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Summer for **RIWS** can be a slow time. We notice less participation at our open juried shows and our openings are more sparsely attended.

Because of our great location, our summers should be inspiring. The excitement in Slater Park on a warm evening or a sunny weekend is amazing. There are baseball games, fitness classes, and simply families enjoying the day.

The board and gallery staff is working hard to capitalize on our location during the nice weather.

- During our May opening, we will have a "paint out". **RIWS** will provide the paper (sized for our June small picture show) and members can enjoy painting as a group.

- Our annual Art yard sale is set for June 16. Weather permitting; the yard sale will be both outside and inside.
- International artist Maureen Fain is returning for a workshop at the end of June. Maureen will have paintings displayed in the Library Gallery also.
- Our 2nd annual show in Tiverton will be held in July. Last year this gave us great recognition outside of the area. We had very successful sales and it was a fun event.
- And don't forget...your National show entries are due July 15th.

Spend some of your summer with us at **RIWS!**

Jackie Canna  
*President*



"Detail and a photographic look aren't necessarily related"  
- *Robert Bateman*

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

With the weather warming up and the chance we can finally put away our winter coats for the season, **RIWS** is making large strides to keep the momentum of the winter attendance and enthusiasm at the gallery rolling.

We have recently taken an online poll regarding a bus trip this fall to the MFA in Boston, MA to view the John Singer Sargent Exhibit that will be on display. So far the poll results are 66% in favor of a trip and 31% feel Boston is too close to take a bus trip to. We want to hear from you as well! Send me an e-mail or call the gallery with your answer!

**GUY OCHINNO** has put the screen doors back up on the porch and fresh air is dancing through the gallery. Come down and visit us, have a coffee or lunch on the back deck over looking the duck pond, or bring your paints and have quiet afternoon painting from the best view in the park.

This is your gallery, there is lots to do here, take advantage of it!

Alyssa Wood  
*Gallery Director*



## Al & Lavonne 1-Day Workshop

9 am - 4 pm

May 25

**WorkShop Fee: Members \$60; Non-Members \$75**

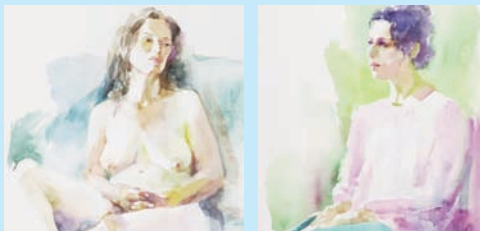
**Workshop Description:** The class will discuss composition, values, and shapes, the organization of one's painting and adding figures into a painting. Creative concepts such as turning an ordinary subject into an interesting painting will be applied to the students work. Students will work with Al & Lavonne using the topics discussed and will be part of a critique at the end of the day.

**About the artists:**

**AL ALBREKTSON** is a lifetime member at the RIWS, he is also a member of the New England

Watercolor Society, North Shore Arts Association and other art organizations. Al received his art education at RISD and has traveled and painted all over the world, his favorite painting grounds are those of the familiar New England area.

**LAVONNE SUWALSKI** is an award winning Copley artist. Her work is in corporate and private collections around the world. She has always had an interest in color, light and nature. It is these interests that drew Lavonne to painting the New England landscape. The Boston Globe has described her as "pouring passion into painting."



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

9-4pm - June 29th & 30th

**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

## Portrait Class with Sue Klas Wright

1:00 - 3:30 pm

Saturdays

May 18 - June 29

Bring photos to paint from (8x10 size) during the first 3 classes and we will use each other as models during the following 3 classes. All levels welcomed. NO CLASS on May 25 (Al & Lavonne's Workshop Day) Sign up online for call the gallery during regular gallery hours to register.



## 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!

*"People say, 'I love your work, it's so detailed.' But that's like saying 'I love your sweater, it has lots of stitches.'"*

*- Robert Bateman*

## UPCOMING SHOWS

### Portraits & Figures All 2-D open Juried Show

(see insert for details)

**Jurors: Bonnie Turner & Charles C. Clear III, The Art of Life**

Join us at the opening of the Portrait and Figures Open Juried Show reception on May 19th to create a painting for our small picture show (max size of painting 5x7). We will have watercolor paper for people to use. Bring your paints and brushes. You may donate your painting and we will mat for display. Or you can frame it yourself and the standard commission (25% members/30% non-members) applies.

All artists present and painting at the opening of the Portrait and Figures exhibit will receive a voucher to submit 4 paintings in the Small Picture Show at **NO CHARGE!**

### Small Picture Show Entry Fee- \$3.00 a entry or 4 entries for \$10!

5x7 image size, realistic or abstract, all 2-D media and collages accepted. All work will be hung.

All artists present and painting at the opening of the Portrait and Figures exhibit will receive a voucher to submit 4 paintings at **NO CHARGE!**

*\*Last year we had a low number of entries for this show. We used work that had been donated to the gallery over the years to fill the wall space and we ended up selling around 11 paintings. All were priced under \$100 and with the high traffic from the yard sale we had great success. I would love to see this happen again this year, this time with your work, so bring it in!*



*Far Left: Frank Robertson & Ron Nelson at the volunteer show hanging*

*Left: Ted Nystrom having fun at the volunteer show hanging*

*Left Bottom: 11 x 14 Prints made at RIWS of work by Sue Klas Wright*

*Right Bottom: NYC Bus trip passengers*



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## DATES TO REMEMBER

**May 7 - 12:**

Drop off for Portraits and Figures  
Open Juried Show

**May 18:**

Portrait Class with Sue Klas Wright  
Saturdays 1-3:30pm

**May 19:**

Opening reception for *Portrait & Figures; Paint Out* Small Picture event at RIWS

**May 25:**

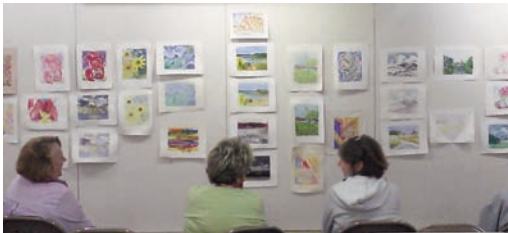
Al & Lavonne 1-Day workshop

**June 11 - 14:**

Drop off small picture show

**June 15:**

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



*Richard Harrington's  
Monotype Workshop Critique*

# 2nd Annual Gallery Business Card Fundraiser EXTENDED!



Last year we ran this fundraiser to buy business cards for the gallery, we had some great submissions and the winner, **DAYDRE HAMILTON'S** painting was put on the front of all the cards. It has been less than a year and we have already run out of cards! Submit your work and your painting can be on the front of all the business cards this year!

**Entry:** \$5.00 Entry Fee, Members Only. 3 entries per Member only. Can be any Watercolor painting of your choice.

**Submission:** All entries must be E-mailed to:

**RIWSGallery@gmail.com**  
by **May 30, 2013**. Images must be in JPEG format and resized to

3.5" x 2". If images are not resized we will resize and crop the images to fit.

**Jury:** All Entries will be displayed and voted on in the gallery during regular business hours. Everyone is eligible to place their vote for the winner. Voting will also take place on the website and through Constant Contact.

You can e-mail your vote to:

**RIWSGallery@gmail.com.**

Voting will take place from  
**May 30 - June 16.**

***The chosen painting will be put on ALL 2013 RIWS business cards along with the artist's name.***

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