

Welcome New Members!

Krishna Palepu
Maureen Sullivan

Members Gallery

All members are eligible to have their artwork shown in the Members Gallery. Send 4 or 5 digital images with titles, plus a brief bio or artist statement to Mary Sexton at info@westportartgroup.com for inclusion. It's FREE! Please participate.

Creating a pillow in the Fall Kids workshops at WAG

BrushStrokes Deadline

Tuesday, Feb. 21st for the March/April 2012 issue. Send info to:
Mary Sexton
66 Peaceful Way, Tiverton RI 02878,
401-288-0999 or email
info@westportartgroup.com.



Board Meetings:

Thursday, January 12, 1:30 PM
Thursday, February 9, 1:30 PM

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† Please let us know if you would like to Chair Hospitality.

BrushStrokes

WESTPORT ART GROUP

January / February 2012

From the President

The holidays are over and it's now time to bring in the New Year. Winter is here along with the cold, raw weather. Snow and ice abound so everyone must be diligent with their footing in this slippery, dangerous white stuff. On the other hand, snow can be a beautiful subject to paint. So just don't shovel it! Look for the warm and cool color it reflects. You'll be surprised at the beauty.

Once again the Holiday Fair was successful. Hats off to Mickie Rice and her jolly volunteers. This show is a

large project and without our dedicated volunteers it could not happen. Please plan on volunteering this coming year and join a wonderful group of people.

There are plenty of events in the planning stages for the upcoming year. Our first demonstration will be on Feb. 12th at the John Elias Glass Studio in Westport, where John will demonstrate his hand blown glass techniques. His specialty is unique color combinations. Don't miss this demonstration. It is sure to please.

In April we will have our first juried art exhibit of the year. The theme of the show will be **H₂O**. Anyone interested in being the show chairperson please contact any member of the board of directors. The board will give this person all the support they need to be successful. We need members to come forward and support us in these important activities.

Thanks,
Paul Vien

Holiday Fair Wrap Up

Wow! What a great feeling to stand back and take a look at the gallery just as the Holiday Fair opened. Fabulous Wall of Art! Colorful and appealing craft tables. A table full of Raffle items, Fabulous Food items, and great Silent Auction paintings and items. From there on it was just manage the flow of visitors and that was non-stop. **Thank you, thank you to all the volunteers on the set-up, hanging, sales and food committees.** (Creative and colorful baked goods!!) June Roche took on the Raffle table and gave it her flair. Paul Vien and Nancy Burkholder brought wonderful items to the Silent Auction. And our talented membership produced the high quality art work at a reasonable price that made our show such a success.



We sold 12 framed works and 13 pieces from the bin. Meredith Cornell donated the sale of her painting as well as the sale of the Holiday swags. Dora Atwater Millikin also donated a painting.

Warm regards and many thanks for all the help!!

Mickie Rice, Holiday Fair Chair



Holiday Fair Wall of Art and Raffle Table

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Dates to Remember

January 4, 11, 18, 25

January 5, 12, 19, 26

January 7, 9 am to 1 pm

Wednesday Figure Workshop

Thursday Painting Session

Dynamic Duo Figure Session

February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

February 2, 9, 16, 23

February 11

February 12

Wednesday Figure Workshop

Thursday Painting Session

Starry Starry Night

Elias Studios Demonstration

WAG Kids are Happy, Imaginative, Creative and love to have FUN !!



Fun Saturday Workshops

for kids 8 to 13
9:30 am – 12:30 pm
(bring a snack)

All classes held at 1740 Main Road, Westport MA
\$30.00 for each class

Saturday, February 11th “Starry Starry Night”

Stars, Planets, Space & Dreams fill the night sky! Inspired by artists Van Gogh, Miro and your own imagination, draw, paint & create mixed media works of art!

Saturday March 10th “Animal Safari”

With pastels, paint and collage create bold colorful safari animals & scenes inspired by the art of Matisse, Rousseau and your own imagination!

Saturday May 5th “Who Am I?” Self Portraits

Express yourself with images & words. Create a series of self portraits using a variety of media, including paint, charcoal and pastel. Examples of portraits created by Cassat, Manet, Picasso and Warhol will be shown for inspiration.

For more information and to register please contact: Paula Becker, psbecker@cox.net or check out the WAG website www.westportartgroup.com.

Beginning Drawing and Beginning Painting Classes for Adults

Instructor: *Jamie D. Medeiros*

Beginning drawing and painting classes are now being offered and will be held at Westport Art Group, 1740 Main Rd, Westport, MA 02791.

Classes meet once a week for 5 weeks beginning January 27 (Drawing) and Jan. 28 (Painting). Cost: \$160 (WAG Members)/ \$165 (Non-members). To register, please contact Nancy Burkholder at nannyaesop37@gmail.com or call 508-636-3039.

NOTE: the Saturday Painting course will skip Feb.18 but continue through March 3 to fulfill 5 weeks)

Beginning Drawing: Fridays, 6–9 pm, Jan. 27–Feb. 24

In this class you will learn how to look. Learning to draw and paint is learning a new language. You will see things differently and you will learn how to speak about them.

The class will teach you the basics from the materials you hold, to the techniques to create your work. We will work with line, shape, value, composition, and contrast.

This is a class especially for those who have little or no previous experience.

Materials to purchase:

2h, hb, 2b, 4b, 6b pencils
Vinyl or kneaded eraser
Newsprint

Art Supplies Needed for WAG Kids Workshops

We will accept half used tubes of paint, pieces of charcoal, pastels, and any art supplies that you no longer use or need.

All kinds of paper

watercolors
acrylic paint
paint brushes
pastels (oil & chalk)
chalk
charcoal
pencils
collage material

wire
craft supplies

Please contact Paula Becker at 401-595-5928 or psbecker@cox.net. Thank you!

Beginning Painting: Saturdays 1:30–4:30 pm Jan. 28–March 3

In this class you will learn the basics to get you going in painting. You will learn everything from how to hold a brush, how to mix colors, different types of brushstrokes, how to begin on a blank canvas, how to see your subject and arrange your page, how to see colors, and how to get what is in front of you onto a page. We will be working from still life. Some prior drawing experience is required.

Materials to purchase:

Paintbrush (for acrylic paint, your choice—filbert, round, or flat)
9 x 12 canvas or canvas board (or larger)
acrylic paint will be provided

About the Instructor

Jamie's work starts with a sense of delight (in light, in color, in the subject sitting in front of her). She takes all of that delight and transfers it to the canvas, or paper, using the skills she has acquired through years of training (thanks mom, dad, and Sallie Mae), the observations she has made through her adventures and daily life, and a truckload of faith that something will come out of it. She tries for a dance between knowledge of technique and mystery, or mysterious inspiration that urges her on.

Jamie paints for discovery, joy, and revelation, understanding, and mystery.



From the Classes

Painting Classes

We are indoors at the WAG building honing our still life skills. To keep it interesting, Trish will come up with a different theme each week.

Come join us! Please contact Mary Lou Murphy at 401-624-4713 or email at billmurphy2@cox.net with any questions.

Instructor: Trish Hurley
Thursdays, 9 am – 12 noon

SAVE THE DATE for the DYNAMIC DUO!

Saturday, January 7 from 9 am to 12 pm

The Figure Workshop will hold a special session with two models at WAG on Saturday, January 7 from 9 am–12 pm. The fee will be \$15 per person. All are welcome. You do not need to be member of WAG or of the weekly workshop to attend. To reserve your space or for more information, call Carolyn Winter at 401-316-8272.

More of these special classes are scheduled for 2012: May 12, September 15 and November 10. Check www.westportartgroup.com for more information, or contact Carolyn Winter.

Elias Glass Studios Hand Blown Glass Demonstration

Sunday, February 12, 1–2 pm and 2–3 pm

Elias Studios is a hot glass studio in Westport, Massachusetts. John and Jennie Elias, a husband and wife team, have worked together since 1992 to create a line of colorful, functional blown glass items that bring art to everyday life! Their specialty is unique color combinations. John patterns the glass using small chips of colored glass called “frit” and each one is individually blown using traditional glass techniques. The frit flows across the surface creating movement and rhythms, making each piece unique and allowing the viewer to find their own personal imagery within.

Visit the studio at 638 American Legion Hwy, Westport on February 12th.

\$10 per session if signed up monthly;
\$15 per class.

Visit www.westportartgroup.com/classes for more information about our classes.

Figure Drawing Workshop

Wednesdays at WAG, 9 am–12 pm
The fee is \$10 a session if paying monthly or \$15 a class. No instruction. Call Carolyn Winter at 401-316-8272 for more information.

Jordan Wolfson 5-day plein air painting workshop June 11–15, 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Painting in oils in the plein air tradition, we will work directly from nature in the beautiful surroundings of Westport, MA. If weather is inclement, it will be held at the WAG building, 1740 Main Road in Westport.

The fee is \$490.00 for members of WAG; \$520.00 for non-members. First come-first served!

This workshop will provide participants the opportunity to work directly from nature. Beginning with a naturalistic approach, we will explore color and tonal relationships in order to create a believable sense of light and space. As we continue, opportunities for experimentation and alternative approaches will be explored. Directness and spontaneity will be encouraged!

Jordan's work can be seen at www.jordanwolfson.com.

To register, download the form at www.westportartgroup.com, fill it out and mail to WAG, PO Box 157, Westport Point, MA 02791 with a \$150 deposit check. Remainder of fee will be due by June 1. Email info@westportartgroup.com for more information.



of Massachusetts. She handles all aspects of running a busy production glass studio without standing in front of a two thousand degree furnace!

Together, they strive to bring their love of glass, color and light to each piece and sincerely hope you will share their enthusiasm.