

Brush Strokes

WESTPORT ART GROUP

September/October 2010

From the President

Dear Friends and Fellow Artists,

After an amazing summer that was packed with art events and exhibits, children's camp, great plein air painting weather and wonderful attendance of our painting outings, we are now looking forward to our beautiful New England fall season.

The Wednesday and Thursday classes with our enthusiastic teacher Trish Hurley will be combined to Thursday mornings and we are looking forward to great weather for that and our 3-day pastel workshop at the end of September. Please come and enjoy this great season with us!

In October the leadership of WAG is going to change, so this is my last column. It has been a pleasure to guide the organization for the last 2 years. My hope is that you will come to our annual meeting in October and also support the new president by volunteering generously to assist with the many tasks that make an Art Organization run smoothly and be successful! I will continue to support the Westport Art Group as best as I can!

Have a great fall!
Heide Hallemeier

Summer Camp

Twenty four young people enjoyed two separate weeks of WAG's summer camp: "Reduce, Reuse, Remarkable, A Camp for Green Artists."

Jennifer Gelinis taught her charges the benefits and practicability of using recycled materials for their art. Students made a collage installation using cardboard, and magazines pictures. Another day they made Alexander Calder circuses from cardboard boxes, found objects, wire, pipe cleaners for figures and animal pictures. The second class made mobiles out of similar materials. The most popular activity was the paper making outside with visiting instructor Paula Becker.

Thank you to Alice Huff and Carol Duby, long time WAG members, and to new member Lynda Perkins, for assisting.



Viewing the Exhibit

Week 1, painting with torn paper



Week 2, making tiles with torn paper



Paula Becker giving a paper-making demonstration

Dates to Remember

September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
September 30

Wednesday Figure Workshop
Thursday Painting Session
Pastel Workshop

October 1 & 2
October 6, 13, 20, 27
October 7, 14, 21, 28
October 25

Pastel Workshop
Wednesday Figure Workshop
Thursday Painting Session
Potluck Supper & Performance

A Very Special Thank You

Thank you to all of the terrific WAG artists for contributing an original 5" x 7" painting for the 2010 Summer Community show Raffle. Thirty-four paintings were placed on the Raffle Wall. The paintings looked great and everyone who purchased tickets enjoyed the process of selecting the paintings. The winners were delighted!

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to sell the raffle tickets and to everyone who purchased them. Once again, the raffle was a success!

Special mention to Paul Vien, Judy Keeley, Nancy Mackay, Doris MacGovern, Claire Tremblay and Nancy Burkholder for their help with the preparation, hanging and the final drawing of the winning tickets. The raffle could not take place without all of your help.

Many thanks!
Madeleine Ferraz

Annual Meeting & Potluck Supper: Monday, October 25

Save the Date!

Our Annual Meeting will start at 5:30 pm. We will meet out new President and Board (and hear Heide's parting remarks), followed by a delicious Potluck Supper. Please bring a tasty dish, a serving utensil and a friend! Dinner will be followed by a special performance.

Alyn Carlson will perform a humorous monologue in character, from "The Librarian". Alyn has performed with the 2nd Story Theatre in Warren, RI for many years.

Color is my day long obsession, joy and torment.

— Claude Monet

Solo Show for Debra Brinkerhoff

On Friday, August 6 the Westport Art Group hosted a one artist show of the work of artist Debra Brinkerhoff.

Most of us have seen individual works by Debra as she paints, quietly but with a sense of humor, in various WAG classes. They are each wonderful to see. The show however gave us an opportunity to view approximately 45 of her paintings and it was a spectacular sight! Someone said she should be called the Westport Impressionist. Many agreed.

A reception accompanied the show and everyone had an opportunity to meet and chat with Debra. Debra was pleased to talk with everyone and to sell sixteen of her paintings. These lucky art patron will have the delight of having an original Debra Brinkerhoff in their homes for a long time to come.

An impressive selection of food and wine was provided by WAG members and many of her numerous personal friends. The paintings, the reception, and especially Debra herself made it a lively evening for the scores of attendees.



Debra has been painting with us for three years, sometimes taking three classes and one Plein Air outing in a single week. Though she attended art school after high school her career kept her from painting much. She has a great appreciation for WAG and its artists as we do of her. She lived in Delaware most of her life and has been staying with her sister Elizabeth here in Westport recently.

We all wish to thank Debra for her paintings, her enthusiasm for art, her sense of humor and most of all for her friendship.

Thank you to Susan Strauss, Janie Owen, and Maureen Fleming for organizing the evening.

Summer Fun!

We had an amazing summer packed with art events and exhibits, great plein air painting weather and wonderful attendance of our painting sessions.



Monday Morning Painters working hard at Town Lot in Little Compton.



From the Classes

Painting

Summer goes by too fast for our plein air painters... In September we will return to one session per week on Thursday mornings. We still look forward to painting the beautiful Fall colors at our scenic locations. Classes will be held indoors at the WAG Center during inclement weather. All WAG members are welcome to attend the classes. Please contact Judy Keeley at (508) 636-5659 or Madeleine Ferraz at (401) 635-2739.

Instructor: Trish Hurley

Thursdays, 9 am – 12 noon

\$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.

A mermaid washed up on the rocks at Little Compton's Town Lot on Wed. Aug 18, courtesy of Meredith Cornell and the Figure Group.

A big thank you to our model, Dána Brown!



Call for Entry!

salvage+art

Dynamic, inventive work created from materials that would have otherwise been discarded.

AWARD: A “People’s Choice” Award will be selected and presented at the Opening Reception.

MEDIA: Open to 2 dimensional work and hangable 3D work. All flammable (paper) materials must be framed with glass or plexi. All work must be wired for hanging. Please have your name, address and phone number on the back of each painting.

DELIVERY & PICKUP: Hand delivered only; entries may be delivered to Tiverton Townhall, 343 Highland Road, Tiverton RI, on Tuesday, September 7 from 10 am–12 pm. Work must be picked up Monday, November 1, between 10 am and 12 pm.

OPENING: The Opening will be held at Tiverton Townhall, 343 Highland Road, Tiverton RI, on Friday, September 10, from 5 to 7 pm.

Boo!

Bristol Art Gallery’s Open Juried exhibit “BOO!” will be open to original works in 2-D, 3-D & Photography created in the last two years which depict the “Spirit” and many moods of “ALL HALLOWS’ EVE”.

Over \$2,000 in cash prize awards, with 1st, 2nd & 3rd place in all three categories. **Opening Reception** Sat., Oct. 2nd from 4–7. **Closing Reception** Sat., Oct. 30th from 6–9. **Entry Fee** \$15, additional \$5 each. 30% commission. **Drop off dates:** Sun. Sept. 19th & Mon. Sept 20th 1–5 pm. **Accepted entries listed on web site:** Saturday Sept. 25th. **Not accepted pick up:** Sun. Sept. 26th & Mon. Sept. 27th 1–5 pm. **ATTENTION:** Address for the above Pre-Exhibit drop offs and pick ups is: 418 Poppasquash Rd. Bristol, RI from 1 to 5 pm, phone 401-447-1115.

After exhibit pick ups: Tue. Nov. 2nd & Wed. Nov. 3rd at the Bristol Art Gallery, 423 Hope St., during regular hours.

For more show opportunities, visit www.westportartgroup.com.

Two artists in search of a painting on a beautiful day at Tiverton Four Corners.



The July Open Studio Tour had almost 500 visitors, and the August Tour had even more!

Left, the bin at the Summer Show



Welcome New Members!

Lucia Kimball Constance Rousseau
Wanda Longshaw Mary Ann Rousseau
Linda Moody Samira Shamoon
Linda Perkins Caroline Unruh
Marie Reba

Pastel Workshop

Join Jean Hirons for a three day plein air pastel workshop this Fall. The workshop will run from 10 am to 3 pm, starting on Thursday, September 30, through Saturday, October 2.

The fee is \$125.00 for members of WAG, and \$150.00 for non-members.

Jean has been painting scenes of Mattapoisett and the South Coast for over twenty years.

Visit www.westportartgroup.com/classes.html, or email info@westportartgroup.com.

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.

BrushStrokes Deadline

Wednesday, October 20th for the November/December issue

Send info to: Mary Sexton
66 Peaceful Way, Tiverton RI 02878,
401-288-0999 or email
info@westportartgroup.com.

New Library

Enlarge your vision in our newly organized library—some great stuff available. Check it out! Book reviews in upcoming newsletters.

Board Meetings:

Thursday, September 9, 2:00 PM

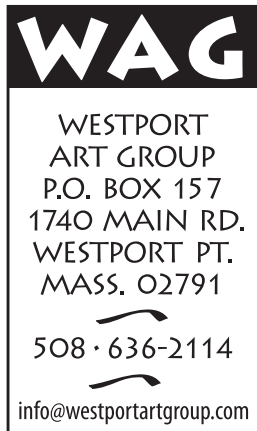
Thursday, October 25, 5:30 PM

2010 WAG OFFICERS

Heide Hallemeier, *President*
Inge Van Pelt, *Vice President*
Tuck Buffum, *Treasurer*
Nancy McKay, *Recording Secretary*
Paul Vien, *Corresponding Secretary*
Alita Marks, *Membership Secretary*

COMMITTEES

CLASSES	COMMUNICATIONS
Judy Keeley Madeline Ferraz, Classes Barbara Chadwick, Crafts	Mary Sexton Claire Tremblay
ORGANIZATION & FUND RAISING Madeleine Ferraz	PROGRAMS June Roche
MEMBERSHIP Susan Hadley, List & Labels	SCHOLARSHIPS Doris MacGovern Nancy Mackay
EXHIBITIONS Paul Vien Susie Emery	BUILDINGS & GROUNDS Nancy Burkholder
HOSPITALITY	WAG SHOWS Michele Bailey
	MEMBER AT LARGE Jane Cissel



NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT NO. 6
WESTPORT PT. MA 02791