we are open to change. Anyone interested in the position, please contact the gallery. Someone with editing software experience or graphic design background would be perfect for the position!

Jan works in QuarkXpress 9.5 and would be able to supply all the files from previous newsletters.



**Art Yard Sale**  
**June 16th 11-4pm**  
*Volunteers needed to help  
set up and  
break down sale*

*A special MEMBER'S ONLY  
preview sale will be open in the  
main gallery all day on Friday,  
June 15th . Come in a take a look  
at what is available before the  
general public has access to it!*

**RIWS** is continuing to take donations for the 3rd Annual Art Yard Sale being held this June. Anything Art Related is welcomed and encouraged. For example; art & craft supplies, frames, book or all genres, paint brushes, easels, watercolor paper, and even paintings. All donations are tax deductible.

Drop off the goods anytime during regular gallery hours!



## 2nd Annual Tiverton Visiting Artist Gallery Exhibition - Call for Entries

**July 19 - August 1. Opening: Friday, July 20**

**12 - 4 pm at the Visiting Artist Gallery**

*RIWS is returning to the Visiting Artist Gallery in Tiverton this summer.*

*The show will run from July 19th - August 1st just in time for the South Coast Artist Tours on July 20th and 21st.*

*The opening reception will be July 20th from 12 - 4pm.*

**ELIGIBILITY:** You must be an **Artist or Signature Artist Member** to submit a painting into this invitational show.

**MEDIA:** Water media only

**Entry:** Paintings can be dropped off to the **RIWS** gallery July 1st - July 14th. We will deliver your paintings to Tiverton. If it is more convenient for you to drop off your work to the Tiverton gallery, please call **RIWS** to make arrangements.

**Entry Fee** is \$14.00. This includes 1 painting to be hung, 2 matted bin paintings, and small gift table items such as: cards, tiles and small paintings frame size 5x7. All artists entering work into this invitational show must sign up to volunteer or sit a 3 hour shift either at the Visiting Artist Gallery in Tiverton or at **RIWS** in Pawtucket. You can sign up for a shift when you drop off your work. If you do not want to or are unable to volunteer, the entry fee is \$35.00.

*Last year, over 3,000 art enthusiasts and buyers flooded the area for the 2 day self guided tour, and our sales reached \$2,500. This is a great opportunity to get your work out there for many people to see and enjoy!*

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### GALLERY HOURS:

Tuesday through Saturday  
10 AM to 4 PM:  
Sunday  
1 - 5 PM  
Closed Monday and Holidays

### DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER:

**June 22, 2013**  
Mail news items to:  
Rhode Island Watercolor Society  
Slater Memorial Park  
Armistice Blvd.  
Pawtucket, Rhode Island 02861  
or email: **Alyssa Wood** at  
riwsgallery@gmail.com

## Artist & Signature Artist Member: Group Show Spaces Available

There is still time to participate in a group show here at **RIWS**. You must be an Artist or Signature Artist Member.

**Available Dates:** July 7th- August 1st & September 1st- September 26th  
We are looking for 1 or 2 more artists for each space.

**Cost:** \$50.00 per artists

**Number of paintings:** between 5-10 paintings

**RIWS** will use our PR contacts and e-mail contact to generate press for your show. We will promote it on our website as well in our e-mail blasts to members and guests of the society. You are able to bring in bin work and boutique table work to sell along with your wall paintings. Please contact the gallery if you are interested in showing at the gallery.



*Portrait & Figures Winners:  
Mary Volatile, Stephen Ellery Manning,  
Gayle Ptichny and Suzanne Lewis*

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### June 7 - 23:

*Shore Enough*, a Wickford Art Association Exhibit featuring work by three RIWS Members:

**CINDY DIDONATO**

**ELINOR THOMPSON**

**TRACY TAYLOR**

### June 11 - 14:

Drop off: Small Picture show

### June 14:

Member's only preview sale of the Art Yard Sale items 10-4pm

### June 16:

Art Yard Sale 11-4

Open to the Public

Small Picture Show Opening Reception

### July 7:

Opening reception for Maureen Fain Nude and Portraiture Exhibition in Library Gallery

Opening Reception for Christine Belanger Group Show in Main Gallery

### July 22 - 28:

Drop off: Open Juried Show Light

## Virtual Classes

RIWS is embarking on a new type of classroom, to bring our members and guest an opportunity to work with National and International

Watercolor Superstars

here at RIWS. We are working with well known artists to

begin showing instructional DVD's

and demos that will be aired here at the

gallery for a low fee. A facilitator will be

available in the classroom to help you with questions and handle any

problems with the projections. Classes plan to be held at night, dur-

ing the day and on the weekends to be available to all members of RIWS.

This is still in the planning stages and we need your help!

We are looking for a donated large screen TV to keep downstairs to play the DVDs during the classes. If

you have a television you are willing to donate or get rid of that works well call

the gallery. We can arrange to pick it up and get it here!

Thank you for your help

and stay tuned for further information about the **Virtual Classes!**



## TEACHERS WANTED

RIWS is looking for teachers and teaching assistants interested in teaching children's art classes here at the RIWS.

This is a new intuitive for our gallery. We would like to start with children ages 9-12. Art class description and medium are open.

Teachers and Instructor must have prior experience working with children and must submit to a background check. We are looking to put together a complete schedule to run classes throughout July and August 2013.

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