## **Dates to Remember**

## 2018 Calendar Contest

#### Announcing the RIWS 2018 Calendar Contest!

RIWS members are asked to digitally submit images of their original watermedia paintings. All submissions will be voted on by the public and the 12 pieces with the most votes will be featured in the RIWS 2018 calendar.

Please visit: www.riws.org/Calendar-Contest



## **RIWS INVITATIONAL 2017** PAINTING AROUND MEMBERS SHOW



This exhibition highlights artwork created or inspired by many Rhode Island venues visited by members of the Painting Around plein air group run by Elinor Thompson and Cynthia Di Donato. The artwork ranges from realistic to interpretive paintings in a variety of media as well as drawings, pastels and seascapes, landscapes, and flora and fauna by over 30 local artists. This supportive and congenial group includes beginning as well as seasoned artists who meet every Friday throughout the year at different outdoor venues in good weather. During the late fall and winter, they gather indoors at Roger Williams Park Botanical Gardens.

New members are always welcome to join the 150 members group no matter what their experience. You can visit them at http://paintingaround.wikispaces.com and you can view the paintings now through July 7th at the RIWS gallery.

Left to Right: Park Place, Pawtucket by Ann Rozhon; Palms by Rick Burt; Botanical Garden by Diana Lynn Thibault; Discobolus by Paulette Miller

**President's Corner** 

What is Rhode Island Watercolor Society?

The board and gallery staff, along with many of our members, are always looking at ways to improve and grow RIWS. This past month we started a rebranding effort. What is RIWS rebranding? Identifying who and what RIWS is and then getting that message out there.

We know...

- we have a diverse, energetic, talented art community.
- we have a beautiful gallery and excellent classroom space.
- we offer exhibitions and classes for all experience levels.

Now we want to...

- grow that membership to a large and active membership.
- attract people to our gallery for activities and art purchases.
- offer our members excellent choices for learning, activities and showcasing of their art.

As we define and fine tune who we are, we will determine the best way to represent RIWS and get us noticed in the art world.

#### Director's Corner

Thanks so much to all who applied to the "Anything Goes" Open Juried Show. I thank you not only for your entires, but also for your willingness to work with us as we work hard to find the best entry system that will work for our members. Save all your login information for the National Show as that will also use the CaFE system. As always, don't hesitate to reach out to the gallery for assistance on entering shows at RIWS. We are here for you. The "Memories" Open Juried show is up next, and because of the strictness of our schedule, that show will go back to our old drop-off system. You can submit online OR in person. I look forward to seeing all of your work. Also, keep an eye on your mailbox as we are sending out postcards regarding our Art in Autumn Fall Fundraiser. This will be our version of a small picture sale in which we are inviting all RIWS members to donate two 5"x7" unframed, unmatted original pieces to the gallery. We're going to mat and hang everything in our gallery along with a short bio about each participating artist. We're eager to showcase the talent and techniques our members have to share. We hope you will all participate.

## **Community Events & Calls For Entry**

July 7	Pittsburgh Watercolor Society 71st Annual International Exhibition, Aqueous Open 2017, Call for ENTRY https://pittsburghwatercolorsociety.wildapricot.org/Aqueous
August 1	ViewPoint 49 National Juried Art Competition, Call for ENTRY - all mediums (exc. photography) http://www.cincinnatiartclub.com/cac-viewpoint.html

### Miscellaneous

HIDDEN GEMS



See our web site under "Get Involved" for more info.

## RIWS DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY SERVICE

Have your artwork photographed in a professional quality photography studio! Works can be either framed or unframed, and photographed under glass. Available in CD format or to be emailed to you directly.

Contact the gallery to set up an appointment.

\$10 for up to three artworks \$20 for up to ten artworks \$30 for up to twenty artworks

## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS



Recently, we received a generous donation for our upcoming fall art yard sale. Among the several items donated, we found a portfolio containing some forgotten memories. These included postcards, letters, comic books and photographs dating back to the 1940's-50's.

We remind anyone donating to the RIWS to please have a thorough look through your items before dropping them off. You might just find some hidden gems hiding among them!



# WaterMedia **July 2017**

Jackie Habiq, President

Sam Green, Gallery Director

**Upcoming Classes & Workshops** 

PATTI MOLLICA: HOW TO PAINT FAST. LOOSE AND BOLD **3-DAY WORKSHOP** (ALL LEVELS - BEGINNERS WELCOME!) DATE WED-FRI AUGUST 2- 4 TIME 10AM - 4PM \$395 MEMBERS / \$450 NON-MEMBERS

PATTI MOLLICA: THE A-Z TEXTURES & SURFACES WORKSHOP HALF-DAY WORKSHOP (ALL LEVELS - BEGINNERS WELCOME!) DATE SAT AUGUST 5 TIME 10AM - 1PM \$95 MEMBERS / \$105 NON-MEMBERS

RALPH ACOSTA: WET & WILD WATERCOLORS **3-DAY WORKSHOP** (ALL LEVELS - BEGINNERS WELCOME!) DATE WED-FRI SEPTEMBER 6-8 TIME 9AM - 4PM \$400 MEMBERS / \$475 NON-MEMBERS

STAN MILLER: PAINTING THE PORTRAIT (& OTHER ELEMENTS) **3-DAY WORKSHOP** (ALL LEVELS - BEGINNERS WELCOME!) DATE WED-FRI OCTOBER 11-13 TIME 9AM - 4PM \$425 MEMBERS / \$475 NON-MEMBERS

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER FOR THESE WORKSHOPS. PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT: WWW.RIWS.ORG.

## Currently in the Library Gallery



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I decided early on in my journey in the arts that watercolor would be my medium to master. My graphic design background/career pulls me towards simple compositions, incorporating shape/color relationships and calligraphic elements.

But the admiration of artists such as J.S. Sargent, C. Monet, A. Wyeth, J. Wyeth, bring me to the practice of painting. Drawing, design and photography are my tools. The love of traveling gives me the opportunity to use these tools to study patterns, nature and the diverse landscapes.

My 3-month residencies in Costa Rica, (going on 12 years) has given me the opportunity to develop my passion for the watercolor medium. The series of flora and fauna subjects are enticing and intoxicating. The botanicals, the cloud forests, the gardens, the tropical climates are diverse and intriguing.

Every painting is a journey, but never like the last, it keeps me coming back for more...

Lorraine's Costa Rica works can be viewed now through July 7 in our gallery.

#### **RIWS** Newsletter Information

Officers: President: Jackie Habig, Vice President: Leslie Godfrey, Treasurer: Dennis Finlay, Recording Secretary: Position unfilled, Corresponding Secretary: Elinor Thompson

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RHODE ISLAND WATERCOLOR SOCIETY **OPEN JURIED SHOW** JUROR: PATTI MOLLICA



WATERMEDIA ONLY / OPEN TO ARTISTS RESIDING IN USA / OCTOBER 14 - NOVEMBER 24, 2017



We invite all to join us for our fall fundraiser "Art in Autumn." Visitors to the RIWS will have the opportunity to purchase original 5' x 7" art works created and donated by our members. All proceeds will go toward the RIWS rebranding initiative.

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.

## **Rhode Island Watercolor Society Newsletter**



www.riws.org/memories

**DEADLINE:** DROP OFF: **EXHIBITION:** PICK UP:

JULY 29 BY 2PM AUGUST 4 **OPENING RECEPTION:** SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2-4PM AUGUST 5 - SEPTEMBER 8 SEPTEMBER 9 - SEPTEMBER 15

## **2017 NATIONAL SHOW APPLICATION** APPLY ONLINE AT WWW.RIWS.ORG BY AUGUST 18

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