

## Welcome New Members!

Anne Carrozza  
Jeff Jenkins  
Wendy Swenson

## 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](mailto:info@westportartgroup.com) for inclusion. It's FREE! Please participate.



Above, Peter Lenrow discussing poetry; Left, the Annual Meeting.

## BrushStrokes Deadline

Wednesday, Dec. 20th for the January/February 2012 issue. Send info to: Mary Sexton  
66 Peaceful Way, Tiverton RI 02878,  
401-288-0999 or email  
[info@westportartgroup.com](mailto:info@westportartgroup.com).

## Board Meetings:

Thursday, November 10, 1:30 PM  
Thursday, December 8, 1:30 PM

### 2011 WAG OFFICERS

**Paul Vien**, *President*  
**Heide Hallemeier**, *Vice President*  
**Sharlie Sudduth**, *Treasurer*  
**Peter Lenrow**, *Recording Secretary*  
**Nancy Mackay**, *Corresponding Secretary*  
**Alita Marks**, *Membership Secretary*

### COMMITTEES

<b>CLASSES</b> <b>Mary Lou Murphy</b> Madeline Ferraz, Summer Classes	<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b> <b>Mary Sexton</b> Janet Gendreau, Publicity
<b>PROGRAMS</b> <b>June Roche</b>	<b>MEMBERSHIP</b> Susan Hadley, List & Labels
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<b>EXHIBITIONS</b> <b>Dennis Broadbent</b>	<b>WAG SHOWS</b> <b>Margaret Ann Rice</b>
<b>HOSPITALITY</b> † _____	<b>MEMBER AT LARGE</b> Barbara Chadwick, Janet Jones, Judy Keeley, Inge Van Pelt
<b>BUILDINGS &amp; GROUNDS</b> <b>Nancy Burkholder</b>	

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

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# BrushStrokes

## WESTPORT ART GROUP

November/December 2011

## From the President

Fall is here but the foliage hasn't materialized into that splendid color display. What's next? The holiday season and our Annual Holiday Fair on Saturday, December 3rd from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Artists will have a chance to feature small works of art priced at \$150 or less. Check the "Call for Entry" for details. We sold quite a few paintings last year so if you haven't painted your masterpiece yet get those brushes moving. We still need baked goods and

volunteers to help with the show so please try to support this cause.

The year 2011 has been a great one for the WAG. Financially we are in fine shape. All shows, demonstrations, and workshops were successful. The board of directors is now in the planning stages for next year and it looks like another banner year is in store.

Plans for a memorial garden in the back of the WAG building are in the final stages. The area has been cleared of debris, trees trimmed, and the land

has been surveyed. When finished the garden area will be a wonderful addition to the WAG to be enjoyed by all. More to come!

Just want to thank the WAG Board of Directors for all their hard work and support this year. Their behind the scenes work is essential for the success of all our programs. Hats off to all of them.

Have a great Holiday season,  
Paul Vien

## WAG Annual Meeting

WAG's Annual Meeting was held on Monday, October 24th. The Potluck Supper was delicious. Thank you to everyone who brought the great eats! Thank you also to Mickie Rice for the decorations, and to Dennis Broadbent for hanging Members' art for our enjoyment during the evening.

A new Board was elected for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. Paul Vien will continue as President, with Heide Hallemeier as Vice President. Sharlie Sudduth is joining as our new Treasurer and Peter Lenrow will be our new Recording Secretary. Nancy Mackay will continue as Corresponding Secretary and Alita Marks will continue as Membership Secretary.

Our Committee Chairs are Mary Lou Murphy, Classes; Madeleine Ferraz, Summer Classes; June Roche, Programs; Madeleine Ferraz, Organization & Fundraising; Dennis Broadbent, Exhibitions; Nancy Burkholder, Building & Grounds; Mary Sexton, Communications; Janet Gendreau, Publicity; Susan Hadley, Membership List & Labels; Doris Magovern & Nancy Mackay, Scholarships; and Margaret Ann Rice (Mickie), WAG Shows. Barbara Chadwick, Janet Jones, Judy Keeley and Inge Van Pelt will be Members at Large. We need a new Hospitality Chair. Please contact Madeleine Ferraz if you are interested.

Entertainment was provided by the Westport Poetry Group. Thank you to Tina Costa, Barbara Wicks, Judy Mclean and Peter Lenrow for sharing their poetry with us!



Judy Mclean reading a poem at the Annual Meeting.

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## Dates to Remember

November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
November 3, 10, 17  
November 12, 2 to 6 pm  
November 19

Wednesday Figure Workshop  
Thursday Painting Session  
Dynamic Duo Figure Session  
Crazy Creatures!

December 7, 14, 21, 28  
December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
December 3  
December 10

Wednesday Figure Workshop  
Thursday Painting Session  
Holiday Fair  
Holiday Cards & Ornaments

## Children's Fall Classes

### "Creative Textile Arts" for Kids

Saturdays 9:30–3:00  
All classes held at 1740 Main Road, Westport MA  
\$50 per class (\$5 materials fee)  
Ages 8–14 (limit 10 students)  
Instructor: Paula Becker

Enroll for the series of 3 classes and save \$15!

Kids will love these full day textile arts workshops!

Creative, imaginative and lots of fun!



### Saturday, November 19th "Crazy Creatures!"

Design your own crazy creature with fabrics, yarns and other materials. Twist, knot, wrap, and sew fabrics and yarns, embellish your creature with beads, buttons, and trims! Write a short story or poem about your creature and make a small book.

### Saturday, December 10th "Holiday Cards and Ornaments"

Create pop ups, cut outs, collage, printed and stamped designs on paper. Make a series of one of a kind holiday cards for your family and friends! Have fun making ornaments to decorate your tree or give as holiday gifts!

For more information and to register please contact: Paula Becker, [psbecker@cox.net](mailto:psbecker@cox.net), 401-595-5928.

## WAG Annual Holiday Fair Fine Arts and Crafts

It is time to prepare your artwork for sale at the Holiday Fair, December 3, 2011. Again we will feature "Artwork at a Perfect Price". The maximum size should be 14" x 18" including frame and / or mat. The maximum price per work should be \$150. This show is for members only and is a great way to get your work out there. Last year we sold 10 framed pieces and 16 unframed pieces from the bin. The Art Drop-off will be Thursday afternoon, Dec. 1, from 4 – 7:30 pm. The entry fee will be \$10 per member. Each artist may enter 3 framed pieces and 3 unframed (matted) pieces for the bin. Complete Call for Entry forms are available at WAG or online at the website: [www.westportartgroup.com](http://www.westportartgroup.com).

In addition, we will have quality crafts persons with their pieces for sale. We invite talented local artisans to rent tables and sell their pieces at the Fair. Many have been back year after year. This year's participants include Howard Burbank, wooden implements; Brenda Hansen, jewelry; Christine Mathieu, watercolor note cards; Judy Swan, Haitian embroidery; Rhonda Mitchell, sea glass jewelry. Crafts entry forms are available at WAG or online at the website: [www.westportartgroup.com](http://www.westportartgroup.com).

The Brown Bag Raffle and Silent Auction have been very successful in raising money for WAG. Help us find items for the raffle. Contact Mickie Rice if you have a contribution or a lead on someone who would contribute to the raffle or silent auction.

Baked goods and holiday greens round out a festive event. This year we will concentrate on Holiday cookies. It is a rare person that can resist a sweet at this time of year. Contact me if you can bake for WAG. Meredith Cornell will create holiday swags and greens for sale early in the day.

To make any show a success we need volunteers. You will be asked to help out when you bring in your artwork. To make it easier to plan please contact me if you can show-sit for a couple of hours on Saturday, or help sell baked goods, or help clean up at the end of the day. Sign up sheets will be posted at WAG. Find a friend and join the crew.

Sincerely,

Mickie Rice  
Show Chair



## From the Classes

### Painting Classes

Time to put away the sunscreen and the bug spray. We are back 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](mailto:billmurphy2@cox.net) with any questions.

Instructor: Trish Hurley  
Wednesdays & Thursdays,  
9 am – 12 noon

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

Visit [www.westportartgroup.com/classes](http://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.



## SAVE THE DATE for the DYNAMIC DUO!

### Saturday, November 12 from 2 pm to 6 pm

The Figure Workshop will hold a special session with two models at WAG on Saturday, November 12 from 2–6pm. 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. Registration will close on Wednesday, November 9. To reserve your space or for more information, call Carolyn Winter at 401-316-8272.

We are planning more of these special classes for 2012. We are scheduling dates for January, March, May, September and November. Check [www.westportartgroup.com](http://www.westportartgroup.com) for more information, or contact Carolyn Winter.

## The WAG Library

Since its organization in October, 2010 the WAG Library has had over 40 books in circulation among more than 20 borrowers. If you are not among the latter, you may be missing new ways of seeing and rendering your world! Please "check out" the great selection of books on a range of topics from painting seascapes to printmaking from nature.

If you'd like to donate books to the WAG Library, please contact Carolyn

Winter at 401-316-8272. Due to space limitations and a desire to maintain the library as a relevant resource for WAG artists, we are selective about the books that are included in the library. Duplicates and those that do not meet our criteria are available for "adoption" from the top shelf of the bookcase closest to the door.

## Tips from Trish

So here we are, nearing the holiday season, always quicker than we like, but none the less—planning parties (cooking/baking, and whatever else this entails), visiting friends and families (eating and drinking yet more), and some (lucky) people planning on their departure to their warmer weather homes. It's hard to keep that promise to yourself to keep actively painting or doing some kind of artwork.

Often it is easy to get out of the creative groove and the happenings of life get in the way of our artistic journey but remember IT IS like riding a bicycle ... sure we all remember how to ride a bike, it is just how to get ON it that seems to be the problem (for one reason or another). The thing about exercise and stretching your artistic muscles that you have to REALLY remember is how GOOD you always feel during and after (after ROUTINELY practicing so it is pain free, that is). A steady routine of artistic exercise is both mentally and physically rewarding, not only giving you that feeling of accomplishment but being something healthy and something that you truly enjoy (sounds better than some of those family holiday parties now, huh?).

When questioning the time in your day and what to cut, remind yourself of the happy, ambitious faces that you'll see at the WAG classes. Think about the few hours of peace in the day that YOU deserve, as you get mentally lost while in the midst of artistic concentration standing in front of that easel, when all of the sudden, appearing before your very eyes, is a duplicated image on the paper and 3 hours have miraculously gone by. It's that mental bliss and relaxation that you owe to yourself, especially at this hectic, invigorating, depressing, exciting, overwhelming time of year.

Whether or not you go to the Figure/Wednesday or the Painting/Thursday painting classes at WAG, we will be there steadily; painting/drawing side by side, getting lost deep in our own private artistic worlds and sharing some coffee break stories and laughs. Make sure to keep your artistic endeavors a part of your routine this holiday season, you owe it to yourself!

And don't forget to participate in the WAG holiday show so we can all share our amazing outcomes from the creative journey we share!

# HOLIDAY FAIR

Saturday, December 3 10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.  
handcrafted items made by local artisans  
*Artwork at a Perfect Price:* for \$150 or less  
a silent auction **AND** Bake Sale

## WAG Westport Art Group

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[www.westportartgroup.com](http://www.westportartgroup.com)

From 195 take 88 S,  
at 5th light (Drift Rd)  
turn right. We are  
4/10th mile on right.